

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
LEIFEAR

24 Bealtaine 2005

Beidh an Cruinniu Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall ag dul ar aghaidh Dé Luain, 30 Bealtaine, 2005, ag **2.00 ag Arás an Chontae, Leifear**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Beidh Clar Orduithe an Bhainisteora Contae le feiceal ag an gcruinniu.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne

Riarthóir Cruinniu (RUNAI CHONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford

24th May, 2005

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 30th May, 2005, at 2.00 p.m. in the County House, Lifford.

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.

The Register of County Manager's Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney

Meetings Administrator (County Secretary)

AGENDA

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 29th March, 2005.
 - (b) Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 06th April, 2005.
 - (c) Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 14th April, 2005.
 - (d) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on 25th April, 2005
 - (e) Confirmation of Minutes of General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 11th April, 2005.

2. **Disposal of Land- Section 211 Planning & Development Act, 2000**
 - (a) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at The Quay, Donegal Town to North West Regional Tourism Authority Ltd.
 - (b) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at Doobalagh, Letterkenny to Mr. Liam Doherty, Glebe, Letterkenny.
 - (c) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands Drimark, Donegal Town to Mr. John Begeley c/o Gallagher McCartney Solicitors, Donegal.
 - (d) Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 to resolve to dispose of lands at The Big Isle, Letterkenny, by way of lease to Mr. John Edwards, Aughnish, Ramelton and Mr. Eric Steele, Manorcunningham

3. **Taking of decision pursuant to Planning & Development Act, 2000 (Part XI), and Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (Part 8).**
 - (a) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to 29no. Social Houses and 16no. Affordable dwellings at Manorcunningham
 - (b) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to 39no. houses at Mullindrait, Stranorlar

- (c) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to 14no Specific Instance Cottages
- (d) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to proposed new link road between N15 and R252.
- (e) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to proposed car park, Ballyshannon
- (f) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to proposed realignment R252, Elatagh Bridge.
- (g) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Killybegs Industrial Road.
- (h) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Ballyshannon & Rossnowlagh Water Supply Scheme.
- (i) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme.
- (j) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Killygordon Sewerage Scheme.

4. **Roads Programme**

- (a) To adopt Bridge Works Programme 2005.
- (b) To consider Special Speed Limits (Schools, Regional Roads and National Roads) Report.

5. **Housing Programme**

- (a) To review levels of Disabled Persons/Essential Repairs Grants.

6. **Water, Environment & Emergency Services Programme**

To approve the seeking of tenders for the supply of 2no. Fire Appliance under DOE Fire Service Capital Programme.

7. **Corporate Programme**

- (a) To note report on Service Indicators
- (b) To approve draft text for 2003/2004 Annual Report.

8. **Finance Programme**

- (a) To approve Overdraft Accommodation requirement of €35,000,000 for six month period 1st July, 2005 to 31st December, 2005.
- (b) To approve the final amended expenditure figures for 2004, as contained in the Draft (Unaudited) Annual Financial Statement 2004.

9. **Community, Culture & Enterprise**
To note report on Swilly Ferry Service 2005
10. **Conferences**
- (a) Confederation of European Councillors Conference to be held at The Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath on 23rd /24th June, 2005.
 - (b) Byrne Perry Summer School Conference (Venue to be confirmed), Gorey, Co. Westmeath on 24th/26th June, 2005
 - (c) Training Seminars for Councillors “Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities” to be held at Bellingham Castle Hotel, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth on 10th/11th June, 2005.
 - (d) National College of Ireland One Day National Conference “Asset Based Community Development, Building Communities from Inside Out” to be held at NCI, Mayor Street, Dublin 1 on 7th June 2005
 - (e) Leitrim County Development Board/Leitrim County Council’s Conference to be held at The Bush Hotel, Carrick On Shannon on 16th June, 2005
11. **Cathaoirleach’s Business**
12. **Manager’s Report**

MOTIONS

- (L) Local
- (C) County
- (O) Other

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. T. Pringle

“That Donegal County Council keep all bring recycling centres open with the introduction of kerbside collection.” (C)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. A. Bonner

“That this Council discuss the Stranorlar Electoral Area swimming pool update regarding shared facilities with Finn Valley Centre, plan and design and schedule of works.” (L)

Miscellaneous

Clr. J.J. Reid

“That Donegal County Council support the endeavours of Donegal Action for Cancer Care to retain breast cancer service at Letterkenny General Hospital and provide an additional seventy beds to alleviate serious overcrowding.” (C)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. T. Slowey

“That this Council discuss the measures that need to be put in place to ensure that littering and illegal dumping in our beautiful county ceases.” (C)

Clr. D. Alcorn

“That Donegal County Council organise a major one week clean up of the entire county of Donegal in 2006 because of the major problem of the illegal dumping in this County (This was proposed by Liam Ó Cuinneagain National Chairman of Udaras na Gaeltachta in 2004).” (C)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. Pearse. Doherty

“That this Council allows for the provision of public lighting, both under the members public lighting and the public lighting improvement programme on the islands of Donegal, and that the barrier of lack of county roads on the islands are no longer used as

a reason for not allowing these lights to be erected. On the adoption of this motion this policy change will be implemented immediately.” (C)

Clr. Pádraig Doherty

“That Donegal County Council will dredge Magheroarty harbour to ensure safe berthage for the Tory Island Ferry at all stages of the tide during the year.” (L)

“Go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall dreideáil ag chéidh Mhachaire Rabhartaigh chun a chinntiú go mbeidh áit feistithe sabháilte cois céibhe, le fáil ag bád farantóireachta Oileán Thoraigh I rith na bliana.”

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. E. Bonner

“That Donegal County Council request the Minister for Environment & Local Government to amend Planning Acts to allow full planning application files be made available to elected members during the planning process. At present reports on the files are taken off when files are requested by the elected members before decisions are made.” (C)

Corporate Services

Clr. B. O’Domhnaill

“That Donegal County Council carry out a complete and comprehensive review of the electoral registers in Donegal” (C)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. B. McGuinness

“That this Council discuss its role in tourism in the county” (C)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. D. McGonagle

“That the Council provide a footpath and other safety measures at Cleagh, Clonmany.” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. F. Conaghan

“That this Council discuss our responsibility and involvement in possible anti social behaviour laws” (C)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. M. McDonald

“That this Council introduce bylaws to regulate jetskis” (C)

Miscellaneous

Clr. P. MacLochlainn

“That Donegal County Council supports the ongoing call from the family of the late Clr. Eddie Fullerton for a full independent public inquiry chaired by a person of international repute in to the circumstances surrounding his murder and furthermore calls on the British Authorities to assist the Fullerton family in their quest for truth and justice”

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

Clr. G. Crawford

“That this Council act without delay to improve road safety at the Rossgier junction with the N14 Lifford to Letterkenny Road.” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. Jimmy Harte

“That this Council support the development of the airfield on Stevenson's field, Letterkenny for light aircraft to facilitate sport and recreational flying, executive flights and tourist flights with the

support of the business community of my area, the County Council and the flying club to attract EU Funding” (L)

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. D. Larkin

“That this Council include in the New Draft Development Plan a set of specific user friendly guidelines for people with B & B to erect signage and also to collaborate with all the Town Councils on this issue.”

Housing

Clr. T. McDaid

“That this Council facilitates the undertaking of a quantitative survey to identify the number of "non resident" fathers in the county, and further, to amend the scheme of letting priorities to recognise that "non resident" fathers are not single men but fathers with children and consequently points should be awarded accordingly.” (C)

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. I. McGarvey

“That this Council demand that County Donegal is included in the Clar Programme for the purpose of Group Water Schemes” (C)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. N. McBride

“That this Council put measures in place to have the litter on our roadsides collected, our signage cleaned and left clearly visible to the public” (C)

Miscellaneous

Clr. L. Blaney

“That this Council make a request to the An Tanaiste, Mary Harney, Minister for Health & Children to reimburse those patients who could not gain access to a public nursing home in their locality and were offered a place in a nursing home outside their area and therefore went to a private nursing home closer to their home at their own expense.”

QUESTIONS

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. T. Pringle

“Has the Water Charging Report for the Killybegs Waste Water Scheme been submitted to the DOEHLG yet?” (L)

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. T. Pringle

“When will Donegal County Council complete the Killybegs Local Area Plan?” (L)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Corporate Services

Clr. A. Bonner

“What response have we got from the Department of Environment regarding Donegal County Council's proposals to fund the Stranorlar Electoral Area One Stop Shop” (L)

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. A. Bonner

“How much has been collected within the Stranorlar Electoral Area in the last 3 years

- (a) Development Charges
- (b) Parking Charges
- (c) Litter Charges

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. J.J. Reid

“What is the up to date position regarding the proposed library for Ballybofey? (L)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. J.J. Reid

“Do the Council intend to purchase any land this year for the proposed link road between Donegal road and Glenties road? (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. T. Slowey

“How much money was spent by Donegal County Council in the Water Services Investment Programme between the years 2002-2004 inclusive?” (C)

Clr. Pearse Doherty

“What action is Donegal County Council taking to address the inadequate/low water pressure in the Glenview Park, Ardmacarron, Barnscourt and Glenpatrick estates and the wider Donegal Road Area. This pressure is so low that residents are unable to use the shower facilities during the week?” (L)

Clr. D. Alcorn

“Because of the ongoing problem with dirty water in parts of the Lr Rosses Area in particular in Kincasslagh, when will the old cast iron pipes on particular sections from Crolly to Burtonport be replaced? (This will cause more concern over the Tourist Season).(L)

Clr. Pdraig Doherty

“When will Donegal County Council supply clean water to residents at McGarvey's Road and Mulholland's Bray, Kincasslagh?” (L)

Clr. Padraig Doherty

“When will the Council be in a position to supply clean water to the residents of Tory Island? (L)

“Cén uair a bhéas an Comhairle Contae ábalta uisce glan a chur ar fáil de chónaitheoirí Oileán Thoraigh?”

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. T. Slowey

“What is the time scale for the completion of the Killybegs Area Plan?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. Pearse Doherty

“How much money had Donegal County Council spent and received from the various agencies for the purpose of roads each year since 2002?” (C)

Clr. E. Bonner

“What steps, if any, have been taken to commence the new five year lighting programme either at county or local level?” (C)

Clr. E. Bonner

“When will lights paid for by the ESB, be erected at Meenacuing?” (L)

Clr. B. O’Domhnaill

“What progress has been made to erect Public Lights at Meenacuing, Meenaclady, Magheraroarty and Meenlaragh under the Fiontair Na Cuinge Scheme?” (L)

Clr. B. O’Domhnaill

“Can Donegal County Council prioritise the following required footpaths:-

1. Dunfanaghy to Portnablagh
2. Dollar Row Falcarragh
3. College Rd, Gortahork
4. Glassagh to Derrybeg

Corporate Services

Clr. D. Alcorn

“Because of the huge work load in the Glenties Electoral Area when will support staff be appointed?” (L)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. B. McGuinness

“What is the total budget provision for tourism under all headings for 2005 giving all details and also amounts sourced from outside bodies? (C)

Clr. F. Conaghan

“What action is being taken by the Council to assist the local community in Muff to create an amenity area at Kilderry Woods?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. B. McGuinness

“What is the current position regarding the Outer Relief Road in Buncrana? (L)

Clr. D. McGonagle

“When will work be carried out at the entrance to Five Fingers Beach, Lagg?” (L)

Clr. F. Conaghan

“When does the Council expect to complete the traffic calming measures on the National Primary road at Newtowncunningham, now that the local playschool children are crossing this route to attend their new premises? (L)

Clr. P. MacLochlainn

“How are efforts to secure land to facilitate the completion of the stretch of the R238 at Drung between Redcastle and Merville progressing and do we anticipate that Donegal County Council will

be in a position to substantially progress the completion of the road works there next year?” (L)

Clr. M. McDonald

“To ask this Council what efforts the Council are making to ensure that the shore path (Sli na Slainte route) is at its most attractive for the incoming tourist season and the beauty of this path is secured and protected from visual intrusions.” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

Clr. D. McGonagle

“When will Malin Sewerage Scheme go to tender?” (L)

Clr. P. MacLochlainn

“What efforts are Donegal County Council making to assist promoters of Group Water Schemes in the county when they find the cost per home of developing the schemes unaffordable and what efforts have Donegal County Council made to lobby the Government about the issue?” (C)

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. M. McDonald

“To ask this Council when will the development charges that have been collected, be used to provide a footpath for Merville Community College.” (L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Clr. G. Crawford

“As no application currently exists to provide turnkey housing in the Letterkenny Electoral Area, what plans does the Council have to provide much needed housing in areas such as St. Johnston, Manorcunningham, Lifford – Raphoe?” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. G. Crawford

“What progress has been made with my recent motion to investigate the feasibility of a Motoring School of Excellence at Big Isle, Manorcunningham?” (L)

Clr. D. Larkin

“What progress has been made with regards the provision of a skateboard park?” (L)

Clr. D. Larkin

Where are we now with regards the future development and management of our Angling in Donegal in partnership with the Angling Federation? (C)

Roads & Transportation

Clr. J. Harte

“Will the Council consider putting in one or two disabled parking spots outside the new Post Office in Lifford?” (L)

Clr. T. McDaid

“Will this Council provide traffic calming measures and associated lighting to prevent a serious accident at the following areas: at the entrance to Beechwood Housing Estate, Lifford and at Fr. Arnold Terrace, Manorcunningham?” (L)

Clr. T. McDaid

“When will work commence on making safe the speed ramps at Croaghan Heights, Lifford?” (L)

Planning & Economic Development

Clr. J. Harte

“When will the Council draw up a specific local plan for the Drumardagh area of Letterkenny?” (L)

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

Clr. I. McGarvey

“Please advise on the projected costs i.e. purchase of land, cost of materials and labour costs in connection with the proposed extension to Calhame Junction of the N56 and timescale.” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

Clr. I. McGarvey

“What has been organised by this Council in preparation for the event to be known as the Flight of the Earls at Rathmullan in 2007?” (L)

MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

“That this Council deplores the democratic deficit that has arisen in the delivery of health services since the abolition of the Health Boards and calls on Minister Harney to bring forward without delay proposals for engaging local elected members with the new Health Services Executive.”

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

- “That we the members to Leitrim County Council call on the Tanaiste and Minister for Health, Mary Harney, T.D., to immediately put in place the Regional and County Health Forums as were promised when the Regional Health Boards were abolished. The present situation is totally unacceptable where there is no accountability and no place for elected members to raise matters of concern, of local health service provision on behalf of the communities they serve. It was agreed that the motion be circulated to all local authorities, Local Authority Members Association and the General Council of County Councils.”
- “That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, without delay to bring an end to all drift netting for salmon, in co-operation with angling and tourist interests and fishery owners, to introduce a scheme to compensate those commercial fishermen

who may suffer hardship as a result of the ending of drift netting and that this motion be circulated to all local authorities.

CLONES TOWN COUNCIL

“That Clones Town Council call on the Government to reverse its health policy based on the Hanly Report and to examine the alternatives. In addition Clones Town Council demand that the implementation of these hospital reforms be halted immediately and that services be restored in these areas, where the reforms have already been introduced.

The Hanly Reforms proposals have been adopted as Government Policy and under these reforms 14 major regional hospitals will be established to cater for all major surgery and trauma thereby downgrading the remaining 24 hospitals to local status. This will mean a loss of maternity, A & E services other than a nurse led unit open for a few hours daily, 24/7 surgical cover for surgical and medical emergencies, post mortem facilities and other basic services. These type of hospital reforms, which are shown by international evidence based research as unworkable, not patient centred, uneconomic and unsafe, will not provide for the basic needs of the people and will put a tremendous strain on the major hospitals to cater for the increased workload. They will not give the people of Ireland a better, safer or more economic health service. As a matter of fact the Hanly proposals have not been costed.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to arrange a suitable buy out package for driftnet fishermen in order to protect the salmon stocks from over fishing.”

MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL

- “That this Council calls on the Minister for Marine, Communications and Natural Resources to introduce an annual licensing system for all communication masts, antennae and ancillary equipment and to include the registration of all items of equipment on each mast.”
- “That this Council notes with concern the proposals of the Minister for Justice to introduce five new categories of liquor licence under the proposed codification of liquor licencing legislation – they being:
 - A café Bar licence
 - A Distance Selling licence

- A caterer's licence
- A licence for Public Cultural Events, and
- A Guest House licence

We therefore call on the Government to recognise that we already have a problem of too easy access to alcohol leading to abuse, and that we have too many outlets selling alcohol at present with a licence for every 350 persons of all ages of the population.

This Council therefore resolves that no further liquor licences should be issues.”

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Roscommon County Council has serious concerns about inadequacies and shortcomings in the Disability Bill 2004 currently before the Oireachtas and calls for amendments to the Bill to make the legislation properly sensitive to the real needs of people with disability and calls on all the Oireachtas members, Dail and Seanad, serving in this constituency (Roscommon/Longford) to vote against all or any sections of this Bill that fails to meet these needs and further calls on all serving Longford/Roscommon Oireachtas members, Dail and Seanad, to state publicly now their voting record and voting intentions on this Bill.”

SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

- “That in view of the deaths on our roads, this Council calls on the Minister of education to introduce a programme of driving instructions and road safety as part of the transition year syllabus in all secondary schools. Further, if this motion is passed, that it is circulated to all County Councils asking them to support the motion.”
- “That this Council, concerned with the majority report of the Special Committee on the Traditional Arts was secretly tampered with after the final meeting of the Committee, and further recognising that the Arts Council was aware of this irregular interference when it adopted the said report, this Council expresses its grave concern with the actions of the Arts Council and calls on the Minister for the Arts to initiate an immediate full inquiry to ascertain
 - (a) who made the changes
 - (b) why the changes were made
 - (c) who authorised the changes
 - (d) what outside influence or vested interests were involved

- (e) who benefited from the changes, and further, this Council calls on the Minister to take all necessary steps to ensure that the Arts Council, in future, will carry out its activities in an open and transparent manner.”
- That this Council calls on the Department of Health to subsidise the cost of providing Radon detectors units in all houses in the Sligo and the North West area.”

SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

- “That this Council supports the introduction of a National Waste Charges Waiver Scheme and calls on the Department of the Environment and Local Government and Department of Family and Social Affairs to introduce such a scheme without delay and to reimburse local authorities the cost of funding the scheme.”
- “That this Council opposes the cutbacks on Community Employment Schemes and calls on the Minister to reverse cutbacks and to abolish the lifetime capping of schemes.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

- “That this Council declares the County of Kerry to be a GM free zone. That in line with this the Council opposes the growing of all genetically modified crops as they will inevitably contaminate conventional and organic species.”
- “That each county would have representation on the National Roads Authority.”
- “That this Council calls on and writes to the Minister for Finance and the Department of the Local Government, Arts and Heritage to increase the funding available for playgrounds and Council projects to a level of 2:1 matching funds.”
- “That this Council call on the Minister for Health to insist that her Department, in conjunction with the Asthma Society of Ireland, carry out tests to establish the merits of the drug free Buteyko Breathing Technique in the treatment of asthma, a disease which affects more than 400,000 Irish people. I am calling on the Minister to intervene as it is unlikely that the Asthma Society will give in to calls to do these tests considering that some of the latest booklets are sponsored by Merck Sharp and Dohme drug company.”

BALBRIGGIN TOWN COUNCIL

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to take strong measures to find out the whereabouts and provide protection for asylum seeking children who have gone missing since entering the country.”

CLONMEL BOROUGH COUNCIL

“That Clonmel Borough Council oppose the cutbacks on Community Employment Schemes and calls on the Minister to reverse cutbacks and to abolish the lifetime capping of schemes.

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Ministers Noel Dempsey and Pat “the Cope” Gallagher at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, to provide the funding for the purchase of an emergency towing vessel to protect the Irish coast and mariners from the risk associated with a major incident/accident at sea.”

FERMOY TOWN COUNCIL

- “That we call on the Minister for the Environment to remove the buy out clause available to developers to avoid implementation of the 20% social housing obligations.”
- “That this Council write to the N.R.A. and the Minister for Transport with a request that proper truck stop facilities be provided in conjunction with the Fermoy Bypass in order:-
 - That the practice of overnight and weekend parking of trucks and trailers (particularly unattended) within the Fermoy Town Boundaries be curtailed.
 - That the EEC Road Regulations regarding rest stops be adhered to by the Minister of Transport and the NRA.
 - That via the provision of proper rest stops and overnight parking facilities that truck drivers would be allowed to comply with legislation.
 - That the accident waiting to happen is averted.

KILRUSH TOWN COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to substantially increase financial supports for Irish Centres in Britain to enable organisations and agencies operating there to meet increased demands for Irish emigrant services.”

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON 30TH MAY, 2005 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE,
LIFFORD

C/241/05

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. P. McGowan, Cathaoirleach, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonnar, E. Bonnar, J. Boyle, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, Pádraig Doherty, Pearse Doherty, R. Donaghey, J. Harte, N. McBride, M. McDonald, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, B. McGuinness, P. Mclochlainn, B. O'Domhnaill, J.J. Reid, T. Slowey.

C/242/05

APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Clrs Brogan, Larkin, McEniff, McDaid, O'Neill, and Pringle who were unable to attend the meeting. All expressed their deep regret at the death of Clr Peter Kennedy in their messages of apology.

C/243/05

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr. Sean Sheridan Director Corporate, Mr. Jim Holohan, Director Water, Environment & Emergency Services, Mr. Michael Heaney Director Community Culture and Enterprise, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads and Transportation, Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, S.E.O. Housing, Mr. Bartley McGlynn, S.E.O. Mr. Gary Martin, S.E.O, Mr. Eunan Sweeney Meetings Administrator, Ms. Annmarie Crawford, S.O., Corporate Services.

C/244/05

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CLR. PETER KENNEDY.

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by paying tribute to the late Clr. Kennedy and expressed deep regret at his untimely passing.

Deepest sympathy was extended to Clr. Kennedy's wife Nancy, his son's, Rory, Pauric, Johnathan, Ciaran and the extended family circle.

Clr. Kennedy, the Cathaoirleach advised had been a member of Donegal County Council for twenty years

during which time he had carried out his duties as a councillor with the utmost honesty and integrity. He had he noted held the office of Cathaoirleach from 1999 to 2000, and was the first Cathaoirleach to wear the new chain of office, an honour which he valued immensely. His long political career had seen him work tirelessly on a range of committees, most notably the, Border Regional Authority, Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly, Irish Central Border Area Network, and the Vocational Education Committee: The fact that he had held the chairmanship of a number of these committees was testament to his outstanding ability to get the job done. Clr. McGowan noted that over the years Clr. Kennedy had worked extremely hard to ensure that a range of projects were progressed in the Donegal Electoral Area, namely the Donegal Public Service Centre, Donegal Main Drainage Scheme, Donegal Town Fire Station, Water Street Bridge, and the Tirconail Street Bridge.

His distinguished career with the Fire Service was also commended.

Clr. Conaghan extended sympathy on behalf of the Fianna Fail Party. Clr. Kennedy had, he stated, at all times brought an element of common sense and a direct approach to the Council table, characteristics which stood him in good stead over the years. It was essential, he added, that Clr. Kennedy's main areas of interest were progressed and delivered upon. Clr. Conaghan referred to the fact that Clr. Kennedy was an extremely hard working and dedicated politician who held the view that there should be co-operation within the Council Chamber. Donegal, he said, had lost a fine public representative, and his family had lost a dedicated family man.

Clr. McGuinness, on behalf of the Fine Gael Party extended sympathy to the extended Kennedy family, and to Clr. Kennedy's colleagues in the Fianna Fáil Party. He would be remembered, he said, as a decent, honest, straight taking politician, and a committed family man. The Fire Service in Donegal had

developed because of Clr. Kennedy's involvement, ensuring a better service for the public as a whole.

Clr Mc Guinness recalled the strong sense of humour which Clr. Kennedy had brought to every occasion. It had been a pleasure to know him.

Clr. Pearse Doherty, speaking on behalf of the Sinn Fein Party, acknowledged the lengthy and productive service given by Clr. Kennedy, a fact supported by his wide ranging representation on a range of committees.

Clr. Liam Blaney extended sympathy on behalf of the Independent Fianna Fail Party, citing Clr. Kennedy's ability for straight talking as one of his obvious talents.

Clr. McGarvey stated that Clr. Kennedy had been a valued member of the Council and over the years had made an enormous contribution to the development of the county.

Other members paid tribute to the late Clr. Kennedy and expressed their deep regret and sadness at his sudden passing.

The County Manager extended sympathy on behalf of the Staff to the Kennedy family.

Peter's commitment to the Donegal Electoral Area had been second to none, he noted, and affirmed that every effort would be made to complete the agenda and business initiated by Clr. Kennedy.

Acknowledging the great dignity with which Clr. Kennedy had borne his illness, it was fitting, he added that he had died in office.

A minute's silence was then observed.

On the proposal of Clr. Pearse Doherty, seconded by Clr. Alcorn it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday 8th June, 2005 at 12 noon.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

