

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
Áras na Chontae
Leifear

31 Marta 2005

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall, a bhí ar athró ó 29 Marta 2005 ag dul ar aghaidh Dé Céadaoin, 06 Aibreán 2005, ag **11.00 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 (RÚNAI CONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of
Meetings
Administrator
County House
Lifford

31st March, 2005

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Meeting of Donegal County Council, adjourned from 29th March, 2005 will be held on Wednesday 06th April, 2005, at 11.00am, 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.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney

Meetings Administrator

(PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEMS HAVE RETAINED THEIR ORIGINAL
AGENDA NUMBERS SO AS TO CORRESPOND WITH REPORTS
ALREADY ISSUED FOR THE MARCH MEETING)

AGENDA

5. *Taking of decision pursuant to Planning & Development Act, 2000 (Part XI), and Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (Part 8).*
 - (g) To approve the carrying out of works with regard to Civic Amenity Site at Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny.
(*Report to be circulated*)

10. *Conferences*
21st Annual Environmental Conference to be held at the Carrigaline Court Hotel on 21st –22nd April 2005.

11. *Cathaoirleach's Business*

MOTIONS

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

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Miscellaneous

13. Clr. N. McBride
“That this Council pursue methods of obtaining a green card amnesty for all so called "illegal Irish immigrants" living in America” (O)

Roads & Transportation

14. Clr. I. McGarvey
“That this Council acquire the necessary funding to provide a suitable road from Letterkenny to Milford to cater for the volume of traffic using this route at present.” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

15. Clr. L. Blaney
“That Donegal County Council considers locating a Life Guard at the Portsalon end of Ballymastoker Bay and for same to commence this Summer (2005).” (L)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Planning & Economic Development

16. Clr. A. Bonner
“That this Council commences work immediately on the masterplan for all lands zoned in and around the Drumboe Martyrs Monument in the new Ballybofey/Stranorlar Area Plan.” (L)

Roads & Transportation

17. Clr. J. J. Reid
“That the Council negotiate with the NRA to expedite the planning and building of the new proposed Stranorlar/Lifford by pass route.” (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

18. Clr. T. Slowey
“That this Council improve and streamline the reporting structures to the elected members for the delivery of Specific Instance (S.I.) Houses from the date of approval and not from the date of commencement of construction.” (C)

Corporate Services

19. Clr. D. Alcorn
“That this Council set up a system that the elected members get priority from various sections of the Council to the reps they make and that they receive replies within one month of making those reps.” (C)

Roads & Transportation

20. Clr. B. O’Domhnaill
“That Donegal County Council recognise Doe Castle as a key flagship tourism project in the county and that funding be made available for its re-instatement.” (C)

Miscellaneous

21. Clr. Pearse Doherty
“That Donegal County Council welcomes the Sinn Féin proposals for a Green Paper on re-unification, calling on the Irish Government to initiate a consultation process across a society on the future shape of a new Ireland-this Council

recognises the need for adequate preparation in advance of re-unification and endorses the call for the Dublin Government to lead an immediate and extensive consultation process with all sections of society-including Unionism - on a green paper for the re-unification of Ireland”

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

22. Clr. P. MacLochlainn
“That Donegal County Council will construct a footpath and public lighting at Chapel Glen Road, Clonmany, to assist pedestrians to walk safely from Clonmany to Ballyliffin.”
(L)
23. Clr. M. McDonald
“To ask this Council that one way system be introduced immediately in Moville Square?” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

24. Clr. F. Conaghan
“That this Council progress without delay, a sewerage scheme and other associated infrastructural needs for the Burnfoot, Bridgend area.” (L)
25. Clr. D. McGonagle
“That this Council prioritise the upgrading and extension of the Ballyliffin and Clonmany Sewerage Schemes.” (L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

26. Clr. C. Brogan
“I propose that this Council discuss the sewerage extension to the Bunagee area of Letterkenny with the current sewerage scheme” (L)

27. Clr. J. Harte
“That the Council send a delegation to meet with the Minister for the Environment with a view to reducing the costs of many Group Water Schemes in the county.” (C)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

28. Clr. D. Larkin
“That this Council make contact with Fingal County Council to discuss how they are developing their new skateboard park and how they are going to insure and finance same”(C)

29. Clr. T. McDaid
“In light of the recent announcement of staff cuts in Adria in Strabane, which have further deepened the jobs crisis in the East Donegal area, that this Council meets with the Councils of Strabane, Derry, Omagh and Fermanagh to develop an inter Council approach to tackling the economic crisis that exists in the North West Region” (C)

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

30. Clr. T. Pringle
“That Donegal County Council proceed with the Killybegs Waste Water Scheme.” (L)

Community & Enterprise

31. Clr. B. O’Neill
“That this Council address the recognition of Heritage Towns in County Donegal and discuss their impact on history and tourism.” (C)

QUESTIONS

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

MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

32. Clr. I. McGarvey
“What is the projected time scale for completion of the N56 from Letterkenny to junction at Termon?” (L)
33. Clr. I. McGarvey
“Does this Council have any influence over Telecom in upgrading telephone lines in the following areas - Ballyare, Rathmullan, Glenvar, Fanad?” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

34. Clr. L. Blaney
“When does Donegal County Council intend to start up the Rathmullan – Buncrana Car Ferry and how long do they intend to have this service in place for 2005?” (L)

STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

35. Clr. J.J. Reid
“Have the Council any intention of oppointing a Clerk Typist to the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Public Service Office?” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

36. Clr. J.J. Reid
“What progress have the Council made regarding the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Swimming Pool?” (L)

37. Clr. A. Bonner
“When is the Council going to upgrade the watermain on Donegal Road, Ballybofey as there is ongoing problems and both householders and businesses are severely handicapped regularly with no water in an area of town that is fastly expanding?” (L)

Corporate Services

38. Clr. A. Bonner
“What is the up to date situation on the One Stop Shop and what is the schedule for the next 12 months?” (L)

GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA

Roads & Transportation

39. Clr. D. Alcorn
“Will the Cruit Bridge, Kincasslagh and the Tully Bridge, Dungloe, which are extremely dangerous at the moment be repaired during 2005?” (L)

40. Clr. D. Alcorn
“What progress is envisaged on the "Dungloe Foreshore Plan" during 2005?” (C)

41. Clr. B. O’Domhnaill
“Can Donegal County Council prioritise as part of the work on the N56, the need for a hard shoulder/footpath along the following sections of the N56:-

Creeslough to Marble Hill Junction
Fanmore to Falcarragh
Falcarragh to Gortahork
Meenacuing to Crolly (via Arduns)

42. Clr. Pearse Doherty
“When and by whom was the decision taken by the Council to put the old Council offices in Dungloe up for sale, and has the option of a long term lease that is being offered by the "Rosses Community Project" being examined, which would

allow them to continue the outstanding work that they are currently doing in that community?” (L)

Corporate Services

43. Clr. T. Slowey
“Will Donegal County Council make available to each elected member a computer disc/cd with all application forms required by each service within this Council?” (C)
44. Clr. T. Slowey
“Will Donegal County Council supply the electoral registers to members in disc format from April, 2005 onwards?” (C)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

45. Clr. Pearse Doherty
“What action does Donegal County Council propose to take following the results from tests in the parish of Gortahork, scheme ref DL535, that showed aluminium levels in the drinking water running at 5 times over the limit, and will the Council carry out additional tests in the areas of Machaire Rabhartaigh, Mín Lárach, Ardaí Bheag, An Bhealtaine, Gort a Choisce and An Sean Bhaile?” (L)

INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

46. Clr. P. MacLochlainn
“What plans do Donegal County Council have to upgrade the sewerage infrastructure in the village of Kilmacrennan?”
47. Clr. R. Donaghey
“What is the current position regarding the Bunrana Sewerage Scheme, 4.7m has been approved to advance the scheme through planning, what advancement has been made to date?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

48. Clr. P. MacLochlainn
“Are Donegal County Council aware of any plans by a Government Department to address the ongoing serious problem of siltation and coastal erosion at Port Mor Pier, Malin Head, and if so can matching funding be provided by the Council?” (L)
49. Clr. F. Conaghan
“Why are the lights still not lit on the pedestrian crossings at Moness Cottages, Burt?” (L)
50. Clr. M. McDonald
“To ask this Council what efforts have been made to address dangerous junction at Casey’s Corner, Ballybrack, Moville?” (L)
51. Clr. D. McGonagle
“When will the pedestrian crossing be erected at the Church Road, Carndonagh?” (L)
52. Clr. D. McGonagle
“Is this Council in a position to appoint new contractors to maintain public lighting?” (C)

Corporate Services

53. Clr. F. Conaghan
“What works are to be carried out by Donegal County Council in the Newtowncunningham area (under all the Directorates) during 2005?” (C)

Housing

54. Clr. M. McDonald
“To ask this Council what efforts have been made for acquiring land for housing at Quigley’s Point?” (L)

Community, Culture & Enterprise

55. Clr. R. Donaghey
“When will the Bunrana Ferry be starting as there are a number of enquiries about it at the local tourist office already?” (L)

LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

56. Clr. D. Larkin
“When will construction start on the new Council houses in Manor and how many will be affordable and at what cost?” (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

57. Clr. D. Larkin
“Will the Council give the Councillors of Letterkenny area a full report on where the proposal for building a new treatment plant for Letterkenny is given the fact we are being fined by Europe for our present treatment plant?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

58. Clr. T. McDaid
“Will this Council commit the necessary funding to install traffic lights at Clady Bridge to facilitate traffic safety and to prevent further damage to the parapets of this listed structure?” (L)
59. Clr. T. McDaid
“When will this Council commence the low cost accident remedial works at Hillhead, St. Johnston?” (L)
60. Clr. C. Brogan
“When will works start on construction of N56 at Mountaintop?” (L)
61. Clr. C. Brogan
“When will the Lisnenan to Carnamuggagh Road be finished and open to traffic?” (L)

62. Clr. G. Crawford
“What progress has been made in relation to repairs and maintenance of traffic calming islands/bollards and overhead lighting county wide following recent motion and debate of this matter by the Council?” (C)
63. Clr. G. Crawford
“Will this Council provide disabled parking bays at :-
- The Post Office, Lifford
 - Ray National School, Manorcunningham

DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA

Community, Culture & Enterprise

64. Clr. T. Pringle
“What has been the record of attendance by council members and officials at ICBAN and NWRCBG since June, 2004?” (C)
65. Clr. T. Pringle
“Will this Council present a report on the work of ICBAN and NWRCBG since June, 2004?” (C)

Corporate Services

66. Clr. S. McEniff
“When do the Council hope to have the new offices and library in Ballyshannon operational”? (L)

Water, Environment & Emergency Services

67. Clr. B. Byrne
“Will this Council ensure that a Council depot is obtained for Kilcar-Glencolmbkille area, for the benefit of the roads section etc. and to the advantage of overall service delivery in that area?” (L)

68. Clr. B. Byrne
“When will the Malinmore Sewerage Plant be commissioned?” (L)

Roads & Transportation

69. Clr. B.O’Neill
“What works do Donegal County Council plan to undertake on the Main Road leading to the Council dump at Ballintra called locally “The Bog Road” as it is in a terrible state?” (L)

70. Clr. B O’Neill
“Can Donegal County Council confirm a start date for the Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme-which is of crucial importance to the region?” (L)

MOTIONS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

71. CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL
“That 50% of Councillors expenses arising from attendance at the Conference on Suicide Prevention & Awareness in the Abbey Manor Hotel, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim on the 18th & 19th February be donated to a charity nominated by the sponsors of the Conference.”

72. LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL
“That this Council requests the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Seamus Brennan, to introduce a scheme of waiver of refuse collection charges for social welfare recipients, pensioners and other such persons. Such waivers were in operation in this Council prior to the service being privatised; it is still provided by some local authorities. The Minister has said he is still considering dealing with the provision of waivers in counties such as ours. We urge the Minister to introduce a waiver system as soon as possible to provide for the elderly, the infirm and the needy in our county and that this resolution when passed be circulated to all local authorities.”

73. DERRY CITY COUNCIL
“Derry City Council

- Notes the concerns expressed regarding the conditions under which people with learning difficulties are accessing work places in the Derry City Council Area.
- Recognises that all our citizens have equal worth and value
- Commits to the review of current practices regarding such work placements
- Calls on the Mayor to convene a meeting of interested parties, including DESTINED, to examine current practices in the Derry City Council area and to compare this with practice elsewhere throughout Ireland
- Send a copy of this motion to all Councils throughout Ireland urging that they endorse this motion and conduct similar reviews and send details of their findings to the Mayor's Office."

74. GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

"That each member of Galway County Council donate €1,000 of their Conference money to help the victims of the tsunami Disaster."

75. KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

"That this Council calls on the Government to make full and fair restitution to medical card holders, or to their next of kin where appropriate, who, as residents of long stay hospitals or nursing homes, had 80% of their social welfare entitlement illegally deducted. That this Council condemns the Governments paltry offer of €2000 to each affected hospital/nursing home resident as this is but a tiny fraction of the amount which has been unjustly taken. That this Council further ask the Government to investigate, openly and honestly, if work related pensions were in part or fully retained by the Health Board or their agents."

76. KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

That Kerry County Council lobby the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism to make a special roads grant available for improvements to tourism routes in the country. A similar type grant for tourism routes was in place up to the 1990's. This grant to be used on roads, car parks and bridges that satisfy the pre agreed criteria.

Tourism is very important to Ireland and as such our scenic areas need to be displayed at their best.”

77. NAAS COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council again requests that the Minister for Justice immediately activates the necessary legal and constitutional measures to create a Garda Reserve Force, organised on a regional basis and with emphasis on community “protection” requirements in developing towns like Naas.”

78. LONGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

“That each local authority be requested to write to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government requesting that guidelines be prepared for the calculation of the county demand.”

79. BUNDORAN TOWN COUNCIL

“That Donegal County Council erect more public seating along the Main Street.”

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON 06TH APRIL, 2005 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE,
LIFFORD.

C/165/05 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. P. McGowan, Cathaoirleach, L. Blaney, E. Boonner, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, F. Conaghan, Pearse Doherty, P. Kennedy, D. Larkin, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, Padraig MacLochlainn, B. O'Domhnaill, B. O'Neill and T. Slowey.

C/166/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. Reid and Crawford who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/167/05 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant County Manager/Director Housing, Mr. James Boyle, Senior Engineer, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Annmarie Crawford, S.O., Corporate Services.

C/168/05 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Cathaoirleach advised that he wished to adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to Pope John Paul II who had passed away on the 02nd April, 2005.

On the proposal of Clr. O'Neill, seconded by Clr. McDaid, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday 14th April, 2005 at 11.00am in the County House, Lifford.

The County Manager advised that any member of staff who wished to, could attend one of the designated commemorative services. Arrangements, he confirmed, were also being made to show coverage of the Pope's funeral in the Training Room, County House, Lifford on Friday 08th April. Normal public services would, he affirmed, be maintained during the day.

Members, in expressing sympathy, acknowledged the outstanding dedication and commitment shown by the late Pope over the past twenty-six years. His ability to

communicate with peoples of all races and religions was also commended.

This concluded the business of the meeting.