

04th February, 2008

TO : EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Donegal County Council, requisitioned by the Mayor, will be held on *Friday 08th February 2008* in the County House, Lifford, at 10.00am to consider the appended agenda.

You are hereby requested to attend.

E. Sweeney
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

Section 48 Planning and Development Act, 2000- Making of Donegal Development Contribution Scheme 2008-2012.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 8th
FEBRUARY 2008

- C/44/08 MEMBERS PRESENT
Clrs. J. Boyle, Mayor, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, F. Conaghan,
M.T Gallagher, J. Kelly, M. Mc Donald, I. McGarvey, D.
Mc Gonagle, P. Mc Gowan, B. O' Neill, T. Pringle, T.
Slowey.
- C/45/08 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Clr. Mc Eniff, who was
unable to attend the meeting.
- C/46/08 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. Francie Coyle, Director of Planning and Economic
Development, Mr. John Mc Laughlin, Director Roads and
Transportation, Mr. Chris Lyons, Director Water,
Environment and Emergency Services, Mr. Peadar Mac
Rory, Senior Engineer, Mr. Garry Martin, Senior Executive
Officer, Mr. John Mc Feely, Executive Planner, Mr. Joe
Peoples A/Meetings Administrator, Ms. Anne Marie
Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.
- C/47/08 SECTION 48 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT,
2000 –MAKING OF DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT
CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2008 – 2012
Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning and Economic
Development noted that the Draft Development Contribution
Scheme had been published on the 18th October 2007, and
that the public consultation period had taken place from the
18th October to the 29th November, 2007.
Members had he advised received the Manager's Report,
outlining a number of amendments to the Draft Scheme on
the 20th December, 2007.
Mr. Coyle proceeded to outline the recommended material
amendments together with the proposed additional material
amendments to the Draft Development Contribution Scheme
2008-2012.

Concern was expressed that members of Group Water Schemes would be required to pay a double charge in terms of their contribution to the GWS itself and the proposed standard water contribution charge to be levied under the Development Contribution Scheme.

This it was acknowledged created inequality between urban and rural dwellers.

A lengthy debate ensued with members requesting that there should be some form of deduction for those connecting to Group Water Schemes.

After some consideration Mr. Peadar Mac Rory, Senior Engineer advised that a fair and equitable solution would be to reduce the water contribution charge to 50% for members of Group Water Schemes, not maintained or taken over by the Council and not consuming public water.

Members asked that consideration be given also where beneficiaries of schemes had to make exceptionally high contributions to make schemes viable.

Responding to a number of queries, Mr. Coyle advised that Buncrana, Bundoran and Letterkenny Town Councils set their own level of charges but that these had traditionally been in line with the Donegal County Council Development Contribution Scheme.

Car parking charges he noted were generally levied at the same rates so as to prevent one town from becoming a more attractive economic entity than the other.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. A. Bonner it was resolved that individual houses which connect to Group Water Supply Schemes using public water shall attract a 50% reduction in respect of the water element only, where the Council considers that an exceptionally high contribution is payable to the supplying Group Schemes. It was also resolved that there be specific provision for review in specific individual cases.

On the proposal of Clr. Blaney, seconded by Clr. Conaghan the following amendment was adopted:

“Farm Diversification Scheme approved Multiple (2 or more) Holiday Homes Developments provided for letting, subject to Section 47 Agreements in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 will be subject to the rates applicable for Holiday Homes/Apartments Groups of 5 or more per unit (Table 3), with written confirmation required from Teagasc or the Department of Agriculture and Food.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Slowey, Donegal County Council resolved to amend the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2008 –2012, subject to the recommendations set out in the Manager’s Report (December 2007), Addendum circulated prior to the meeting, and amendments outlined above, in accordance with Section 48 (8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and to publish the said scheme in accordance with Section 48 (9) of the same Act.

This concluded the business of the meeting.