

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

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Beidh Cruinniú Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall ar siúl Dé Luain, 28 Iúil 2014, ag **11.00 r.n. in Áras an Chontae, Leifear**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clár an chruinnithe leis seo.

Beidh Clár Orduithe an Bhainisteora Contae le feiceáil ag an gcruinniú.

Mise, le meas

**Liam Mac a'Bhaird
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
22nd July, 2014

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 28th July, 2014, 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.

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

Yours sincerely

**Liam Ward
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 28th April, 2014.
- b) Confirmation of the Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 6th June, 2014.
- c) Confirmation of the Minutes of Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 30th June, 2014.

2. Consideration by the Council in accordance with Section 180 of the Local Government Act, 2001 of report dated 16th June, 2014 of the Investigation by the Standards in Public Office Commission of alleged contraventions of the Ethics and Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 and Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001- Cllr Pdraig Doherty formerly Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

3. Disposal of Land – Section 211 Planning and Development Act, 2000

- a) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – to sell property at Moneydarragh, Gleneely, Co Donegal.
- b) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – to dispose of land at Gortnabrade, Carrigart to Marie McHugh, Derrygarson, Emyvale, Co Monaghan.
- c) Notice under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – to dispose of land at Killybegs Industrial Road to Arctic Ships Agents.
- d) Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 – to dispose of land at Umricam, Tullyarvan, Bunrana to Ena and Patrick Joseph Doyle, Umricam, Tullyarvan, Bunrana.

4. Finance

To consider the Three Year Capital Programme for Donegal County Council for the period 2014-2016 inclusive (Item deferred from April Council Meeting)

5. Corporate

- a) To consider report on proposed amendments to Standing Orders.
- b) To consider Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2014-2019
- c) To review membership of the Association of Irish and Local Government.
- d) Election of Members to Coiste na Gaeilge
- e) Election of Members to LATCH Ltd
- f) Election of Members to the County Donegal Heritage Forum.
- g) Election of Members to Erne Enterprise Development Ltd
- h) Election of Members to the Board of Fort Dunree Military Museum
- i) Election of Members to the Letterkenny Theatre Management Company and to consider request for two additional nominees.
- j) Election of Members to the Management Committee of Ballyshannon Leisure Centre.
- k) Election of Members to the Board of Bundoran Waterworld Ltd.
- l) Election of Members to Finn Valley Leisure Centre.
- m) Election of Members to Interreg IVA Gobbins/Sliabh Liag Partnership Board.
- n) Election of Members to Pettigo/ Tullyhommon Partnership Board.
- o) To note membership of the Donegal Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
- p) To note membership of the Islands Committee.
- q) To set date for the September Council Meeting – Friday 26th September, 2014 at 11.00am.

6. Planning and Economic Development

Consideration of the ‘Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received in respect of the proposed Material Alterations to the draft Buncrana and Environs Development Plan 2014 – 2020.

7. Authorisation at a Meeting, Seminar or Event

- Attendance of the CPMR representative at the 42nd General Assembly of the Conference Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe to be held in Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden from the 24th-26th September, 2014

8. Endorsement of Minutes

- a. Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee held on the 10th March, 2014.
- b. Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of Glenties Electoral Area Committee held on the 18th March, 2014.
- c. Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of Stranorlar Electoral Area Committee held on the 18th March, 2014.
- d. Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on the 12th March, 2014.
- e. Endorsement of the Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of Stranorlar Electoral Area Committee held on the 6th May, 2014
- f. To note Minutes of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 23rd June, 2014.

9. Deputations

To consider request for reception of deputation from Ireland West Airport Knock.

10. Conference Reports

Cllr John Boyle

- Role of the Ombudsman Conference held from 21st to 23rd March, 2014 at Scott's Limerick, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick.

Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan

- Putting People First Seminar held from 14th June, 2013 to the 15th June, 2013 in Bunratty Castle, Bunratty, Co Clare.

Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan

- Design Guidelines for Planning and Development of Rural Housing held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co Cork from the 26th to the 28th October, 2013.

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cllr Liam Doherty, Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Martin Mc Dermott, Cllr Jack Murray

Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle, Cllr Seamus O' Domhnaill, Cllr John O'

Donnell, Cllr James Pat Mc Daid

- AILG Induction Training for Councillors held in the Sligo Park Hotel on Tuesday 17th June, 2014.

11. Cathaoirleach's Business

12. Chief Executive's Report

13. Motions from Other Councils/Bodies

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

“That this Council calls on the Minister to introduce as a matter of priority Mandatory Oxygen Saturation screening with the use of Pulse Oximeters in every Maternity Hospital in the State as part of the general postnatal assessment of babies. These Pulse Oximeters already exist in all Maternity Hospitals for use in difficult births. Only seven of the twenty Maternity Hospitals in this State use this system, consequently over half of babies born with a heart defect are discharged without a diagnosis and relevant care. This has resulted in death and lifelong health problems which could have been improved with early diagnosis with the use of this simple and quick test.”

**MINUTES OF JULY MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL,
HELD IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON 28th JULY, 2014**

C/352/14 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllrs J Campbell (Cathaoirleach), L Blaney, E Bonner, C Brogan, P Canning, T Conaghan, G Crawford, N Crossan, A Doherty, G Doherty, L Doherty, R Donaghey, M Farren, M T Gallagher, M Harley, N A Jordan, J Kavanagh, N Kennedy, M C Mac Giolla Easbuig, F McBrearty, M McBride, J P McDaid, M McDermott, S McEniff, I Mc Garvey, P McGowan, B McGuinness, G McMonagle, J Murray, S O'Domhnaill, J O'Donnell, J S O'Fearraigh, B O'Neill, M Quinn, J Ryan, D Shiels, T Slowey.

C/353/14 **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Mr Liam Ward, Director of Housing ,Corporate & Planning Control/ Meetings Administrator, Mr Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems & Emergency Services, Mr Joe Peoples, A/Director of Water & Environment, Mr Michael Heaney, Director of Community Culture & Planning, Mr Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Mr Stephen Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr Simon Harron, Executive Planner, Ms Eileen Burgess, County Librarian, Ms Anne Marie Conlon, Communications Officer, Ms Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer, Corporate Services.

C/354/14 **MINUTES SILENCE**

On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, a minutes silence was observed in memory of all those who had died as a result of the conflict in Gaza.

C/355/14 **VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Cllr Mc Brearty proposed, seconded by Cllr A Doherty that the order of business be varied in order to deal with the following items:-

Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

C/356/14 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28TH APRIL,
2014**

On the proposal of Cllr Farren, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, the Minutes of the Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 28th April, 2014 were confirmed.

C/357/14 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 6TH JUNE, 2014

On the proposal of Cllr Canning, seconded by Cllr Crawford, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 6th June, 2014 were confirmed.

C/358/14 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 30TH JUNE, 2014

On the proposal of Cllr McBride, seconded by, Cllr McDermott, the minutes of the Special Meeting of Donegal County Council held on the 30th June, 2014 were confirmed.

C/359/14 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT DATED 16TH JUNE, 2014 OF THE INVESTIGATIONS BY THE STANDARDS IN PUBLIC OFFICE COMMISSION OF ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE ETHICS AND PUBLIC OFFICE ACTS 1995 AND 2001 AND PART 15 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – CLLR PADRAIG DOHERTY FORMERLY DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AND UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Mr Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator advised that Section 180(3)(a)(iii) of the Local Government Act, 2001 required the report to come before the Council. The report, he confirmed, had issued on the 16th June, 2014 and that this was the first opportunity to bring the report to the Members.

Cllr Quinn said that the report highlighted a particular culture that existed in Irish politics and that the priority now was to ensure that such activity became a thing of the past. It was imperative, he said, that Councillors did not undermine the confidence of the people that they represented. He cited the need for transparency at local level and outlined the need to address the lack of faith in the local government system..

He outlined the need to have details of all conference attendances displayed on the Council website.

A number of Members outlined the need for a mechanism to divert conference allocations into the Member's Development Fund, so as to make additional funds available to local communities.

Mr Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator informed Members that there was now a requirement under the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 to make conference reports available free of charge and maintain a public register in relation to the attendance Members of Donegal County Council at all meetings of bodies to which he/she was elected to. The legislation, he noted, now provided for such material to be made available on the Council's website.

Mr Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, responding to a query from Cllr Shields advised that the matter had been examined by the Chief Executive and the Mayor at the time and subsequently referred to SIPO. He said he was not aware of any proposals or considerations to refer the matter further. He advised that if SIPO had decided to do so then they would have referred to it in the report.

Clr McGuinness proposed, seconded by Clr Bonner that the report be noted.

C/360/14 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT MONEYDARRAGH, GLENEELY

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr A. Doherty, seconded by, Cllr McDermott, it was resolved to formally dispose of property at Moneydarragh, Gleneely, to Bernard and Breege Folan in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

C/361/14 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT GORTNABRADE, CARRIGART TO MARIE MCHUGH

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr McBride, it was resolved to formally dispose of land at Gortnabrade, Carrigart, to Marie McHugh, Legal Personal Representative of the late Teresa Mc Carry, in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the

Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/362/14 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILLYBEGS INDUSTRIAL ROAD TO ARCTIC SHIPS AGENTS

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, it was resolved to formally dispose of land at Killybegs Industrial Road to Arctic Ships Agents, in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/363/14 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT UMRICAM, TULLYARVAN, BUNCRANA

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Crossan, seconded by Cllr Ryan, it was resolved to formally dispose of land at Umricam, Tullyarvan, Buncrana to Ena and Patrick Joseph Doyle, Legal Personal Representatives of the late Bernard Doyle, in accordance with the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

C/364/14 CONSIDERATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO THE DRAFT BUNCRANA AND ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014 - 2020

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

It was noted that there had been extensive consideration of the matter at local level.

Mr Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner advised that it had been considered by both Buncrana Town Council and Donegal County Council in March 2014 at which time it had been decided to make the Draft Plan with a number of alterations and some material alterations.

The Chief Executive's report before Members at this juncture, he advised contained submissions received in respect of the material alterations and included a number from statutory bodies but none from the general public.

On the proposal of Cllr Crossan, seconded by Cllr Canning it was resolved to make the Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Chief Executive's Report and the Planning Acts 2000-2014 (as amended).

C/365/14 ATTENDANCE OF THE CPMR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE 42ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CONFERENCE PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS OF EUROPE TO BE HELD IN UMEÅ, VÄSTERBOTTEN, SWEDEN FROM THE 24TH-26TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Cllr Shiels questioned the value for money aspect of the trip, advising that he could not support the attendance of the CPMR representative as the trip was in his opinion a waste of money.

Cllr Bonner advised that he had served as the CPMR representative in the past, and that representation had proved to be a fruitful exercise, particularly in terms of gaining an insight into European affairs.

A number of Members advised of the importance of ensuring the County was fully represented at European events and noted the value of building and maintaining such links.

Cllr Mc Monagle asked for further clarity as he too was of the opinion that no benefit was to be had from this trip.

Responding the Director of Community, Culture and Planning, Mr Michael Heaney confirmed that Donegal County Council had been represented on the CPMR for over 20 years and in recent years had been partnered by the Border Midlands and Western Regional Assembly.

Membership, he noted, had provided a number of opportunities and particularly in relation to marine tourism and ocean renewable energy. Issues debated by the body were, he noted, relevant for Donegal in terms of its location on the periphery of Europe. There

were also, he added, considerable opportunities for networking as the CPMR dealt with a range of issues shared by the North West of Ireland.

Donegal County Council's participation it was acknowledged would allow access to ongoing research development in ocean technology.

Mr Heaney noted that the CPMR was a natural alliance for a County such as Donegal.

Having noted the revised arrangements under Section 142 5(d) of the Local Government Act, 2001, introduced by the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006 and 2010, the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and directives issued by the Minister in that regard, on the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Mc Eniff it was resolved to authorise the attendance of Cllr Enda Bonner (CPMR Representative) at the 42nd General Assembly of the Conference Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe to be held in Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden from the 24th-27th September, 2014

- C/366/14 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF LETTERKENNY ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 10TH MARCH 2014
On the proposal of Cllr Blaney, seconded by Cllr Mc Bride, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Letterkenny Electoral Area Committee held on the 10th March, 2014 were endorsed.
- C/367/14 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 18TH MARCH 2014
On the proposal of Cllr Slowey seconded by Cllr Gallagher, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Glenties Electoral Area Committee held on the 18th March, 2014 were endorsed.
- C/368/14 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 18TH MARCH 2014
On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr McBrearty, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Stranorlar Electoral Area Committee held on the 18th March, 2014 were endorsed.

C/369/14 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF DONEGAL ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 12TH MARCH 2014

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on the 12th March, 2014 were endorsed.

C/370/14 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING OF STRANORLAR ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 6TH MAY 2014

On the proposal of Cllr McBrearty, seconded by Cllr McGowan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Stranorlar Electoral Area Committee held on the 6th May, 2014 were endorsed.

C/371/14 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD JUNE 2014

Members noted the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 23rd June 2014.

C/372/14 CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM IRELAND WEST AIRPORT KNOCK

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by, Cllr Gallagher, it was resolved that a deputation from Ireland West Airport Knock could attend the September 2014 Meeting of Donegal County Council.

C/373/14 CONFERENCE REPORTS

On the proposal of Cllr Blaney, seconded by, Cllr Crawford the following conferences were noted:-

Cllr John Boyle

- Role of the Ombudsman Conference held from 21st to 23rd March, 2014 at Scott's Limerick, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick.

Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan

- Putting People First Seminar held from 14th June, 2013 to the 15th June, 2013 in Bunratty Castle, Bunratty, Co Clare.

Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan

- Design Guidelines for Planning and Development of Rural Housing held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co Cork from the 26th to the 28th October, 2013.

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cllr Liam Doherty, Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Martin Mc Dermott, Cllr Jack Murray

Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle, Cllr Seamus O' Domhnaill, Cllr John O' Donnell, Cllr James Pat Mc Daid

- AILG Induction Training for Councillors held in the Sligo Park Hotel on Tuesday 17th June, 2014.

Cllr Shiels was informed that the conference reports were available for inspection and that in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 Members were obliged to present a report to the Cathaoirleach within 15 days of attending an event/conference.

C/374/14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Quinn it was resolved in accordance with Standing Order No 29 to suspend Standing Order No. 8 so as to allow for discussion on the Draft Ministerial Direction on Variation No. 2 to the Donegal County Development Plan 2012-2018 (as varied).

Cllr Crawford noted however that Item No. 4 had been on the agenda since April and said it was imperative that it was discussed at this juncture.

It was thus agreed to proceed with item No.4- Three Year Capital Plan for Donegal 2014-2016 inclusive.

C/375/14 CONSIDERATION OF THE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2014 – 2016 INCLUSIVE

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Mr Garry Martin, Head of Finance informed the meeting that the report had been issued in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as the Council was required on an annual basis to prepare a three year Capital Programme. He proceeded to give an overview of his report.

A lengthy debate ensued during which Members raised a number of issues including;-

1. Whether issues relating to Mechanical Plant had been taken into consideration.

2. Budget inadequate to deal with the legacy of problems in Finished and Unfinished Estates. Clarification needed with regard to the specifics and a clear plan of action as to when works will commence and finish.
3. Failure to collect bonds associated with Unfinished Housing Estates deemed to be a missed opportunity.
4. Concerns raised regarding the lengthy delay in progressing Sewerage Schemes at various locations throughout the County
5. Accountability needed in relation to the burying of animal carcasses on beaches.
6. Demand for a meeting with Irish Water to explain their role going forward including additional clarity with regard to service provision at local level and their role with regard to Group Water Schemes.
7. Noted that there were serious issues in relation to sewerage services in a considerable number of estates throughout the County. Calls for immediate action in relation to Hazelwood and St Judes in Lifford .
8. Position in relation to the provision of toilets in Rathmullan.
9. Situation in relation to the Sewerage Treatment Plant in Kilmacrennan.
10. Identified the need to work with Voluntary Housing Organisations with regard to progressing funding applications and the provision of housing locally.
11. Difficulties being encountered by those seeking to get on the Housing List.
12. Concern regarding the shortage of 4 bed-room accommodation.
13. Request that the Housing & Corporate SPC look at Disabled Persons and Essential Repair Grants particularly in relation

to the exclusion of certain types of illnesses from the scheme criteria.

14. Query as to whether Council Housing had been affected by the ongoing mica problem and whether any effort had been made to assist those affected by the problem.
15. Lack of funding for the N56 and the necessity of tapping into all funding initiatives.
16. Highlighted the need for a deputation from the Council to meet with the appropriate Government Departments, and funding sought for the County's roads infrastructure.
17. The plans if any for Cockhill Bridge.
18. Need to make provision for the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Bypass and Blackburn Bridge.
19. More collaboration needed between Donegal County Council and An Garda Síochána regarding the reporting and recording of accidents in terms of securing additional funding for low cost accident works.
20. Funding required for safety initiatives outside schools.
21. LIS Schemes need to get up and running particularly with regard to emergency repair works.
22. New Roads SPC needs to look at operational issues and the implementation of standard policies across the County.
23. Call for the road from Bridgend to Cockhill to be reclassified as "National" in the hope that additional funding opportunities might be available.
24. The need to prioritise funding for the provision of a groyne at Magheroarty pier. Capital investment needed not continual dredging. Funding needed for piers across the County.

25. Consultancy fees for the new lifeboat berth at Buncrana deemed exorbitant and query as to whether work could be done inhouse.
26. Clarity requested with regard to service provision in the Public Service Centres and whether or not Elected Members will be able to attend site meetings with Planners. Concern expressed regarding the diminution of services in the Public Service Centres.
27. Query as to the actual collection figure for the Development Contribution Scheme in 2014 together with an estimate for 2015 and a breakdown as to how this figure will be arrived at. Clarity requested as to when the DCS would be reviewed
28. Suggested that a Town Manager be appointed similar to the position in Letterkenny to look after the other Towns in the County or to cover a number of the smaller towns.
29. Glenties Library needs to be prioritised.

Cllr Crossan took the Chair for a brief period at this juncture.

30. Identified need for a County wide survey to assess and prioritise investment needs.
31. Investment needed for Village Renewal Projects.
32. Concern regarding the low level of funding for Community Projects in Inishowen.
33. If Malin Head is to be promoted as a tourism hub then appropriate amenities need to be put in place and monies allocated for 2014 to 2016.
34. Signage for the Wild Atlantic Way deemed confusing for visitors.

It was suggested that the Minister for the Environment Community and Local Government be contacted together with the Minister for Finance and other appropriate Government Departments with regard to the difficulties being faced in Donegal and the need for ongoing capital investment for infrastructure across the County.

C/376/14 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Ryan it was resolved the adjourn the meeting for lunch until 2.30pm

C/377/14 CONSIDERATION OF THE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2014 – 2016 INCLUSIVE

Mr Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, noted that it had been deemed back in April more appropriate for the Three Year Capital Report to be considered by the incoming Council. Monies allocated for Unfinished Housing Estates, it was noted, now amounted to €2.5 million and that the utilisation of same would involve looking initially at developments earmarked under the first tranche of funding. The discussion today, he added, was an enabling type of discussion and was aimed at looking at ways in which the Council could expand and source the relevant funding. The situation at national level, it was acknowledged, had significant impact as only a small amount of the Council's capital budget was from its own resources.

The time was right, he said, to think about preparing a Bid Document, one that could be developed in conjunction with the new Corporate Plan so as to avail of all relevant funding sources.

Members were informed of the following:-

That a statement was not being made in relation to the standing down of offices but rather highlighting the need to look at situations where premises were being leased for storage, and ancillary back office services when in fact alternative accommodation was available in the Public Service Centres.

Time was needed to look at the plenary and municipal district arrangements together with staffing issues related to the dissolution of the former Town Councils. These it was noted were being worked through to reflect the general balanced need of the overall Council. The Chief Executive, said that, he was with his colleagues in Senior Management committed to the principle of decentralisation, but noted, that there were challenges in maintaining existing staff levels.

It was acknowledged that there was some degree of certainty with regard to the capital budget generally in 2014 but that the absence of multi annual type allocations would impact on the situation for 2015 and 2016. The Council had, it was established, been successful in securing funding under the Interreg and Peace Initiatives thus developing considerable networking opportunities.

- With an estimated €19.7 million allocated in 2015 and 2016 for roads projects, it was noted, that significant works could be done in conjunction with the National Roads Authority. Issues regarding Blackburn Bridge it was confirmed would be tabled for discussion at the next meeting with the NRA.
- Every effort had been made to reduce consultancy costs with much work being done in-house over the past number of years. However it was noted that in some cases, particularly in relation to projects involving the marine environment, specialised assistance was required. Continued effort to be made to use in-house expertise.

Mr Joe Peoples, Acting Director Water & Environment informed Members that Irish Water intended to hold a series of regional meetings in September when the Commission for Energy Regulations had reported on Irish Water's Water Charges Plan. He informed Members that the report relating to the provision of funding for Unfinished Estates PSI and SRF funds as presented to the Corporate Policy Group would be forwarded to all Members for their information.

The main concern here, he noted, was that many of these problematic estates were not listed as unfinished and therefore not considered as part of the programme nationally. The Council, he said, had been involved in instances where there were public health/environmental pollution issues and had dealt with same on a case by case basis. It was imperative, he added, that the long-term position was established in relation to such estates and a mechanism devised to resolve the problem. It was noted that the Council had intervened in roughly 25 to 30 cases and that investment would be needed to allow the infrastructure concerned to function in the short-term. He said that an outline report would be brought to a future Meeting.

Irish Water, it was acknowledged, were aware of the legacy issues involved and the Council were prepared to work with Irish Water

and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to look at how these might be resolved.

Members were informed that a copy of the Water Services Investment programme would be circulated for their information.

It was noted that €420,000 had been allocated for the upgrade of existing Group Water Schemes, so as to ensure compliance with water quality directives.

The provision of public toilets at various locations throughout the County it was acknowledged was something that could be prioritised by Members in future a Capital Programme. It was agreed that a copy of the Towns and Villages Sanitary Services Programme be circulated to Members.

Mr Liam Ward, Director Housing, Corporate & Planning Control drew Members attention to pages 23 and 24 of the report noting that monies under the social housing programme had been reduced significantly.

He advised that a scheme assessment review could be carried out to address concerns raised in relation to the scarcity of four bed-roomed housing.

It was acknowledged that the Housing and Corporate SPC would look at the issues raised in relation to the Essential Repair and Disabled Persons Grant, particularly in relation to the exclusion of certain types of illness from within the scheme criteria.

He alluded also to the fact that there was ongoing engagement with the Voluntary Housing Organisations at local level regarding social housing provision.

Concluding the debate the Chief Executive advised of the need to ensure certainty with regard to the programme advising that a summary of the issues concerned could be presented in September.

Members concurred with this suggestion and Cllr Mc Garvey proposed, seconded by Cllr Brogan that the matter be discussed at each Municipal District.

C/378/14 MOTIONS UNDER URGENT BUSINESS

Emergency Motion No 1

A request signed by Cllrs O' Fearraigh, Gallagher, Bonner, O' Domhnaill, Slowey, Mac Giolla Easbuig, Mc Brearty, Mc Eniff, Crossan, Conaghan, Mc Garvey, Brogan, and Kennedy to have the following motion discussed as urgent business in accordance with Standing Order No 28 was submitted to the Meetings Administrator:-

“That Donegal County Council should urgently deal with the staffing problem that has arisen at the Dungloe Library based in Ionad Timpeall Chroine”

It was unanimously agreed to consider same prior to the close of business.

Emergency Motion No 2

A request signed by Cllrs G Doherty, Mac Giolla Easbuig, Gallagher, Jordan, Murray, Quinn, Mc Monagle, Conaghan, Mc Dermott, Crossan, Shiels, Kennedy, Mc Brearty, O' Neill, Crawford, O' Domhnaill, Mc Eniff, Bonner, L Doherty, O' Fearraigh, Canning, Mc Gowan, A Doherty, Mc Garvey, Mc Bride, Ryan, Kavanagh, Brogan, Mc Daid, Farren and Campbell to have the following motion discussed as urgent business in accordance with Standing Order No 28 was submitted to the Meetings Administrator:-

“That Donegal County Council expresses its solidarity with the besieged Palestinian people and condemns the current atrocities in Gaza. It calls on the Government to send a clear and unequivocal diplomatic message to Israel that these acts of war are against international law and to request an immediate ceasefire. It also calls on the Government to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland until all hostilities are ended, unilateral peace talks are entered into and the human rights of the Palestinian people are respected, and also criticises the Irish Government's stance in abstaining from the UN vote.”

It was unanimously agreed to consider same prior to the close of business.

C/379/14 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Mr Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator informed Members that further consideration was required by the Standing Orders Sub-Committee, the Corporate Policy Group and at Municipal District level. On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Mc Eniff it was agreed that existing Standing Orders remain in place subject to the amendment of Standing Order Number 12 with the quorum for a Council Meeting amended from nine number Members to eleven.

C/380/14 CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME 2014 -2019

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Mr Liam Ward, Meetings Administrator, called on Members to consider the Draft Strategic Policy Scheme as presented, and to approve the scheme with or without amendment so as to proceed to public consultation. He outlined the main provisions of his report.

Cllr Blaney proposed, seconded by Cllr O' Domhnaill that the three farming organisations be contacted so as to provide balanced sectoral representation.

It was suggested that similar consideration be given to having these three organisations represented on the County Donegal Heritage Forum.

Consistent attendance at committee meetings was deemed crucial for both Sectoral and Elected Members.

It was acknowledged that there was a need also for representation from the tourism sector and the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE).

Calls were made for Members to be represented on Donegal Tourism Ltd.

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Brearty, seconded by Cllr Mc Eniff it was resolved that the Draft Scheme for the establishment and operation of Strategic Policy Committees 2014 – 2019 go forward for public consultation.

C/381/14 REVIEW MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above. It was suggested that the Party Whips, the Members elected to the AILG and the AGM Negotiating Team meet to discuss the matter. On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mc Monagle it was resolved to defer the review pending receipt of further information from the AILG.

C/382/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COISTE NA GAELIGE

On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig it was resolved to approve the appointment of the following Members as selected by the various Municipal District Committees to Coiste na Gaeilge (established at the Annual General Meeting on the 6th June, 2014):-

Donegal Municipal District

- Cllr Niamh Kennedy
- Cllr John Campbell

Inishowen Municipal District

- Cllr Albert Doherty
- Cllr Paul Canning

Letterkenny Municipal District

- Cllr Ian Mc Garvey
- Cllr Mick Quinn

Stranorlar Municipal District

- Cllr Gary Doherty
- Cllr Frank Mc Brearty

Glenties Municipal District

- Cllr Seamus O' Domhnaill
- Cllr John Seamais O' Fearraigh

On the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr O' Domhnaill it was resolved to appoint Cllr Enda Bonner and Cllr Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig as additional members of the committee.

The following were therefore deemed elected to Coiste na Gaeilge:-

Cllrs Kennedy, Campbell, O' Domhnaill, O' Fearraigh, Bonner, Mac Giolla Easbuig, A Doherty, Canning, Mc Garvey, Quinn, G Doherty, Mc Brearty.

C/383/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO LATCH LTD

On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Crawford, the following Members selected by the Stranorlar Municipal District were appointed to the Latch Ltd:-

- Cllr Gerry Crawford
- Cllr Gary Doherty
- Cllr Frank Mc Brearty

C/384/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY DONEGAL HERITAGE FORUM

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Gallagher it was resolved to establish the County Donegal Heritage Forum with representation from Local Government, Local Development, State Agencies, Education Institutions, Landowners/ Farming Sector, Community/ Voluntary Groups and Heritage Organisations/ Groups (Vide Appendix 1) and to approve the appointment of the following Members as agreed by the various Municipal Districts:-

Donegal Municipal District

- Cllr Tom Conaghan

Letterkenny Municipal District

- Cllr Michael Mc Bride

Stranorlar Municipal District

- Cllr Gary Doherty 2014 to 2015

Glenties Municipal District

- Cllr Seamus O' Domhnaill

Inishowen Municipal District
To be confirmed.

C/385/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO ERNE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT LTD

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Eniff, seconded by Cllr O' Neill it was resolved that the following Members selected by the Donegal Municipal District Committee be appointed to Erne Enterprise Development Ltd:-

- Cllr Tom Conaghan
- Cllr Barry O' Neill

C/386/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF FORT DUNREE MILITARY MUSEUM

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr O' Domhnaill it was resolved that the following Members selected by the Inishowen Municipal District Committee be appointed to the Board of Fort Dunree Military Museum:-

- Cllr Rena Donaghey
- Cllr Albert Doherty
- Cllr Nicholas Crossan

C/387/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LETTERKENNY THEATRE MANAGEMENT COMPANY AND TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR TWO ADDITIONAL NOMINEES

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above. On the proposal of Cllr Brogan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy it was resolved that the following Members appointed by the Letterkenny Municipal District Committee be appointed to Letterkenny Theatre Management Company Ltd:-

- Cllr Ciaran Brogan
- Ms Anne Mc Gowan

Members attention was drawn to the request from the company for two additional representatives from Donegal County Council. These nominees it was noted were required to be selected on a county-wide basis.

It was agreed to defer selection to the September Council Meeting.

- C/388/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF BALLYSHANNON LEISURE CENTRE
On the proposal of Cllr Mc Eniff, seconded by Cllr O' Neill it was resolved that the following Members selected by the Donegal Municipal District Committee be appointed to Ballyshannon Leisure Centre:-
- Cllr Barry O' Neill
 - Cllr Sean Mc Eniff
- C/389/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF BUNDORAN WATERWORLD LTD
On the proposal of Cllr Mc Eniff, seconded by Cllr Kennedy it was resolved that the following selected by the Donegal Municipal District Committee be appointed to Bundoran Waterworld Ltd:-
- Mr Phillip Mc Glynn
 - Ms Anne Mc Grath
 - Mr Eamon Barrett
 - Mr Michael Mc Mahon
- C/390/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FINN VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE
On the proposal of Cllr G Doherty, seconded by Cllr Mc Brearty it was resolved that the following Members selected by the Stranorlar Municipal District Committee be appointed to Finn Valley Leisure Centre:-
- Cllr Liam Doherty
 - Cllr Martin Harley
 - Cllr Frank Mc Brearty
 - Cllr Patrick Mc Gowan
- C/391/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO INTERREG IVA GOBBINS/SLIABH LIAG PARTNERSHIP BOARD
On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Mc Gowan it was resolved that the following Members selected by the Donegal Municipal District Committee be appointed to the Gobbins/Sliabh Liag Partnership Board:-

- Cllr Niamh Kennedy
- Cllr Noel Jordan

C/392/14 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO PETTIGO/TULLYHOMMON PARTNERSHIP BOARD

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Eniff, seconded by Cllr O'Neill it was resolved that the following selected by the Donegal Municipal District Committee be appointed to the Pettigo/Tullyhommon Partnership Board:-

- Cllr Barry O'Neill
- Cllr Sean Mc Eniff

C/393/14 TO NOTE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DONEGAL LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Mc Gowan, Members noted the membership of the Donegal Local traveller Consultative Committee as agreed at the Annual General Meeting on the 6th June, 2014 (Vide Appendix 2).

C/394/14 TO NOTE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ISLANDS COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig , Members noted the membership of the Islands Committee as agreed at the Annual General Meeting on the 6th June,2014 (Vide Appendix 3).

C/395/14 SETTING OF DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING – FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2014 AT 11.00AM

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Gowan, seconded by Cllr Crawford, it was resolved to hold the September Meeting of Donegal County Council on Friday 26th September, 2014 with Members Questions and Motions due by 12 noon on Tuesday, 16th September.

C/396/14 BUDGET WORKSHOP

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Mc Bride it was resolved that a Budget Workshop take place on Tuesday 2nd September, 2014 at 2pm in the County House, Lifford.

Cllr Blaney was informed in response to his query regarding the Cultural Committee that a number of Members had yet to advise in relation to their preferred nominee, and that it was hoped to have

the membership confirmed at the September Meeting of the Council.

C/397/14 WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS AT BOTH PLENARY AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICT LEVEL

Members outlined the need for clarity in relation to their role at plenary and district level. It was noted that a number of issues on the July agenda could have been dealt with more constructively by the respective MD Committees and that discussion was warranted on a number of items ranging from Standing Orders to the submission criteria for questions and motions. The Cathaoirleach asked Members to submit by e-mail any thoughts/ideas that they might have in relation to the production of an effective set of Standing Orders.

Cllr Mc Eniff proposed, seconded by Cllr Mc Brearty that a workshop to discuss Standing Orders and the role of the Municipal Districts be held in the County House, Lifford at 10.00am on Monday 8th September, 2014.

C/398/14 CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was proposed to the following:-

- Marion Doherty, former Revenue Collector on the death of her mother, Kathleen Mc Mullin.
- The family of the late Neil Mc Laughlin, former Multi Skilled Operator, Inishowen Roads.
- Paul O' Donnell, Water & Environment, Glenties Municipal District on the death of his father, Paddy O' Donnell.
- Eimear Mc Dermott, Water & Environment on the death of her father, Joseph Mc Dermott.
- Brendan Mc Fadden, Glenties Roads on the death of his mother, Mary Mc Fadden.
- The family of Michael (Mickey Pat) Gallagher formerly Stranorlar Roads.
- The family of the late Michael O' Donnell, formerly Water & Environment.
- Pearse Mc Crory, Water & Environment, Inishowen Municipal District on the death of his father, Liam Mc Crory.
- Patricia Gallagher, Letterkenny Town Council on the death of her father, Jim Maguire.

- The family of the late Gerald Durning.
- The Dolan Family on the death of Raphael Coakley

Donation Statements

Members were informed that the deadline for submitting statements in relation to Election Expenses and Donations was Friday 22nd August, 2014. It was noted that failure to submit same would result in specific penalties for members.

Delegation regarding the A5

The Cathaoirleach informed Members that he had along with the Director of Roads Transportation attended a Joint Committee Meeting on the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement on the 26th June, 2014 during which a presentation on the necessity of the progressing the A5 Road Project was delivered. It was noted that a meeting was also scheduled to take place with the Minister for Rural Development, Mr Danny Kennedy, MLA with regard to same. He confirmed that any Member who wished to do so could make a submission in writing regarding the progression of the A5 and that he would arrange to forward any comments received.

Errigal 1000

Members were invited to attend the Errigal 1000 event marking the achievements of Henry O' Donnell who had climbed Errigal one thousand times.

C/399/14

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members considered the report circulated during the meeting with the agenda in relation to the above. The Chief Executive advised that the Monthly Management Report would replace the County Manager's Report which had previously been circulated for Members information only. The new arrangements, it was noted provided for debate on issues raised in the report.

Draft Ministerial Direction on Variation No. 2 to the Donegal County Development Plan 2012-2018 (as varied)

The Chief Executive informed Members that the notice had been received from the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government relating to the County Donegal Development Plan 2012 to 2018 (as varied). It had been received on the 22nd July, 2014 and that in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) the public consultation period would run from the 5th until the 18th of

August both dates inclusive. He proceeded to outline the process for dealing with the direction and noted that the process was prescribed in the legislation and that there was no flexibility with regard to how to make a submission. There was, he confirmed, no mechanism or piece of legislation available to the Elected Members to trigger or provide an alternative to this Notice of Intent to issue a Direction. The main areas of input were, he noted-

- a) from the citizens of the County through the public consultation process.
- b) from the Elected Members who could make a submission to the Minister prior to the expiry of the consultation phase,
- c) following the public consultation phase, the submission of a report prepared by the Chief Executive. The Report has to summarise the submissions/observations received and provide a recommendation in relation to the best manner in which to give effect to the draft Direction.

A lengthy debate ensued during which Members raised a variety of issues which they advised needed to be included in any proposed submission. (Vide Appendix 4)

The Cathaoirleach left the meeting for a brief period and the meeting was chaired by Cllr Crossan in his absence.

The Cathaoirleach returned and on the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Quinn it was resolved in accordance with Standing Order No. 29 to suspend Standing Order No. 3. This was to allow the meeting continue beyond the normal finishing time of 6pm, to conclude the items on the agenda for the meeting and to consider the motions under urgent business as submitted earlier in the meeting.

The Chief Executive welcomed the debate, acknowledging that it provided an opportunity to focus on specific areas, particularly those that needed further clarification. The Minister's correspondence, he added, was a notification of his intention to issue a draft direction and it appears that Members contributions thus far are raising two issues namely:-

- 1) Appropriateness of the draft Direction in view of the process followed by the Council in making the variation.

2) “Reasonableness” test of the Ministers decision to issue a draft Direction.

The Council, he contended, needed to maintain a focus on proper planning and development paying heed also to the relevant legal obligations. The Minister can issue a Direction and as Chief Executive, he said, he was legally obliged to follow instructions as lawfully given and comply with the statutory process laid down by law. Alluding to the report which he was obliged to submit to the Minister following the public consultation period, he stated, that it would be pre-emptive at this stage to suggest what format that report might take. There was, he added, no provision for the Elected Council to formally change this report when completed, but that it would be possible in so far as the legislation allowed, to work in collaboration with the Elected Council.

It was hoped, he advised, to have the report completed week ending 12th September and that thereafter it would be a matter for the Minister to consider same and issue the direction with or without modification, not issue the direction, or appoint an inspector to prepare a report to assist the Minister with his decision.

With regard to the provision for Elected Members to make a submission prior to the expiry of the public consultation phase, this it was acknowledged could be done in a collective manner. He said that it would be possible to compile a summary document articulating the views expressed by Members during the meeting.

Cllr O’ Domhnaill proposed, seconded by Cllr Mc Monagle that a summary document comprising the views expressed by Members during the meeting be presented as a collective submission on behalf of the Members of Donegal County Council together with the submission previously submitted in respect of the Wind Development Energy Guidelines 2006(as an appendix document).

Mr Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner responding to a query from Cllr Brogan, said that his understanding was that the new national Draft Wind Energy Guidelines were due out at the end of this quarter, but that there was no specific guarantee that they would issue in this timeframe.

Cllr O' Domhnaill outlined the need for adequate feedback and consideration prior to the document being sent to the Minister. The Chief Executive said that a summary of the discussion would be compiled and circulated by e-mail on Wednesday 30th July for Member's approval, as broad agreement was needed regarding the accuracy of same. It was suggested a workshop be held on Thursday 31st July, 2014 to further consider the matter.

There was some concern that Members absent from the meeting would not have an opportunity to contribute to the overall submission.

Cllr Brogan urged caution, as the Council was in his opinion entering unchartered territory. He expressed concern that the submission would be based on contributions from the meeting as the item had not been formally listed on the agenda. It would be more appropriate, he said, for each Councillor to make their own individual submission.

Cllr Shiels alluded to the fact that Members had considered the Minister's viewpoint and had given careful consideration to same.

The Chief Executive said that the first thing that needed to be done was to establish whether or not Members wanted a record of today's discussion to be the basis for the collective submission. He said that the matter had not been on the agenda as it had been received too late for inclusion. It was, he noted, now up for discussion as a consequence of its inclusion in the monthly management report and therefore enabled for discussion .

Cllr Brogan said that the decision taken on the 30th June had ignored the advice of the Executive and the fact that the same Council were now going to make a submission to the Department was somewhat contradictory.

Cllr G Doherty proposed, seconded by Cllr Gallagher that the Motions under Urgent Business submitted earlier in the meeting be dealt with at this juncture. He stressed the urgency of dealing with the motion in relation to the crisis in Gaza.

The Cathaoirleach reminded Members of the resolution agreed earlier in the meeting with regard to the summary document and

the intention to further discuss the Draft Ministerial Direction at an adjourned meeting.

Thus on the proposal of Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Brogan it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until 2pm on Thursday 31st July 2014 .

The Chief Executive noted that there were now three items to be considered at the adjourned meeting namely the two Emergency Motions and the issue of the Draft Ministerial Direction. He confirmed to members that given the subject matter of Emergency Motion No 1 that it may be necessary for Members to consider same in committee.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____