

**Minutes of Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber,
Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Monday 11th January 2010 at 5.30 pm**

Members Present: Dolan, Gerry
Ellis, Caillian
Gilmartin, Francis
Guckian, Sinead
Kenny, Martin
Kilrane, Gerry
McCartin, John
McGloin, Enda
McGowan, Sean
McTernan, John
Reynolds, Gerard
Stenson, Enda
Ward, John

And Councillor Thomas Mulligan, Cathaoirleach presiding

Apologies: Bohan, Mary
Colreavy, Michael
Dolan, Frank
Ferguson, Tony
Hughes, Gordon
McDermott, Sean
McGloin, Siobhan
Paddy O'Rourke

Officials Present: Ms. J. Maguire, County Manager
Mr Martin Dolan, Director of Services, Planning,
Environment & Emergency Services
Mr Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Community &
Enterprise
Ms Katrina Murphy, Head of Finance
Mr John McGuinness, Director of Services, Infrastructure
Ms Mary Quinn, Director of Housing & Corporate Services
Ms Aideen McGovern, Meetings Administrator

At the outset of the meeting the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Thomas Mulligan welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished those present a very Happy New Year for 2010.

Councillor Mulligan outlined that, due to the severe weather conditions, not all members were in a position to be in attendance at the meeting. He outlined that he was proposing that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, 18th January 2010.

A number of members expressed disappointment at the proposed adjournment. It was pointed out however that the adjournment was a precautionary measure given the exceptional weather circumstances.

Ms. Jackie Maguire, County Manager outlined that it was important that a number of the statutory items be progressed if possible, in particular Item No.'s 4 & 5 in relation to increased loan amounts to Cluainín Voluntary Housing Association and Item No. 6 in relation to the Membership of Strategic Policy Committees. The County Manager outlined that she had circulated a detailed report in relation to the Council's response to the ongoing severe weather conditions – she advised that the report also serves to respond to a number of Motions and Questions on the agenda. She confirmed that the report would issue in hard copy tomorrow to members not present at the meeting.

She advised that the matter could be the subject of detailed discussion at the adjourned Council meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed that Item No.'s 1-6 on the Agenda for the Council would be dealt with and the remainder of the items would be dealt with at the adjourned meeting on Monday 18th January 2010.

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Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Francis Gilmartin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras An Chontae on Monday, 7th December 2009, be adopted.”

10/02

11/01/2010

Votes of Sympathy

The members extended a vote of sympathy to the following;

- Mrs Toni Moore, Drumgorman, Drumshanbo on the death of Enda Moore.
- The McCrann Family, Corlea, Kilnagross on the death of Mary Jane McCrann.
- Maureen McNabola, Corlea, Kilnagross on the death of Nellie McKenna.
- To the Church and the Family of the Late Cardinal Cathal B. Daly, Armagh.
- Mrs Flanagan, Glen Carraig, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on the death of Mr Martin Flanagan.
- The Heeran Family, Garadice, Gortvagh, Co Leitrim on the death of Richard Heeran.
- The Brady Family, C/o Eugene Maxwell, Dromore, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim on the death of Hugh Patrick Brady.
- The Beirne Family, Lisdadnan, Mohill, Co Leitrim on the death of Tessie McKenna.
- The DeLacy Family, No 10 the Paddock, Belcoo, Co Fermanagh on the death of Kieran DeLacy.
- Michael O'Rourke, Church Street, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim on the death of Ryan O'Rourke.
- Eileen Blessing, Aughnaglass, Aughavas, Co Leitrim on the death of Noel Blessing.

- Noel & Una McLoughlin, Drumlitten, Foxfield, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim on the death of Gary McLoughlin.
- The Guckian Family, Scardan, Keshcarrigan on the death of Bridie Cassidy.

10/03

11/01/2010 Corporate Plan – Annual Progress Report 2009

Report dated 5th January 2010 from the County Manager as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

The report as circulated was noted by the members.

10/04

11/1/2010 Capital Programme for the forthcoming 3 years

Report dated 5th January 2010 from the County Manager as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 2** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

The report as circulated was noted by the members.

10/05

11/01/2010 Cluainin Voluntary Housing Association

Proposed by Councillor John McTernan, seconded by Councillor Enda McGloin AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That an increase in the sum of €227,960 in respect of loan to be provided to Cluainin Voluntary Housing Association Ltd. for the construction of ten units of residential accommodation at Skreeney, Manorhamilton (Capital Assistance Scheme) under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 in accordance with sanction dated 8th December 2009 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government be approved”.

10/06

11/01/2010 Cluainin Voluntary Housing Association

Proposed by Councillor John McTernan, seconded by Councillor Gerry Dolan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That an increase in the sum of €585,531 in respect of loan to be provided to Cluainin Voluntary Housing Association Ltd. for the construction of twenty six units of residential accommodation at Skreeney, Manorhamilton (Capital Loan & Subsidy Scheme) under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 in accordance with sanction dated 8th December 2009 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government be approved”.

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11/1/2010 Membership of Strategic Policy Committees

Report dated 5th January 2010 from Aideen McGovern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Corporate Services as circulated to each member appears as **Appendix 3** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Ms. McGovern outlined the membership of each of the four Strategic Policy Committees. She advised that the elected member membership is in line with the first preferences expressed by individual members and where a member did not indicate a particular preference they have been assigned to the SPC's where vacancies were available. She advised that the nominations have now been received from the Business Pillar through Chambers Ireland (the National Pillar) – she advised that an updated report on the proposed membership of the Strategic Policy Committees, detailing the Business Pillar nominees, has been circulated. The report as circulated appears as **Appendix 4** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book. Ms. McGovern advised that two Voluntary Housing Associations – St. Vincent de Paul and Newgrove Housing Association – have submitted nominations for the single Voluntary Housing vacancy on the Housing & Corporate Services SPC. She advised that discussions are to take place between the two Associations to agree a single nominee to represent the sector.

This was noted by the Members.

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Membership of the Strategic Policy Committees as outlined in **Appendix 4** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book be approved”

10/08

11/01/2010 Conferences

Proposed by Councillor Sean McGowan, seconded by Councillor Tony Ferguson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

That Leitrim County Council approves of the following

- Attendance of Cllr Enda Stenson and Cllr Paddy O'Rourke at the ICBAN Seminar in Monaghan on the 18th November 2009.
- Attendance of Councillor Enda Stenson at the Alternative to Unemployment workshop in Kilbride Community Centre, Co Roscommon on the 23rd November 2009.
- Attendance of Councillor Sean McDermott at the ICBAN meeting in Dundalk on the 20th Nov 2008.
- Attendance of Councillor Tony Ferguson at the Western Inter County Railway Committee meeting on the 18th September 2009.

- Attendance of Councillor John Ward at Local Government Budget 2010 on the 11th December 2009 to 13th December 2009 at the Carlton Millrace hotel in Bunclody, Co Wexford.
- Attendance of Councillor John Ward at the Travellers Accommodation Consultancy meeting in Dublin on the 7th October 2009.
- Attendance of Councillor John Ward and Councillor Gerry Dolan at the ICBAN Conference on the 11th November 2009 in Westville Hotel, Enniskillen.
- Attendance of Councillor John Ward at the Ballinamore/Ballyconnell Drainage Meeting on the 2nd December 2009 in Ballyconnell.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Dolan at the ICBAN Board meeting and the Joint Networking Seminar of the Local Government INTERREG Groups for Ireland/Northern Ireland on the 18th November 2009 in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Dolan at the ICBAN Board Meeting on the 16th December 2009 in Enniskillen.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Dolan at an ICBAN meeting on the 1st July 2009 in Dungannon.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Dolan at an ICBAN meeting on the 16th September 2009 in Lifford, Co Donegal.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Dolan at an ICBAN meeting on the 28th September 2009 in Enniskillen.
- Attendance of Councillor Gerry Dolan at an ICBAN meeting on the 21st October 2009 in Omagh.

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin, seconded by Councillor Gerard Reynolds AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

- Attendance of Cllr Gerard Reynolds at the Local Government Budget 2010 on the 11th & 12th December 2009 in Bunclody, Co Wexford.

10/09

11/01/2010 Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan Workshop

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting the County Manager outlined that a workshop was proposed for the Carrick Area Elected members to consider the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan. Following discussion it was agreed that the Carrick-on-Shannon Area Elected Members would attend a Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan Workshop on Tuesday, 19th January 2010 at 5.00pm in Áras An Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Proposed by Councillor Enda McGloin Seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson and Unanimously Agreed;

"That the monthly Council Meeting be adjourned due to the severe weather conditions."

It was agreed that the monthly meeting be reconvened on Monday, 18th January 2010 at 4 p.m. to consider Items No.'s 7 – 28 on the Agenda.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 5.55 pm

SIGNED: Cllr Thomas Mulligan
Cathaoirleach

SIGNED: Aideen McGovern
Meetings Administrator

DATE: 1st February 2010