

**MINUTES OF THE JULY ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY 6TH JULY, 2015 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Baker, Bree, Casserly, Clarke, Gormley, Keaney, Kilgannon, Lundy, MacManus, Mac Sharry, Mulvey, O'Boyle, O'Grady, Queenan, Scanlon and Taylor.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services
Mr. Tom Brennan, A/Director of Services
Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian
Mr. Joe Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. John Moran, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Patricia Guckian, Financial Accountant
Ms. Caroline Conmy, I. S. Project Leader
Mr. Jimmy O'Brien, I. S. Project Leader
Ms. Siobhán Ryan, Heritage Officer
Mr. John O'Flaherty, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Mihaela Davidescu, Executive Planner
Mr. Ray O'Grady, Executive Planner
Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. Michael Feeney, Administrative Officer
Ms. Nuala Fowley, Clerical Officer
Ms. Marian McGovern, Clerical Officer
Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Asst. Staff Officer

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillor Sinead Maguire.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Rosaleen O'Grady presided.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE LATE BRIDGET
CONNOLLY:**

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley

Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED

“That the Meeting stand adjourned for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to Bridget Connolly”.

Members wished to be associated with the expressions of sympathy to Bridget's husband, Gerry and sons Stephen, Brendan, Niall and Paul, her extended family, colleagues, friends and neighbours.

The Chief Executive, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of Sligo County Council, joined in the expressions of sympathy.

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1. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE, 2015:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 8th June, 2015.”

2. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 15TH JUNE, 2015:

Proposed by Councillor Queenan

Seconded by Councillor Mulvey

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of Special Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 15th June, 2015.”

3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15TH JUNE, 2015:

Proposed by Councillor Queenan

Seconded by Councillor Mulvey

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 15th June, 2015.”

**4. MINUTES OF SPC 3 (PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARTS
AND CULTURE) HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 2015:**

Proposed by Councillor H. Keaney

Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 3 (Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts & Culture) held on 27th March, 2015”.

5. MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SLIGO MEETING HELD ON 27TH APRIL, 2015:

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Boyle

Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

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“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Sligo held on 27th April, 2015”.

6. MINUTES OF A.G.M. OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SLIGO HELD ON 22ND JUNE, 2015:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Sligo held on 22nd June, 2015”.

7. SECTION 183 - PROPERTY AT BALLINTEMPLE, BALLINFULL:

**Proposed by Councillor Casserly
Seconded by Councillor Keaney**

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at Ballintemple, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo to Lorraine O’Connor”.

8. SECTION 183 - PROPERTY AT WOODSTREAM, COOLANEY:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 13 Woodstream, Coolaney, Co. Sligo to Anthony White/Nicola Masiacz”.

9. SECTION 183 - PROPERTY AT DOORLY PARK, SLIGO:

**Proposed by Councillor H. Keaney
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 98 Doorly Park, to Colette Breen”.

10. SECTION 183 - PROPERTY AT CARROWHUBBOCK NORTH, ENNISCRONE:

Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan

Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at Carrowhubbock North, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo to Francis Devaney”.

11. SECTION 183 - PROPERTY AT 1 BALLYTIVNAN:

Proposed by Councillor S. O’Boyle

Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 1 Ballytivnan, Sligo to Mai Kelly”.

12. PART 8 – FINISKLIN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, 2015:

In reply to queries raised, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, confirmed that funding had been sourced for these works. He confirmed that works are to be carried out from the junction of the N4 to the Industrial Estate only and did not include the section from the Industrial Estate to the Second Sea Road. Councillor S. Kilgannon requested that this additional stretch of road would be examined.

Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus

Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly

“To approve, in accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001 (as amended by the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006), the Finisklin Road Improvements 2015.”

13. ROYAL VISIT OF PRINCE OF WALES AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL:

The Chief Executive made a presentation to the Members on the “Royal visit – May 2015”.

Among the matters highlighted in the presentation were

- Assessing the impact
- Building on the legacy
- Opportunity or cost?
- Analysis of cost and
- Summary.

The Chief Executive advised that his preference would have been to work within a pre-determined, agreed

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budget, but the very limited timescale did not allow for this, and the visit was only confirmed with four week's notice. He perceived the proposed visit as an unprecedented opportunity for Sligo in terms of media exposure and tourism potential. The events were co-ordinated with a number of agencies with the itinerary and arrangements changing constantly. The majority of the costs had now been collated and would be finalised in the next week. It will then be possible to submit our application for funding, in the first instance to the Council's Parent Department, i.e. the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

A number of Members extended their congratulations to the Chief Executive, Staff involved in the organisation of the Event and the Cathaoirleach on the day – Councillor J. Queenan. They also referred to the public reaction of the event and its legacy. Among the items Members addressed were

- Works that needed to be carried out within the county had now been done and would not need to be revisited for a number of years.
- The worldwide publicity Sligo had received through all channels e.g. R.T.E., European television channels, Fox, CNN, Sky News etc. was worth millions.
- Opportunity had to be seized and it had put Sligo on the world stage.
- This visit has already had a beneficial impact on Anglo-Irish relations.
- A tourism package was now in place for Sligo. Members asked that the tourism package and the resultant benefits would include all areas of the county, not just those visited on that day.
- The speech by Prince Charles at The Model is being regarded as the keynote speech for the visit.
- It was evident at an event Lissadell held on 4th and 5th July that local businesses are benefitting from the high profile the area has received.
- It was suggested that a Seminar would be organised involving all stakeholders for the events, particularly Tourism bodies, to plan for "Ireland 2016" as this should not solely be regarded as something for Sligo County Council to organise and fund.
- In reply to a query raised recently in Dail Eireann, both the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade indicated that costs were not a matter for their Departments.
- In response to queries concerning a dedicated budget, the Chief Executive again emphasised that his preference would have been to have an agreed budget, but this was a luxury not available to the Council as this was a significant event for Sligo managed under very difficult time constraints

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor R. O'Grady, agreed with Members that this was an opportunity that could not have been passed by. The Cathaoirleach congratulated Councillor Queenan, the Chief Executive and Staff.

The Chief Executive, in reply to matters raised by the Members, indicated that Sligo was the only county asked to host a Civic Event. It was an honour and a privilege and would have reflected poorly if the Council had refused to host it, solely for financial reasons.

It has been found already that large numbers of visitors are following the route taken during the visit and the challenge now is how all of Sligo can benefit. These are issues that have to be factored into a tourism strategy.

The Chief Executive again emphasised that his preference would have been to have a budget to work within. This was a significant event organised in a very short timescale and agreeing a budget in advance was not a luxury that had been available to the Council.

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The Chief Executive added his congratulations to those of the Members and noted the amount of preparation the Cathaoirleach had involved himself in for the visit and this was to be commended. In relation to comments referring to the involvement of Sligo County Council's Staff, the Chief Executive thanked the Members and agreed that they had responded magnificently.

It was six weeks now since the Civic Event had taken place and it was important to ensure that all costs were included. The submission will be made at an early date to our parent Department and it may be referred to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Members will be kept advised of the situation in this regard.

Councillor S. MacManus asked that the submission would also be forwarded to the Oireachtas Representatives to allow them to lobby on the Council's behalf. This was agreed by the Members.

14. DRAFT ACTION PLAN FOR "IRELAND 2016":

Mr. D. Tinney, County Librarian reported on the draft Action Plan for "Ireland 2016".

- The draft Plan to be submitted to the Department by 7th July, 2015.
- 21st August - closing date for the final draft
- September Council Meeting – final draft to the Members
- October 2015 – Plan to be published.

The four Lead Actions were outlined as follows:

- 1) A community based launch event in January – **Sligo 1916: Lighting Sligo and Beyond** and **celebration of Oiche Nollaig na mBan.**
- 2) A set of formal **Memorial Celebration Events** at Easter.
- 3) A **Heritage Day** in Sligo Town for all citizens in August, with the linking these of the **Labour Movement.**
- 4) **Sligo School: Subject to Citizen:** A series of talks, lectures, workshops and exhibitions exploring 1916-2016 and the **International Soap Box Street Speaking Competition**".

The 2016 Commemoration Programme will remember and honour those who took part in the 1916 Rising. It will also reflect on the legacy of that period and will look towards the future. The Programme is an invitation to all of the people on the island of Ireland, including those from New Communities, to families and people of Irish ancestry living abroad, who share our cultural identity and heritage, and all of Ireland's friends, to participate in an intensive year of remembrance of the past, of reflection on our achievements and of re-imagining our Republic for future generations.

The estimated cost to deliver the draft Action Plan currently stands at €165,000. The Steering Group was conscious of the timescale to present a draft plan to the Department on the 7th July, 2015 before an actual figure of grant assistance is confirmed by the Department. It is estimated that the grant from the Department will be in the range of €60,000 to €100,000.

Councillor S. MacManus thanked Mr. Tinney and the small Team involved in the work in preparing the comprehensive document and for ensuring the inclusion of the changes in the submission, suggested by the Committee in recent days.

This document contains all results to consultation sessions together with submissions from Organisations and Individuals. The costings of the programme will be considerable and some of the suggestions, e.g. the candle

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proposed for distribution to households may be agreed as a national gesture.

The Cathaoirleach and Members added their thanks to those of Councillor MacManus for the ongoing work by the Team and Committee and agreed that the draft, as presented to the Meeting, would be submitted to the Department.

15. PROGRESS REPORT ON LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN:

Ms. D. Clarke gave a presentation to the Members on the Draft Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and advised that the LECP is to be made by each local authority for the promotion of economic development and local and community development.

The economic element is to be prepared and driven by the Local Authority (SPC) and the community element by the LCDC and details of these were outlined in the presentation and accompanying slides.

Statements on each have to be adopted by each Municipal District Committee and North Western Regional Assembly.

Both elements will be integrated and adopted by the County Council.

The Purpose of the LECP was outlined as follows:

- The Plan will establish a framework for a more integrated approach to the delivery of publicly funded economic, local and community development supports and services at a local level.
- It aims to improve the wellbeing of the people and the economy in Sligo through enhanced strategic planning, better targeting of resources and more meaningful impact of services.
- It will lead the development of Sligo as the social, cultural and economic capital of the region.

Ms. Clarke advised the Meeting that this six year Plan (2015-2020) for completion by 31st December, 2015, is not a local authority Plan for which they have the lead responsibility only. It has to be adhered to by other relevant Agencies and Groups. Adoption of this Plan by the Local Authority is a Reserved Function.

Councillor S. MacManus, as Chair of the LCDC and the SPC, thanked Ms. Clarke for the Presentation and advised Members that the work done here is as significant as any other work that will be done by Sligo County Council. A vast amount of work had gone into preparing the plan with workshops, meetings, involvement of outside Agencies and the administration by Ms. Clarke and her Staff. Councillor S. Kilgannon supported these comments.

The Chief Executive thanked the Members for their comments and reiterated its importance. This Plan is comparable in importance with the County Development Plan and Members should be aware of its implications which will become the basis for local development.

16. COUNTY SLIGO PLACE NAMES POLICY:

Ms. D. Clarke, DOS, reported to the Meeting that, in 2010, Sligo County Council had adopted a Place Names Policy. This Policy had acknowledged how important place names are however it had not been acted upon. The Policy had now been updated to reflect recent legislative, policy and structural changes.

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In light of this, it was proposed:

- (i) To seek representatives in Autumn 2015 for the establishment of the County Sligo Place Names Committee,
- (ii) Once convened, the Place Names Committee would be asked to consider an appropriate name for the pedestrian bridge linking Rockwood Parade and Stephen Street car park as an initial assignment and
- (iii) The updated County Sligo Place Name Policy now be adopted.

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

AND AGREED:

“That the following text in the draft be deleted:

- One Elected Member of Municipal District of Ballymote-Tubbercurry (1)
- One Elected Member of Municipal District of Sligo (1)
- Representative of SPC1 – Housing and Corporate (1)
- Representative of SPC2 – Environment and Infrastructure (1)
- Representative of SPC3 – Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture (1)
- Representatives from Sligo County Council’s Planning, Heritage, Housing and Library Sections (4)
- Representative of Sligo Public Participation Network (1)
- Representative of County Sligo Heritage Forum (1)

and replaced with the text below:

- Three Members of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tubbercurry (3)
- Three Members of the Municipal District of Sligo (3)
- One representative of the Sligo Public Participation Network (1)
- One representative of the County Sligo Heritage Forum (1)”

It was proposed by Councillor S. MacManus

Seconded by Councillor S. O’Boyle

“That the County Sligo Place Names Policy be listed on the Agenda for the September Meeting of Sligo County Council with the naming of the pedestrian bridge to be referred to that Committee when formed”.

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH:

The Meeting adjourned at 1.30 p.m. to resume at 2.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING:

The Meeting resumed at 2.30 p.m. with Cathaoirleach, Councillor Rosaleen O’Grady, in the Chair.

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17. WILD ATLANTIC WAY DISCOVERY POINTS:

Mr. Ray O'Grady, Executive Planner, gave a presentation to the Meeting outlining the proposal for Discovery Points on the Wild Atlantic Way route – the world's longest designated coastal touring route, stretching 2,500 kilometres from Kinsale to Inishowen.

The concept is designed to present the west coast of Ireland internationally as a compelling visitor experience. A key element of the approach is the identification of 159 Discovery Points.

Seven Discovery Points identified for County Sligo are as follows:

- Enniscrone Pier
- Easky Beach
- Aghris Head
- Strandhill Beach
- Rosses Point
- Streedagh Beach and
- Mullaghmore Beach (Signature Discovery Point).

Details were outlined as follows:

- The proposed works in County Sligo are part of a common approach that is being replicated along the entirety of the route.
- Works involve the installation of 1 no. photo point and 1 no. interpretation board at each Discovery Point.
- Make good adjacent surfacing including the introduction of stone paving where appropriate.
- Photo Points are Interpretation Boards are constructed from Weathering Steel (or Cor-ten) which is oxidised therefore eliminating need for maintenance.
- Photo Points range from 3.5m to 5m in height depending on location while Interpretation Boards are between 1m and 1.5m in height.
- Works will begin in mid-August 2015.

Construction drawings and photographs together with samples of interpretation boards and visualisation points in Counties Mayo and Donegal were displayed.

The Chief Executive confirmed that these works are due to start in mid-August and welcomed the commencement of this process for the Wild Atlantic Way.

Following the presentation, Members thanked Mr. O'Grady and his colleague, Mr. Michael Carty.

In reply to enquiries from Members, Mr. O'Grady confirmed as follows:

- The signage is 100% funded by Failte Ireland.
- To date, information had not been forwarded on braille signage but he would follow up on this.
- Discussions have taken place with Failte Ireland in relation to bus parking and the ongoing development of the routes as referred to by Members. In partnership with Sligo County Council, they are working to address these issues.
- Failte Ireland are the initial decision makers on this Scheme as they are funding it.

Ms. D. Clarke added that it is anticipated the Discovery Points may allow other products to be developed over time through communities, individuals, etc. to facilitate visitors stopping off and spending time in these areas. Details are awaited for Phase II of Failte Ireland funding.

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Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, agreed that, having regard to some Discovery Points being accessed via local roads, any additional funding would be helpful.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. O'Grady for his presentation.

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS TO MEMBERS:

Councillor D. Bree asked that reports would be circulated with the agenda to give Members an opportunity to have read them in advance of the Meeting.

The Chief Executive confirmed that, in so far as it is possible, the information is made available at the same time as the Council agenda issues. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to have them available at that time and some presentations are not suitable in written format.

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

AND AGREED

“That all reports from the Council Executive included as agenda items on Council agendas be circulated to Councillors along with the Council agenda”.

18. TAKING IN CHARGE – CORNMILL PARK, BALLYMOTE:

Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon

Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council commence the process of taking in charge the development known as “Cornmill Park” at Ballymote, Co. Sligo, by instigating the necessary procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare public the road serving the development”.

Following a query, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, confirmed that it is the roads and public services that Sligo County Council are taking in charge in this area.

19. ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT) (COUNTY OF SLIGO) BYE-LAWS 2014:

Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“The Council is asked to consider the making of Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (County of Sligo) Bye-Laws 2014, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004.

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The changes proposed have been:-

- *Considered by the Council members at Area Meetings of the Council in 2014.*
- *Considered by S.P.C. No. 3 Transportation and Infrastructural Policy on 24th March, 2014.*
- *Referred to the Superintendents of the Garda Síochána (Sligo and Ballymote Districts).*
- *Publicly advertised as required by Section 9 in April, 2014.*

The Draft Bye-laws include the following amendments on Regional and Local Roads:-

- *Reduction of speed limit from 60kph to 50kph in the centre of Ballygawley village as part of a traffic calming scheme.*
- *Introduction of a 50kph speed limit in Calry as part of a traffic calming scheme.*
- *Speed limit reduction in Culfadda from 60kph to 50kph.*
- *Extension of 50kph speed limit eastwards on Drum road, Rathcormack.*
- *Extension of the 50kph speed limit on Hazelwood road to east of the sports ground.*
- *Extension of the 50kph speed limit south of the Borough Boundary on the Oakfield road, Sligo.*
- *Amendments to the speed limit on the R292 road on the approach to Strandhill Village.*

A summary of the changes are attached.

I recommend to the Council the formal passing of a resolution making the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Sligo) Bye-Laws 2014 and they will come into operation on the 1st September, 2015”.

Proposed by Councillor Keaney

Seconded by Councillor Casserly

AND AGREED

“To make Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) (County of Sligo) Bye-Laws 2014 pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004”.

Some Members enquired if additional locations could be added. Mr. Brennan outlined the process involved from meeting with Gardai, referral to SPCs etc. and said it was not possible to add these locations at this point in time. However, it is intended to carry out an overall review in the next year and other locations will be considered. A report will be prepared for the September or October Meeting outlining the changes and new signage proposed for speed limits for the county.

20. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – MAY 2015:

Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus

Seconded by Councillor D. Bree

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“To note the Monthly Management Report – May 2015”.

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETINGS:

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

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“That the minutes of all Management Team meetings be circulated to Councillors and that the outstanding minutes from January 2014 to date also be circulated to the elected representatives”.

21. TO AUTHORISE OVER EXPENDITURE OF €5,173,511 REPORTED IN 2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The following resolution was

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“That Motions numbers 21 and 22 on the Agenda of July 6th 2015 be deferred to a Special Meeting of Sligo County Council to be held on Monday, 13th July at 2.00 p.m. This is necessary to give Councillors more time to study the Annual Financial Statement”.

22. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2014:

Further to the resolution agreed by the Members, this item also was deferred to a Special Meeting to take place on Monday, 13th July, 2015.

23. ST. ANGELA’S COLLEGE, LOUGH GILL:

With the agreement of the meeting, this item was deferred.

24. RATES ON CHILDCARE FACILITIES:

With the agreement of the meeting, this item was deferred.

25. HOUSING GRANTS SCHEME 2015:

**Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

“That Sligo County Council contact the Department of the Environment to express our concerns over the Departments reduction in allocation of funding for the Housing Grants Scheme 2015 and further that we call on the Department to increase its allocation to at least last years level”.

In response, Mr. B. Gavin, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

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“In 2013 the first allocation received in March was €276,983.80. In April this allocation was increased to total €368,967.00 and finally a third allocation was made which gave an overall allocation for 2013 of €429,099.50.

Combined Capital Allocation for SBC and SCC for year end 2013 €429,099.50(100%) combined allocations

*€85,819.90(20%)
€343,279.60(80%)*

The initial allocation received in 2014 was €469,188.00 with an additional top-up figure of €190,501.00 giving an overall total of €659,689.00 for 2014

Combined Capital Allocation for SBC and SCC for year end 2014 €656,689.00 (100%) combined allocations

*€131,337.80 (20%)
€525,351.20 (80%)*

Combined Capital Allocation for SCC to date for 2015 €531,063.00 (100%) allocation

*€106,213.00 (20%)
€424,850.00 (80%)*

The allocation of €531,063.00 for 2015 is actually larger than the previous year’s first allocation. The Council cannot at this point confirm that additional funding will be made available as with previous years.

The Scheme remains open and applications for Housing Adaptation for older people and people with a disability are being accepted”.

Members welcomed confirmation that the Scheme remains open for applications and asked that all applications received to date would be acknowledged.

Mr. Gavin confirmed that the applications “Housing adaptation grant for people with a disability” and the “Mobility aids Housing grant” have been prioritised to date. Members requested that inspections would commence for “Housing Aid for the elderly” and Mr. Gavin agreed with this request.

26. ALL WEATHER PLAYING AREA AT MAUGHERABOY:

Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus

Seconded by Councillor Bree

“To ask that a report be provided in relation to the current status of the all-weather playing area at Maugheraboy, Sligo. Such report to outline what steps have been carried out by the Council to implement the recommendations made to the Borough Council by Senior Executive Parks which were adopted by the Borough Council in 2011.”

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“Recommendations made to the Borough Council by Senior Executive Parks, 2011:

- Sligo Borough Council members consider giving approval for the taking in charge of the changing room and football area.*
- Sligo Borough Council members consider giving approval for the demolition of the premises subject to the residents association confirming in written form the residents association’s collective agreement for the*

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demolition of the building and background checks as to whether or not there are any ownership issues relating to the building. Demolition budget to be identified.

- *Sligo Borough Council members consider giving approval for the Parks department to manage and maintain the facility as part of Sligo Borough Council's parks and recreational infrastructure.*

The current situation is as follows:

The changing room premises were demolished in July 2013 and the area was topsoiled and grass seeded.

A budget will need to be identified in order for any further works to be carried out at the site. Funding opportunities need to be explored in relation to possible future development of facilities at the site."

Members asked that the situation in this area would be addressed at an early date.

27. SALE OF ASSETS IN OWNERSHIP OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL:

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry

Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

"In response to the CEO's invitation for suggestions to raise revenue, I call on the executive to provide all Councillors with a report as to whether the executive have considered the sale of assets that is properties and or lands in the ownership of Sligo County Council that are not being utilised at present".

In response, Mr. B. Gavin, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

"Disposal of property by the Council is already being pursued as part of the response to alleviating the Council's financial debt and is included in the Financial Plan.

Lands have been disposed of under the departments Land Aggregation Scheme in the county and city areas. This scheme is now discontinued by the department and it is not clear if it will be replaced by an alternative scheme or process. There is also an ongoing process underway of identifying assets which will transfer to Irish Water.

Other asset disposals are being advanced and will progress. All proposals will come before the elected members when the detail of the proposed disposal is developed and in accordance with section 183 of the Local Government Act.

Disposal of certain assets has merit for a number of reasons

- *Consideration received improves the Council's financial position*
- *Purchasers may, in some instance, put property to use in a way that contributes to the community - socially and economically.*

Disposals will not be progressed unless full market values are achieved and that retention of the property is not necessary to implement Council policies and objectives".

28. REPAIR WORKS TO ROAD NUMBER 293 AT ARDREE:

Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon

Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

"Call on Sligo County Council to carry out immediate emergency repair works to road surface at Ardree (Road No 293). Over the past number of months the road has become pitted and the surface has become very

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uneven leaving it very hazardous for driving. It is a very busy stretch of road and requires instantaneous attention”.

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“This section of road will be examined by the Area Engineer and improvements if required will be arranged subject to available funding”.

Members added their support to this motion. Mr. Brennan agreed to carry out a further examination of the particular short stretch referred to at the meeting.

29. IRISH WATER AND VEOLIA BILLING OF CUSTOMERS:

Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon

Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

“To have representatives from both Irish Water and Veolia called to a meeting with member of Sligo County Council to clarify the position in relation to water bills being issued to customer. Some customers are received bill from both Veolia and Irish Water. Households are being billed in twice. This is totally unacceptable. There is an enormous amount of confusion from customers in relation to these bills and to whom they are liable to for their water connections for domestic, commercial or agricultural. Some clarification would be greatly appreciated”.

Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, advised the meeting that, following last month’s meeting Mr. Kilfeather, Director of Services, had written to Irish Water. To date, Mr. Brennan was not aware of a reply.

The Chief Executive noted the number of questions arising were a matter for Irish Water to clarify. It was suggested that when a reply was received from Irish Water, Members could address them with their representatives at a future meeting.

30. R296/BALLYMOTE RAILWAY STATION JUNCTION:

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley

Seconded by Councillor E. Scanlon

“What progress is been made with Irish Rail to have improvement works carried out at junction of Ballymote Railway Station and the Regional Road 296 Ballymote/Bunninadden Road where hedge along regional road is a cause of major concern to motorists exiting the station and exiting the church car park “.

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“A detailed survey of the junction was carried out by Iarnrod Eireann and a number of proposals will be drafted for consideration and approval by Sligo County Council”.

Members outlined their concerns in relation to this junction and traffic exiting both the train station and Church grounds.

Mr. Brennan, A/DOS, suggested that, as an interim measure, he would ask the Area Engineering Staff to carry out hedge cutting at this location.

31. COACH PARKING IN SLIGO TOWN CENTRE:

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

"That Sligo County Council executive provide members with an update on my motion that the Council executive would explore the possibility of providing a dedicated Coach parking area in close proximity to Sligo town centre"

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

"Internal meetings have taken place with the Planning Department, Local Enterprise Office and Roads sections with a view to determining the most suitable and feasible locations for dedicated coach parking.

As a result the Council are currently exploring and costing a number of coach parking options in close proximity to the city centre."

The Chief Executive advised Members that discussions are continuing at present in trying to reach agreement with landowners. A report will be presented to the next Meeting of the Sligo Municipal District.

32. CONSERVATION PLAN FOR FORTHILL:

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

"That Sligo County Council executive provide members with an update on the Conservation plan for Forthill with regard to the development of the Green Fort"

In response, Ms. D. Clarke, DOS, delivered the following report:

"The Green Fort is a significant heritage site of National importance within the heart of Sligo. Accordingly, Sligo County Council recognises the heritage value of the site and is committed to realising the appropriate presentation and interpretation of the Green Fort in a manner that will conserve and protect the site, engage the local community and visitors, and engender pride in a unique heritage asset.

While the Council has endeavoured to progress the preparation of a Conservation Plan for the Green Fort, progress has been curtailed due to staff and budgetary restrictions in 2015 and the lack of external funding sources which would assist in funding the delivery of a Conservation Plan as a first step. Additional resources and technical expertise would also be required to deliver any agreed actions/ capital works emerging from any Conservation Plan.

The preparation of a Conservation Plan for the Green Fort is dependent on identifying and securing adequate resources (staff and funding). It is anticipated that an indicative budget of €8-10k would be required to deliver a Conservation Plan using external consultants. Consideration will be given to allocating resources to this project in preparing the draft Budget for 2016.

An update on the project has recently been provided to the Forthill Mens Art and History Group and Council staff will continue to be available to meet with representatives of the Forthill Group and other interested parties with regard to the Green Fort Project.

A more detailed report on the Green Fort will be circulated to members for their information".

33. GRANGE AND ARMADA VISITOR CENTRE

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

“That Grange and Armada Development Association call on Sligo County Council to pledge their commitment to the aims and aspirations of our group. We request that the council provide the necessary technical, administrative and financial advice to enable us to transform the old Courthouse in Grange into a state of the art Armada Interpretive and Visitor Centre which will be a focal point for the world renowned Armada Wrecks Site at Streedagh and a stopping off destination on the Wild Atlantic Way. This project has National and International potential.

We call on all Councillors and elected representatives to lobby Central Government and particularly the Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to support this vital infrastructure for the North West Region”.

It was agreed to also take Councillor Kilgannon’s item number 48 as follows:

“To ask Sligo County Council to request the Irish Government to establish Grange in County Sligo as the Primary Spanish Armada Centre for Ireland”.

In response, Ms. D. Clarke, DOS, delivered the following report:

Sligo County Council are committed, within available resources, to providing the necessary technical, administrative and financial advice to the Grange and Armada Development Association in relation to the proposed development of the Old Courthouse in Grange as an Armada Interpretive and Visitor Centre.

The recent archaeological finds at Streedagh have provided added impetus for the development of Armada Interpretation in Co. Sligo. Given the location of Grange in close proximity to Streedagh along with its position on the Wild Atlantic Way it is considered to be an appropriate location for the development of a focal point for the interpretation of the wonderful and interesting Streedagh Armada Site. Sligo County Council is broadly supportive of this aim a fact which is witnessed by its entry into a lease agreement in respect of this building with the Grange and Armada Development Association. Other recent supports include grant aid of €10,787 provided through the Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme in 2014 for conservation works to Grange Courthouse to allow the building to be brought into community use. In addition, the LEO has recently engaged with the Grange and Armada Development Association in relation to the development of a walking route between Streedagh Beach and Staad Abbey as part of the proposed reintroduction of the “De Cuellar Trail”.

34. SECTION 85 AGREEMENT - SLNCR GREENWAY

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

“That Sligo County Council provide an update on the following:

“That Sligo County Council hereby resolves to enter into an agreement, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, with Leitrim County Council in respect of the planning and design of the SLNCR Greenway whereby Leitrim County Council will be enabled to carry out works as may be necessary in the Administrative Area of Sligo County Council”.

In response, Ms. D. Clarke, DOS, delivered the following report:

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“Sligo County Council agreed, at their meeting on 2nd March 2015, to enter into an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, with Leitrim County Council in respect of the above. The Agreement is in the process of being signed and sealed at present”.

Ms. Clarke further added that this project may be considered suitable for cross-border funding with relevant sources of funding being examined.

35. N4 COLLOONEY TO CASTLEBALDWIN ROAD:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

“That Sligo Council seek an update from and lobby Minister Paschal Donohoe on funding relating to the N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin road improvement scheme, 'an important infrastructural project that will reduce journey times, improve journey time reliability and improve safety for road users”.

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“Sligo County Council CEO Ciarán Hayes wrote to Minister Pascal Donohoe on 13th May 2015 seeking to have the N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Road Scheme included in the next round of Capital Projects to be published by Government and it’s inclusion in the next round of Capital Projects to be funded. A response was received from the Minister on 19th June.

A further letter regarding the N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Road Scheme was sent to the Minister on 29th May signed by the leaders of eight stakeholders in the Region including Sligo County Council, IDA Ireland – Border, Sligo Chamber, Institute of Technology Sligo, Ibec North West, Enterprise Ireland – Border, St. Angela’s College Sligo and Sligo Tourism.

Further lobbying of the Minister for Transport by Members of Sligo County would be very welcome by all involved”.

36. LONE PARENTS’ PAYMENTS:

**Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor S. O’Boyle**

AND AGREED

“Noting that some 11,000 lone parent families have already been affected by gradual reductions to lone parent payments and that further reductions introduced on July 2nd will impact on over 30,000 more lone parent families, consequently pushing families further into poverty;

That Sligo Co Council calls on the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection to reverse the phasing out of lone parents payments once children reach seven years of age.”

37. ROAD 311 AT CARROWMACARRICK, COOLANEY

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

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“To ask Sligo County Council to address the surface water flooding along Road 311 at Carrowmacarrick, Coolaney”.

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“The Area Engineer will examine the flooding issue at this location. There is no funding available at present”.

38. ROSSES POINT PIER:

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

“That the Council be provided with an up to date progress report on the proposed Rosses Point Pier and Pontoon scheme.”

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“A planning application was submitted to An Bord Pleanála for a development at Rosses Point Pier/Harbour in March, 2015, however, a decision has not yet been received and typically could take six months.

The proposal is for a pontoon and access ramp which will provide much needed improved access to and from vessels. The project has the support of many groups and boat users and is much needed as the existing Pier is regularly too crowded with leisure boats. Other aspects of the Project include the modest increase in length of the slipway which will improve trailer access and reduce tidal restrictions.

A submission for funding under the Marine Leisure and Marine Tourism Scheme to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine was made on March 24th. The application was in respect of the detailed design and construction of the Scheme and the estimated cost and allocation sought was €148,000. The grant was offered but due to the absence of a planning decision, it was not be possible to take up the offer because in would not be possible to carry out the detailed design, contract documents, tendering and construction, this year. The council will re apply for the funding for next year subject to receiving a planning decision”.

Members expressed their disappointment that funding in the region of €150,000 could not be drawn down.

The Chief Executive advised the meeting that it was too early to draw conclusions in this regard. There was a process to be followed, starting with the submission of an application to An Bord Pleanála.

Following the discussions, it was then

Proposed by Councillor Sean MacManus

Seconded by Councillor Declan Bree

AND AGREED:

“That Sligo County Council formally write to the Minister for the Marine explaining the causes for the delay in obtaining planning permission for the improvement works at Rosses Point Pier”.

39. SLIGO AIRPORT PLANNING CASE – LEGAL COSTS

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Secnded by Councillor S. MacManus

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“That the Chief Executive provide the Council with information and a report relating to the sum of €200,000 legal costs in respect of the outcome of a planning case concerning Sligo Airport which was referred to in the Financial Plan submitted to the Department of the Environment.”

This motion related to the legal case of Brooks and Kochmann –v- Sligo County Council regarding an extension to the runway at Sligo Airport. Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from the Council’s legal representatives on the matter and the notes of Judge Liam McKechnie’s judgement.

Members raised the matter of the costs being in the region of €200,000 and that they should have been made aware of this figure when preparing budgetary figures. Ms. D. Clarke, DOS, stated that it was only during the past few weeks that the figure had been notified. The costs claimed initially were almost €331,000. As had been set out in correspondence from Hegarty and Armstrong, Solicitors, it was after a very protracted taxation process before the High Court Taxing Master that this figure has been reduced to €174,247.21.

STANDING ORDERS:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED:

“That the Meeting continues after 5.00 p.m. to deal with matters remaining on the Agenda”.

40. PUBLIC LIGHT AT SLIGO AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK:

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

“To ask the Chief Executive when an additional public light, as requested by the Sligo Municipal District Committee, will be erected near the entrance to the Sligo Airport Business Park.”

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“Please note that funds for the provision of new public lighting including cost of installation and ongoing maintenance is very limited. Therefore, unfortunately, it is not possible to provide new public lighting at this location”.

Mr. Brennan further added that part of the problem in the area is that some of the lights in the Business Park appear to be out of order. He also agreed to examine the possibility of improving road markings at that junction. A report will be submitted to Members at the September Meeting of the Sligo Municipal District.

LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:

At 5.05 p.m., the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor P. Taylor took the Chair.

41. BOIL WATER NOTICE ON KEASH WATER SUPPLY

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley

Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

“A boiled notice was placed on a section of the water main supplying a number of houses in the Keash area on the 21st May. Why is the need for it, what steps are been taken to have the matter sorted, and how long will it take?”

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“A precautionary boil water notice was placed on a section of the public water main in Keash area (from Ardsallagh to Feenaghroe) supplying 23 houses. Notices were hand delivered on the 21st May 2015 to all affected customers and a copy of the notice was placed on the Sligo County Council and Irish Water websites. ONLY customers on the public water supply network from Ardsallagh to Feenaghroe, Ballymote MUST boil water before use. NO other areas of the Lough Talt Public Water Supply are affected by this notice.

The issue is not with the treatment plant but the condition of the cast iron main serving the 23 houses at the end of a branch line. For the water to get to these houses it has to travel through an old 4” cast iron main and as the water passes slowly through the main the chlorine residual is reduced . The notice is precautionary and there have been no failures for E. coli demonstrated by routine sampling in the network.

In the short term SCC Water Services on behalf of Irish Water have installed two scour valves (one automatic and one manual) and these have been constructed on the end of this line and at the midway point. The scour valves and other flushing activities undertaken by SCC staff have improved the colour and other chemical parameters of the water but did not improve the chlorine residual at the end of the network. An Assets Needs Brief for the replacement of 5.2km of cast iron mains replacement at estimated cost of €390,000 was submitted to Irish Water on April ‘15 and Irish Water approval to proceed was received May 2015 .

The cast iron mains replacement is being progressed under minor programs. Tender documents are currently being prepared and this process should be complete by mid July 2015. It is expected that the project will go to tender in August ‘15. Following appointment of a contractor by Irish Water, it is expected that the works will be complete by end of 2015.

Sligo County Council Water Services on behalf of Irish Water will continue to scour the network and review results”.

CATHAOIRLEACH RESUMED THE CHAIR:

At 5.10 p.m., Cathaoirleach, Councillor R. O’Grady, resumed the Chair.

42. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor D. Bree

“To ask Sligo County Council to carry out a survey of open public spaces and that Community Enhancement grants be awarded to take account of the size of the green area for grass cutting costs, the reduction in 2015 grants of over 60% in some cases is causing major problems for Residents Association”.

In response, Ms. D. Clarke, DOS, delivered the following report:

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“41 no. applications were received under the Community Enhancement category of the Community and Voluntary General Grant Scheme. The grants are available for community enhancement projects, there is no specific allocation for enhancement works in estates by residents associations.

The Community and Voluntary Grant Scheme, as approved in April 2015, allows for the review of the scheme in advance of the 2016 budgetary process. Changes to the criteria can be considered under this review”.

Members outlined difficulties that some Residents’ Associations have brought to them. The Chief Executive, in reply, referred to having highlighted this matter several months ago. At that time, he had suggested that the Policy would go back to the S.P.C. Funding had been available historically in the former Borough Council. The current position is that funding has to be shared equitably throughout the county and a notice to this effect had been published.

The Chief Executive advised that he had no problem in meeting a deputation from the Residents’ Association to discuss the issue.

43. CAR PARKING AT SLIGO RAIL STATION:

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

In response, Mr. T. Brennan, A/DOS, delivered the following report:

“There is limited car parking at Sligo Railway Station for use by commuters due to limited space availability. This could limit the attractiveness of the use of the rail service from Sligo.

The Sligo and Environs Development Plan has the following objectives: which concern the area around the railway station:

CP-1 It is an objective of the local authorities to encourage the provision of multi-storey/underground car-parks at the following strategic locations:

c. Railway Station, west of IRR: serving traffic from the west.

PT-1 It is an objective of the local authorities to promote the redevelopment of the railway station and backlands in the vicinity as a major Transportation Hub with multi-nodal interchange, catering for rail, bus (local and regional), car-parking, a bicycle station and other bicycle facilities.

It is a matter for Iarnrod Eireann to develop the site at the rear of the railway station and planning permission would be required for any development.

Subject to the normal planning considerations, Sligo County Council would consider any proposals, submitted by Iarnrod Eireann, for the development of this site which include the provision of parking”.

44. ENNISCRONE LOCAL AREA PLAN (2014-2021) BUFFER ZONES:

With the agreement of Meeting, this item was deferred to the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Meeting scheduled for 13th July, 2015.

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45. STAFF NUMBERS IN SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL:

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

“Ask the county manager to outline how many staff is employed with Sligo County Council a) what grades they are b) how many engineers, planners, outdoor staff, architects and administrative staff”.

In response, Mr. J. Moran, S.E.O., delivered the following report:

“The reduction in Staff Numbers from September 2008 to date amount to 202. The Financial Plan submitted by the Council to the Department provides for a further reduction of 64 No. staff (45 through natural attrition plus 19 Voluntary Redeployments) - summary below:

| | <i>September 2008</i> | <i>June 2015</i> | <i>Est. December 2019</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>No of Staff</i> | <i>637</i> | <i>435</i> | <i>371</i> |
| <i>Cumulative Reduction</i> | | <i>202</i> | <i>266*</i> |
| <i>% Reduction</i> | | <i>-32%</i> | <i>42%</i> |

** potentially 6 of these posts may need to be filled based on current Irish Water Service Plan staffing requirements*

Payroll savings arising from above:

Reduction of 202 No. staff from 2008 to date: €29m

Further reduction of 64 No. staff from now to end of 2019: €10m

In addition to the above, the Department in its letter of 12th June, 2015, has sought proposals to generate a further €1m annual surplus on Revenue Account. This equates to reducing staff numbers by a further 20 down to 351. This would reflect a total overall reduction of 286 or 45 % in staffing numbers compared to 2008 levels.

Also, the Council in its Financial Plan has sought from the Department approval to offer an Incentivised Career Break to staff, which would facilitate a further reduction of up to 10 staff members for a 3 year period, with potential payroll savings of approx. €855,000. Approval to implement this has not been forthcoming from the Department to date”.

Members asked that a copy of the detailed table and the above report would be forwarded to them by e-mail.

With the agreement of the Meeting, this item was deferred to the Special Meeting arranged for Monday, 13th July.

46. UNAUTHORISED TRADING ON MAIN STREET, ENNISCRONE:

With the agreement of Meeting, this item was deferred to the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Meeting on 13th July, 2015.

47. EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR CLASS 2 AND 3 COUNTY ROADS:

With the agreement of the Meeting, this item was deferred to the Special Meeting arranged for Monday, 13th July.

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48. SPANISH ARMADA CENTRE:

This item had been dealt with in conjunction with Item 33 above.

49. VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley

Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Gerry Connolly and family on the death of his wife, Bridget.

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey

Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Noreen Friel and family, Corhober, Ballymote on the death of her husband, Brendan.”

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey

Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to the Davey Family, Seeviness, Coolaney on the death of Grace.

50. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

Proposed by Councillor H. Keaney

Seconded by Councillor R. O’Grady

AND AGREED:

“That Sligo County Council wishes to thank Abbvie for their continued investment in Sligo. In particular, the recently announced investment in the Ballytivnan Plant, the creation of 50 new jobs and their continued support to local companies - particularly in the area of Toolmaking and design”.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley

Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED:

“To wish the best of luck to the Sligo Ladies who play Leitrim in the Connacht Final on Sunday next”.

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**Proposed by Councillor S. O'Boyle
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

AND AGREED:

“That a vote of congratulations be extended to Aaron Gethins and Jordan Myers on representing Ireland at the European Boxing Championships in the Ukraine”.

51. CONFERENCES AND TRAINING:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor E. Scanlon**

AND AGREED

“That the list of conferences circulated for June at this meeting, are unanimously agreed.”

52. CONFERENCE REPORTS:

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To note the summary of proceedings of conferences attended in accordance with Section 142(5) (f) of the Local Government Act, 2001.”

53. CORRESPONDENCE:

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To note the correspondence circulated with the agenda.”

54. MATTERS ARISING:

No item was raised under this heading.

55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

No item was raised under this heading.

The meeting ended at 5.55 p. m.

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Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____