

**MINUTES OF THE JULY ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 4TH JULY, 2016 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Baker,
- Councillor Bree,
- Councillor Casserly,
- Councillor Clarke,
- Councillor Gormley,
- Councillor Healy,
- Councillor Henry,
- Councillor Keaney,
- Councillor Kilgannon,
- Councillor Lundy,
- Councillor Maguire,
- Councillor MacManus,
- Councillor MacSharry,
- Councillor Mulvey,
- Councillor O'Boyle,
- Councillor O'Grady,
- Councillor Queenan,
- Councillor Taylor.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
- Mr. Tom Brennan, A/Director of Services
- Ms. Patricia Guckian, A/Head of Finance
- Mr. Joe Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. John Moran, Senior Executive Officer
- Ms. Rosie Morrissey, Assistant Scientist
- Ms. Margaret McConnell, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
- Mr. Martin Towey, I.S. Analyst Developer
- Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Assistant Staff Officer

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Hubert Keaney, presided.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

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AND AGREED

"To suspend Standing Orders to allow for a discussion on the matter of Brexit".

SETTING UP OF NORTH-SOUTH FORUM:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

"Sligo County Council supports the setting up of the North South Forum to discuss the effect of Britain to exit the E. U. and calls on the Irish Government to ensure that all counties along the Border including Sligo must be included as part of the Forum".

**1. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON 13TH JUNE, 2016:**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 13th June, 2016".

**2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH JUNE, 2016:**

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Sligo County Council held on the 20th June, 2016".

3. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2016:

**Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire**

AND AGREED

"To note the Monthly Management Report for May 2016".

4. TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING HOUSE AND SEPTIC TANK AT CALTRAGH, CULLEENS:

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

AND AGREED

"To approve, in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 2000-2010, Part XI, Section 179, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2010, Part 8 (Article 81) as amended , the construction of dwelling house and septic tank with percolation area and all associated development works at Caltragh, Culleens, Co. Sligo."

5. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROVED HOUSING BODY – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD.:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

AND AGREED

"To defer consideration of the following matter until the Ordinary Meeting on 5th September, 2016 - To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations there under, provision of financial assistance in the form of the Capital Assistance Scheme to the following Approved Housing Body, as per attached report dated 15th June 2016:

- Focus Housing Association Ltd".

6. JOINT HOMELESSNESS CONSULTATIVE FORUM FOR THE NORTH WEST:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy**

AND AGREED

"To nominate Councillor Sean MacManus to the Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum for the North West Region".

7. PRESENTATION ON COUNTY SLIGO TOURISM – STRUCTURE, LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCES:

The Chief Executive gave a Presentation to the Members under the heading of "County Sligo Tourism – Structure, Leadership and Resources".

Mr. Hayes advised the Members that the objective is to report on the analysis of the sector and agree an approach that will facilitate Sligo achieving its tourism potential.

In the presentation, Members were given details of the background and context, policy, finance and product.

In summary, the Meeting was advised that

- Proposals are designed to bring cohesion and structure to a sector varied in product, geography and stakeholders.
- Sligo Tourism Limited is to be pivotal to formulating policy and co-ordinating the sector
 - Memorandum and Articles of Association
 - Calendar of Events
 - Recruitment and financing of additional staff
 - Formulation and monitoring of Annual Work Programme
 - Marketing strategy
 - Training Programme
 - Challenge to identify resources

- Policy to have democratic legitimacy with approval of SPC and Council.
- Council to assign support staff to Sligo Tourism Limited.
- Next steps.

Members expressed their thanks to the Chief Executive for the information in his detailed Presentation. Mr. Joe Corcoran, Chair of Sligo Tourism, was also welcomed by the Cathaoirleach and Members to the Meeting.

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Following queries raised by the Members, the Chief Executive advised the Meeting that the first point is to get a structure and policy on the table and then start contacting the relevant people. However he believed Sligo needs to do what it can for itself and put a cohesive structure in place rather than constantly seeking a national solution.

The Chief Executive advised that the "Memorandum and Articles of Association" would be prepared by Sligo Tourism Limited and this would require legal advice. If required, Sligo County Council could assist in this area.

Some Members had enquired about the visibility of Sligo at Ireland West Airport Knock and Mr. Hayes confirmed that this is being examined. He envisages a tiered approach to marketing with international trade dealt with by Fáilte Ireland. At regional level, this could be dealt with in partnership with Knock Airport while at local level, Sligo Tourism Limited would engage in a targeted marketing campaign.

The Chief Executive agreed with the Members regarding the importance of coach parking. However, he emphasised that it was only one aspect of the overall tourism product with other aspects including the public realm, night time economy, hospitality, availability of appropriately trained staff, marketing, etc.

In response to further queries, he acknowledged that the staff availability for tourism was insufficient but that the Council was constrained in that regard. He also agreed with the Members as to the importance of marketing and he confirmed that I.T. Sligo was involved in and fully committed to the process. He also agreed to the suggestion of inviting the O. P. W. onto the overall "Sligo Park" group together with Councillor Paul Taylor as a representative of the South Sligo Tourism Committee.

It was stressed that the Tourism Strategy to be formulated by the reconstituted Sligo Tourism Limited would be in respect of the entire county, that adoption of the Strategy would fall to the Members and that the production of brochures, maps, etc. would be an action arising out of the Strategy.

The Cathaoirleach said there was anecdotal evidence that Tour Operators serving this region were experiencing difficulties, and that a properly resourced marketing and promotion strategy was required. He joined with Members in commending the Chief Executive on the detailed presentation to the Council, they supported the policies and actions he had set out, and looked forward to working with him on their delivery.

8. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2014:

Mr. John Moran outlined the background to these Indicators and referred to documentation which had previously been circulated to the Members.

This item was then noted by the Members.

9. TAXATION OF PAYMENTS UNDER SPECIAL RESOLUTION FUND (SRF):

Ms. Patricia Guckian, Acting Head of Finance confirmed that, as requested at the June Meeting, supplementary information had been circulated to the Members on 23rd June. A copy of the letter issued by the Department on 9th March, 2016 had also been furnished to the Members in response to the matter being raised with the Department by the C.C.M.A.

21 counties had received funding from the S.R.F. and six of those counties had incurred Revenue liabilities. In the other counties, the information issued by the Department had not been circulated to the Staff. In some instances, work was carried out by direct labour and, therefore, no tax consideration applied. The impact on the financial position of the Council at the end of 2016 will be raised with the Department.

In reply to further queries, the Chief Executive advised the Members that matters had already been clarified on this situation at the June Meeting. The difficulty had arisen as the Council had followed the guidelines supplied by the Department.

10. TITLE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY):

Mr. Colreavy, Meetings Administrator, referred to the report he had circulated to the Members, together with the copy of the reply received from the Office of the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government in July 2015. Members were disappointed to note that it would be 2018 before this matter could be revisited.

In relation to the matter of the Chain of Office for this Municipal District, it was confirmed by the Meetings Administrator that this was a matter for the Members and there was no reference to it in the Local Government Act.

**It was then proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

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AND AGREED

"To include the Dromore area on the new Chain of Office for the Cathaoirleach of the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District".

11. TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES:

With the agreement of the Members, this item was deferred to the Agenda of the September Meeting.

COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

**It was proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

AND AGREED

"That Councillor T. Healy is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

**It was proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

AND AGREED

"That Councillor M. Gormley is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

**It was proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

"That Councillor S. Kilgannon is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

**It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley**

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AND AGREED

"That Councillor M. Clarke is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

**It was proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

"That Councillor H. Keaney (Cathaoirleach) is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

**It was proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

AND AGREED

"That Councillor J. Queenan is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

**It was proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire**

AND AGREED

"That Councillor P. Taylor is appointed to the Committee to discuss Draft County Development Plan (rural housing)".

13. REPORT ON BATHING WATER PROHIBITION NOTICE:

Mr. Brennan, Acting Director of Services, referred to the report circulated to the Members outlining the background to the notice and lifting of same.

Members noted the contents of the report and the follow up action being taken.

14. INCLUSION OF TEXT AND POLICIES IN THE

**DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – UNCONVENTIONAL GAS
EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION:**

It was noted that the motion, submitted by Councillor D. Bree, had been dealt with at the Special Meeting to discuss the proposed Draft County Sligo Development Plan 2017-2023 (held on 27th June, 2016)

**15. STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT – WILD ATLANTIC WAY:**

With the agreement of the Members, the following motion was deferred to the Agenda of the September Meeting:

"Seeks a report as to the strategic infrastructure and environmental assessment undertaken regarding the development of the Wild Atlantic Way".

18. RESURFACING OF CLOONMULL LANE, DRUMCLIFFE:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council would resurface the road at Cloonmull lane, Drumcliffe, Sligo".

Mr. Brennan advised the Meeting that the resurfacing of the road will be considered for funding under a future schedule of Sligo Municipal District works. In the meantime, the road will be maintained to a reasonable standard and repairs will be carried out to any potholes on the road.

19. BAR ON FRACKING:

It was noted that the motion, submitted by Councillor G. O'Boyle, had been dealt with at the Special Meeting to discuss the proposed Draft County Sligo Development Plan 2017-2023 (held on 27th June, 2016)

20. REPAIRS TO ROAD L7311 – CREGG, ROSSES POINT:

The Cathaoirleach indicated that he would deal with items 20, 24 and 32 together at this time as they related to road L7311 at Cregg, Rosses Point.

Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry

"That Sligo County Council, as a matter of urgency, secures funding for the upgrading of the L7311 at Cregg, Rosses Point".

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

"That Sligo County Council engineering staff address the serious problems with the road L7311 at Cregg-CreggConnell, lower Rosses Point, Sligo as a matter of urgency in the interests of Health and Safety".

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor G. O'Boyle

"That the Council be provided with a report on proposals to resurface the stretch of road linking the top of Cregg Hill with the Ballyweelin/Lower Rosses junction (L-7311)."

Mr. Brennan advised the meeting that the Council's "Patching Unit" had carried out work on this road in recent weeks. Drainage works (funded under severe weather funding) will be carried out in approximately 6-8 weeks and a section of this road will be included for a proposed overlay in the 2017 Road Programme.

16. RESTORATION OF BLUE FLAG STATUS FOR ENNISCRONE BEACH:

Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

"Ask the Director of Services what needs to be done to enable Enniscrone beach to regain its blue flag status".

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Mr. T. Brennan reported to the Meeting, outlining the background to the status of Enniscrone beach. It was noted that Enniscrone beach had failed to meet just one of the 32 criteria needed for Blue Flag status, that of water quality. The water quality status at Enniscrone was classified as good during the 2015 season. To achieve a Blue Flag or Green Coast Award, excellent status is required. There are now four classifications of bathing water quality, Excellent, Good, Sufficient and Poor.

The status of good for Enniscrone emanates from heavy rainfall at the start of June 2014 which impacted on a routine compliance sample taken at the beach. At that time, a temporary bathing restriction was put in place as per agreed national protocol and advice from the Health Service Executive. Follow up samples taken three days after the event showed that the water quality improved and warning signs were removed from the beach. Since this occurrence, the beach has shown full compliance. However as the annual water quality status is now determined from results covering a four year period rather than just the past season's results using statistical methods rather than simple percentage compliance the status of the Enniscrone water quality still averaged out at good rather than excellent for Blue Flag selection.

Mr. Brennan advised the Members that bathing water will continue to be monitored at Enniscrone throughout the 2016 bathing season. Sligo County Council will make every effort to regain the Blue Flag and Green Coast awards and the beach will be operated as normal. It was noted that visitors can check the notice board adjacent to the footbridge when they visit to see the most recent water quality results and other relevant information. Alternatively the public can check Sligo County Council's website or the national bathing water website (www.bathingwater.ie).

Members agreed with the Acting Director of Services that the most important message to get out is that Enniscrone Beach is safe and clean and people should be encouraged to visit.

17. CORRESPONDENCE TO MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE RE. DAIRY CRISIS:

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

"To call on the Minister for Agriculture to address the dairy crisis: 1) To underpin price paid to Farmers and 2) To investigate why the Processors and big Supermarkets have not passed on price reduction to the Consumers".

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ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH:

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 2.10 p.m.

21. PROVISION OF CARDIAC CATHERIZATION UNIT FOR SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL:

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council seek an update from Health Minister, Simon Harris, on the provision of the Cardiac Catherization Unit for Sligo University Hospital".

It was unanimously agreed that a copy of this letter should also be forwarded to the local T.D.s for their assistance and input.

22. FUNDING FOR WESTERN DRAMA FESTIVAL 2017:

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

"To request Sligo County Council, on a once-off basis, to provide

funding in the 2017 Estimates for the Western Drama Festival as they are hosting the all Ireland confined Drama Finals in Tubbercurry next April."

Ms. D. Clarke advised the Members that the Western Drama Festival, Tubbercurry should be advised to submit an application for funding to the "Contributions to the Arts Scheme" for 2017. It is hoped that this Scheme will be approved for funding by the Council in November or December of this year. If this funding is approved, the Scheme would then be opened up for applications early in 2017.

23. CALL ON EGYPT TO RELEASE IRISH CITIZEN, IBRAHIM HALAWA:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

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"In light of the completely inappropriate nature of a mass trial, the length of the delay before his trial and the lack of evidence provided against him, this council calls on Egypt to immediately release Irish citizen Ibrahim Halawa and asks An Taoiseach Enda Kenny to write to the Egyptian embassy to convey our views".

**It was further proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire**

AND AGREED

"That the motion in relation to the jailing of Ibrahim Halawa be amended by adding the following sentence; "Further to the above, we also call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Charlie Flanagan, to request an Egyptian Presidential Decree for Mr. Halawa's release".

25. EXTENSION TO SLIGO CEMETERY:

With the agreement of the Members, this item was deferred to the Agenda of the September Meeting.

26. IRISH RAIL TICKET PRICING:

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

"To ask Irish Rail to explain their pricing structures for online and ticket machine facilities for journeys to and from Dublin Connolly and why passengers are asked to pay extortionate prices if they wish to purchase tickets on the day of travel or few days leading up to it".

27. FUNDING FOR ROAD N59 FROM DROMORE WEST TO MAYO BORDER:

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

AND AGREED

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“Ask the Director of Services has Sligo County Council applied to N.R.A. for funding to construct overlay on road N59 from Dromore West to Mayo border”.

Mr. T. Brennan reported to the Meeting that Sligo County Council has applied on an ongoing basis for funding to construct overlays on the N59 west of Dromore West. The Council received €160,000 in 2015 to carry out repairs at certain sections along this route.

A 1.6km long section of the N59, 2km west of Dromore West has been selected for design this year with planned construction in 2017.

Sligo County Council will continue to highlight this section of road to the TII for improvement works.

28. INVITATION TO MR. BOBBY KERR TO MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL:

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly**

AND AGREED

“Ask the Elected Members to invite Bobby Kerr to make presentation regarding the future of post offices in Ireland at Council Meeting”.

29. VACANT COUNCIL OWNED HOUSING UNITS:

**Proposed by Councillor S. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy**

AND AGREED

“That this Council be provided with a report detailing the number of vacant Council owned housing units in the Sligo Municipal Area.

This report should also contain:

- a. A breakdown of vacant housing unit numbers in each of the areas of choice [as per the Social Housing Application Form] in the Sligo Municipal Area;*
- b. A breakdown of how many units in each of these areas has been vacant for more than six months;*
- c. An estimated cost per vacant unit to make it habitable;*

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- d. *An estimated timeframe of when these vacant units will be ready for re-allocation.*
- e. *Details of any applications seeking funding to refurbish these vacant units."*

Mr. J. Murphy, S.E.O. reported as follows:

Area of choice (as per Social Housing application form)	Vacant	Vacant more than 6 months
Area A	17	12 (Cranmore area)
Area B	1	
Area C	5	1
Area D	8	6
Area E	2	2
Area F	2	2
Ballinfull	4	2
Ballintogher	1	1
Ballyfree (Halting site)	1	
Ballisodare	2	1
Carraroe	1	
Cliffoney	2	2
Collooney	1	1
Grange	4	3
Total	51	33

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- b. 33 have been vacant for more than 6 months-see breakdown above.
- c. The estimated cost per unit (excluding those in the Cranmore Regeneration area) is €15,000. The estimated cost per unit in Cranmore is €40,000, as additional works can be carried out on these houses, to include works to bathrooms, kitchens, etc.
- d. The majority of the vacant 51 houses will be ready for reallocation between now and the end of the year.
- e. Funding for these houses will be from a number of sources including the Void Programme (34), Cranmore Regeneration Programme (12 no.) and a proposed Long Term Vacant/Derelict Social Housing Programme (5 no. – works value greater than €30,000).

The Council has also acquired a number of houses (15) in the Sligo Municipal Area and these will also be available for allocation as soon as some necessary works are carried out.

In summary 66 houses will be available for allocation over the next few months in the Sligo Municipal District area.

An allocation of €742,300 has been received to date for 54 units under the Voids Programme in the current year. 30 of these are in the Sligo Municipal District.

An allocation has also been received for seven (out of twelve houses) in Cranmore under the Cranmore Regeneration Programme. Funding proposals for the five other houses are either with the Department or are the subject of ongoing discussions with the Department.

Figures for the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District will be provided to the Members at the Housing Meeting on 11th July. It is estimated that there are up to 50 vacant houses in that District, to include circa 15 in “hard to let” areas. It is anticipated that 30 plus will be available for allocation between now and the end of the year.

Finally it is proposed, as houses become vacant, to have works carried out to same following a tender process”.

30. TAX MEASURES IN 2017 TO BENEFIT LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME EARNERS:

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

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“Following the Government’s Summer Economic Statement, this Council calls on the Minister for Finance that the 330 million available for tax measures in 2017 should be targeted to benefit low and middle income earners.”

31. ILLEGAL DUMPING AND WASTE DISPOSAL:

**Proposed by Councillor G. O’Boyle
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

“In light of the problems associated with illegal dumping and the rapid increases in private charges, this council demands that we take waste disposal back into public ownership.”

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire**

“That Motion no. 31 on today’s Agenda be deferred until the Government Report on the Study being carried out at present”.

A discussion took place around the issues surrounding refuse collection, including pay-by-weight system and incentives for recycling.

Some members expressed the view that privatising the refuse collection system was a poor one, but the Chief Executive observed that there would be a significant cost to the Local Authority if it assumed responsibility for this service, and while a detailed break-down would be required for an accurate costing, it could be at least €1m; This would include costs for staff, plant and facilities for separating, tipping and recycling of waste The Chief Executive added that Local Authorities had to provide greater incentives to recycle waste. The lack of a landfill site in Sligo was also a factor and it would be prudent to await the outcome of the national review.

A number of Members noted that there was not sufficient competition in the market. The Cathaoirleach said there was no evidence to suggest that local Authorities could provide this service more economically, and he noted that we have to be realistic about the cost implications for the Council

Following the discussion, Councillor G. O’Boyle, requested that his motion would be taken. A vote was called on the following motion:

**Proposed by Councillor G. O’Boyle
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

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"In light of the problems associated with illegal dumping and the rapid increases in private charges, this council demands that we take waste disposal back into public ownership."

The vote resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bree, Councillor Casserly, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Healy, Councillor MacManus and Councillor O'Boyle (6)

AGAINST: Councillor Baker, Councillor Henry, Councillor Keaney, Councillor Kilgannon, Councillor Lundy, Councillor Maguire, Councillor Mulvey, Councillor O'Grady, Councillor Queenan and Councillor Taylor (10)

ABSTAINED: Councillor Gormley

ABSENT: Councillor MacSharry

The motion was then deemed lost by the Cathaoirleach.

33. 35. 39. EXTENSION TO ROSSES POINT CEMETERY:

As items 33, 35 and 39 dealt with the extension to Rosses Point Cemetery, the Cathaoirleach indicated he would deal with the three motions at this time.

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

"That the Council be provided with a report on proposals to provide a new burial ground/cemetery in Rosses Point."

Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

"To ask Sligo County Council for a progress report on the extension to Rosses Point Graveyard".

Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree

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“That Sligo County Council, as a matter of urgency, seeks land for an extension to Rosses Point Cemetery”.

Mr. T. Brennan, A/Director of Services, advised the Members that the Council has met Community representatives on this matter. Possible options for a new Burial ground were broadly discussed.

The Council was asked to allow further time for various options to be considered and that further engagement would take place.

The Council has indicated its willingness to assist in investigating the suitability of possible sites. The Council also took the opportunity in these discussions to highlight the possibility of existing capacity at Rathcormac cemetery providing a solution to this matter.

34. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – GLEN ROAD AND ROADS ON THE COOLERA PENINSULA:

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

AND AGREED

“That draft proposals for the introduction of traffic calming measures on the Glen Road and other roads on the Coolera Peninsula be prepared and costed.”

Mr. T. Brennan reported that the Glen Road and environs is in a rural environment with Class 1 and 2 local roads. Roads such as these are not normally considered for traffic calming unless there are specific problems at identified locations.

Councillor Bree agreed to ensure a further submission would be made containing the relevant details required. It was agreed that the Engineering staff would then examine the locations.

36. REPAIRS TO BRIDGE IN BALLISODARE:

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

AND AGREED

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“To call on Sligo County Council to carry out an inspection on the bridge in Ballisadare as a number of railings are missing and a child could slip through them this is a concern to everyone that uses this bridge”.

The meeting was advised by Mr. T. Brennan that a temporary repair has been carried out to the railing. The defects will be reported to the T.I.I. Bridge Management Section and permanent repairs of the parapet railings will be carried out.

37. DISUSED SHED OPPOSITE SEWERAGE PLANT IN COLLOONEY:

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to write to the owners of a disused shed which is opposite the sewerage plant in Collooney as this is an eye sore as well as a dumping ground”.

The Members were advised by the Acting Director of Services, Mr. T. Brennan that this motion has now been recorded as a complaint by the Environment Section. The Litter Warden will investigate under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, and try to find out who owns the property in question.

38. SEWERAGE PROBLEMS IN BALLISODARE:

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus**

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to call on Irish water to address the on going sewerage problems in Ballisodare one at St John's school and the estate known as Bushy Park”.

Mr. Brennan advised the Meeting that the following reply had been received from Irish Water:

“Regarding Bushy Park, if this estate has not been taken in charge as of yet, this does not fall under the remit of Irish Water. This matter will have to be brought to the management company to be investigated.

Regarding the sewerage issue at Saint John's School, we were updated on the 24th of June (Friday) stating this matter was resolved on that day. The

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management of the school requested a CCTV of the sewer. The CCTV of the school grounds is ongoing, delayed in part this week by our need to ask the contractor to deal with problems at a number of locations in the county. This will be completed at the earliest opportunity and if any further works are required, the Local Authority will advise the customer directly. Can you confirm if the blockage is still affecting the school, if so we can investigate this issue again?"

40. BUS SHELTER AT CURRY:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

"That this Council calls on Bus Éireann to provide a Bus Shelter at a suitable location at Curry".

The Members were advised by Mr. T. Brennan that, based on previous representations, it is understood that Curry has been added to the list of proposed locations for Bus Shelters that have been submitted to the National Transport Authority for funding.

An update is being sought from Bus Éireann in relation to the location at Curry.

Following a discussion on this proposal, Members suggested that a type of structure similar to those at regular intervals along routes in Fermanagh could be erected at a low cost by Sligo County Council, possibly with sponsorship from local businesses. The Chief Executive advised the Members that this is the role of T.I.I., given that the request is for a bus shelter is on a national route. These works have to be carried out to a certain standard.

In referring to the suggestion that land may be given by a local landowner to facilitate this bus stop, Mr. Hayes clarified that the costs referred to in the discussion were not just for the shelter but involved accommodation works. As a result, costs could be in the region of €20,000. These costs are site specific, depending on works required at each site.

A request was made by the Members that a commitment would be given that Sligo County Council would look at providing bus shelters like the northern Ireland authorities have. However, Mr. Hayes advised the Meeting that, in a previous location works had been carried out against the wishes of Bus Éireann and, as a result, the authority was then contacted by the National Transport Authority at the time as they had then assumed the role.

41. WORKS AT EXIT FROM BALLYMOTE RAILWAY STATION:

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

"As an interim measure last year Irish Rail cut back the hedge along the Ballymote/ Bunninadden Road (R296) which improved visibility for motorists exiting from the Railway Station and the Church car park. Following it they carried out a detailed survey of the junction. I ask the Director of Services have the council got the results of the survey and what is proposed?"

Mr. T. Brennan, Acting Director of Services reported that the Ballymote Area Engineer has been in contact with Irish Rail and understands that they have carried out works at the entrance to Ballymote Station. They have stated that they will carry out maintenance works in the future.

Councillor Gormley then referred to further issues relating to gaps along this boundary and Mr. Brennan confirmed that Council staff would revert to Irish Rail to highlight issues raised.

42. SUPPORT FOR MINI RAIL TRAIN IN BALLYMOTE TOWN PARK:

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry

"To call on Sligo County Council to support Ballymote Community Enterprise to ensure the mini rail train which runs on the mini track in Ballymote Town Park will operate in the months of July and August and at weekends recognising this tourist facility is one of its type in the county. I acknowledge the great work already done in the town park by the Ballymote Community".

Ms. D. Clarke, Director of Services, sought clarification from the Members as to the support required. It was confirmed that no financial contribution or grants are currently available. If however, it was mentoring, advice etc., this may be available through the Council's Local Enterprise Office. Members were asked to advise Ms. Clarke what type of assistance they required and it would then be examined if they could be facilitated.

43. NORTH WEST REGIONAL FILM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly

"To call on Sligo County Council, Bord Fáilte and the relevant State Bodies like the Department of Regional Development, Rural affairs, Arts and the

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Gaeltacht to work together to explore the possibility of County Sligo attracting such world famous TV shows like "Game of Thrones" as filming may leave Northern Ireland due to Britain's vote to exit the EU. Recognising that, at the moment, HBO the American Television network relies on financial aid from the EU's European Regional Development Fund to assist in the making of this very costly, world famous TV show. With a smaller budget, and if EU funding is to stop, it would be harder for the show to create its over the top scenes a lot of which are filmed in Northern Ireland for up to six months of the year. Some film companies have been granted millions of Euros in European grants to film in Northern Ireland. If the U.K. is no longer part of the EU, this funding has the potential to go elsewhere and why not to Sligo?"

Ms. Clarke advised the Members that Sligo County Council Arts Service Section is currently working with Leitrim and Roscommon County Council Arts Officers on a joint film development strategy for the three counties, i.e. North West Regional Film Development Programme. Part of the strategy will be to attract film location scouts to the three counties on a tour/event which the Arts Officers will organise.

The Arts Officers have begun working as a group in association with local/national film advisors and have a pooled budget. A new collaboration fund has been announced by the Arts Council which the Arts Officers will be applying to – deadline 14th July 2016.

Ms. Clarke also indicated that the Members would be kept updated as this matter progressed.

44. DIRECTIONAL ARROWS/SAFE TURNING BAY ON N4 ROAD AT CLOONAMAHON:

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

AND AGREED

"To call on Sligo County Council to paint directional arrows or a safe turning bay on the N4 road at Cloonamahon turning onto L3606 link road to the N17".

Mr. T. Brennan confirmed that this issue will be referred to our Road Design Section and to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for consideration as part of their National Road Lining Programme.

45. PEACE IV FUNDING FOR SLIGO:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council will establish the reason for the substantial decrease received this year by Sligo from the PEACE IV funding".

Ms. Clarke advised the Members that the funding available for Sligo under the PEACE IV Programme (2014-2020) is €860,866. This is to deliver projects under the themes of Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations at Local Level.

Clarification was sought sometime ago from the SEUPB in relation to Sligo's reduced allocation for this round of the programme... They have advised that allocations for both Northern Ireland and the Border Region are based on:

1. Population (Census)
2. Deprivation Index for each county using the Trutz Haase Deprivation Index for the six Border counties.

In previous years the length of the border was also used as a mechanism for determining each county's allocation. .

Each council area, depending upon its population, is allocated an indicative budget that they may bid for.

Following a discussion, Ms. Clarke advised Members that she would forward further details of the criteria etc. to them. It was then agreed that this matter would be deferred to the Agenda of the September Meeting.

46. CORRESPONDENCE TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION RE. STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE, ACCOMMODATION AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS:

**Proposed by Councillor G. O'Boyle
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

AND AGREED

"I call on Sligo County Council to write to the Minister for Education, Richard Bruton, to reduce the registration fees for students, address the student accommodation crisis, and raise the maintenance grant".

47. WORKS AT CONNOLLY PARK, TUBBERCURRY:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

"To defer the following motion to the Agenda of the Ordinary Meeting in September -

What is the up-to-date position on completion of works at Connolly Park, Tubbercurry?"

48. REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS ON CARNEY BRIDGE TO DRUMCLIFF ROAD:

**Proposed by Councillor H. Keaney
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady**

AND AGREED

"That this Council calls on Irish Water to approve the replacement of 700 metres of water main on a section of the road from Carney bridge to Drumcliff as this section is to be overlaid with tarmacadam within the next few months".

Mr. T. Brennan, Acting Director of Services advised the Members that a reply had not, to date, been received from Irish Water.

49. NATIONAL FLAG AT COUNTY AND CITY HALL:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council resumes the flying of our National Flag at both County Hall and City Hall during opening hours and on national holidays".

Mr. K. Colreavy, Meetings Administrator, confirmed that he would ensure this matter was dealt with.

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50. VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Baker
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Paul Davey and family of Coolamoneen, Geevagh on the death of his mother, Kathleen.

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Andrea Davey of Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership on the death of her mother, Noreen Fox.

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Pdraig Fox of Cairns Hill, Sligo on the death of his wife, Noreen.

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Fiona Gallagher, Burton Street on the death of her aunt, Phyllis McGee.

**Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to James McLoughlin of Castle Dargan, Ballygawley on the death of his wife, Mary.

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Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Harry Keaney of Carrowreagh, Riverstown on the death of his mother, Brigid.

Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Marie Barrett of Mountain View, Tubbercurry on the death of her husband, Johnny Snr.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Ann Meehan of Ox Crescent, Tubbercurry on the death of her mother, Ita.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Rose Quinn of Cloonacool, Tubbercurry on the death of her husband, Mick.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Pat Murtagh on the death of his father, Michael.

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Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Kevin Walsh of Clooningan, Curry on the death of his mother, Maureen.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Tom Brennan of Carrownagappul, Tubbercurry on the death of his brother, Billy.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Nicholas Ryan of Gurteen on the death of his brother, Canon Michael Ryan.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Eddie Meehan of Cloonshanbally, Culfadda on the death of his mother, Ita.

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

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"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Enda McLoughlin and family of Ballygawley on the death of his mother, Mary.

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Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Michael Brennan, Castletown, Drumcliff on the death of his brother, John.

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to John Leonard of Aughagad, Grange on the death of his sister, Mary McLoughlin.

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Pete Murtagh (Sligo County Council staff) and family on the death of his father, J. P. of Park Road, Swinford.

The Chief Executive, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, wished to be associated with these expressions of sympathy.

51. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to the Sligo Ladies G.A.A. Team and their Captain, Noelle Gormley on winning the Connacht Intermediate Final".

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Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to "Nature Nerdz Group" from Ballymote Library on winning the Super Junior All-Ireland ECO-Unesco Young Environmentalist award and in promotion of environmentalism in Ballymote".

Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor G. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

"Congratulate the Sligo Ladies Intermediate Team and Management on winning the Connacht Intermediate Championship 2016".

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to Coolaney Community Games Under 12 Draughts Team who won the Under 12 Connaught Draughts Finals on 2nd July".

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to Ballymote Community Games on winning the Connaught Final in Under 14 Tag Rugby".

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to the Ballymote Under 13 Indoor Soccer Team on winning the Connaught Final".

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52. CONFERENCES:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

"That the list of Conferences, as circulated with the Agenda, be approved".

53. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES:

This item was noted by the Members.

54. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence circulated with the Agenda was noted by the Members.

55. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No matter was raised under this heading.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The following matters were raised under this heading

***UPGRADING OF TREATMENT PLANTS AT GRANGE, STRANDHILL,
TUBBERCURRY AND BALLINAFAD:***

**Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

AND AGREED

"Can this Council be provided with an updated report from Irish Water on the status of the upgrading of the treatment plants at Grange, Strandhill, Tubbercurry and Ballinafad and that these projects are funded as quickly as possible".

matter would be discussed and the Members will be notified.

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CLOSURES OF LIBRARIES DURING SUMMER PERIOD 2016:

Councillor Gormley enquired if the Library at Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry is due to close for a three week period from 19th July.

The Chief Executive advised the Meeting that all Libraries are going to be affected over the summer months due to the level of staff available in Sligo County Council. Library staff had summer holiday commitments meant that there will not be enough staff to keep all Libraries open during the summer. This matter had been dealt with before where, unfortunately, the Council do not have enough staff to cover all of the Libraries, all of the time, over the summer holiday period.

Councillor Gormley acknowledged the input of staff in Tubbercurry from the Engineering Area and Motor Tax offices in the Library.

The Chief Executive commended staff for the manner in which they have co-operated in working through the difficulties that are being experienced at the moment, but the issue was that Council did not have sufficient staff numbers to provide cover.

Members sought further clarification as to the closures, if any, and Ms. Clarke advised the Meeting that when the County Librarian returned from annual leave, this matter would be discussed and the Members will be notified.

END OF MEETING:

The meeting concluded at 4.55 p.m.