

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
- Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
- Mr. John Reilly, Head of Enterprise
- Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services
- Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Executive Planner
- Ms. Mihaela Davidescu, Executive Planner
- Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian
- Ms. Patricia Guckian, Financial Accountant
- Mr. Joe Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. John Moran, Senior Executive Officer
- Ms. Margaret McConnell, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
- Ms. Karen Gallagher, I.S. Technical Support Officer
- Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Assistant Staff Officer

CATHAOIRLEACH:

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Rosaleen O'Grady presided.

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I.T. SLIGO STUDENTS:

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Joan Morrison and Students from the European Studies Programme to the public gallery.

1. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 28th September, 2015".

2. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER, 2015:

**Proposed by Councillor P. Taylor
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker**

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 5th October, 2015".

**3. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 1 MEETING HELD ON
24TH MARCH, 2015:**

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee 1 (Housing and Corporate) Meeting held on 24th March, 2015".

**4. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 1 MEETING HELD ON
24TH MARCH, 2015:**

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

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**5. MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY
MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2015:**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor E. Scanlon**

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Meeting held on Monday, 13th July, 2015".

**6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP HELD ON
14TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:**

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 14th September, 2015".

**7. MINUTES OF PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
20TH OCTOBER, 2015:**

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

AND AGREED

"That the text *"that in the interim an ad-hoc committee be established to oversee arrangements for the Sister Cities programme 2016"* be deleted from the draft minutes of the meeting of the Procedures Committees".

The minutes were then confirmed by the Meeting, subject to the above amendment.

8. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015:

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

"To note the Monthly Management Report for September 2015"

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In relation to Item 15 of this Report – “Regional Waste Management Plan”, it was agreed that a report would be included as an item on the Agenda of the Ordinary Meeting in December.

In relation to Item 20 – “Social Housing Strategy”, Ms. McConnell outlined the current situation and figures relating to the private house grants. It was also noted that a submission had been made to the Department regarding adaptations required by Tenants in County Council Housing stock. It was also acknowledged that submissions had been made by several Members in relation to their concerns on this matter.

9. PRESENTATION BY SLIGO GREENWAY CO-OP LTD.:

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor O’Grady welcomed representatives from the Sligo Greenway Co-Op. Limited to make their presentation to the Members. Those representatives were:

- Chairperson - Mr. Pat McCarrick,
- Vice-Chairperson - Mr. Joe Corcoran,
- Secretary - Mr. John McCarrick and
- Co-Op. Member - Mr. John Mulligan.

The Presentation was entitled “Developing a greenway on the disused Collooney-Bellaghy rail alignment” and provided information on the background to the Co-Op., its aims and objectives and possible options as to the way forward.

Several Members welcomed the Group and acknowledged the information given to the Meeting.

It was noted that another Group – West on Track – are scheduled to make a Presentation to the Members at their December Meeting. Members decided that they will then discuss the matter further having heard and considered the Presentations by both Groups.

49. FEASIBILITY STUDY – GREENWAY ROUTE FROM COLLOONEY TO BELLAGHY:

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

10. FIRST CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT ON PRE-DRAFT SUBMISSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS – REVIEW OF THE SLIGO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2017 AND PREPARATION OF A DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2017-2023:

Ms. Davidescu outlined the steps gone through; the timeframe involved in this process and responded to queries raised by Members regarding same. In particular, Ms.

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Davidescu confirmed that the proposed Development Plan will be submitted to the Members at the beginning of next year, sometime between February and April. There will then be an opportunity for them to make those modifications that they consider appropriate.

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

AND AGREED

"That the Council directs the Chief Executive to prepare the Draft County Development Plan 2017-2023; and further the Council asks the Chief Executive to ensure that Section 7 (b) (ii) (o) of the 2010 Planning and Development (Amendment) Act is adhered to and that all rights of way and walking and cycling routes are promoted and protected.

Members requested that, following circulation of the draft copy of the Plan, it will be listed on the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

**Proposed by Councillor H. Keaney
Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly**

AND RESOLVED:

Consideration of the First Chief Executive's Report on pre-draft Submissions – Review of Sligo County Development Plan 2011-2017 and the preparation of a Draft County Development Plan 2017-2023.

That having considered the First Chief Executive's Report dated 31st August, 2015 under Section 11 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), which was submitted to the members of the Planning Authority, and having considered the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the Development Plan relates, it is hereby directed that the Chief Executive proceed to prepare the Draft Development Plan for the County of Sligo in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014".

11. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY SLIGO JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE:

Mr. J. Moran, S.E.O. referred to the Report which had previously been circulated to the Members.

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

AND AGREED

"In accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005, it is resolved that the County Sligo Joint Policing Committee be and is hereby established.

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It is further resolved that the nominees as set out in circulated report of B. Gavin, A/Director of Services, are hereby appointed to the County Sligo Joint Policing Committee (excluding the 2 Garda Síochána members who are appointed by the Garda Commissioner)."

12. UPDATE ON "IRELAND 2016":

Mr. D. Tinney circulated a draft copy of the Action Plan to the Members with the intention being to launch the final Plan in December. Members were advised that flags and copies of the Proclamation are being circulated to local schools at present. Members are to be notified by e-mail when this is taking place in their locality.

Until it is known what funding is available, it will not be possible to finalise the Programme.

€62,000 has been allocated to 30 Community based groups, putting together a programme of events from January to December.

Mr. Tinney displayed samples of the designs commissioned for Sligo flags, banners, pins and bookmarks. These had been designed in-house in the Library.

A sample of a candle was also shown to the Members – 2016 of these candles are to ready by the end of November and it has been decided that they should be provided to two local Charities to sell them before Christmas.

Members acknowledged the work carried out by Mr. Tinney and the Working Group. It was noted that the programme is ambitious and subject to funding. Several Members felt that excellent work had been done by the Working Group and must be backed up with sufficient funding to allow Sligo's tourism profile to be maintained.

13. CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME:

Ms. D. Clarke outlined that Sligo Arts Service, on reviewing its current "Contributions to the Arts Scheme" is now proposing the introduction of two strands under the Scheme, as follows:

- Festivals and Events
- Arts Venues and Organisations.

There had been a review and assessment of the existing scheme the timescale for the operation of the new revised Scheme was set out.

Councillor S. Maguire suggested a workshop format to gather Arts Groups together and allow them to discuss their aims for the year. They could then come up with ideas as to who can provide what the Council are looking for.

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The Chief Executive acknowledged that there is merit in a workshop format with different groups working in a collective manner rather than competing against each other. This might be best done in advance of the call for applications.

It was agreed that the list of criteria set out were a starting point and that groups would not have to meet all the criteria. Some of these groups would have been funded in the past and have an established track record.

In relation to Criteria for Assessment of Arts Venues and Organisations, Councillor D. Bree sought and received clarification in relation to the item - "The audience being served".

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

AND AGREED

"To approve the proposed changes in the operation of the Contribution to the Arts Grants Scheme, as outlined in report to the Ordinary Meeting of 2nd November, 2015".

14. AMENDMENTS TO A.I.L.G. CONSTITUTION:

Correspondence had been received from the Director of the Association of Irish Local Government for the consideration of the Council.

It indicated that "In order to be responsive to the needs of member councils the Executive has decided to recommend that Clause 5 of Standing Policy Council Chapter, page 3, be amended so that: *the Standing Policy Council shall meet on a bi-monthly basis and that the Executive Committee will be empowered to call an emergency meeting where such is warranted*".

The Local Government Act, 2001, Section 225 (6) (d) obliges the Association to consult with its member councils in regard to any changes to its Constitution.

This amendment was

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

AND AGREED.

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH:

The Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1.10 p.m. and resumed at 2.15 p.m.

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15. DATE FOR MEETING TO CONSIDER THE ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF N.U.I.G.:

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

AND AGREED

“That a Meeting be held on 11th January, 2016 to consider the election of a representative to the Governing Body of the National University of Ireland, Galway for the five year period commencing 1st February, 2016”.

16. UPDATE ON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (B.I.D.):

Mr. J. Reilly highlighted some details in the Report previously circulated to the Members.

In particular, Mr. Reilly referred to the issuing of a public notice, in the “Sligo Weekender” of 10th September, 2015. This notice was published in accordance with Section 129E of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as inserted by the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act, 2006). The closing date for receipt of submissions had been the 12th October and 27 submissions were received, with no objections

In accordance with governing legislation, the next step in introducing a B.I.D. would be the holding of a plebiscite (organised and carried out by the Council under statute) within the area defined as comprising the B.I.D. Each rateable property is afforded one vote. Should a majority of ratepayers of rateable properties who vote in favour of introducing a B.I.D., and should at least 20% of ratepayers actually vote, then following the plebiscite the Council votes on a resolution establishing a B.I.D.

The B.I.D. proponents have indicated that, on 11th December next, which is the earliest date permissible under the legislation, they will formally request the Council to hold a plebiscite. Initial preparatory work by Council staff for the holding of a plebiscite has commenced.

Councillor D. Bree thanked Mr. Reilly for his report and, noting that there are in the region of 1,200 rateable properties involved, requested that there would be adequate and full consultation with the ratepayers in the area. If the charge in the region of €300 to €5,000 is to be levied, the County Council will then have a legal obligation to collect these varying amounts, along with their rates.

In reply, Mr. Reilly clarified that they are working with the B.I.D. Company in this regard. The B.I.D. Company have appointed “Street Ambassadors” to engage with each business separately with the possibility of providing explanatory material with the ballot paper going out.

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Councillor E. Scanlon enquired if this would be an optional payment and Mr. Reilly confirmed that, if agreed, it is then compulsory. However, this levy can then be offset by the businesses on group deals for energy, insurances, etc.

17. NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:

Proposed by Councillor H. Keaney

Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED:

"That Councillor D. Mulvey is appointed as a representative from the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District to Sligo County Council's Procedures Committee".

18. UPDATE ON THE VALUATION OFFICE RATES NATIONAL REVALUATION PROGRAMME FOR SLIGO:

Ms. M. Whelan advised the meeting that, during the presentation by Mr. Patrick Conroy of the Valuation Office at the Council Meeting on 2nd February, 2015, he had mentioned the forthcoming Revaluation Process which was expected to commence in 2017. This has now been brought forward for Sligo, along with some other counties in the region, as a result of the Valuation (Amendment) Act, 2015 that introduced new measures to accelerate the national revaluation programme.

Ms. Whelan outlined why the revaluation is taking place and the process involved.

The next major milestones were outlined as follows:

- Early 2017 – Draft Valuation Certificates issued,
- Mid to late 2017 – Final Valuation Certificates/List published,
- List effective for rates purposes – 1st January, 2018.

The 2017 activity will be subject to extensive consultation with the Local Authority and all stakeholders.

Members welcomed this update and outlined the various difficulties that had been encountered in the past with the system as it operated at present. Following enquiries, in particular relating to whether individual ratepayers would be given an opportunity to discuss their details with the Inspector, Ms. Whelan confirmed that it is open to all and everybody will be given fair opportunity to discuss their details.

The Chief Executive referred to Mr. Conroy's earlier presentation and how the overall rate for Sligo had been examined. There may be some rebalancing that will take place internally in Sligo. This will result in some winners but also some losers.

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19. FORTHCOMING PRESENTATIONS:

Details were outlined to the Members as follows –

- West on Track – Presentation at Ordinary December Meeting,
- I.C.T.U. – Request to address a meeting of elected representatives
- Presentation re. “Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015”
- Request to “Irish Cellular Industry Association” for presentation.

With the agreement of the Meeting, this item was taken in conjunction with Item 27 – Councillor Clarke’s notice of motion.

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

AND AGREED

“That this Council implements the following policy, that all presentations that are not being presented by in-house personnel be the subject of a previous monthly meeting motion, proposed and seconded”.

West on Track Presentation:

Members noted that this will be an item on the Agenda of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 7th December, 2015.

I.C.T.U. Presentation:

Councillor Bree indicated that, as Members felt that this is a non-contentious proposal, a presentation was not necessary. A resolution would be brought before the Meeting, under any other business, in this regard.

Presentation re. “Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015”:

It was noted that the A.I.L.G. had Lectures ongoing at present in relation to this matter.

The Chief Executive stated that the Corporate Policy Group had noted the importance of this issue, given the provisions under the legislation. Mr. Hayes referred to the impact, for example, of this legislation on the County Development Plan. Noting that some Members have had a presentation on it, he said it would be important that all Members would have that presentation.

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

AND AGREED

"That a Presentation on the "Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015" be scheduled for 10.00 a.m. on a morning to be arranged. Those Members wishing to attend the Presentation could then do so".

Irish Cellular Industry Association:

It was agreed that the Irish Cellular Industry Association should be requested to attend a meeting in the near future. On foot of a recent resolution, ComReg had been requested to attend a meeting to address the Members. In a communication dated 30th October, 2015, their Public Affairs Manager, Mr. Tom Butler, had indicated that the appropriate Body to address the concerns raised by the Members is the I.C.I.A.

20. RATES ON CHILDCARE AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

With the permission of the Meeting, this item was deferred to the Agenda of the December Ordinary Meeting.

21. EIRCODE POSTCODE SYSTEM:

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

AND AGREED

"Call on the Minister for Communications to review the new Eircode postcode system as it is proposed that most of west Sligo will have a Mayo address".

22. LAR EASA COVE, STRANDHILL:

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

"That Sligo County Council Take in Charge Lar Easa Cove, Strandhill".

With the agreement of the Meeting, this matter was deferred to be dealt with at a later stage in the Meeting.

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23. ACCESS TO CITY HALL:

Ms. D. Clarke sought clarification as to the offices that access was sought for. Unfortunately, it is not possible to get additional "swipe cards" from the Company that produced them. It will be possible to get access to any office if the Members could indicate which areas they were having difficulty accessing.

The Chief Executive further outlined that the Council had run into a problem that the Company is no longer operating. The option of a keypad system is being examined instead and stressed that there is no issue in giving access.

Councillor MacSharry asked that the Members receive an update on these works in January or February and this was agreed.

24. TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE:

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

"That Sligo County Council calls on Central Government and the Minister for Finance to reintroduce the telephone allowance to the home care/household benefit package and to increase the fuel allowance to €35 per week in the upcoming budget".

Councillor MacSharry referred to this motion having been placed on the Agenda prior to the Budget and expressed his disappointment at the very low increase in the fuel allowance announced recently. Councillor Kilgannon concurred with the points made in this regard.

25. CONTRACTORS EMPLOYED BY SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL – 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2014:

It was noted that this had been agreed at the previous meeting.

26. MERGER OF CORK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council would adopt this resolution in support of Cork City Council in its actions against the proposed merger of Cork City and County Councils, and further supports its challenge to the Local Government Reform programme, which undermines the European principal of subsidiarity.

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We also direct the meeting administrator to inform the Minister for the Environment and Local Government and the Secretary General of the same Department of the passing of this motion by this Council".

27. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL MEETINGS:

With the agreement of the Meeting, Councillor Clarke's notice of motion had been dealt with in conjunction with Item 19 regarding forthcoming presentations.

28. N.R.A. FUNDING FOR N59:

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

"Ask the Director of Services have all monies that were allocated by N. R. A. on N59 between Ballisodare and Mayo border in 2015 been spent and what funding is being applied for 2016".

Mr. T. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that a detailed design is currently underway for a 5km scheme between Ballygreighan and Dromore West. It is hoped that this work will be carried out in the first half of 2016, subject to funding.

Approval has been obtained to investigate the requirements for permanent rehabilitation of a section of the N59 which has developed serious subsidence at Owenbeg. These investigations will be carried out in the first half of 2016 with a view towards preparing a detailed design immediately following.

"Transport Infrastructure Ireland" (T.I.I. - formerly the N.R.A.) allocated €160,000 this week for payment repairs on N59 from Carrigeens to Culleens this week. This work will be carried out as soon as possible.

Substantial Pavement Improvement works have been completed recently in Ballysadare on N59 from the entrance to Cloondara estate towards Abbeytown. We are currently in discussion with the T.I.I. in relation to funding pavement improvements beside the Old Mill.

Members welcome Mr. Kilfeather's report and requested the examination of additional signage/traffic calming works in the Ballisodare area. Mr. Kilfeather agreed to the Members' request.

22. LAR EASA COVE, STRANDHILL:

Mr. J. Murphy reported as follows:

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An application to have the above estate taken in charge, as the members are aware, has been lodged with the Council. An inspection of this estate has now been carried out by the Council to ascertain the full extent of works which will be required to be carried out to complete Lar Easa Cove to a satisfactory standard.

Outstanding Works

- Provision of final wearing course-part of
- Other road works including raising manholes etc.
- Provision of storm water gullies
- Remedial works to footpaths
- Provide marker posts and plates for fire hydrants
- Remedial works to public lighting
- Remedial works to sewer network (if required)

The estimated cost at this stage to complete works in this estate is €37,700.00. This does not include any sum for remedial works which may be required to the public sewer network following survey.

The Council is now required to commence the process of taking the estate in Charge. The Council, having regard to its current financial position does not at present have the financial resources to carry out the outstanding works and will not be in a position to do so until it establishes a funding stream. I propose to seek funding from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and also from Irish Water in relation to their element of the works.

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council Take in Charge Lar Easa Cove, Strandhill".

29. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON R297 – MAIN STREET, ENNISCRONE:

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

"Ask the Director of Services to request funding from Department of Transport under the low accident scheme to address traffic management on R297 Main Street, Enniscrone".

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported that an application has been made for this to the Department. Detailed design will be carried out on receipt of funding, if successful.

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30. PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE FAIRGREEN, SLIGO:

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

"That this Council receive a report on progress made over the past year in providing recreational facilities at the Fairgreen, Sligo".

Mr. Kilfeather reported that "Sligo County Council's Parks Department applied for a grant under the 2014 Sports Capital Programme from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to provide access pathways and a multi use games area at the Fairgreen, Sligo. The total amount applied for was €169,136.57. Sligo County Council was subsequently awarded a grant of €80,000 for facilities at the Fairgreen. This is not considered an adequate level of funding to provide even the minimum level of facilities required at the Fairgreen to enable it to be used for recreational purposes.

Further funding will have to be identified in order to deliver a viable project. The grant remains available under end June 2016 for a project.

This could be considered by the Members in upcoming Budget discussions".

Councillor MacManus expressed his disappointment at the Report and outlined the background to this motion. Mr. Kilfeather confirmed that the €80,000 awarded is based on a total project cost of €169,136.57.

The Chief Executive advised the Meeting that one of the things he did not want done was leave a job half finished. The work would then deteriorate over time, be subject to vandalism, etc. He suggested reviewing the entire project, look at a modular format and come back to the Members with the outcome of this review.

Members referred to this being a matter dealt with in Sligo Borough Council and the Chief Executive confirmed that at one of the first meetings he had attended there, the issue of getting approval for a loan for unfunded balances had been discussed.

A number of requests had been raised at the Meeting that would impact on the Budget for 2016.

The Members agreed that the project should be reviewed and requested a report for the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in December.

31. E. P. A. TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR FRACKING:

Councillor Healy indicated that he wished to amend the wording of his original motion by substituting the word "suspend" with the word "stop".

Several Members outlined the background to the situation with fracking in Ireland and their support for this motion.

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council calls on the Government to direct the EPA to stop work on the research study immediately and cancel the issuing of supplementary tender documents in relation to Fracking".

32. DRAINAGE ALONG ROADSIDE LEADING TO CLOONACOOLOO COMMUNITY PARK:

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

"To ask Sligo County Council to put in place drainage along the roadside leading to Cloonacool Community Park".

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported that no funding currently exists to allow this drainage work to commence but this work can be considered as part of the schedule of works for the Ballymote/Tobercurry Municipal District for 2016.

33. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ALONG R284 – GEEVAGH VILLAGE:

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

"To ask Sligo County Council to put traffic calming measures in place along R284 Geevagh Village".

Councillor Mulvey outlined that a recent survey indicating that 85% of vehicles travelling through Geevagh village were 35 kilometres or more over the legal speed limit. The signs installed in Sooley were proving to be very successful and asked if their installation in Geevagh could be considered.

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported that there is no funding available for traffic calming works in the current year. However, he agreed to examine the signage in the meantime.

34. DORRIN'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME:

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

"To ask for a report on the current situation in relation to the Dorrins Strand housing scheme in Strandhill, this report to include the actions being undertaken by the Council

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Enforcement section and a possible time-line on when this estate might be taken in charge by Sligo County Council”.

Mr. J. Murphy reported that “Dorrins Strand was developed in two sections by Cass-Con Building Company Limited and Dolcetto Limited respectively.

Cass-Con Building Company Limited Section:

This section has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Council. An Enforcement Notice issued to the developer on 26th March, 2015. Legal proceedings were instituted when the Enforcement Notice was not complied with. The case had been returned for hearing to Sligo District Court on Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015. The matter will be further reviewed following that date.

Notwithstanding the above, I now understand that the Company has gone into Voluntary liquidation. For the record, there is an existing Bond on this section of Dorrins Strand.

Dolcetto Limited Section:

21 houses from 33 permitted have been built to date. This section has also not been completed to the satisfaction of the Council. An Enforcement Notice issued to the developer on the 17th July, 2009. Legal proceedings were instituted when the Enforcement Notice was not complied with. The case was struck out without prejudice by the District Court Judge at Sligo District Court on 3rd July, 2012.

This section of the development was subsequently put on the market and its sale has now been completed. It is the intention of the new developer to complete the development over the next number of months”.

Mr. Murphy further advised the Meeting that the Council is covered in relation to the Bonds. Permission on the above site is live until February 2016.

35. PARKING IN BALLISODARE VILLAGE:

Proposed by Councillor T. Healy

Seconded by Councillor S. MacManus

“I placed a motion last April regarding lorries parking in Ballisodare. I ask that Sligo County council now give a report on what measures they are to put in place to address the ongoing concern of the residents of Avena, Bushy Park and the general public”.

Mr. Kilfeather reported to the Meeting that Sligo County Council’s Road Design team will be carrying out a survey and design with a view to addressing the safety issues at this location.

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36. DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE YEAR TOURISM STRATEGY:

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

“That Sligo County Council provide an update on the following motion from April 2015:

I propose that Sligo County Council development a 5 year Tourism Strategy to increase visitor numbers and create employment in the county and to promote outdoor, adventure, cultural and heritage tourism and to promote partnership and collaboration between community and voluntary groups, tourism agencies, the business sector and Sligo County Council”.

Ms. D. Clarke advised the Meeting that “Sligo County Council is committed to the promotion of tourism in the county as a whole. Tourism is a significant economic driver which has the potential to stimulate significant job creation in the County into the future.

The 2015 season has delivered significant visitor growth aligned to a series of factors including awareness and promotion of Wild Atlantic Way, favourable foreign currency exchange rates and reduced VAT rate applicable to tourism support services.

Sligo’s 2015 programme included a range of highly successful events including the Yeats 2015- 150 celebrations, Yeats Day, the Royal Visit, Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann and Sligo Live. These flagship events have achieved an increased profile for the region and resulted in additional visitor numbers throughout County Sligo.

Other potential tourism offerings include the Surf Summit, the off- road Mountain Biking National Centre at Coolaney in the Ox Mountains, the Greenways opportunities and a new Maritime Centre at Strandhill. These opportunities aligned with cultural offerings including The Model, Ceoláras Coleman, Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, Carrowkeel and Spanish Armada legacy amply demonstrate the latent potential which can be realised from shared development and eventual delivery of a broad based tourism strategy, led by Sligo County Council.

Sligo County Council thereby supports the development of a tourism strategy, subject to availability of funding. Such a strategy will include the items raised above in addition to incorporating strategic leadership, market positioning aligned to an advertising programme, product development, access, strategic priorities. Any successful strategy will also require public involvement and buy in from the full range of interested stakeholders”.

The Chief Executive advised Members that this matter would be listed again for their consideration again in the first quarter of 2016.

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37. MOBILE PHONE SERVICES:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor E. Scanlon**

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Communications Alex White to ensure that mobile phone service providers provide an adequate service in rural areas as is stated in their contracts with their customers. Should the service provided be inadequate then customers should be released from their contract according the requirements of the 'Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act 1980'."

It was noted that, as highlighted in item 19 regarding forthcoming Presentations, the "Irish Cellular Industry Association" are to be requested to attend a meeting of Sligo County Council in the near future, on the recommendation of ComReg.

38. IRISH LEAGUE OF CREDIT UNIONS AND SOCIAL HOUSING:

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

AND AGREED

"Sligo County Council welcomes the fact that the Irish League of Credit Unions has launched a Plan to lend enough money to build 35,000 Social Houses over the next six years.

This Council calls on Minister Kelly and the Department of Environment to engage with the I. L. C. U. as they are prepared to invest a Significant amount of Money in Social Housing".

It was further requested that a copy of this resolution would be circulated to all other local authorities.

39. INVESTMENT PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL HOUSING IN SLIGO:

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

AND AGREED

"That in view of the ever intensifying housing crisis in Sligo where in excess of a thousand applicants remain on the housing waiting list, this Council calls on the Minister and the Government to immediately commit to an investment programme in social housing in Sligo and further that we request the Minister for the Environment,

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Community and Local Government to meet with a deputation from the Council as a matter of urgency in regards to the crisis."

40. SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF TRAVELLER HALTING SITES:

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

"In light of the recent tragic events at the traveller halting site in Carrickmines, Dublin, this Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive if Sligo County Council has carried out a safety assessment of the traveller halting sites in Sligo and can he confirm that the sites are safe."

Mr. T. Kilfeather advised the meeting that "Sligo County Council's Fire Services and Housing Section are currently engaged in carrying out a programme to review fire safety in local authority traveller halting sites. The purpose of the programme is to ensure that practical and appropriate fire safety measures, which can contribute to preventing loss of life and serious injury in local authority traveller accommodation, have been applied. A particular focus will be on alleviating anxiety about fire safety among the Traveller community. Part of the programme is aimed at promoting awareness of measures which provide protection from the dangers of fire.

Since the Carrickmines tragedy and receipt of a Circular from the Department on 15th October, the Fire Service, Traveller Liaison Officer and Sligo County Council Housing Representatives have met on the 19th October and are seeking to arrange meetings with all halting sites, both authorised and unauthorised as soon as possible to facilitate the provision of traveller accommodation specific fire safety advice as prepared by the Fire Service to all owners/occupiers.

Agreement for the fire services entry into caravans with owners is required to facilitate the fire safety assessment within caravans. To this end, the Traveller Liaison Officer is making contact with all owners and seeking agreement for same. It should be noted that, under the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003, the fire authority have no right of entry into caravans used as single family dwellings, hence the requirement for agreement to enter.

Once agreement is confirmed, the Fire Service will be scheduling site/caravan specific assessments".

Cathaoirleach, Councillor R. O'Grady, was also thanked for opening a Book of Condolence for the Carrickmines tragedy.

The Chief Executive, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Executive, wished to be associated with the comments about the tragedy of unspeakable proportions.

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41. JUNCTION AT BALLYMOTE RAILWAY STATION:

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

“To ask the Director of Services what works Irish Rail are going to carry out to improve safety measures at junction of Ballymote Railway Station where hedge is a cause of major concern to motorists existing the railway station and the church car park”.

Mr. Kilfeather reported that Sligo County Council have been in contact with Iarnrod Eireann on numerous occasions regarding this matter. A further meeting on site will take place in the coming weeks. Iarnrod Eireann propose to trim the hedgerow back for the moment.

Councillor Gormley confirmed to the meeting that the works referred to in Mr. Kilfeather’s report regarding the hedgerow had been undertaken and thanked the Iarnrod Eireann workers. Possible further works suggested were the installation of a railing at that location and the moving of a sign that is deemed to be causing an obstruction.

42. DRAINAGE WORKS ON CREAMERY ROAD (R294), BALLYARA, TUBBERCURRY:

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

“To ask Sligo County Council to apply for funding to the OPW for drainage works to be carried out along the Creamery Road (R294), at Ballyara, Tubbercurry. There is a serious threat of flooding to houses and lands along this stretch of river”.

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported that he was unaware of any funding being available from the O.P.W. re. drainage works but this Council could write to the O.P.W. making them aware of this issue and see if the cleaning of this river is within their remit – Moy River Basin.

43. RETENTION OF SCHOOL WARDENS:

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor G. O’Boyle**

“To call on Sligo County Council for the retention of school wardens for all schools that currently avail of this service. Taking into account the ongoing increase in traffic flow”.

Several Members expressed their support for this motion and extended their congratulations to Mr. Tom McSharry, who had recently retired as the School Warden at Scoil Ursula, for his work on a busy stretch of road.

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Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that there are four crossing points which are without School Wardens presently, namely:

- Ballytivnan Road (adjacent to St. Joseph's Church)
- St. Anne's (adjacent to Sligo School Project)
- Temple Street (adjacent to St. John's School) and
- Strandhill Road (adjacent to Scoil Ursula).

In recent weeks, a number of candidates have been identified under the Labour Activation (Gateway) Scheme to fill these positions. In response to a query from Councillor MacManus, Mr. Kilfeather advised that the selection process is on-going and it is anticipated that four positions will be filled by the end of November.

44. MCGUINNESS HOUSE, ACLARE AND WORKS TO VILLAGE STREETS:

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

"To ask Sligo County Council to provide funding in the 2016 Budget for the refurbishment of McGuinness House in Aclare, and other works to include resurfacing of the street in the village, new footpaths and drainage works. These works to be carried out in consultation with Aclare Development Council and Aclare Tidy Towns Committee".

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported that "the refurbishment of McGuinness House is a matter for housing but the resurfacing of road, footpath replacement and drainage works within Aclare village can be considered as part of the schedule of works for the Ballymote/Tobercurry Municipal District in 2016".

Ms. M. McConnell advised the meeting that while McGuinness House is in Council ownership, it cannot be considered as Housing stock, but Community and Enterprise may have an interest in the building.

Ms. D. Clarke agreed that this matter would be examined and enquiries would be made as to whether local people/groups were interested in locating there. An application for funding could then be looked at. There would not be finance available in house for the extent of refurbishment that is required. If there was a genuine project by a community group, the possibility of a leasing or licensing agreement could be examined to allow the building to be maintained.

It was agreed to write to Aclare Development Council in relation to those options and send a copy to local Councillors.

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45. ADDITIONAL TEACHERS – BUDGET 2016:

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

AND AGREED

“Sligo County Council welcomes the promise of 2200 additional Teachers in Budget 2016 however this Council is extremely concerned that there will be no new allocation for Guidance Counsellors, Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Education to reverse this decision”.

46. TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY FOR THE WEST AND NORTH WEST OF IRELAND:

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

AND AGREED

“Sligo County Council welcomes the decision by the Minister for Education and Skills to approve the Connacht Ulster Alliance to proceed to the next stage of building a Technological University for the West and North West of Ireland.”

47. CUTTING OF TREES ALONG THE OLD N4 AT BALLYDREHID:

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

“To request that over hanging branches be cut from trees along the old N4 at Ballydrehid as they are causing damage to buses and high lorries”.

Mr. T. Kilfeather advised the Members that efforts to have this work carried out previously have been hampered by a number of factors. It is now proposed to carry out this work later this week.

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48. DRAFT AGREEMENTS TO DECLARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS TO BE A "RECOGNISED ASSOCIATION" UNDER SECTION 128 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001" AND APPOINTMENT OF A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION LIAISON OFFICER:

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

"Further to correspondence received from the Residents Associations Committee dated 22nd of October 2015, this Council agrees to select an all party group of councillors to meet with representatives of the Residents Associations Committee in an effort to resolve current difficulties; and further recognising that residents associations may be liable to litigation in the event of a volunteer or member of the public having an accident in public open spaces which are maintained by residents associations, this Council requests the Chief Executive to prepare the necessary draft agreements to allow the Council to declare a residents association to be a "recognised association" under Section 128 of the Local Government, Act 2001; and further the Council requests the Chief Executive to appoint a Residents Associations Liaison Officer at the soonest possible time."

The Chief Executive noted in relation to the element of the motion concerning a meeting with the Residents Associations Committee, that this meeting had already been held and that the request from the committee was to meet with a deputation of members and executive.

With regard to the request for Residents Associations to be approved as a "recognised association", the Members were advised that the Council must have regard to whether the group:

- a. Is a body that is properly constituted and representative
- b. Has adequate financial and accounting arrangements in place, and
- c. Is in a position to comply with such requirements as the local authority may in all circumstances of the case consider necessary and reasonable for such purposes.

The Members were further advised that a Body approved under this provision must have Public Liability insurance cover in place, that there are significant Health and Safety obligations attaching to the provisions and that the Council needs to be mindful of the consequences of setting such a precedent. In this regard, they need to be aware that the demand could extend to all Residents Associations in the County, all community groups, charities and others organizing charity fund raising events, festival committees and Tidy Town Committees.

Ms. D. Clarke advised that the Council could be more exposed to litigation and that a vetting procedure similar to that relating to the appointment of Contractors would have to be applied.

With regard to the request for a Residents Association Liaison Officer, it was clarified that the Council engages with Residents Associations on an ongoing basis and this will continue. Furthermore, the formal link with the community is through the Public Participation Network (PPN).

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While the potential increase in insurance costs is yet to be ascertained, there is a risk of increased litigation arising from the granting of what is in effect a blanket indemnity. It was clarified in respect of the current request that the Council is not aware of the groups' constitution or whether it is in a position to comply with the Council's requirements.

Councillor Bree stated that he was proposing a very reasonable motion which would allow the preparation of a draft document. He noted that some associations would be interested in a form of agreement and being 'recognised' while others would not. He then clarified the purpose of the Notice of Motion was to allow the Executive to prepare a draft agreement. He stressed the concern of the groups being exposed to litigation.

It was clarified that the role of the Executive is to analyse and research the issues and advise the Members accordingly in order that they can make informed decisions.

In response to a query from Councillor Maguire in relation to the legal basis and administration of community grants in other local authorities, the Chief Executive advised that he was unaware of the legislative provision being used in other counties.

Councillor MacSharry stated that all Councillors wanted to do their best for Residents' Associations, noting that he could not over-state the significance of the potential number of claims taken against Associations.

Councillor MacManus enquired if some mechanism could be found to indemnify Residents Associations against possible claims.

In further discussion, it was agreed that enquiries would be made with other local authorities and IPBMI and a report would be brought back before the Members.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

**It was proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor J. Queenan**

AND AGREED

"To suspend Standing Orders to allow the business to continue after 5.00 p.m. until all items on the Agenda were dealt with".

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(CONTINUED):

Both Councillors Kilgannon and Clarke advocated sourcing of additional information from the Council's underwriters and Law Agents plus an analysis of what happened in other Counties.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Maguire and seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

"To adjourn the motion of Councillor D. Bree regarding adopting Residents Associations as recognised associations until such time as a report is furnished to the Council outlining the legal, financial implications and the protocol in other counties".

As the proposal could not be considered an amendment to the original Motion, it was not put to the meeting.

**It was proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor G. O'Boyle**

"Further to correspondence received from the Residents Associations Committee dated 22nd of October 2015, this Council agrees to select an all party group of councillors to meet with representatives of the Residents Associations Committee in an effort to resolve current difficulties; and further recognising that residents associations may be liable to litigation in the event of a volunteer or member of the public having an accident in public open spaces which are maintained by residents associations, this Council requests the Chief Executive to prepare the necessary draft agreements to allow the Council to declare a residents association to be a "recognised association" under Section 128 of the Local Government, Act 2001; and further the Council requests the Chief Executive to appoint a Residents Associations Liaison Officer at the soonest possible time."

A vote was called on this motion with the following result:

For:

Councillor Bree, Councillor Casserly, Councillor Gormley, Councillor Healy, Councillor MacManus and Councillor O'Boyle (6)

Against:

Councillor Baker, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Keaney, Councillor Kilgannon, Councillor Lundy, Councillor Maguire, Councillor MacSharry, Councillor Mulvey, Councillor O'Grady, Councillor Queenan, Councillor Scanlon and Councillor Taylor (12).

The motion was deemed lost.

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The Chief Executive confirmed that, if it was acceptable to them, this can still be listed as an Agenda item for the next Meeting. This was agreed by the Members.

49. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR GREENWAY FROM COLLOONEY TO BELLAGHY:

"That Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Transport Paschal Donohoe requesting funding for the feasibility study of the disused rail route as a greenway from Collooney to Bellaghy in County Sligo"

With the permission of the Meeting, this item was deferred.

50. ROAD WORKS ON N59:

"To call on Sligo county council on the N59

- a. improvements carried out in the Village of Ballisodare
- b. the N59 dangerous bends at Coolaney turns
- c. pavements improvements at Templeboy/Dromore West and Camcuil areas
- d. report on any proposed sight line improvements on dangerous Junctions".

With the permission of the Meeting, this item was deferred.

51. DISPLAY IN CHAMBER OF EUROPEAN UNION FLAG:

Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke

Seconded by Councillor J. Queenan

"To call on Sligo County Council to have on display in the Chamber the European Union Flag".

Congratulations were extended to Councillor S. Maguire on her appointment as Chairperson of I.C.B.A.N. at their recent AGM.

Members discussed the motion and a vote was called with the following result:

For:

Councillor Clarke, Councillor Gormley, Councillor Keaney, Councillor Kilgannon, Councillor Lundy, Councillor Maguire, Councillor Mulvey, Councillor O'Grady, Councillor Queenan, Councillor Scanlon and Councillor Taylor.

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Against:

Councillor Baker, Councillor Bree, Councillor Healy, Councillor MacManus and Councillor O'Boyle.

Absent:

Councillor Casserly and Councillor MacSharry.

The motion was was deemed to be passed.

52. REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAIN IN KEASH FROM ARDSALLAGH TO FEENAGHROE:

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

"What is the up-to-date position on the replacement of the section of the water main in Keash from Ardsallagh to Feenaghroe which supplies 23 houses for which a boiled water notice went on 21st May and which Irish Water informed Sligo County Council in July that this works will be complete by the end of this year"

Mr. T. Kilfeather, in replying to this notice of motion, advised the Members that this matter had been referred to Irish Water. An acknowledgement had been received but nothing further to date.

53. VERGE STRENGTHENING AND ROAD RESURFACING ON R293:

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

"That Sligo County Council ask the Department for a Specific Improvement Grant for verge strengthening and road resurfacing on the R293".

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that Specific Improvement Grants have not been funded in 2015 but an application will be lodged once this category of funding is recommenced, hopefully in the coming years.

Councillor Gormley referred to the N17 bridge works at Thornhill bridge with traffic going on to the R293. Mr. Kilfeather advised Members that the N17 work is a seven month contract and the matter will be kept under review.

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54. VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor G. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Rosie Oates, St. Anne's Terrace, Sligo on the death of her husband, Tommy, former Staff Member.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to John and Phil Walsh, Kilvaret, Ballinacarrow on the death of their son, Sean.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Ambrose McDonagh and family, Knocknaskeagh, Gurteen on the death of his brother, Pat.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Padraic Henry and family, Knockbrack, Keash on the death of his mother, Mary.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Ann Casey and family, Drumliskna, Cloonloo on the death of her husband, Tony.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to John Joe Queenan, Chasefield, Cloonloo on the death of his sister, Mary Alice.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Tony Faney and family, Finlough, Ballinacarrow on the death of his wife, Patricia.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to the Mahon Family on the death of their brother, Joe of Ardee Terrace, Sligo.

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor E. Scanlon**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to John Joe and Cathy McGuinness, Easkey on the death of their daughter, Natalie.

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker**

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Paddy Healy and family, Fortfield, Doonmeegin, Ballymote on the death of his wife, Sarah.

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COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Glenys O'Reilly and family, Rathmore, Coolaney on the death of her husband, Joe.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Andy Connolly, Half Quarter, Coolaney on the death of his father, Andy.

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

55. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to the Management and Players of St. Mary's Senior Gaelic Team on winning the Senior County Championship – Owen B. Hunt Cup".

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to Furey's of Sligo who were awarded Coach Operator of the Year".

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to Fleadh T.V. for receiving the I.F.T.A. Award for the coverage of the 2014 Fleadh Ceoil na hEireann".

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to the three Sligo Best Entrepreneurs who won County Awards

- Best New Idea – Amr Dawood Loyee
- Best Start Up – John Divers and
- Best Established Business – Rhona Togher".

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to Stephen Reynolds and Paul McGrath of Ballinacarrow Boxing Club

56. CONFERENCES AND TRAINING:

**Proposed by Councillor E. Scanlon
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

"That the list of conferences circulated for November and December (as notified to Sligo County Council at 27th October) at this meeting, are unanimously agreed."

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57. PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

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

AND AGREED

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

58. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

AND AGREED

"To note the correspondence circulated with the Agenda".

59. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Under this heading, Councillor D. Bree sought further clarification regarding the holder of the Council's Access Officer post and the Access Committee.

Mr. Kilfeather confirmed that Mr. Paul Hardiman is, at present, continuing in the role of Access Officer. The Disability Consultative Committee will be dealt with by the Strategic Policy Committee.

60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Further to discussions under Item 19 – Forthcoming Presentations to the Council, it was

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council supports the Irish Congress of Trade Unions' Charter for Fair Conditions at Work including:

- a living wage that affords an individual sufficient income to achieve an acceptable minimum standard of living, taking account of the need for food, clothing, heating, accommodation, transport and other essential costs;
- a right to fair hours of work and an end to unfair working conditions such as those highlighted in the recent Dunnes Stores dispute;

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- a right to representation and collective bargaining as provided for in the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill, 2015:
- respect, equality and ethics at work; and
- a fair public procurement system that protects workers' rights and helps to achieve wider social and economic objectives such as supporting small businesses, boosting local employment, reducing long-term unemployment, providing training opportunities for the unemployed and young people, and protecting the environment."

END OF MEETING:

The meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m.