

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 2016 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Baker,
- Councillor Bree,
- Councillor Clarke,
- Councillor Gormley,
- Councillor Henry,
- 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
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
- Mr. Bartley Gavin A/Director of Services
- Ms. Patricia Guckian, A/Head of Finance
- Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian
- Mr. Conall Calleary, Veterinary Inspector
- Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer
- Mr. Fineen O'Driscoll, A/Senior Engineer
- Mr. Seán Martin, A/Senior Architect
- Mr. Joe Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr. John O'Hara, Assistant Architect
- Ms. Pamela Andison, Administrative Officer
- Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
- Mr. Keith Lyons, Clerical Officer
- Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Assistant Staff Officer

LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:

- Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Tom MacSharry, presided.

APOLOGIES:

- Apologies were received from Councillor Casserly, Councillor Healy and Councillor Keaney.

ADJOURNMENT AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE LATE BRENDAN BYRNE:

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

AND AGREED

"To adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to the late Brendan Byrne of Tonaphubble, Sligo."

Members noted that Mr. Byrne had been the former County Secretary in Sligo County Council until his retirement in 1993.

The Meeting was adjourned for 15 Minutes and resumed at 11.20 a.m.

WELCOME TO I.T. STUDENTS:

On resumption of the Meeting, the Leas-Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Joan Morrison and Students from I.T. Sligo to the Meeting, who were attending as part of the Council's 'Open Local Government' Programme

1. SECTION 140 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – O'CONNELL STREET ENHANCEMENT SCHEME:

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

'We, the members of Sligo County Council, pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, hereby instruct the Chief Executive of Sligo County Council to ensure that the tender documents for the O'Connell Street Enhancement Scheme are prepared and the necessary tenders sought so as to allow the works to proceed as planned in the first quarter of 2017.'

Several Members outlined the background to the submission of this motion, signed by all Members of the local authority.

The Chief Executive apologised for the manner in which this issue had been placed in the public domain in the first instance.

In quoting from the motion where it referred to allowing the works to proceed as planned in the first quarter of 2017, Mr. Hayes said there is no difference between the Members and the Executive in the desired outcome. These works have been on the books for a number of years and there is a desire on both sides that the Council would proceed with the works. However, given the staffing situation, in the event that O'Connell Street is prioritised, the Chief Executive said he had to advise that there are consequences for delays to other capital infrastructure works, e.g. the N4 Collooney-Castlebaldwin Scheme, the Western Distributor route and the Housing Capital Programme.

While the Executive will always seek to carry out the wishes of the Council, and in the event they decide to prioritise O'Connell Street, they need to be aware of the consequences of that decision.

The obligations, both in regard to the design and public procurement of these works were outlined. With regard to procurement, the Members were advised that the Executive could not lawfully do what is asked or implement the terms of motion if it was to be passed at the meeting.

Mr. Hayes acknowledged the input of the Parliamentary Representatives and Members of the "Independent Alliance" who had met with the Minister recently. He advised the Members that the Department approval for the recruitment of additional capital staff was very welcome and would now allow for critical infrastructure projects to proceed, albeit with some delays.

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The Chief Executive wished to clear up any misinformation that was circulating with regard to the re-opening of the street and assured Members that O'Connell Street would reopen for Christmas.

Mr. T. Kilfeather, Director of Services, noted that it had been the intention, as referred to in the motion, to proceed in quarter one of 2017 following the conclusion of works by Irish Water but it had never been expected that the works would be completed in one phase. In the summer period, the street would be available to the Traders, traffic and Pedestrians. The bulk of the works were due to be carried out in quarters one and two, leave the street for the summer period and to return in Q3/Q4 to complete the project.

He advised that the O'Connell Street project is technically very complex and has to be managed full time. The Council does not currently have the necessary staff available to it.

In relation to the previous O'Connell Street Scheme which includes the watermains rehabilitation, the Council was ready to proceed at that stage but agreement could not be reached with Irish Water. The Enhancement Scheme is now substantially different to the previous Scheme.

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that other work had also to be prioritised in recent months, and he gave a detailed overview of the status of other major capital projects, including the N4 Collooney-Castlebaldwin, Western Distributor Road, N59, Eastern Garavogue Bridge. Details of a submission for Clár funding totalling €630,000 was also provided.

The Members were advised that there are also heavy demands for the Capital Programme in Housing. There is some confidence with the approval of additional staff for Housing and Infrastructure.

Mr Kilfeather outlined the timescales in relation to preparation of drawings and procurement/tendering process. Everything can be in place to be on the ground in O'Connell Street during a similar period to this year, i.e. mid September to end of November subject to agreement with the Traders. In early 2018, a Scheme could then be concluded.

It is proposed to include progress details in forthcoming Monthly Management Reports to advise Members of the situation with the Scheme.

Members thanked the Chief Executive and Director of Services for their replies and noted the up to date situation regarding the various Schemes in the county.

In response to queries from Members, Mr. Kilfeather outlined the detail of the Council's engagement with the Minister and the Department in relation to staffing resources.

The Chief Executive advised Members that he had outlined his concern regarding staff reductions many times and that the difficulties now being encountered are a direct result of the running down of staff numbers.

In relation to comments made that the Executive had no intention of acting on the motion, Mr. Hayes indicated that it is the Members' prerogative to use this Section, but the Executive can only operate in a lawful manner and that the Executive of Sligo County Council is prohibited, by law, from implementing that motion by quarter one next year.

Further discussions took place with Members raising their concerns regarding requests to the Department seeking approval for additional staff, Media reporting of delays to works in O'Connell Street, the request from the Department in June 2015 for additional surplus of €5 million in the Financial Plan and the legal situation regarding implementation of Section 140 resolution.

In reply, Mr. Hayes advised the Members that consultations had already taken place with the Council's Legal Advisers in the matter. He was satisfied that the requirements for tabling a Section 140 motion were complied with but his difficulty related to the implementation of the motion, which could not be effected within the law.

The Chief Executive further clarified details regarding the submission of the draft Workforce Plan to the Department earlier in 2016.

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

AND AGREED

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2A. MINUTES OF PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Procedures Committee meeting held on 1st June, 2016"

2B. RESOLUTION FROM PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:

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

AND AGREED

"Recognising that it is the role of the Cathaoirleach to represent the Council at civic forums, conferences, and events and at public and ceremonial occasions, this Council resolves that all invitations received from outside bodies requesting representation from the Council at an event / function / meeting / conference be referred to the office of the Cathaoirleach for consideration: and the Council further resolves that, unless authorised by the Cathaoirleach or the Council, the Cathaoirleach shall be the sole Council representative to attend and speak at such events: and furthermore the Council resolves that the Cathaoirleach be authorised to allow a Council official to accompany him/her if so desired by the Cathaoirleach".

The meeting was advised that this would not apply to the Executive as there is no provision in law to do so.

3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLIGO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON 20TH JUNE, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

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

4. MINUTES OF MEETING OF SLIGO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON 18TH JULY, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Municipal District held on 18th July, 2016".

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**5. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING (RE. LOCAL PROPERTY TAX – L.P.T.)
HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2016:**

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

"To confirm Minutes of Special Meeting (re. L.P.T.) of Sligo County Council held on 26th September, 2016".

**6. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING (RE. N.U.I.G.) HELD ON 26TH
SEPTEMBER, 2016:**

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Special Meeting (re. N.U.I.G.) of Sligo County Council held on 3rd October, 2016".

7. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 3rd October, 2016".

**8. SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF
PROPERTY AT FINISKLIN TO MR. JOHN DONLON:**

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

"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2011, the disposal of a property at Finisklin, Sligo to Mr. John Donlon".

Members sought clarification regarding the details of the sale of the property to Mr. Donlon. It was agreed to adjourn this item until later in the Meeting to allow Members receive the clarification sought from Mr. Gavin, A/Director of Services.

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH:

The Meeting adjourned at 1.00 p.m. and resumed at 2.10 p.m.

**SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY
AT FINISKLIN TO MR. JOHN DONLON:**

On resumption of the Meeting, the Members agreed to vote on the following resolution:

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

"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2011, the disposal of a property at Finisklin, Sligo to Mr. John Donlon"

The vote resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Clarke, Councillor Henry, Councillor Kilgannon, Councillor Lundy, Councillor Maguire, Councillor MacSharry, Councillor O'Grady and Councillor Taylor (8)

AGAINST: Councillor Bree (1)

ABSTAINED: Councillor Gormley and Councillor MacManus (2)

ABSENT: Councillor Baker, Councillor Casserly, Councillor Healy, Councillor Keaney, Councillor Mulvey, Councillor O'Boyle and Councillor Queenan (7)

The Leas-Cathaoirleach deemed the resolution agreed.

9. SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT RAHELLY, CASHELGARRON TO THE HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE:

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

AND AGREED

"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the disposal of a dwelling house at Rahelly, Cashelgarron, Co. Sligo to the Health Service Executive"

10. SECTION 6 OF HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 – ASSISTANCE TO OAKLEE HOUSING TRUST (RE. DWELLING AT RATHDOONEY BEG, BALLYMOTE):

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

AND AGREED

"To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of assistance to Oaklee Housing Trust, in the form of Capital Assistance Scheme in the value of €218,302 for the purchase of a dwelling at Rathdooney Beg, Ballymote, Co. Sligo".

11. SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 18 CHERRY TREE PARK, RIVERSTOWN TO K. MIDDLETON AND L. MOONEY:

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

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"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 18 Cherry Tree Park, Riverstown, Co. Sligo to Keith Middleton and Louise Mooney.

12. SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 4 COLLERY DRIVE TO LEONA MCMORROW:

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

AND AGREED

"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 4 Collery Drive, Sligo to Leona McMorrow".

13. SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 52 ST. JOHN'S TERRACE TO R. & C. KELLY:

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

AND AGREED

"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property at 52 St. John's Terrace, Sligo to Robert and Chrysella Kelly".

14. SECTION 183 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2011 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT CARROWNTUBER, TUBBERCURRY:

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

AND AGREED

"To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of land at Circular Road, townland of Carrowntuber, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo to Hungry Horse outside".

15. SECTION 6 OF HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 – ASSISTANCE TO FOCUS HOUSING ASSOC. (RE. DWELLING AT SRÁID NA MARA):

The Members noted that the following matter was no longer on the Agenda for their approval:

"To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of financial assistance in the form of the Capital Assistance Scheme to the following Approved Housing Body, as per report dated 15th June 2016:

- *Focus Housing Association Ltd. (re. 37 Sráid na Mara, First Sea Road)"*

16. SECTION 6 OF HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 – ASSISTANCE TO OAKLEE HOUSING TRUST (RE. DWELLING AT ARDEE TERRACE):

The Members noted that the following matter was no longer on the Agenda for their approval:

“To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of financial assistance in the form of the Capital Assistance Scheme to the following Approved Housing Body, as per report dated 24th August, 2016:

- *Focus Housing Association Ltd. (re. 15 Ardee Terrace)”*

17. ROADS WINTER SERVICE PLAN 2016/2017:

The Members agreed to note Sligo County Council’s “Roads Winter Service Plan 2016/17”.

18. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016:

**Proposed by Councillor Baker
Seconded by Councillor Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To note the Monthly Management Report for September 2016”.

In relation to Housing matters outlined in the September report, queries were raised by Councillor S. MacManus in relation to

- a) the current situation with the development at Fr. O’Flanagan Terrace,
- b) the Capital Assistance Scheme,
- c) Applications for extensions,
- d) Returning Vacant Social Housing properties to productive use Programme and
- e) Adaptation grants.

CHAIR OF MEETING:

As the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor MacSharry, had to vacate the Chair for a short time, Councillor R. O’Grady took the Chair in his absence.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016 (CONTINUED):

Mr. B. Gavin and Mr. J. Murphy replied to issues raised by Members as follows:

- a) *Tender for works at Fr. O’Flanagan Terrace* - the Contractor has been selected. However, the preliminary insurances that the Contractor submitted were not acceptable to the Council. The Contractor has since changed Insurance Company and submitted new insurance documents. They are being examined at present and once that process is completed, the project can then start immediately.
- b) *Capital Assistance Scheme* – current figures would be furnished to the Members in relation to this Scheme.
- c) *Applications for extensions* – Mr. Murphy indicated that there are 14 homes on this list. Housing Staff have had discussions with all applicants and six have been approved to date. Some applications are being examined through possible transfers or house purchases. A lot of the Housing resources are currently allocated to the major schemes. If the Section was staffed up, it would be possible to get extensions proceeding at an early date.

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- d) *Returning Vacant Social Housing properties to productive use Programme* – there are 73 houses on this “Voids” programme. Up to 30 have been completed and another 43 between November and March 2017. In 2017, further funding will be sought to do a similar number. Three or four houses are also being returned to the Council each month which adds to the Voids figures.

In relation to the water and wastewater services information furnished, Councillor MacManus and Councillor Gormley enquired regarding the ongoing Tender process for the Tubbercurry, Grange, Strandhill and Ballinafad bundle.

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that there had been delays with those tendering for the work. There are different requirements for the sites but process is underway. Clarification is being sought from some of those who had submitted Tenders. This has caused a delay of six to eight weeks which will mean the contracts being signed at the end of quarter one or early quarter two of 2017. This would mean the end of quarter two before work will commence.

Mr Kilfeather also responded to queries from Councillor MacManus in relation to the Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.) at the Fairgreen in Sligo and to Councillor Gormley in relation to the access road for the reservoir in Bunninadden.

In reply to queries regarding the situation with works on the N17 route, Mr. Kilfeather informed Members that the situation with T.I.I. is that this Scheme is suspended at present and there are not any talks or engagement taking place in relation to the N17 at the moment. As requested by Councillor Gormley, and agreed by the Members, it was noted that a short report would be compiled and submitted to T.I.I.

In reply to a query from Councillor Bree regarding Meetings held with the Chief Executive and representatives of the Independent Alliance, Mr. Hayes confirmed this meeting had taken place on 18th October, that the Council had been operating the Financial Plan since it was sent to the Department in August 2015, that the criteria changed yet again in November 2015 and the Plan was finally approved in December 2015.

The issue of the changes to the Plan had arisen from circumstances discussed in the Chamber on many occasions. From the time the Plan was submitted in August of last year, many changes were due to circumstances beyond control of Sligo County Council. There had been a wide range of issues including funding for Local Enterprise Office, an issue regarding tax obligations with Revenue Commissioners, people who retired early, etc. Including the additional requirements of Sligo County Council, additional statutory requirements from the new Programme for Government, the implications of Brexit, the C.S.O. report on depopulation of north west would all impact on Sligo County Council's ability to broaden its rates base and other implications of the Plan.

The Independent Alliance representatives had been furnished with the same information and details regarding the Council's Financial Plan as the Sligo-Leitrim Oireachtas representatives had been given at their Meeting in County Hall and related to the current situation regarding the Financial Plan and the specific staffing issue that the Council is coming up against at present. No further meetings were planned with the Independent Alliance at this point in time.

CHAIR OF MEETING:

Councillor T. MacSharry, Leas Cathaoirleach resumed the chair at 2.45 p.m.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016 (CONTINUED):

Mr. Hayes advised the Members that certain concessions had been received from the Department and the recent approval for staffing will impact the Plan. The Department is now looking for a further, detailed submission before a further meeting. This meeting will be arranged after the Budget process.

19. PROPOSED SUBMISSIONS FOR REDZ PROGRAMME FUNDING 2016:

Ms. D. Clarke outlined details to the Meeting of the REDZ 2016 application. Following an announcement by Minister Humphreys, Sligo County Council had received correspondence which invited them to prepare and submit applications for REDZ 2016. The Report from the Director of Services included indicative eligible actions or activities, projects identified by Sligo County Council

1. **Flagship:** *Ireland West Airport Knock,*
2. **Medium scale project:** *Mountain Bike Centre at Coolaney*
3. **Two county scale projects:**
 - a. *Tubbercurry REDZ and*
 - b. *Collooney/Ballisodare REDZ.*

In conclusion, the Members were advised that any award of a grant is subject to entering into a contract with the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contract by 18th November, 2016 at the latest. The maximum timeframe for a contract will be twelve months.

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

AND AGREED

"To note the proposed submissions to be made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for REDZ Programme Funding 2016."

Mr. T. Kilfeather, Director of Services, advised the Members that a Clár Funding submission had also been made for 51 projects across the county, totalling €627,000. It is hoped that this is a competitive bid and, if successful, it will operate on the same basis as the REDZ funding in that the Council would have all of 2017 to deliver on it.

20. APPOINTMENT TO SPC1:

The Members agreed to note the appointment of Ms. Monica Reilly as a member of S.P.C. 1 following resignation of Ms. Rosaleen Doonan.

21. APPOINTMENT TO SPC3:

The Members agreed to note the appointment of Mr. Marcus Hufsky as a member of SPC 3 following resignation of Ms. Rosaleen Doonan.

22. RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – APPEAL BY "SLIGO LIVE":

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

AND AGREED

To approve recommendation of the Contribution to the Arts Assessment Committee in relation to the appeal by "Sligo Live"

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DATE FOR DECEMBER ORDINARY MEETING:

At the request of the Cathaoirleach, the Members agreed to revise the date of the December Meeting to Monday, 12th December, 2016.

23. REINSTATEMENT OF FULL RATE OF PAYMENT OF JOB SEEKERS' ALLOWANCE:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

"That this Council calls on the Government and the Minister for Social Protection to reinstate full rates of payment for those claimants aged 18 to 26 in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance."

24. BORDER COMMUNITIES AGAINST BREXIT:

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

"That Sligo County Council notes that:

- *A majority of voters in the North of Ireland voted to remain in the European Union in the Brexit referendum which took place on the 23rd June 2016.*
- *The uncertainty caused by the Brexit referendum result is already damaging trade and investment and causing currency fluctuations which are impacting on cross-Border business.*
- *A new EU frontier stretching from Dundalk to Derry would create real hardship for people in this region particularly those who cross the border on a daily basis who would face potential customs checkpoints, traffic delays and the closure of local border roads.*
- *That the current economic uncertainty will be overshadowed by the situation that would arise should a hard border result in the imposition of tariffs and the restriction of the free movement of goods, services and people on this island.*
- *The end of EU economic support for peace building and border communities will hit many vital community projects who have over the past decade received over £1 billion in EU support.*
- *With the end of EU subsidies farmers in the North will suffer a dramatic loss of income as CAP accounts for approximately 80% of farm incomes in the north and that this will be a severe blow to the local economy in rural areas north and south of the border.*
- *Noting the advances that have been made in the Peace Process, opening border roads, and integrating communities separated from their natural hinterlands during the years of conflict, the imposition of new barriers and a hard border would be an enormous backward step.*
- *Welcomes the initiative of those from the business sector, the community sector, farmers and individuals who have come together to form **Border Communities Against Brexit** to demand that the Irish and British Governments respect the North's remain vote.*

*Recognising that it makes absolutely no sense to have one part of Ireland operating within the EU and another outside, this council will actively support the campaign by **Border Communities Against Brexit** for the North's remain vote to be respected."*

"That Sligo County Council calls on the Government (FG & The Independent Alliance) to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".

Following a discussion on the resolution, the Members agreed to the resolution, with Councillor S. Maguire abstaining.

25. UPDATE ON N4 COLLOONEY-CASTLEBALDWIN ROAD:

Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

"To call on Sligo County Council to prepare a brief up to date progress report on the N4 Collooney-Castlebaldwin road".

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported that in 2014, Sligo County Council secured all statutory approvals for the N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Scheme, thus enabling progression of advance works which commenced in 2015. These advance works are continuing in 2016, and would include: Permanent Fencing Contract, Archaeological Services Contracts, House Demolition Works Ground Investigation (G.I.) Contract, Detailed Digital Terrain Model, and Service Diversions – Telecoms and ESB

The total number of Land Acquisition cases on the Scheme is 135 and agreement has been reached on 87 of these cases to date. 101 No. Accommodation Works Agreements have been signed to date and negotiations are ongoing with the remaining landowners.

Sligo's NRPO Design Team are preparing the Contract Documents for the procurement of Consultants to prepare the Design / Build Contract Documents. The Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) was published on E-Tenders and OJEU on the 17/10/16. It is expected to appoint Consultants in Q1 2017.

The Scheme is listed as a 'key investment priority' project in the Government's published Capital Investment Programme 2016-2022. Sligo County Council has not yet been given a timeframe for the receipt of funding for the Main Construction Contract.

26. PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT – SERVICES IN LOCAL POST OFFICES:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor M. Casserly was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

"That Sligo County Council call on the Government to keep their promise, as stated in the Programme for Government document (P.48), to protect and enhance the services available in our local Post Offices."

27. SERVICES IN LOCAL POST OFFICES:

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

AND AGREED

"That this Council calls on the Government to honour their commitment to protect and enhance the services available to Post Offices as stated in the programme for Government".

28. DEFIBRILLATORS FOR G.A.A. CLUBS:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor M. Casserly was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council calls on the GAA to help fund defibrillators for every club in the country."

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**29. DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL'S HOUSING SITE AT KNOCKNACULLEN,
DROMORE WEST:**

Councillor M. Clarke requested that motion be deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting. This deferral was agreed by the Members.

"To call on Sligo County Council to immediately develop the Council's site at Knocknacullen, Dromore West, to provide houses for people on the Council's housing waiting list".

30. TAX SAVER COMMUTER TICKET SCHEME:

Proposed by Councillor K. Henry

Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That this Council write to the Department of Finance seeking the introduction of a tax credit for those travelling to work over a certain distance (e.g. 50km) who cannot avail of the TaxSaver Commuter Ticket Scheme. Currently this scheme is only available to employees who work in Dublin, Galway, Limerick or Waterford and therefore neglects the hundreds of thousands who commute to work in other areas of the country that is not served by public transport."

31. IRELAND WEST AIRPORT KNOCK:

Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan

Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

AND AGREED

"Ask the County Manager to give up date report on Sligo County Council's investment in Knock Regional Airport

- a. *Has the loan been drawn re. the investment*
- b. *who has attended meetings on behalf of this council?"*

Ms. D. Clarke advised the Meeting as follows:

"IWAK (Ireland West Airport Knock) is considered a hugely important asset for the West and North West Region in the context of the economic development of the region.

In May/ June of 2015 Sligo County Council approved investment in Knock Airport. This was done in conjunction with the local authorities of Donegal, Leitrim Roscommon, Mayo and Galway County and City Councils. The breakdown of funding agreed from each local authority was agreed as follows:

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| • Mayo County Council | 35% |
| • Sligo County Council | 15% |
| • Galway County Council | 12.5% |
| • Galway City Council | 12.5% |
| • Roscommon County Council | 10% |
| • Leitrim County Council | 7.5% |
| • Donegal County Council | 7.5% |

As a consequence of the investment the Local Authorities in the West and North West have established a Partnership with IWAK whose focus and aim is agree how the region can benefit in a more co-ordinated and impactful way from improved collaboration with the airport.

The Partnership or the North West Local Authorities Group met for the first time on the 3rd March 2016. Since then two further meetings have taken place in June and September 2016. To date the areas agreed for mutual co-operation are:

1. *Tourism Marketing and Promotion,*
2. *Diaspora and*
3. *Business/Regional Economic Development.*

Specific Workings Groups are to be established around of these areas with a view to investigating the potential that can be exploited for the region. At its meeting on 20th June 2016, the Partnership met with staff of Fáilte Ireland with a view to highlighting the need for this region to receive much more sustained and targeted marketing and promotional support from both Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland. The significance of the location of the region both on the WAW and Ireland's Ancient East (Roscommon and Leitrim) should be used as a means of improving visitor numbers and revenue into the region using the airport as the key access point. A targeted marketing campaign for early 2017 is now being proposed by FI for the region north of a line from Galway which would look at how the region can be prioritised for additional marketing and promotional support. Funding is being sought from LA's involved with the airport and a figure of €50,000 is being looked at as a likely contribution from all participating LA's to add to what FI can contribute. The proposed marketing campaign for 2017 would focus mainly on the UK market and particularly in those areas in the UK where IWAK have access to.

The Partnership are also looking at ways to increase the profile Ireland and Tourism Ireland.

The work of the IWAK/LA partnership will continue over the next number of years and plans to develop the three areas agreed for collaboration will be explored and progressed. In accordance with the Heads of Agreement signed by each local authority, Mayo County Council secured a loan of €7.3m in December 2015. Provision was made by SCC in 2016 for the payment of €55,000 to IWAK and will likewise be proposed for the draft Budget for 2017.

The Chief Executive, Mr Ciarán Hayes and Director of Services, Ms. Dorothy Clarke attend the Partnership meetings on behalf of Sligo County Council."

In reply to further queries from Councillor Queenan, the Chief Executive clarified that Membership of the Airport Board is on a rotation basis. Galway County Council is the first Council to take their place, with Sligo due to be the fourth local authority of the seven involved. This matter will come back to the Council Members, in advance of Sligo County Council's term, to decide on representation. The meetings referred to by Ms. Clarke were that of a Working Group, below the level of the Board, not meetings of the Airport Board. Mr. Hayes added that details of Steering Group meetings will also be included in forthcoming Monthly Management Reports

32. COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS AT SEWERAGE PLANT IN ENNISCRONE:

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

AND AGREED

"Ask the Director of Services to give update regarding funding for coastal protection works at sewerage plant Enniscrone".

In reply, Mr. T. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that as this is an asset owned by Irish Water, this query had been referred to them for their report.

To date, only an acknowledgement of the query had been received.

Members requested that this matter would be listed on the Agenda for the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry with a view to meeting with Irish Water.

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33. UPGRADING OF N59:

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

AND AGREED

"Ask the Director of Services to indicate has he applied for funding to upgrade N59 from Dromore West to Castleconnor".

"Sligo County Council Road Design Section is in constant communication with TII regarding upgrade works on the N59 from Dromore West to Castleconnor.

The Roads Design Section is currently preparing designs for road surface improvement works on the N59 in the Owenbeg to Culleens area. On-site ground investigation works are currently ongoing in connection with this scheme. Subject to a satisfactory design, it is expected that the TII will fund works in this area in 2017.

However it is unlikely that funding will be available for a major improvement scheme along this section of the N59 in the near future.

However, Sligo County Council has also been successful in obtaining 'seed money' this year to commence the planning and design of an improvement scheme on the N59 from Corhownagh to Lugawarry. It is hoped that TII will continue to fund the development of a scheme in this location.

Sligo County Council on an ongoing basis continue to pursue funding from the TII for safety improvement schemes, surface improvement and maintenance schemes including flood mitigation on the N59."

Councillor Queenan thanked Mr. Kilfeather for his help with this matter and requested that, if further information was received from the Department, it would be brought to the Municipal District Meeting. Mr. Kilfeather agreed to do so.

34. LOSS OF RATES INCOME DUE TO GLOBAL REVALUATIONS:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor T. Healy was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

"To call on the CEO of Sligo County Council to write to the Minister of Finance requesting that he finds a permanent mechanism to compensate Sligo County Council for this significant loss and all future losses outside the control of the Local Authorities, as this is a major annual loss of rates income resulting from the global revaluations. We stand to lose €267,375 and to a county like Sligo this is unsustainable".

35. REQUEST TO EIR FOR UPGRADE BROADBAND SERVICE IN BUNNINADDEN:

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

AND AGREED

"To call on Eir to upgrade the cabinet at the rear of the community centre in Bunninadden as there is a fibre broadband cable passing through the village".

With the agreement of the Members, items 36 and 38 were dealt with together:

36 & 38. TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON N4 AT SUMMERHILL ROUNDABOUT:

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

AND AGREED

"To call on Sligo County Council to examine the problem of early morning traffic congestion at the Summerhill roundabout on the main N4 entry road into Sligo Town".

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

AND AGREED

"That a review of traffic light timing at the Ray MacSharry Road be done in conjunction with the John Street lights."

Mr. Kilfeather outlined the various reasons for traffic congestion in this area, including the fact that The temporary closure of O'Connell Street has caused north-bound motorists to alter their travel routes, and a significant numbers of motorists are converging on the junction of the Inner Relief Road, Church Hill and Upper John Street between the hour 8:30am – 9:30am

In the short term, it is considered that the re-opening of O'Connell Street to motor vehicles will alleviate the morning time congestion on the approach to Summerhill Roundabout. In the longer term, and in response to the likely continued increase in traffic volumes, the installation of a SCOOT Traffic Control System (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique) will assist in addressing congestion problems along the Inner Relief Road. SCOOT is a system which continually assesses or measures traffic flow data obtained through a series of carriageway loops or sensors in order to optimise green times and thereby keep congestion to a minimum. To this end, the Council's Road Design Department have appointed Engineering Consultants to progress the design of the N4 Sligo Urban Improvement Scheme (Hughes Bridge to Rosses Point junction). As part of their brief the Consultants are required to progress the design and implementation of a SCOOT Traffic Control System for the Inner Relief Road. It is anticipated that this scheme could be delivered up within 18 – 24 months.

37. OVERCROWDING ON DUBLIN-SLIGO TRAIN:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council contact Irish Rail regarding the overcrowding issues on the Dublin Sligo train, especially on Fridays."

39. NAMING OF BRIDGE IN BALLISODARE TO HONOUR MARTIN SAVAGE:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor T. Healy was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

"That Sligo County Council would consider naming the bridge in the village of Ballisodare in honour to volunteer Martin Savage who is a native of Streamstown in recognition of the role he played at the GPO in the 1916 rising; and to call on Sligo County Council to initiate the process under section 192 of the 2001 Local Government Act to have the bridge named the Martin Savage Bridge".

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40. LIGHTING AT NATIONAL SCHOOL IN MAUGHEROW:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor T. Healy was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

"To ask Sligo County Council to assess and attain a quote for the costs of the works needed to erect street lighting on a pole which will address the safety concerns of the teachers and pupils regarding the lack of lighting outside the national school in Maugherow. This building is also used by a large number of Community groups on an annual basis".

41. HOSTING OF APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASSIST):

Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council facilitates the hosting of the ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) programme by the HSE for its members and staff."

42. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER TO DEAL WITH RAMIFICATIONS OF BREXIT ON IRELAND:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor T. MacSharry was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

"That Sligo County Council call on the Government (FG and The Independent Alliance) to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".

43. ISSUES AFFECTING MEMBERS OF AN GARDA SIOCHANA AND A.S.T.I. TEACHERS:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council call on the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Education to intervene immediately to resolve the issues affecting members of An Garda Siochana and ASTI teachers to avoid future strike action".

44. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR AN EXTENSION TO PONTOONS AT MULLAGHMORE AND SLIGO HARBOUR:

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

AND AGREED

“To request Sligo County Council to make an application for funding for an extension to the Pontoon at Mullaghmore and also for the Pontoon at Hughes Bridge in Sligo. The funding application to be applied for through The Northern and Western regional Assembly so that funding can be sourced through the Capital Investment Plan.”

The Meeting was advised by Mr. Kilfeather as follows:

Additional Pontoon at Timber Jetty (near Hughes Bridge, Sligo Harbour)

Sligo County Council have previously applied for funding from the Department of Marine for design, planning and licensing for additional pontoons at this location (estimated cost c€29,000 for these items only).

Department funding in recent years has been restricted to physical works only and Sligo County Council has not been successful. Sligo County Council will investigate alternative funding options for these works subject to resources available to carry out design work.

Mullaghmore Harbour.

As Councillors are aware, there are significant issues with siltation at Mullaghmore Harbour. It has always been a tidal harbour and will always be so. This siltation has implications for the pontoons. In addition, Sligo County Council incurs significant expense maintaining the existing pontoon (this year it will amount to about c€17,000 - more than half the entire Pier and Harbours maintenance budget for the county).

The harbour at Mullaghmore, whilst appearing protected, is vulnerable to winter storms and substantial monies have been spent over the past twenty years repairing the Stephenson pier (in particular). The pontoon, ramp and piles have all been damaged.

Sligo County Council do not consider it prudent to add additional pontoons.

45. REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN EXIT FROM CAR PARK ON ADELAID STREET TO THE MID BLOCK ROUTE:

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

AND AGREED

“To request Sligo County Council Roads department to construct a pedestrian Exit from the Car Park on Adelaide Street on to the Mid Block route . This pedestrian exit will open up the car park for use by the travelling public using the Train or Bus to travel out of Sligo.”

The Members were advised by Mr. T. Kilfeather that given its proximity to the City Centre the Adelaide Street car park operates primarily as an overflow car park for Wine Street. It is primarily used for short term parking and the current parking rates applying therein reflect this trend. As such, Adelaide Street car park is unlikely to be used by those wishing to avail of longer term parking. Nevertheless, it is considered that a pedestrian exit from the car park onto the Inner Relief Road could be of benefit to the public during off-peak times; for example serving as an overflow car park for patrons of The Showgrounds. Accordingly, it is proposed to refer the matter to the Planning Department for their consideration and observations also.

46. UPGRADING OF SEWAGE PLANT AT STRANDHILL & MONITORING FIGURES FOR THOSE USING THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY:

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

AND AGREED

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"Regarding the upgrading of the sewage plant at Strandhill, can Sligo County Council clarify from Irish Water whether the increased loading, resulting from the classification of Strandhill as a point of interest along the Wild Atlantic Way has been included in the capacity design calculations for the new waste water treatment plant. Can the up to date monitoring figures for those using the Wild Atlantic Way also be provided to the Council."

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that this query had been referred to Irish Water when it had been submitted. To date, no reply had been received. However, the Director of Services has continued to seek the reply to this and other motions. In relation to this matter, Mr. Kilfeather said significant negotiations had taken place regarding the new Plant in Strandhill. The capacity had been reduced to 2,400 but had been settled at 3,700 population equivalent capacity. If an upgrade is required to this Plant, it has been designed in such a way that an additional unit can be slotted in.

Councillor Maguire then requested the details regarding the measurement indicators under the Wild Atlantic Way which are used to inform Irish Water and other Bodies. This had been the root of the motion. If it is found that it has had a negative environmental impact and not mitigating against it and, if removed, it would have a significant impact on our economy.

Mr. Kilfeather confirmed that these details would be under Ms. Clarke's Directorate, and if it is something the Council are to do, it will have to be done.

It was agreed that the details requested would be provided by Ms. Clarke to the Members at their December Meeting.

It was then agreed to defer this motion to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting.

47. PUBLIC LIGHTING ALONG R292 AT SCARDEN:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council will review the public lighting along the R292 at Scarden adjacent to the Centre of Excellence."

The Director of Services, Mr. T. Kilfeather, advised the Members that given the large volume of turning movements arising at this location since the inception of the G.A.A. Centre of Excellence, it is considered that public lighting improvements are warranted here. This matter has been referred to the Council Public Lighting Designers for their consideration.

48. PROVISION OF A COLUMBARIUM IN SLIGO:

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

AND AGREED

"Sligo County Council will provide a columbarium or an alternative for those wishing to have their loved ones cremated ashes interred in our cemeteries."

Mr. Kilfeather reported that *with the existing Sligo Cemetery fast reaching capacity, it is proposed that a new cemetery extension will be constructed on Council owned lands adjacent to the cemetery. Draft plans have been prepared for this c.1.3hectare site. In recognition of the changing attitudes to different types of burials and in ensuring the most efficient use of cemetery land for present and future generations, it is proposed that the new cemetery will accommodate a range of burial types. The new cemetery therefore will make provision for in excess of 1500 traditional grave spaces. It will also include facilities for cremated remains, most likely in the form of a columbarium wall.*

The draft plans for the cemetery extension are being reviewed presently by technical personnel. Subject to slight design modifications and the carrying out of preliminary site investigations it is hoped to progress the project through the Part 8 Process during the first half of 2017. It would be desirable to construct the cemetery extension in one operation. Indications are however that the construction costs could be in the region of €1 million. A phased or incremental development process may therefore prove necessary and subject to availability of funds.

Noting the contents of the report, and taking the timeframe into account, Councillor Maguire asked that the installation of a columbarium in the existing Cemetery might be examined.

49. REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN ANC PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion submitted by Councillor M. Casserly was deferred to the Agenda of the Ordinary December Meeting:

"That Sligo County Council call on the Department of Agriculture for an increased ANC Payment. It is my understanding that there could be a considerable underspend (possibly in excess of €100m) in the Rural Development Program (budget of €580m) which I am asking be now paid out to farmers in the form of a second Areas of Natural Constraint Payment (ANC). This money would go some way towards covering losses farmers are now experiencing through poor market prices and increased costs resulting from poor weather this summer/autumn and Brexit related issues."

50. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S MINOR WORKS GRANTS SCHEME FOR SCHOOLS:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

"Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Education to address the Government's failure to commit to the minor works grant scheme for Schools in this year's Budget."

51. LOUGH TALT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council to take the necessary steps to bring the Lough Talt Water Supply Scheme to Gurteen Village and surrounding areas that are being serviced currently by Lough Gara via Roscommon water supply."

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that this was another motion where a reply/report from Irish Water was awaited. The Director of Services indicated that he is aware that works are currently taking place at the Treatment Plant in Roscommon that feeds the Gurteen area and this may address the works that have been highlighted.

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52. REPAIRS TO RATHNARROW ROAD, BALLINACARROW:

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

AND AGREED

That the Council carry out repairs on the Rathnarrow Road, Ballinacarrow and if necessary include it in roads programme.

Mr Kilfeather advised the members that this road will be considered for funding under a future schedule of Municipal works for Ballymote/Tubbercurry Municipal District. The road will be maintained in a reasonable condition in the meantime.

53. KEASH HILL WALKING TRAIL:

With the agreement of the Members, this item submitted by Councillor M. Gormley, was deferred to the Agenda of the December Meeting.

"To call on Sligo County Council to apply to the Rural Economic Development Section of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for funding to continue the Keash Hill walking Trail".

54. DECREASE IN COUNCIL'S OUTDOOR STAFF NUMBERS:

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

AND AGREED

"To ask the Chief Executive if he has received correspondence from SIPTU regarding the significant decrease in the Council's outdoor staff and to ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council executive has taken to address the matter."

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that *Correspondence was received from SIPTU on 21st October, 2016, which relates to discussions which have taken place in relation to the Draft Work Force Plan, which the Council submitted to the Department on 25th May 2016. Members will be aware that the Draft Workforce Plan as presently constructed reflects the requirements of the Financial Plan which is predicated on reducing staff numbers to the end of 2019 in order to deliver the required savings. Members will also be aware of the ongoing engagement with the Department regarding the necessity to review the Financial Plan to ensure it is both financially and organisationally sustainable. These matters have been the subject of several meetings with SIPTU, and a meeting is being arranged for mid-November for further discussions.*

The correspondence from SIPTU makes specific reference to the 12 temporary General Operatives employed by the Council, funded under the Severe Weather Works special allocation. These contracts were due to end later this month. A case to extend these contracts by 4 months was submitted to the Department in September and formal approval of same was received by correspondence from the Department dated 1st November.

This approval will allow outdoor staff numbers to be maintained over the winter period. The situation will be considered again in early 2017 in the context of 2017 Road Grant allocations and further engagement with the Department in respect of the Financial Plan.

In reply to queries raised by Councillor Bree, the Chief Executive confirmed that discussions are ongoing in the context of the Financial Plan.

55. MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN 2016:

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

"That the Council be provided with a list of the meetings/events (excluding meetings in Sligo County Council premises) which the Chief Executive has attended in the period since January 1st 2016 to date, the list to include date and venue of meetings/events."

Mr. Hayes referred to the Procedures' Committee resolution dealt with under Item 2 at the Meeting. The Chief Executive said that, as part of discussions on that matter, he had made the point that adherence to that motion would be incongruous due to the amount of invitations received. It would, therefore, be an onerous task for the Cathaoirleach.

A list was circulated to the Members detailing Meetings attended by the Chief Executive since January of 2016. This list is not a complete one but comes to 138 meetings, functions and events attended on behalf of the Council. It also does not reflect the number of events as there were many more meetings held in County Buildings. Furthermore, a total of 15 had been received for the Chief Executive alone in the previous eight days.

Apart from the fact that the Councillors have no role in the matter, the Chief Executive said that if he were to adhere to motion passed earlier, all of those would have to be referred to the Cathaoirleach.

56. CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS EMPLOYED BY SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL IN 2015:

Proposed by Councillor D. Bree

Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

"That the Council be provided with a breakdown of the contractors/consultants employed by the Council during the period 1st January 2015 to the 31st of December 2015, the work or works in lieu for which they were contracted and the amounts paid to those contractors."

Councillor D. Bree noted that this documentation has now been furnished to the Members and expressed his thanks for the details supplied.

57. WORKS ON 19 CONNOLLY PARK, TUBBERCURRY:

Proposed by Councillor J Lundy

Seconded by Councillor M Gormley

AND AGREED

"I will ask what plans the council have for no. 19 Connolly Park, Tubbercurry as this Council house is causing damp and damage to the privately owned no 20 Connolly Park, Tubbercurry."

Mr. J. Murphy, S.E.O. advised the Meeting that *it is proposed to prepare a full scope of works required and procure a Quantity Surveyor to prepare a cost breakdown based on same with the intention of submitting a claim for funding to the Department in relation to the refurbishment of number 19 in December 2016.*

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SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

The Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the business to continue after 5.00 p.m. until all items on the Agenda are dealt with.

58. 2017 TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME:

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

AND AGREED

"I will ask if smaller towns and villages in south Sligo can be included in the 2017 town and village Renewal Scheme."

Ms. D. Clarke advised the Meeting that *"the Minister announced funding for all local authorities for a Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2016. A sum of €380,000 was approved for each local authority.*

The Department has not confirmed at this stage that a similar Scheme or similar funding will be available in 2017, but it is anticipated that there might well be. Should that be the case, all towns and villages can be considered as long that they meet the required criteria to comply with the Scheme and the CEDRA Report".

59. COMMENTS BY FORMER PRESIDENT, MARY ROBINSON:

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

AND AGREED

"That this Council supports the farming community in County Sligo and rejects the recent comments made by former President, Mary Robinson, which were not helpful to cattle and sheep farmers."

60. VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Kevin Colreavy (Meetings Administrator), his wife Bridie and family of Creevymore, Cliffoney on the death of Bridie's mother, Brigid Gallagher.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Padraic Smith of Tonaphubble on the death of his wife Mary.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Brendan Johnson of Rosses Point on the death of his sister, Patricia.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Damian Willis of Grange on the death of his aunt, Mary Foley.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Tom O'Connor of Bridge Street, Sligo on the death of his wife, Mary.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Gerry Caulfield of Dunally, Calry on the death of his wife, Ann.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mary O'Brien of Strandhill Road on the death of her mother, Monica.

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

61. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of congratulations be extended to Brian Flynn and all staff associated with the development of the Coach Parking area on Connaughton Road and associated works on Markievicz Road".

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Councillor O'Grady advised the Meeting that, as a result of the works, Sligo has now been awarded "Coach friendly city" status.

62. CONFERENCES:

The Members agreed to note and approve the list of Conferences, as circulated with the Agenda.

63. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES:

The Members agreed to note the summary of proceedings of conferences attended in accordance with Section 142(5) (f) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

64. CORRESPONDENCE:

**It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

"To note correspondence circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting".

65. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Councillor D. Bree referred to his request at the October Meeting for details of the Membership of the Harbour Advisory Committee and a copy of the Minutes of their Meeting.

Ms. Clarke advised the Members that a Meeting of the Committee was due to take place on the following day and, once approved by the Committee, the Minutes and details requested would be circulated to the Members.

66. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

No matter was raised under this heading.

END OF MEETING:

The meeting concluded at 5.10 p.m.