COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Baker,
- Councillor Bree,
- Councillor Casserly,
- Councillor Gormley,
- Councillor Healy,
- Councillor Henry,
- Councillor Keaney,
- Councillor Lundy,
- Councillor Maguire,
- Councillor MacManus,
- Councillor MacSharry,
- Councillor Mulvey,
- Councillor O'Boyle,
- Councillor O'Grady,
- 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. John Clancy, Head of I.S.
- Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services
- Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner
- Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian
- Ms. Margaret McConnell, S.E.O.
- Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
- Mr. Keith Lyons, Clerical Officer
- Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Assistant Staff Officer

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillor Clarke, Councillor Kilgannon and Councillor Queenan.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cathaoirleach, Councillor H. Keaney, presided.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed those present and wished them a Happy New Year.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – ADJOURNMENT AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE LATE LIAM KILGANNON:

At the suggestion of the Cathaoirleach, and with the unanimous agreement of the Members, the meeting was adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect to the late Liam Kilgannon. The Funeral of Mr. Kilgannon, an employee of Sligo County Council, was taking place at that time.

1. MINUTES OF SPC 3 (PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARTS AND CULTURE) HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2016:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of SPC 3 Meeting (Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture) held on 13th September, 2016".

2. MINUTES OF LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – 7^{TH} SEPTEMBER, 2016:

Proposed by Councillor S. Maguire Seconded by Councillor G. O'Boyle

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Meeting of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) held on 7th September, 2016."

3. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 12th December, 2016".

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH APRIL & 24TH OCTOBER, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Sligo County Council's Audit Committee Meetings held on a) 25th April and b) 24th October, 2016".

Councillor Healy referred to an extract from the Minutes of Meeting held on 24th October, 2016 where the Chief Executive had advised the Members that "There had been a change in the national funding model for the Local Enterprise Offices, and the credit received from the Department in relation to this cost will not be available next

year". Councillor Healy sought clarification in relation to the sum involved and whether this had been accounted for in the Budget for 2017.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the sum of €85,000 involved had been included in the Council's Budget.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING OF SLIGO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT – 17TH OCTOBER, 2016:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Municipal District held on 17th October, 2016."

6. MINUTES OF MEETING OF SLIGO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT – 9TH NOVEMBER, 2016 – TO CONSIDER DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN:

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm Minutes of Sligo Municipal District Meeting held on 9th November, 2016 to consider draft Budgetary Plan."

7. SECTION 85 AGREEMENT – UPGRADING OF PUBLIC LIGHTING ON N4:

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly

AND AGREED

"To approve entering into an agreement with Mayo County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 in respect of the upgrading of public lighting on the N4 Curlews Bypass and N4 Collooney/Sligo Inner Relief Road (North West National Road Bypasses – Public Lighting and Energy Efficiency Project) whereby Mayo County Council will be enabled to undertake appropriate works in County Sligo on behalf of Sligo County Council."

8. UPDATE ON EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF VOLUNTEERING 2017:

Ms. M. McConnell, Senior Executive Officer outlined details of the background to achieving the designation and advised Members about the forthcoming Civic Reception and Gala Celebration taking place on 27th January in I.T. Sligo.

These Events will officially launch Sligo's designation as "European Volunteering Capital 2017".

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms McConnell for her detailed presentation. The Chief Executive advised Members that the Council will be dependent on existing resources as had been done in the case of the Fleadh and other Events. By comparison, London had a staff of 17 in their office. Sligo will be depending on the culture of volunteerism developed in the recent past. Some additional resources in the form of promotion and marketing assistance have been made available. This will be available to the Volunteer Centre for the period of the event. Sligo County Council's role will be one of co-ordination

Ms. McConnell added that it was important to get the message out. 'Road shows' are being organised in the Spring to allow people to become part of groups.

The Cathaoirleach then advised the Meeting that the launch Event on 27th January has a capacity for 1200 patrons and encouraged a full attendance at same.

9. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2016:

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

AND AGREED

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

10. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION – ENNISCRONE LEISURE LIMITED:

Further to the report previously circulated, the Head of Enterprise outlined the background to this amendment.

The Members then agreed the following:

"To note amendment to Article 28 of the Articles of Association of Enniscrone Leisure Limited".

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION (LAMA):

Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

"To appoint Councillor Paul Taylor as a representative to the Local Authorities Members Association to replace Councillor Tom MacSharry"

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Bree Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

AND AGREED

"To thank Councillor MacSharry for his work on behalf of the Members of Sligo County Council during his term".

12. CHAIRMANSHIP OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES:

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

AND AGREED

"That Councillor D. Bree replace Councillor D. Mulvey as Chair of S.P.C. 1 (Housing and Corporate) for the remainder of this Council's term".

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

AND AGREED

"That Councillor S. Maguire replace Councillor S. MacManus as Chair of S.P.C. 3 (Planning, Community and Economic Development, Arts and Culture) for the remainder of this Council's term".

FORTHCOMING PRESENTATIONS TO MEETINGS OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that, subject to their approval, the following Presentations were proposed:

6th February Ordinary Meeting – Metal Mariners Sligo

6th March Ordinary Meeting – Dr. McCormack, President of I.T. Sligo

3rd April Ordinary Meeting - The meeting was advised that Tusla – Child and Family Agency had approached the Council to enquire about making a presentation. If a formal request is received, it was agreed that Tusla would be facilitated at the April meeting of the Council.

The Members agreed to the above Schedule.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR SEAN MACMANUS:

The Cathaoirleach indicated that he had received a request from Councillor MacManus to allow him to make an announcement and Standing Orders were being suspended to allow him to do so.

Councillor MacManus advised the Meeting that it was his intention to resign as a Member of Sligo County Council and that the Ordinary Meeting on 6th February would be his final Meeting.

The Cathaoirleach said that Members will be given an opportunity to address Councillor MacManus at that time.

13. SERVICES AT LOCAL POST OFFICES:

The Members noted that this matter has now been dealt with and was then withdrawn by Councillor Casserly:

"That Sligo County Council calls 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."

14. DEVELOPMENT OF SITE AT KNOCKNACULLEN, DROMORE WEST FOR HOUSING WAITING LIST:

With the agreement of the Members, the following motion was deferred to the Agenda of the February Ordinary Meeting

"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".

15. RAMIFICATIONS OF "BREXIT" ON IRELAND:

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

"That Sligo County Council call on the Government (FG & The

Independent Alliance) to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".

An amendment to the motion on the Agenda was

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

"That motion No. 15 on the agenda be amended to include the works 'supported by Fianna Fáil' be added after (FG & The Independent Alliance"

Following a discussion on this matter , the amendment was withdrawn and it was

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council call on the Government to appoint a Minister to deal exclusively with the ramifications of Brexit on Ireland".

16. STRANDHILL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

AND

MONITORING FIGURES FOR WILD ATLANTIC WAY:

Councillor S. Maguire indicated that she had received the information sought and, therefore, was withdrawing the deferred motion from the Agenda.

"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 WAW also be provided to the Council."

17. SUPPORT FOR SLIGO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

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

AND AGREED

"To ask for a report on the resources, either human, financial or otherwise, given to date by Sligo Co Council in support of Sligo Business Improvement District (BIDS) and the projected annual support for this scheme."

The Head of Enterprise responded with a detailed report outlining the situation.

In noting that a sum of €395,000 had been anticipated as the income from the BID levies, Councillor MacManus requested and it was agreed that a short report would be prepared for the February Meeting outlining the income accrued from these levies.

18. APPLICATION UNDER WIFI4EU INITIATIVE:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council apply for the WIFI4EU initiative which promotes free Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens and visitors in public spaces such as parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres, etc."

In confirming that the situation with this initiative is as had been outlined by Councillor Henry, the Head of Finance indicated that an application will be submitted when they are invited later in the year.

19. ENNISCRONE LIBRARY SERVICES:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion as submitted by Councillor J. Queenan was deferred to the February Ordinary Meeting Agenda

"Ask County Librarian to confirm that the Enniscrone library services will be maintained after August 17 when the present staff retire."

20. NORTHWEST REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE PRESENTATION RE. ALCOHOL ABUSE:

With the agreement of the Members, this motion as submitted by Councillor M. Clarke was deferred to the February Ordinary Meeting Agenda

"Following a Presentation by Sean O'Connor - Northwest Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NWRDATF) Coordinator, made to the Meeting of County Sligo Joint Policing Committee on 16th December 2016, in An Chroí South Sligo Enterprise Centre, Tubbercurry. I call on Sligo County Council to discuss the issue of alcohol abuse, lobby the Government, to have all alcohol addictive drug product removed from Shops and supermarkets, to train and provide qualifications for people to safely retail alcohol and to revitalise the traditional Irish Pub industry."

21. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR PLAYGROUND AT DOORLY PARK:

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

AND AGREED

"That the possibility of a pedestrian crossing be explored at or close to the playground at Doorly Park."

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Members that the Roads Department will examine this matter. Members noted that, should it be determined a crossing is required, the cost of installation is estimated at €20,000.

22. REQUEST FOR RECRUITMENT OF SCHOOL WARDENS:

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly Seconded by Councillor T. Healy

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council submits a request to the Department looking to obtain sanction to recruit school wardens."

Members welcomed Mr. Kilfeather's report where they were advised that Sanction for the recruitment of eight Wardens was received on 6th January, 2017.

It was further noted, and Members expressed their gratitude, that the Department had received the request earlier that day and had responded favourably.

23. REVIEW OF HOME CARE PACKAGE FOR OLDER PERSONS:

With the agreement of the Members, the following motion submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon was deferred to the February Agenda

"To request Sligo County Council to call on the Minister for Health Simon Harris TD and the HSE to urgently review the current home care package for older persons. The current scheme is totally inadequate and is causing serious hardship for families."

24. ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE NORTH WEST:

With the agreement of the Members, the following motion submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon was deferred to the February Agenda

"I propose that Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Employment, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, seeking assurances that County Sligo will be high on the list for new jobs in 2017 as Sligo is the key centre of economic growth in the North West."

25. REINTRODUCTION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

With the agreement of the Members, the following motion submitted by Councillor S. Kilgannon was deferred to the February Agenda

"I propose that Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for the

Environment to provide adequate funding for the maintenance of our County Roads network and, as a matter of urgency, a ring fenced allocation for the re-introduction of local improvement schemes."

26. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR ORDER OF MALTA:

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

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council to help the Order of Malta who are currently seeking a larger premises and that the Council would consider the Fleadh office building to accommodate them."

Mr. Gavin provided a detailed report on the condition of the building and the intended usage of same. Members noted that it is intended to pursue further the necessary funding and putting the building to use, subject to agreement, as a community hub.

27. MEASURES TO ACCOMMODATE WHEELCHAIR USERS AT UNATTENDED RAILWAY STATIONS:

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley Seconded by Councillor T. Healy

AND AGREED

"That this Council calls on Irish Rail to put measures in place to accommodate wheelchair users at stations where there is no person on duty."

28. RECOGNITION FOR TRAVELLER ETHNICITY:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council recognises Traveller ethnicity and calls on the government to recognise Traveller Ethnicity".

29. BAN ON USE OF ANIMALS AS CIRCUS ACTS:

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Boyle Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly

AND AGREED

"I call on Sligo County Council to ban the use of animals as circus acts".

30. REVENUE FROM SUGAR TAX TOWARDS P.E. HOURS AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES:

Proposed by Councillor G. O'Boyle Seconded by Councillor K. Henry

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council writes to Minister Michael Noonan to put the revenue that will be generated by sugar tax into doubling P.E. hours and sporting activities."

31. BARRIER ALONG REGIONAL ROAD R824 AT GLEANN, SOOEY:

Proposed by Councillor M. Baker Seconded by Councillor T. Healy

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council to erect barrier along the regional road R824 at Gleann, Sooey."

Members were advised that the Area Engineer will inspect this location and prepare a report on this request.

32. REPLACEMENT OF FOOTPATH AT ARDKEERAN, RIVERSTOWN:

Proposed by Councillor M. Baker Seconded by Councillor K. Henry

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council to replace footpath at Ardkeeran, Riverstown (beside post office) in the interest of health and safety."

Mr. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that the Area Engineer will inspect the location and cost the works. These works could then be considered for funding under the 2017 Schedule of Municipal Works for the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District.

33. REFURBISHMENT OF GIBRALTAR AMENITY AREA:

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

AND AGREED

"That a report be provided outlining the preparation of plans to seek grant aid for the refurbishment of the Gibraltar amenity area and for the development of a linear park system along the seashore from Gibraltar to the Sligo urban area at the docks."

Mr. T. Kilfeather reported to the Meeting that there are no current plans for the refurbishment of the Gibraltar Amenity Area as the Council is not in a position to progress this matter currently.

34. PROPOSED PIER AND PONTOON SCHEME IN ROSSES POINT:

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

AND AGREED

"Noting that on the 8th of December 2016 the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government granted approval in principle to proceed to the exchange of draft lease terms between the Council and the Department in respect of the proposed Pier and Pontoon scheme in Rosses Point, and further noting that the case was to be referred to the Chief State Solicitor's Office for drafting of the Lease; this meeting requests a progress report and information as to when it is expected that the Foreshore Lease will be executed which will allow the Council to make an application for grant aid for the scheme."

Mr. T. Kilfeather updated the Members on the current situation with this project. The report was welcomed and it was noted that this matter is being followed up on a weekly basis as it is likely applications for funding will be sought in early February.

35. GATE LODGE AT DOORLY PARK:.

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

"Noting that a protected structure is a structure that the planning authority considers to be of special interest from an architectural, historical and cultural, point of view; and noting that the Gate Lodge at Doorly Park is designated as a Protected Structure; this Council requests the executive to take the necessary steps to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance on the building pending the refurbishment of the structure."

Mr. B. Gavin reported to the Meeting and outlined the background to the present situation. Members were advised that funding will now be pursued to "carry out the necessary repairs and maintenance on the building pending the refurbishment of the structure" as set out in the motion.

36. CATHETERISATION LABORATORY AT SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council, as a matter of urgency, seeks an update from Minister Simon Harris and the local Government T.D.s on the provision of a cardiac catheterisation laboratory at Sligo University Hospital".

37. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN GRANGE VILLAGE:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council assess the need for a pedestrian crossing in the general area of the Chemist, SuperValu on the western side, and Lowe's Petrol Pumps and Five Star Fun on the eastern side of the N15 at Grange village".

Members were advised by Mr. Kilfeather that the matter has been referred to the Council's Road Design Team and Transport Infrastructure Ireland for their consideration.

38. ILLEGAL DUMPING ON KILLERY ROAD:

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

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council's Environment Section address the problem of illegal dumping on the Killery road leading to the Mountain at Killery".

Mr. Kilfeather indicated that no complaints had been received but the matter is being followed up on.

39. FLOODING ON R287 (SLISHWOOD TO CORREAGH SECTION)

Proposed by Councillor T. Healy Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council if any funding has been made available to address the ongoing concerns with flooding on the R287 between Slishwood and Correagh".

In reply, Mr. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that flooding occurs occasionally at the section of the R287 known as "the long stretch". There are environmental issues to be addressed in relation to carrying out works to reduce the flooding on this road. The Ballymote Area Engineer will pursue this matter in 2017.

40. WORKS ON ROUNDABOUTS ON N4 IN COLLOONEY:

Proposed by Councillor T. Healy Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council if they made contact with the N.R.A. in relation to working along with Collooney Tidy Towns and Collooney Village Redevelopment with regards to the two main roundabouts on the N4 in Collooney".

Mr. Kilfeather outlined the situation concerning these roundabouts and, in particular, that for Health and Safety reasons personnel from Collooney Tidy Towns or Collooney village redevelopment are not permitted to carry out any maintenance works on these roundabouts.

However, the Council are willing to meet with representatives from these groups however to discuss the upkeep and on-going maintenance of the two roundabouts and also to discuss proposals for improving the presentation of this important and prominent approach to Collooney village.

The Cathaoirleach enquired whether the matter of sponsorship by local Companies had been investigated and it was agreed to consider this option.

41. TAKING IN CHARGE – FLOWERHILL ESTATE, BUNNINADDEN AND FAIRWAYS ESTATE, TUBBERCURRY:

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

AND AGREED

"What is the up-to-date position on the taking in charge of;

- A. Flowerhill Estate, Bunninadden
- B. Fairways Estate, Tubbercurry".

Ms. D. Clarke updated the Members in relation to both Estates.

It was noted that the "Flowerhill" development should be taken in charge later this year. Councillor Gormley expressed her concern regarding the "Fairways" Estate and asked that this matter be pursued to endeavour to have this Estate also taken in charge before the end of the year.

42. DRIVING LICENCES FOR NON-EU CITIZENS:

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

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council to seek clarity from the NDLS {National Driving Licence Service} as to what is the status of non-EU citizens driving licence is in Ireland and what services are available to assist them in obtaining an Irish driving licence."

Councillor Mulvey asked that a further query would also be raised and clarification sought from the NDLS. This related to the situation where a Resident does not have good spoken English. Clarification was requested as to whether there are facilities in place for those Residents to take their Driving Test in another language.

43. SOLAR POWERED COMPACTING LITTER BINS:

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

AND AGREED

"To ask Sligo County Council to seek information from Dublin County Council on the recent announcement that it plans to install 800 solar powered compacting litter bins which can hold up to 8 times the amount of regular bins in public areas and thus create a cleaner environment, can Sligo County Council apply for any funding for the purchase of such bins?

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council have already installed 400 of these bins and have been named the most Efficient municipality in waste management in a competition entered by 500 councils around the world."

Mr. T. Kilfeather agreed that details would be sought from Dublin County Council.

44. VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to the family of the late Teresa (Tess) Kent of Ballydoogan".

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Maureen Gallagher of Carrowreagh Cooper, Tubbercurry on the death of her husband, Jackie.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Gabrielle Davey of Coolaney on the death of her brother, Seamus Harte.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Annie Kennedy of Curry South, Curry on the death of her husband, Matt.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Des Harte of Highwood, Kilmactranny on the death of his brother, Seamus.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Jacqueline McDonagh of Benbulben Terrace, Sligo on the death of her brother, Michael.

Proposed by Councillor M. Baker Seconded by Councillor K. Henry

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Kathleen Bruen of Tapp, Geevagh on the death of her husband, Brendan.

Proposed by Councillor M. Baker Seconded by Councillor K. Henry

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Pat Corcoran of Annaghcarty, Drumnacool on the death of his father, Joe.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Bridget McGauran of Lugawarry, Ballisodare on the death of her husband, John.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to May Russell of Carrignagat, Collooney on the death of her husband, Pat.

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

AND AGREED

"That a vote of sympathy be extended to Sally Brady of Tabhar Unan, Skreen on the death of her husband, Pat.

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

45. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

No matter was raised under this heading.

46. CONFERENCES:

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

AND AGREED

"To note and approve the Conferences and Training list previously circulated".

47. 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.

48. CORRESPONDENCE:

It was proposed by Councillor D. Bree Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady

AND AGREED

"To agree the attendance of the Councillor Hubert Keaney, Cathaoirleach, at the annual Festival in Miranda do Douro from 17th to 19th February, 2017".

The Members further agreed to note correspondence circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting.

49. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No matter was raised under this heading.

50. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor R. O'Grady referred to the Healthcare crisis and the conditions in Hospitals at present. Statistics were outlined to the Meeting relating to bed occupancy and Patients awaiting treatment on trolleys throughout the country.

END OF MEETING:

The meeting concluded at 1.40 p.m.