

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Baker, Bree, Casserly, Clarke, Gormley, Healy, Henry, Keaney, Kilgannon, Lundy, Maguire, MacManus, MacSharry, Mulvey, O’Boyle, O’Grady, Queenan and 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. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner
Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian
Ms. Pauline Brennan, Senior Executive Librarian
Mr. John Moran, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Margaret McConnell, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Patrick Gannon, Assistant Librarian
Mr. Kevin Colreavy, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Karen Gallagher, I. S. Technical Support Officer
Ms. Jo-Anne McGonigle, Asst. Staff Officer

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cathaoirleach, Cllr. H. Keaney, presided.

“SPIRIT OF SLIGO” EVENT TO LAUNCH THE “EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL 2017”: At the outset, the Cathaoirleach said he wished to thank everyone involved in the Civic Reception and “Spirit of Sligo” Gala Celebration held on 27th January in I.T. Sligo. The evening was fantastic showcase event for Sligo.

- 1. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH JANUARY, 2017:** **Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady**
Seconded by Cllr. P. Taylor
AND AGREED
“To confirm Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 9th January, 2017”
- 2. MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING OF BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY M.D. HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2016:** **Proposed by Cllr. P. Taylor**
Seconded by Cllr. M. Clarke
AND AGREED
“To confirm Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 9th November, 2016”.
- 3. MINUTES OF BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY M.D. MEETING HELD ON** **Proposed by Cllr. M. Clarke**
Seconded by Cllr. P. Taylor
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28TH NOVEMBER,
2016:

“To confirm Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 28th November, 2016”

4. SECTION 183 –
DISPOSAL OF
PROPERTY AT 14
RUSHEEN
CRESCENT,
CALTRAGH:

Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady
Seconded by Cllr. G. O’Boyle

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the disposal of property at 14 Rusheen Crescent, Caltragh, Sligo to Ms. Fiona Couch”.

5. SECTION 183 –
DISPOSAL OF
PROPERTY AT 6
GREEN ROAD,
COOLANEY:

Proposed by Cllr. M. Clarke
Seconded by Cllr. D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

“To approve, pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the disposal of property at 6 Green Road, Coolaney, Co. Sligo to Ms. Christine McGlinchey”.

6. SECTION 6 –
ASSISTANCE TO
SOPHIA HOUSING
ASSOCIATION –
DWELLING AT
CULLAGHBEG,
DRUMCLIFFE:

Proposed by Cllr. S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Cllr. H. Keaney

AND AGREED

“To approve in accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, and Regulations thereunder, provision of assistance to Sophia Housing Association Ltd, in the form of Capital Assistance Scheme in the value of €291,211 for the purchase of a dwelling at Cullaghbeg, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo”.

7. PRESENTATION BY
“METAL
MARINERS”:

The “Metal Mariners” group were represented by Mr. Bryan Armstrong and Mr. John Buckley.

They described their group as one of local, life-long Sailors and Boaters who are engaging the Sligo community in all water sports, boat building and sailing. In turn, this will help promote Sligo to the world of water sports.

Details were provided to the Meeting regarding “Visitor Moorings” and the necessity, benefits, timeline and costing for same.

The Cathaoirleach then indicated that, due to the content, Item 26 on the Agenda would be dealt with at this time.

26. MOORING OF
SMALL BOATS AT
QUAY STREET

Cllr. MacSharry advised the Members that there was a slight variation to the wording of his motion on the Agenda. The words “to another part of the estuary “ were being replaced by “and preserve it by

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SLIPWAY: record”.

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

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council Engineering and Heritage staff, in conjunction with the Department of Arts & Heritage, assess the possibility of moving the wreck of the ‘Malbeck’ from the slipway at Quay Street, and preserve it by record, to allow use for mooring small boats at the slipway at Quay wall”.

**8. BRIEFING ON
REGIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND
NATIONAL
PLANNING
FRAMEWORK:**

Mr. David Minton, Director of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly was welcomed to the Meeting by the Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Kilgannon (Cathaoirleach of the Assembly) on behalf of the Members.

Mr. Minton outlined details from their publication “Crafting a Vision for Regional Development – Framework for Dialogue on new Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies”.

The National Planning Framework was launched on 2nd February by the Taoiseach and Minister Coveney with regional launches and an Executive Consultation planned in the coming weeks.

The Chief Executive referred to an element of the presentation “Reflecting on the past legacy of under investment” and said the importance of the “National Planning Framework” could not be over-emphasised. Its significance will be considered over the coming months in relation to Consideration relation to the preparation of the County Development Plan. Sligo is strategically positioned to provide the necessary counter balance in the north west. This should be the Council’s focus in the consideration of the National Planning Framework now going out for public consultation.

Members outlined various points arising from the Presentation and Mr. Minton clarified some issues further. In particular, he highlighted that it is more expensive to do business in this region than in Dublin or south of the country. When deciding on a location, businesses examine sites, people, broadband and gas being a key component for some industries. All of this is being included in the regional submission.

**9. MONTHLY
MANAGEMENT
REPORT –
DECEMBER 2016:**

Cllr. S. MacManus enquired about the Tubbercurry, Grange, Strandhill and Ballinafad DBO Scheme. Mr. Kilfeather clarified the most up to date situation in this regard and the envisaged timeline for commencement of the works.

Cllr. D. Bree referred to the second Chief Executive’s Report for the County Development Plan and enquired when it would be prepared. Ms. Clarke confirmed that preparation of same is under way and, as there had been quite a lot of submissions received, it should be finalised within the next two months.

The Members then agreed to note the Monthly Management Report for

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December 2016”.

10. **TEMPORARY OVERDRAFT FOR 12 MONTHS FROM 1ST APRIL, 2017 TO 31ST MARCH, 2018:** **Proposed by Cllr. S. Kilgannon**
Seconded by Cllr. H. Keaney
- “To approve the borrowing of a sum not exceeding €13.5m by way of temporary overdraft for the 12 months from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018”.*
- This resolution was agreed with Cllrs. Bree, Healy, MacManus and O’Boyle abstaining.
11. **BUDGET OF SLIGO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LTD.:** The Head of Enterprise referred to details of his report previously circulated to the Members and replied to queries raised by Members.
- Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady**
Seconded by Cllr. S. Kilgannon
- AND AGREED**
- “To note the budget of Sligo Business Improvement District Ltd. for its second year of operation and to set the annual BID multiplier.”*
12. **DECLARATION OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS – “MEADOWBANK”, STRADUFF, GEEVAGH AND “BAYVIEW”, ROSSES POINT:** **Proposed by Cllr. D. Bree**
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady
- AND AGREED**
- That Sligo County Council, being satisfied of their general public utility, declares the Roads named below to be Public Roads in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993.”*
- | <i>Road Number</i> | <i>Location and Terminal Points:</i> |
|--------------------|--|
| <i>L-11026-0</i> | <i>Road situate in the housing development known as “Meadowbank” in the townland of Straduff, Geevagh.</i> |
| <i>L-7314-0</i> | <i>Road situate in the housing development of “Bayview” in Rosses Point.</i> |
13. **NATIONAL LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** The Cathaoirleach advised the Meeting that, due to their content, items 17 and 31 would also be taken at this time.
- 17) *“Ask County Librarian to confirm that the Enniscrone library services will be maintained after August 17 when the present staff retires.”*
17. **ENNISCRONE LIBRARY SERVICES** 31) *“To call on the CEO of Sligo County Council to write to the Minister of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to sanction the recruitment of Staff to replace the retired Staff in the libraries to ensure that all the Council libraries in*

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AND

the county remain open during normal opening hours”.

**31. STAFFING AND
OPENING HOURS OF
SLIGO COUNTY
LIBRARIES:**

Ms. D. Clarke and Ms. P. Brennan outlined the background to this new national system, details of which had been circulated in their Report to the Members.

Ms. Clarke advised the Meeting that, during 2017 the retirement of three staff (one full-time and two part-time Branch Librarians) is due to take place at various stages throughout the year.

The replacement of staff to fill the vacancies left by those who retire will be part of the discussion with the Department and the Unions in relation to the review of the Council’s Financial Plan.

A meeting has already been sought with the Department Officials in relation to the review of the Financial Plan.

In reply to further queries raised by Members, the Chief Executive reiterated that all of these situations feed into the targets under the Financial Plan. As soon as it is possible, the Executive will meet with the Department’s representatives and go through all of these issues.

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

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council calls on Minister Coveney to abide by the Public Libraries Act, 1947, Section 16 which states the following – There may be paid to the council, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas and in accordance with regulations made by the Minister with the consent of the Minister for Finance, grants of such amounts as the Minister may sanction to enable the Council to provide financial aid to local authorities for the improvement of their library services. As far as I can see this section allows the Minister to allocate funding to the Council for library services and recognises how vital libraries are to communities”.

**14. TAKING IN CHARGE
–
“BEECHWOOD
COURT”,
BALLYTIVNAN:**

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

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council commence the process of taking in charge the development known as ‘Beechwood Court’, Ballytivnan, Co. Sligo by instigating the necessary procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare public the road serving the development”.

**15. TAKING IN CHARGE
–
“LAR EASA COVE”,
STRANDHILL:**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Bree
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“That Sligo County Council commence the process of taking in charge the development known as ‘Lar Easa Cove’, Strandhill, Co. Sligo by instigating the necessary procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare public the road serving the development”.

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

This motion, submitted by Cllr. M. Clarke was deferred to the Agenda of the March 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”.

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

Following a discussion on this motion, Members asked that Cllr. Clarke might reword it as they would have a difficulty agreeing to certain aspects of same. Cllr. Clarke asked that vote would be taken on the existing wording:

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

“Following a Presentation by Sean O’Connor - Northwest Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (NWRDATF) Co-ordinator, 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.”

The vote resulted as follows:

FOR: Cllrs. Casserly and Clarke (2)

AGAINST: Cllrs. Baker, Gormley, Henry, Keaney, Kilgannon, MacSharry, Mulvey and Taylor (8)

ABSTAINED: Cllrs. Bree, Healy, Lundy, Maguire, MacManus, O’Boyle and O’Grady (7)

The Cathaoirleach deemed the motion lost.

Cllrs. MacSharry, Kilgannon and O’Grady put forward the following motion:

“That Sligo County Council call on the Government, in the fight against alcohol abuse in Society, to provide extra funding for Detox Units, support group Hostels, together with counselling and addiction services for aftercare treatment of people addicted to alcohol”.

It was agreed that this motion would be added to the 6th March

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**19. REVIEW OF HOME
CARE PACKAGE
FOR OLDER
PERSONS:**

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

AND AGREED

“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.”

**20. ECONOMIC
GROWTH IN THE
NORTH WEST:**

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

AND AGREED

“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.”

**21. REINTRODUCTION
OF LOCAL
IMPROVEMENT
SCHEMES:**

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady**

“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.”

**LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT,
2001 – ANNUAL
DECLARATION:**

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that he had been notified by Ms. Janet McNamara, Ethics Registrar as follows

“To comply with Section 174 (b) of the Local Government Act, 2001 it is being brought to the attention of the Members of Sligo County Council that a notice, together with the prescribed form, was forwarded to the Members on 27th January, 2017 informing them of the requirement imposed on them under Section 171 to prepare and furnish an Annual Declaration.

Due date for completion and return of the Annual Declaration is 28th February, 2017”.

The Members noted the above.

**22. MORTGAGE
APPLICATIONS –
SLIGO COUNTY**

**Proposed by Cllr. K. Henry
Seconded by Cllr. P. Taylor**

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COUNCIL: AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council for the most recent figures on the number of mortgage applications received and granted by the Council.”

The Meeting was advised by Mr. J. Murphy that 22 applications were received in 2016 and 13 applications were approved.

**23. E.N.T. WAITING
LISTS IN SLIGO
UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL:**

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

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to write to the E.N.T. Consultant in Sligo General Hospital and the Minister for Health, Simon Harris T.D., for an explanation on the reasons why Patients have to wait more than two years for the procedure to have tonsils removed.”

**24. PROVISION OF
CAMERAS TO
MONITOR ILLEGAL
DUMPING;**

The Cathaoirleach advised Members that he would deal with items 24, 36, 38 and 40 on the Agenda at this time.

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Clarke
Seconded by Cllr. T. Healy**

**ILLEGAL DUMPING
AT LAY-BY IN
BALLINACARROW**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council, to seek and provide funds for the purchase of covert cameras to clamp down on illegal dumping which is now at unacceptable level in the county.”

AND

**LITTER WARDEN
FOR COUNTY
SLIGO:**

**Proposed by Cllr. K. Henry
Seconded by Cllr. P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council monitors the illegal dumping in the Ballinacarrow area due to continuous occurrences.”

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

AND AGREED

“Due to the ongoing dumping that is taking place on the lay-by at Ballinacarrow that the council erect a camera at this location”.

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Casserly
Seconded by Cllr. T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

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**ILLEGAL DUMPING
AND LITTER
WARDEN POST
CONTINUED:**

“That the vacant position of Litter Warden for County Sligo be filled as soon as possible.”

Mr. Kilfeather, Director of Services advised the Meeting that it is accepted that illegal dumping is a significant issue. The vacant position of one Litter Warden is causing us significant difficulties, despite the efforts of the Council’s Waste Enforcement Officers and support from Area Offices.

The purchase of covert cameras is being pursued currently and their use and deployment will be considered for locations that are giving rise to problems with illegal dumping. Departmental approval is being sought to advertise the post of Litter Warden and competition will be held at the earliest date possible.

The Chief Executive confirmed that, while there are black spots in the county, this matter is being pursued in a number of ways by Sligo County Council. Further to the discussion, the Cathaoirleach added the Members’ gratitude to all the voluntary groups that carry out clean ups of their areas.

25. RURAL HOUSING:

This motion, submitted by Cllr. M. Clarke was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:

“To call on Sligo County Council to consider the difficulties that rural communities are experiencing with regard to developing of housing in rural areas as has been outlined in a letter to Director of Services and to ensure that the County Development Plan addresses those issues.”

**27. TRAFFIC CALMING
MEASURES –
THE LUNGY:**

This motion, submitted by Cllr. T. MacSharry was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:

“That Sligo County Council assess the need for traffic calming measures including signage at the Lungy, Sligo”.

**28. N4 SCHEME WORK
PROGRAMME FOR
2017:**

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

AND AGREED

**N4 SCHEME WORK
PROGRAMME FOR
2017:**

“Following notification of funding allocations for 2017 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland I call on the Director of Services of Sligo County Council to prepare a Report for members setting out the planned work programme for 2017 for the N4 Scheme and to set out the remaining steps to allow this Scheme proceed to construction ”.

Mr. Kilfeather furnished the Members with a detailed report outlining the planned work programme for 2017. It was noted by the Members that the only barrier to proceeding to construction is funding.

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The Chief Executive confirmed that funding has been received from T.I.I. as each stage progressed and their plan is to be reviewed later this year.

**29. GOVERNMENT
COMMITMENTS
FOR CREDIT
UNIONS:**

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“Sligo County Council noting the important Statement of Principle in the Programme for Partnership Government relating to Credit Unions now calls on the Taoiseach and Finance Minister to make a statement setting out a work programme on how it will implement its commitments for Credit Unions

*No.1 - To secure Credit Union funding for Social Housing.
No. 2 - A full Review of Credit Union Lending Limits.
No. 3 - provision of Mortgages by Credit Unions.”*

It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution would be circulated to each local authority.

**30. MOTOR INSURANCE
PREMIUMS:**

This motion, submitted by Cllr. S. Kilgannon was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:

“Sligo County Council calls on Government to move to implement a series of recommendations to tackle spiralling motor insurance premiums that have risen by a minimum of 51% since January 2011.”

**32. TRAFFIC CALMING
MEASURES – R284 IN
GEEVAGH
VILLAGE:**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Mulvey
Seconded by Cllr. T. Healy**

AND AGREED

**TRAFFIC CALMING
MEASURES – R284 IN
GEEVAGH VILLAGE
(CONTINUED):**

“To seek an-update on behalf of {GLAD} Geevagh Local Area Development Committee on a notice of motion I submitted in November 2015 asking Sligo County Council to put traffic calming measures in place along R284 Geevagh Village”.

Mr. T. Kilfeather advised the Meeting that Sligo County Council applied to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the 2017 Safety Improvement Works on Regional Roads and Local Roads Programme for Geevagh and a grant of €20,000 has been allocated.

A detailed design will be prepared and the work will be carried out later in 2017.

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**33. PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING – WINE
STREET, SLIGO:**

This motion, submitted by Cllr. D. Mulvey was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:

“To ask Sligo County Council to seek funding for a pedestrian crossing in Wine Street Sligo town as I have been contacted by business people in Sligo in relation to the adding of a safe crossing location in Wine Street. Businesses in this area feel its absence is impacting negatively on trading in this location.

There also appears to be a lack of clear road markings at the main junction to Tesco car-park and this is a safety issue also for pedestrians.”

**34. INCLUSION OF
“LIBRE” SENSORS
(FOR GLUCOSE
READINGS) IN THE
LONG TERM
ILLNESS SCHEME:**

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Mulvey
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. to seek the addition of freestyle libre sensors for glucose testing to be put on to the Long Term Illness Scheme.

This unit consists of a sensor which automatically measures and continuously stores glucose readings day and night via a painless 1 second scan even through clothing. Children with type 1 diabetes have to check their blood sugars numerous times a day and if they are unwell they could have to check hourly including during the night so this involves waking a sleeping child to prick their finger and draw blood. The sensor eliminates this as blood sugars can be checked with a simple scan. The sensor lasts for 2 weeks at a cost of €60.

This price can makes this invaluable product unaffordable for some families and this is why I am seeking to have it to be put on to the Long Term Illness Scheme.”

**35. REGIONAL
VETERINARY
LABORATORY AT
DUNALLY:**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Gormley
Seconded by Cllr. H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine Michael Creed and this Government for their commitment that the Regional Veterinary Laboratory at Dunally will be retained”.

**DEFERRAL OF
ITEMS TO MARCH
AGENDA:**

The Cathaoirleach indicated that he intended to complete the main business of the Meeting at 3.15 p.m. to allow Cllr. MacManus to address this, his final Meeting as an Elected Member.

Members were asked to highlight items that required to be dealt with urgently and defer the remainder to the March Agenda.

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This was agreed by the Members.

- 37. LIGHT RAILWAY NETWORK LINKING NORTHERN IRELAND WITH SLIGO AND DONEGAL:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. D. Bree was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
“That Sligo County Council supports the proposal to construct a light railway network linking Northern Ireland with Sligo and Donegal; and further the Council agrees to host a meeting of representatives of the relevant local authorities to consider ways to advance the project.”
- 39. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (BARRACK ROAD AND KNOCKBEG ROAD, COLLOONEY):** This motion, submitted by Cllr. T. Healy was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
“To call on Sligo County Council to put traffic calming measures in place on the Barrack road and the Knockbeg road to address the concerns of residents in Collooney regarding speeding.”
- 41. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. M. Casserly was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
“Sligo County Council calls on the state Legal Aid Board to end the unjust system whereby victims of domestic violence are subjected to financial obligations when seeking justice.”
- 42. “NEAREST SCHOOL” RULE FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. T. Healy was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
“That Sligo County Council writes to the Minister of State for Education and Skills outlining the concerns of members in relation to the operation of the nearest school rule for the purposes of school transport and the effect on children here in Sligo.”
- 43. TRAFFIC CALMING ON N59 ROAD AT BALLYADARE BRIDGE:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. S. Kilgannon was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
“To request Sligo County Council Roads Department, in the interest of Health and Safety, to construct traffic calming on the N59 Road on the approach to the roundabout on the old N4 road at Ballysadare bridge.”
- 49. TAKING IN CHARGE – DRUM ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, RATHCORMAC:** **Proposed by Cllr. H. Keaney
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady**
“Call on Sligo County Council to proceed with taking in charge housing development at Drum Road, Rathcormac, Sligo (Ref. Ann

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Collins).”

Members were advised by Ms. D. Clarke that *road repairs were completed on this development by the Roads Section to bring it to a standard suitable for taking in charge. However, the public lighting supply has to be changed over to the electricity supplier for Sligo County Council (i.e. Airtricity). This is progressing and we hope to recommend to Elected Members to take this development in charge later this year.*

Ms. Clarke agreed to revert to the Members with a specific timeframe.

**52. EXTENSION OF
CONTRACTS FOR
OUTDOOR STAFF:**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask the Director of Services can consideration be given to extending the contracts of the outdoor staff given that our 2017 Road allocations are now in place”?

The Chief Executive advised the Members that this is a part of the negotiations requested with the Department. A reduction of 42% had been sought by the Department. This meeting is necessary to discuss these very issues.

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Henry, the Director of Services confirmed that the Engineering areas have to be revised to reflect the Municipal Districts. This work is ongoing at present and the new areas will be reflected in 2017.

**44. TAKING IN CHARGE
OF ESTATES –
KNOXVILLE
MANOR ESTATE,
BELLAGHY,
CHARLESTOWN:**

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

AND AGREED

“I will ask for a report on when Knoxville Manor Estate, Bellaghy, Charlestown, Co. Sligo will be taken in charge by Sligo County Council”.

Ms. Clarke reported that *remedial works to Knoxville Manor estate were completed recently using Special Resolution Fund monies and the estate is now considered to be in good condition. It is envisaged that we will be in a position to recommend to the Council to take this development in charge later this year.*

**45. BUSINESS
ADVERTISING
SIGNS ON N17:**

This motion, submitted by Cllr. J. Lundy was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:

“In the interest of business and economic development in County Sligo, I will ask what is the Council’s/National Roads Authority (T.I.I.) Policy

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on business advertising signs already erected along the National Primary road, the N17”.

- 46. NAMA PROPERTIES LEASED TO SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. D. Bree was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
- “That the Council be provided with a comprehensive report on the 111 properties offered to the Council by NAMA, including details as to when the properties were offered, the location of the properties, details of correspondence between the Council and NAMA and an explanation as to why only 4 of the properties have been leased by the Council.”*
- 47. ORGAN OPT-OUT SYSTEM:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. S. Maguire was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
- “That this Council write to the Minister for Health advocating that we adopt an organ opt out system similar to that recently introduced in France.”*
- 48. SURVEY OF ROUNDABOUT AT STRANDHILL/ PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. S. Maguire was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
- “That Sligo County Council will conduct a survey of the roundabout at Strandhill to establish a safer crossing system for pedestrians.”*
- 50. ROSSES POINT PIER AND PONTOON PROJECT:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. D. Bree was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
- “That the Council be provided with a progress report on the proposed Rosses Point Pier and Pontoon project particularly with regard to the application for grant aid to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.”*
- 51. TRANSFER OF LANDS TO HOLY FAMILY N.S., TUBBERCURRY:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. M. Gormley was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
- “That the Director of Services contacts the Council’s Solicitor requesting that he give priority to the transfer of the lands to Holy Family N.S Tubbercurry to allow progress be made on the much needed set down area and parking facilities”.*
- 53. TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2017 AND REVITALISING RURAL IRELAND SCHEME:** This motion, submitted by Cllr. J. Lundy was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:
- “To ask for a report on (a) the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 and (b) the Revitalising Rural Ireland Scheme”.*

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**54. REVIEW OF
COMMUNITY
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY IN THE
NORTH WEST
REGION:**

This motion, submitted by Cllr. M. Baker was deferred to the Agenda of the March Ordinary Meeting:

“Calling on the H.S.E. to instigate an immediate review of the Community Occupational Therapy services in the north west region. The current inexcusable delays being experienced by frail elderly patients in the community setting is truly shocking and leading to an extra burden on the hospital sector due to unnecessary admissions and attendances at Emergency Rooms”.

**55. VOTES OF
SYMPATHY:**

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mr. Padraig McDonagh of Cartronroe, Cloonkeavy, Ballymote on the death of his mother, Mary Kate.

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mr. Brendan McGowan of Ballymote Road, Tubbercurry on the death of his brother, Michael.

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Mary Muldoon and family of Ballinacarrow on the death of her husband, Sean.

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

**VOTES OF
SYMPATHY
(CONTINUED):**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Catherine O’Dowd and family of Rathmore, Coolaney on the death of her husband, Nace.

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Beatrice Towey and family of Carrentemple, Gurteen on the death of her husband, Michael.

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AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Ms. Teresa Doddy and family of Clooncoose, Cloonkeavy, Ballymote on the death of her sister, Mary Kate McDonagh.

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Pat Duggan and family of Rathaberna, Drumcliff on the death of her husband, Paddy.

**Proposed by Cllr. S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Mary Hennessy and family of Thornhill, Sligo on the death of her husband, Peter.

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to the Roarke Family of Rockfield Manor, Coolaney on the death of Joe.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Mulvey

Seconded by Cllr. M. Clarke

AND AGREED

**VOTES OF
SYMPATHY
(CONTINUED):**

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to the Taheny Family of Carrickbanagher, Drumfin on the death of Paddy.

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady
Seconded by Cllr. T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Jiji and Siji Varghese of Ardfinn Crescent, Strandhill Road on the death of their son, Samuel Joseph.

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady
Seconded by Cllr. T. MacSharry**

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AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Maureen Gilroy of Cleveragh Drive, Sligo on the death of her husband, Declan.

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady
Seconded by Cllr. T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Mairead O’Boyle of St. John’s Terrace, Sligo on the death of her brother, Ronnie Callaghan.

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady
Seconded by Cllr. T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mr. Don Chrystal of Ashbrook, Pearse Road on the death of his wife, Angela.

**Proposed by Cllr. R. O’Grady
Seconded by Cllr. T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Mrs. Ann McGowan of Ferndale, Cairns Road, Sligo on the death of her husband, Michael.

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

**56. VOTES OF
CONGRATULATION
S:**

**Proposed by Cllr. M. Baker
Seconded by Cllr. S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of congratulations be extended to Mr. Michael Rooney, Vice Principal, the Staff and Pupils of Coola Vocational School on the performance of their first Musical “Oklahoma”.”

**Cllr. M. Casserly
Seconded by Cllr. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of congratulations be extended to Miss Mona McSharry of Grange on her recent sporting achievements.”

57. CONFERENCES:

Members agreed to note and approve the Conferences and Training list previously circulated.

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

AND AGREED

“To agree the attendance of Cllr. Hubert Keaney, Cathaoirleach, at the annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations in New York at the invitation of the County Sligo Social and Benevolent Association”.

- 58. 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.
- 59. CORRESPONDENCE:** Members noted the correspondence which had been received since the January 2017 Meeting.
- 60. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** No matter was raised under this heading.
- 61. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Cllr. R. O’Grady noted that discussions on her motion on the January 2017 Agenda regarding the provision of a cardiac catheterisation laboratory at Sligo University Hospital had received widespread coverage, locally in the media and nationally in the Dáil.

DEFERRAL OF REMAINDER OF AGENDA TO MARCH MEETING: The Cathaoirleach concluded the business of the Meeting at 3.25 p.m. and deferred the remaining items the 6th March Meeting Agenda.

RESIGNATION OF CLLR. SEAN MACMANUS: Cllr. Sean MacManus addressed the Meeting and recalled his memories of people and occasions throughout his 23 years as a Member, having being elected to Sligo Borough Council in 1994 and Sligo County Council in 1999. He took great pride in his role as a public representative and had very special memories from his two terms as Mayor. While there was a sense of wistfulness on taking his leave, he will cherish the friendships he made and extended his best wishes to Councillors and staff.

Members commended Sean on his exemplary service both at local and national level, and referred to the many occasions where his expertise, experience and encouragement had been invaluable to them in their role as a Councillor. He was regarded as an outstanding public representative who was invariably honest, open and transparent.

The Chief Executive said he wished to add his comments to those made by the Members. In particular, he referred to the visit of the British Royal Family and Cllr. MacManus’s interest in G.A.A. The Chief Executive said it was important that the work carried out on the

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Local Economic and Community Plan by Cllr. MacManus in his role as Chair of the Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.) would be acknowledged. He extended his thanks on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff for the contribution Cllr. MacManus had made and his integrity, confidentiality, vision, professionalism and leadership. In concluding, the Chief Executive thanked Cllr. MacManus for the manner in which he had dealt with the staff and wished Sean and his wife Helen well.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Cllr. MacManus on a long and distinguished career, and said Sean enjoyed universal respect across all political boundaries. While they may have been on different sides of many debates in the Council Chamber, he always found Sean very fair, a man of great passion and integrity, and he appreciated the advice he had given him on many occasions. At a personal level he greatly valued his friendship and said Sean was leaving the Council with the very best wishes of Councillors and staff.

Following the tributes to Cllr. MacManus, presentations were made to Sean and his family.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Meetings Administrator

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Cathaoirleach