

**Minutes of Council Meeting held in the Mtek Building, Knockaconny,
Monaghan on Monday 3rd September, 2007 10.00 a.m.**

Chair: Cllr G Carville, Mayor

Present: Cllrs Bannigan, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gallagher, Humphreys, Keelan, Keenan, Kieran, Martin, Maxwell, McAnespie, McElvaney, B. McKenna, P. McKenna, P. McNally, O'Brien and Treanor.

Mr. D. Nelson, County Manager, Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, Mr P. Clifford, Mr D. Fallon and Mr A. King, Directors of Service, Mr. J. Murray, Head of Finance, Mr A Hughes, Senior Planner, Mr Kevin McNally, A/Senior Engineer, Mr Pdraig Maguire, Executive Planner, Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator and Ms. A. Mackle, A/Staff Officer.

At the outset the Mayor, Gary Carville welcomed the Members, Staff and Press back from their break.

1. Minutes:

Minutes of Council meeting held on 2nd July 2007

“On the proposal of Cllr B McKenna, seconded by Cllr O Bannigan, it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 2nd July, 2007 be confirmed”

Minutes of Council meeting held on 27th July 2007

“On the proposal of Cllr J Keenan, seconded by Cllr B McKenna it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 27th July, 2007 be confirmed ”

2. Correspondence

- Letter from Mott MacDonald Pettit regarding the proposed Combined Cycle Power Plant at Ballykelly, Co. Louth
- Circular from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006.
- Letter from Aidan Corcoran, Manager Transmission, Eirgrid regarding a request to give a presentation to the Members at the October meeting.
- Letter from Mr David Fallon regarding the 2008 – 2010 Multi-Annual Road Works Restoration Programme
- Letter from the Irish Farmers' Association regarding a request to attend a Council meeting.
- Letter from the Ballybay Development Association extending an invite to the Members to hold a Council meeting in their new premises.
- Letter from Minister Brendan Smith, TD in relation to a letter he forwarded to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local

Government, Mr John Gormley TD re County Monaghan's Development Plan and the response he received in relation to this issue

- Letter from Mr Seymour Crawford, TD supporting the Council's request for the Minister and his officials to attend a meeting of this Council.
- Letter from FGS McClure Watters in relation to meeting with the Councillors to discuss the future role and functions of ICBAN
- Letter from the National Roads Authority in relation to the conditions of signs on the national road network in Monaghan
- Letter from Noel Dempsey, TD, Minister for Transport in relation to the damage to roads arising from the construction of the Castleblayney Bypass.
- Letter from Mr Eddie Kiernan, Private Secretary to Mr John Gormley, TD, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in connection with the use of PPS numbers in the compilation of the register of Electors
- Letter from BRD White, Director of Ports and Public Transport Division, Department of Regional Development, Belfast in relation to the All Ireland Free Travel Pass
- Letter from Sorcha de Bruch, Private Secretary to Mr Eamon O'Cuiv, TD in relation to the Ulster Canal.
- Letter from Sorcha de Bruch, Private Secretary to Mr Eamon O'Cuiv, TD in relation to a request for a meeting with the Minister regarding CLAR funding for Local Improvement Schemes
- Letter from Ms Norah Ryan in relation to the Local Improvement Schemes 2007.
- Letter from Mr Seymour Crawford, TD in relation to Clar funding for LIS
- Letter from Sorcha de Bruch, Private Secretary to Minister Eamon O'Cuiv, TD in relation to the CLAR Programme.
- Letter from Mr Seymour Crawford, TD in relation to the Local Improvement Scheme 2007-09-04 Letter from Mr Seamus Brennan, TD, Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism in relation to the an unsuccessful application under this Departments Access II Scheme
- Letter from Mr Paul Mooney, Private Secretary to the Tanaiste and Minister for Finance in relation to the removal of VAT from personal protective equipment.
- Letter from Louis Harkin, Assistant Commissioner from An Garda Siochana in relation to the Garda Siochana Policing Plan 2008.
- Letter from Mr Declan Nelson, County Manager acknowledging receipt of the Garda Siochana Policing Plan.
- Letter from Ms Josephine Duffy, Returning Officer in relation to the Election 2007.
- Email from Dermot Kirwan in relation to a national campaign to establish a National Grandparents Day in Ireland on Sunday 23rd September

Ballybay Development Association

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Crowe it was agreed to facilitate the Ballybay Development Association request to hold the Council's

October meeting in the Wetland Centre, Ballybay subject to the refurbishment work being completed.

Farm Plastics

In response to queries from the Members Mr. David Fallon, Director of Services stated that collections under this scheme had commenced that morning in Glaslough and early indications were that it was proceeding well. In accordance with a resolution of the Council the Department had been requested to provide three collection points in each electoral area however the Department had stipulated that a total of six such sites would be funded.

Cllr Treanor proposed, Cllr B McKenna seconded that a skip be placed at each farm waste collection point to collect other types of farm plastics not collected under this scheme.

A vote by show of hands resulted in 12 for, 7 against and 1 abstention. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Irish Farmers Association:

It was agreed that the Council would receive a deputation from the Irish Farmers Association at the adjourned meeting to be held on Monday 17th September.

ICBAN

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor, seconded by Cllr B McKenna it was agreed to refer the request from FGS McClure Watters for a meeting with Members to discuss the future role and functions of ICBAN to the Interreg IV committee for consideration and ask them to make a submission.

Ulster Canal

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed to write again to Minister O'Cuiv, TD stating that while the Members welcomed the North/South Ministerial Councils decision to open the Ulster Canal as far as Clones Town, they would still welcome a meeting with the Minister to explain the important benefits the re-opening of the whole Canal would bring to the region.

Monaghan County Development Plan

Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator stated that a further letter had issued Minister John Gormley, T.D., requesting him to meet with a deputation from Monaghan County Council to explain why he had made the decision in relation to the County Development Plan.

In relation to a number of queries from the Members Mr P. Clifford, Director stated that having sought legal advice in relation to the County Development Plan, Monaghan County Council must implement the Ministers Directive from the date the directive was issued.

Bus Eireann

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed to write to Bus Eireann requesting that they meet with a deputation from Monaghan County Council to discuss the ongoing problems encountered by people from Monaghan using the Bus Eireann and Ulster buses routes, which pass through this county.

Monaghan Theatre Application

On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed to accept the invitation to a Council deputation to meet with officials from the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism to discuss the unsuccessful ACCESS II application to build a Theatre in County Monaghan.

The following Members were nominated to form the deputation, Cllrs Maxwell, Conlon, Martin and Cllr Gallagher, together with the Mayor.

Roads Issues

Bollards and Road Signs

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr P McKenna it was agreed to write to Colas requesting that they increase the cleaning of roadside signs and bollards from six to twelve times a year.

Mr. Fallon, Director of Services replied that the contract to Colas was currently under review.

Clar/Local Improvement Scheme

A number of Members expressed their disappointment that the situation in relation to Clar funding for Local Improvements Schemes had not been resolved.

Cllr P McKenna had proposed that issues relating to a specific lane in his area be addressed.

On the proposal of Cllr Keenan, seconded by Cllr Maxwell it was agreed that a meeting of the L.I.S. Committee be organised and that the issue raised by Cllr P McKenna be referred to the committee for consideration.

Damage to Roads caused by the building of the Castleblayney Bypass

On the proposal of the Mayor, Gary Carville, seconded by Cllr Crowe it was agreed to write back to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government providing them with an inventory of problems caused by the construction of the Castleblayney Bypass and requesting that proper funding be allocated to correct the damage caused throughout County Monaghan by the building of the Bypass.

Mr. Fallon indicated that it was intended that the new bypass would be open to the public by mid October.

A number of Members had stated that they had concern with the Design and Build method used in this project. They had received complaints from a number of landowners in the area who were concerned about serious drainage problems.

In response to the Member, Mr. Fallon said that the Design and Build option is Government policy. The Contractor must build the scheme to comply with certain standards. If standards are not met the contractor must address issues afterwards.

Cllr McElvaney proposed, Cllr McNally seconded that the Engineers supervising the bypass project be invited to the next Council meeting to deal with issues being raised by the members.

The County Manager suggested that a meeting on site be arranged with the mid Monaghan Members to discuss any problems – this was agreed.

Planning and Development Strategic Infrastructure Act 2006

Mr. P. Clifford, Director circulated an explanatory note to the Council on this Act. He stated that the Act transfers responsibility for the approval of certain energy, transport and environmental infrastructure from local authorities to An Bord Pleanala. He referred to a letter from Mott McDonald Pettit Limited who has been commissioned by the Quinn Group to prepare an EIS for a proposed power plant at Ballykelly, Co. Louth. Whilst the power plant is located in Louth the water supply will be taken from the Killanny GWS in County Monaghan. The Council was being asked for its comments in the matter. The application will be determined by An Bord Pleanala.

He also referred to the correspondence from Eirgrid advising that it wished to commence consultations in relation to electricity developments in the north east, in particular the Cavan-Tyrone 400kV Line North-South interconnector. He said the Planning section will be notified when An Bord Pleanala receive an application of strategic importance. There is a six week public consultation period and the Planning Section have ten weeks to prepare a report which must be considered by the Members and it may be necessary to hold special meetings from time to time.

It was agreed that Eirgrid would make a presentation to the Council at the October meeting.

Urgent Business

The Mayor referred to two Notices of Urgent Business, which had been submitted

(1) In the names of Cllrs Bannigan, McElvaney, Maxwell, Carville, Humphreys, Keenan and McKenna, as follows:

“That this Council begin the procedure of varying the County Development Plan 2006 – 2012. The variation to consist of the following, addition in Chapter 8, Section 4.4 and RD 22 Policies on Ribbon Development”

“A relaxation of Ribbon Development will be considered where permission is sought on the grounds of meeting the housing needs of a landowner or a member of his/her immediate family where no other site is available on the landholding. The Planning Authority will apply an occupancy condition

For the purpose of this section the following definitions will apply -

Housing Need: *Housing need shall be established where the applicant does not currently own a house or has not owned a house within the previous five years, or where his/her current accommodation as accepted by the Planning Authority is insufficient to meet his/her accommodation needs. Where a dwelling is required for acceptable reasons of downsizing, the requirement not to have owned a dwelling in the previous five years will not apply.*

Ribbon Development: *five or more houses on any one side of a given 250 metres of road frontage where they are visually linked. Houses built pre 1963 are excluded.*

Landholdings: *Where the applicant or his/her immediate family own the land for a minimum of five years.”*

In proposing the motion Cllr Bannigan stated that the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines were meant to be just that – guidelines. They were to assist people living in the countryside. However, Monaghan County Council’s interpretation is more strict than in other counties and this in affect has meant that some planning applications have been refused where there are four or five existing houses along a ribbon development with a road frontage of 250 metres. The applicant may have a site available along this route and have no alternative site available, however their application has been refused because of the interpretation of this rule. He was putting this proposal forward as an alternative to the existing policy and to take into account the various alternative reasons that may exist. It would help families, who had a history of living in the area, to build their home in that area and any application would be subject to good planning.

Cllr McElvaney said he was formally seconding this proposal and was in support of allowing people to house themselves.

A discussion ensued among the Members in relation to the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal.

Mr. Adrian Hughes, Senior Planner expressed his concern at this proposal. The policy on ribbon development was there for a reason and this proposal was

contrary to good planning. He enquired what would happen if each family have five children all wanting to live in an area. This could pose a problem for utility supply, sewerage supply etc. He suggested that the Members consider the use of a material contravention permission, if they had concerns over individual cases.

The County Manager suggested that the matter be referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Water SPC for full detailed consideration and a report brought back to the full Council at a later date.

Mr. P. Clifford requested the Members to submit the reasons for their proposal, which they outlined as follows:

Reasons for Proposal

“The Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines were meant to be positive guidelines towards facilitating people from the area and with roots in the area to be able to live in the area. This variation is necessary in order to comply with the spirit of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines.

The Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines state that people who are part of the rural community should be facilitated by the planning system in all rural areas

- *Strict interpretation of ribbon development in the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines were never intended.*
- *The Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines were meant to be guidelines not strict policy*
- *The definition of ribbon development needs to be relaxed in some instances - where landholders and their immediate families are prevented from building a house and living in their area, where they have traditional roots in the area*
- *This policy will only apply where no other suitable sites exist on the land holding and where the proposed development complies with all aspects of good planning*
- *The use of a residency condition on any grant of permission will prevent speculation.”*

On a show of hands 19 Members voted in favour with one abstention, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(ii) The Mayor referred to Urgent Business item (II) submitted in the names of Cllrs Maxwell, P McKenna, Keenan, Humphreys, Bannigan, McElvaney and Carville:

“That this Council would make the provision of alternative fuels a requirement in all new Service Stations/Petrol Forecourts in County Monaghan”

Cllr Maxwell said he had brought this forward in light of ensuring that a carbon neutral fuel be available to the people of Monaghan. The bio diesel fuel could be used in diesel cars without any modification and ethanol could be used in petrol cars with only slight modification. He asked that any new planning

applications received for new Service Stations are asked to include the provision of these fuels.

Cllr Maxwell gave the following reasons in support of his motion

1. To help in the availability of these fuels
2. To encourage people to look into the use of these fuels through ease of purchase
3. To help Ireland meet its carbon emissions target as set out in the Kyoto Agreement.

Cllr Humphreys, Martin and Gallagher all expressed support for this motion.

Cllr Martin enquired if this could be made a condition for planning permission.

Mr. Paul Clifford, Director of Services said that if the Council made this a condition of planning permission it could not be enforced as they could not require a company to sell something that there was very little market support for.

A vote by show of hands on the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Approval to the raising of a loan from the Housing Finance Agency

Cllr Maxwell proposed, Cllr Kieran seconded that the Council approve the raising of a loan of €6,000,000 from the Housing Finance Agency for the purpose of purchasing land for the Social and Affordable Housing Programme.

Cllr Conlon proposed an amendment - that the amount of the loan be increased to €10,000,000 to help fulfil the dire need to increase the amount of social housing within the county. Cllr Gallagher seconded.

Cllr Maxwell accepted the amendment. The substantive motion was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Keelan and McAnespie had apologised for not being able to attend the afternoon session of the Council Meeting.

4. To approve Section 183 Notices:

(i) *On the proposal of Cllr Carville, seconded by Cllr Bannigan it was agreed that the disposal of .69 acres of land in the townland of Corleadargan, Castleblayney to Ms. Collette Conneely in accordance with the terms of notice dated 7th August 2007 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, be approved.*

(ii) Section 183 Notices – Carrickmacross Mixed Use Development:

In relation to the three Section 183 notices before the Council in respect of the Carrickmacross Mixed Use Development Project, Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick,

Director of Services stated that a lengthy debate had taken place on this matter at a previous meeting held on 27th July. Since that meeting he had met with the Carrickmacross area Members to discuss the issues raised by them. He also had a preliminary meeting with two owners of land zoned for recreation to ascertain if the land would be available for sale. The meeting was positive without agreeing a sale or otherwise.

In order to advance this project the following were necessary –

1. Approval to the Section 183 notices to dispose of the three areas concerned.
2. Approval of the Members to vary the County Development Plan 2006-2012 to accommodate the development

He also referred to the issue of funding required to secure alternative lands for recreation in Carrickmacross town. He stated that the following transactions will generate funds -

- the sale of the land to the OPW for €50,000 was agreed.
- The Council had been notified of a provisional grant allocation of €800,000 for the proposed branch library
- The Town Council will be paying the Council for their new offices (circa €1m)
- The Monaghan County Enterprise Fund will be paying for their site (€6,000 p.a. for 20 years)

Cllr P McNally said it was time to move this project on. The Town Council had been homeless for a number of years and continue to rent accommodation. He was in favour of moving the library to a more accessible location and if the Office of Public Works were to build in Carrickmacross it would mean in the region of eight five new jobs coming to the area. He said he would like to see this project getting the go ahead subject to provision for recreational facilities in the town.

Cllr McElvaney also welcomed the project and stated that any development that would bring a minimum of 85 jobs into the county should be encouraged.

Cllr Carthy thanked Mr. Fitzpatrick for meeting the South Monaghan Members in relation to this project. He stated that the project would need to include a substantial indoor recreational facility otherwise he could not support it.

Cllr Keenan said he welcomed this project and thanked Mr Fitzpatrick for approaching the provision of recreational facilities in such a positive manner.

Cllr Martin said he wished the project well but could not support it because there was no concrete commitment to the provision of recreational facilities.

Cllr Keenan proposed, Cllr McElvaney seconded

4(ii) That the disposal of 2.65 hectares or thereabouts, situated at the Convent Lands, Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross to Rocktown Developments, 24/26 City Quay, Dublin 2 in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 16th July, 2007 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 be approved ”

4(iii) “That the disposal of circa 3780m² or thereabouts, situated at the Convent Lands, Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross to the Office of Public Works, 51, St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 16th July, 2007 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 be approved ”

4(iv) “That the disposal of 544m² or thereabouts, situated at the Convent Lands, Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross to Monaghan County Enterprise Fund in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 16th July, 2007 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 be approved ”

Cllr Carthy thanked Mr Fitzpatrick for his presentation; he had put a lot of thought into this and felt that he could not support it if there was no recreational element guaranteed. He said he believed that the Office of Public Works and the Library would still be built even if the Members did not support this item. However he made an appeal that the Bath Avenue of Carrickmacross be maintained and upgraded for general everyday use.

Michael Fitzpatrick stated that a decision on the Section 183 notices would need to be made today. If they were rejected it might create a reluctance on the part of private investors to work with Monaghan County Council in the future because of all the work and money that had been invested in the project already.

The Mayor indicated he was putting Cllr Keenan’s proposal to a vote.

A roll call vote was requested which resulted as follows:

**For: - Cllr Bannigan, Carville, Coyle, Gallagher, Humphreys, Keenan, Kieran’s, Maxwell, McElvaney, P McKenna, McNally and O’Brien
Total (12)**

**Against: -Carthy, Conlon, Crowe, Martin, B McKenna and Treanor
Total (6)**

The Mayor declared this motion carried

It was agreed to take item 6(i) at this stage.

6. To consider proposed variation to the County Development Plan 2007-2013

(i) Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr Kieran seconded that the proposed variation to the County Monaghan Development Plan 2007-2013 in the townland of Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross to provide for the rezoning of lands from Local Landscape Policy Area (LLPA) to Town Centre Use be approved

A roll-call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

**For: - Cllrs Bannigan, Carville, Coyle, Gallagher, Humphreys, Keenan, Kieran, Maxwell, McElvaney, P McKenna, McNally and O'Brien
Total 12**

**Against: Cllrs Carthy, Conlon, Crowe, Martin, B McKenna and Treanor
Total 6**

The Mayor declared this motion carried

5. Part VIII - Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001

(i) Ref No: 07/8004

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr B McKenna it was agreed to approve the construction of a general Workshop and Offices, associated Canteen and Toilets with vehicular access service road, Car Parking facilities, Public Lighting and Landscaping works all within the existing site boundary of the existing Monaghan Water Treatment Plant at Crosses, Monaghan as per Director's report dated 13th August, 2007.

13. Clones Sports Partnership Ltd:

The Members considered the report from the Clones Sports Partnership Ltd. In July 2007 the Special EU Programmes Body invited expressions of interest to the Peace II Programme under Measure 2.1 "Creating Shared Public Spaces". The purpose of the Measure is to leave behind a lasting physical reminder of the peace programme through a small number of "iconic, symbolic" projects. 126 project proposals were made, covering all parts of Northern Ireland and the Border Counties. From these, 12 projects have been short-listed and asked to provide additional information to bring their application to the next stage. One of the twelve projects is the construction of a community-owned sports facility in Clones town. This is the only project from Co. Monaghan which has been short-listed. Clones Erne East Sports Partnership do not have the turnover or the project management experience necessary to qualify for consideration under this measure, so have asked Monaghan County Council to assume the lead role in the construction stage. The Council meets the requirements of the funding body.

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed that:

- (1) Monaghan County Council act as Lead Partner in an application to the Special EU Programme Body;
- (2) Monaghan County Council act as Project Manager for the

construction phase of the project should the application to SEUPB be successful;

- (3) Monaghan County Council would provide funding of up to €5,000 for the purpose of producing a Business Plan for the Clones Sports Partnership

19. Matters Arising under Minutes

NRA Meeting

Cllr McElvaney thanked the County Manager for clarifying the Council's position in relation to the fact that the Manager had notified the NRA of the Council's decision regarding the preferred route for the East/West Link and had received a response from the Authority

20. Presentation by Mr Brendan Smith, County Vet and the MSPCA regarding Dangerous Dogs

The Mayor, Gary Carville welcomed Mr Brendan Smith, Monaghan County Council Veterinary Officer, Ms Lori O'Neill and Sinead McKenna from the MSPCA, Ms Helen Hewitt from the Carrickmacross Boarding Kennels and Mr Jim McMahan, Dog Warden

Mr. Brendan Smyth began his presentation by outlining the effect dangerous dogs can have on people and the dangerous Dog Bans throughout the world.

Dangerous Dogs

He then stated that within Ireland there is a list of restricted breeds, which include Pit-bull Terriers, Staffordshire and English Bull Terriers etc and stated that restricted breeds must be

- Licensed
- Wear a collar and tag, this applies to all dogs
- Be muzzled and kept on a strong leash no more than two metres long by a person over the age of 16 years when in a public place.
- He outlined that under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 a Local Authority may make bye-laws relating to the control of dogs within its area.

Dog Pound/Animal Shelter

Under section 15, of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 it stated that "Every Local Authority shall establish and maintain one or more shelters for dogs seized, accepted or detained under any of the provisions of this Act and may, with the consent of the Minister, enter into arrangements with any person for the provision and maintenance of such shelters"

Monaghan County Council entered an agreement with the Carrickmacross Dog Kennels, which is a privately owned Kennel and rent half of the existing space

In 2006 there were nearly 900 dogs impounded into Monaghan County Council Dog Pound. In 2006 421 dogs were euthanasia, 50 were reclaimed and 373 were re-homed.

Ms Lori O'Neill outlined the role of the MSPCA within County Monaghan. She said that they offered an education programme to schools within the region on responsible animal ownership. They have a boarding shelter at Killydonagh and a large amount of the animals taken in here are re-homed to Northern Ireland. She called on the Members to make a provision within the Budget for 2008 for the building and maintenance of a Dog Pound similar to the one recently built in Co Louth. She said this would help alleviate the existing overcrowding of dogs in the existing dog kennels. Both she and Brendan Smyth gave possible locations for a new pound, which would be located away from residential homes.

On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr Maxwell it was agreed to request that a Member of staff be delegated to liaise with the MSPCA on a proposal for the building and location of new Kennels.

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Carville, it was agreed to refer the matter to the relevant SPC for consideration and for them to report on their findings to the full Council

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Maxwell it was agreed to place an allocation in this years estimates to provide a proper shelter within the County

The Members voiced their support for both the Environment Staff and the MSPCA who do great voluntary work and work tirelessly for their cause.

The County Manager stated that the Council will examine the provision of a dog pound in the county.

21. Questions

Cllr O'Brien asked:

(a) When will Monaghan County Council carry out works on the Road from Latton Village to the Five Crosses Junction

Reply - Monaghan County Council commenced works on the road from Latton Village to the Five Crosses Junction (LP03012) on Tuesday 14th August 2007.

(b) How long does the Council envisage this work will take once it begins?

Reply - Monaghan County Council envisages that works on the road from Latton Village to the Five Crosses Junction (LP03012) will be completed by

late September to early October subject to the availability of surfacing contractors.

(c) At what stage is the Castleblayney Bypass at and is the official opening still on course for August?

Reply - It was agreed some months ago that the mainline of the Castleblayney Bypass would be opened on 21st August 2007 with side roads being completed on 2nd October, 2007. Following a steering meeting between Monaghan County Council, the NRA and Consulting Engineers on 21st August 2007, the Director of Services and the Project Resident Engineer met with the Contractors General Manager and a member of the Board of directors on 22nd August 2007 regarding the progress on the scheme.

It is expected that the by-pass will open in mid-October.

Cllr Kieran asked:

- (d) (i) At what stage is the new Water Treatment Plant for the village of Scotstown at?
- (ii) When can the residences on the Carrowhatta Road, Urbleshanny to Brennan's Cross be offered an opportunity to joint the scheme?

Reply – Construction commenced on the upgrade of Scotstown, Emyvale and Ballinode Waste Water Treatment Plants last week. It is anticipated that works will be completed by Autumn 2008. Any extension to the sewerage network for these villages will be considered then, having regard to the County Development Plan 2007-2012 and the Small Schemes Capital Works Programme.

(e) What plans has Monaghan County Council to address the serious hazards the dips present on the section of road between the Church at Urbleshanny and Brennan's Cross (Tydavnet Road from Scotstown)

Reply – Monaghan County Council does not have any planned improvements for this section of road way under this year's budget. An application for future funding can be made in 2008, to facilitate a design & programme of works at this location.

(f) Are improvements planned for the junction at Tullygillan, Beagh Kearns Cross to eliminate the danger it presents to motorists from all directions?

Reply – Monaghan County Council does not have any planned improvements for this junction under this year's budget. An application for future funding can be made in 2008, to facilitate a design & programme of works at this location.

- (g) Are improvements planned for the junction on the Clones-Monaghan N54 at turnoff for Hart Peat to facilitate motorists view when entering onto the national secondary at this junction from the direction of the Roslea Road?

Reply - Clones Area Office will look into the possibility of providing increased visibility at this junction.

- (h) Are improvements planned for the junction known locally as Skeagh Bridge on the N54 Clones to Monaghan Road?

Reply - Clones Area Office has requested funding under the Low Cost Accident Scheme in 2008 to conduct improvement works on this junction to improve sight visibility.

Cllr Padraig McNally asked:

- (i) When does this Council expect to have the new public lights on the Ardee Road, Carrickmacross erected and illuminated?

Reply - All the civil works are complete for a number of months. The 13 public lights are paid for since the 13th of February 2007. The Area Engineer contacted the ESB and was told they should be erected by the first two weeks of September 2007; they will be illuminated shortly after erection. These lights will light up the 800m stretch of new footpath on the old Ardee road from the intersection with the Drumconrath road out to the Nuremore Hotel.

- (j) When is it expected to have the link road between Ardee and Dundalk roads finished and properly illuminated?

Reply - The new hot rolled asphalt surface on this heavily trafficked link road has been completed on the 22nd to the 24th of August 07. The ESB have been contacted and are due to upgrade the lighting by late September.

- (k) What is the latest position regarding the Civic Amenity Centre on the Convent Lands.

Reply - The following is now an update on the site.

- ***Layout drawings have been prepared and agreed with council officials.***
- ***Structural drawings and tender documentation are being finalised.***
- ***The Council will be going to tender in the last week in September.***
- ***Allowing one month for receipt of tenders and a further month for tender assessment council should be in a position to appoint the successful contractor in December with works starting on site in January 2008.***
- ***The Council hope to have the site operational by late summer/autumn 2008.***

- (l) Will this Council apply to the Department of the Environment for funding to upgrade the section of road between Reilly's Cross and Corduff Cross on the

main Carrickmacross to Shercock road as it is dangerously narrow and carrying a large amount of heavy traffic?

Reply - MCC will be seeking funding from the Department of the Environment to carry out improvements on the worst sections of the R178, especially between Reilly's Cross and Corduff Cross where a recent accident occurred and where the public road has minimal embankment between the road edge and the open river.

Cllr Gary Carville asked:

- (m) In view of the ongoing serious foul smell in the Drumillard, Monaghan Road, Muckno Street, Main Street areas of Castleblayney, which is causing many health problems for people in the area, what immediate action does the Sanitary Services Dept of Monaghan County Council propose to take to deal with the matter; and specifically:
- (a) What actions have been taken to date?
 - (b) What is the full extent of the problem?
 - (c) What course of action is proposed to be taken?
 - (d) What timeframe is envisaged?
 - (e) Has the Council the adequate resources to address the problem and police this issue on an ongoing basis?
 - (f) Will the County Council liaise closely with Castleblayney Town Council and the Mid-Monaghan area members on the issue?

Reply – Following complaints received, Monaghan County Council completed a major survey on the sewerage collection network in the Drumillard and Monaghan Road areas of Castleblayney in 2006. Potential causes to the odour issue were identified. The Council has been active, jetting and cleaning the sewer network in this area and inspecting discharges from commercial premises in the area since then.

An unauthorised connection to a storm drain has been identified and is now connected to the foul sewer network in August 2007. Work on replacing part of the existing sewer through Park Road will be completed by November 2007.

Work will commence on the enforcement of discharge licensing requirements of all commercial properties connected to the sewer along the Monaghan Road, pending appointment of staff resources in 2007.

Nicholas O' Dwyer & Associates, consultants on the Castleblayney Sewerage Scheme Project are due to submit their Preliminary Report next month and we have requested that they identify potential engineering solutions to this specific problem. It is hoped that approval can be obtained from the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government to commence advance works on this section of the scheme in 2008.

The Senior Engineer, Dan Doody, met with members of Castleblayney Town Council in June and will update the Town Clerk on progress throughout the scheme.

- (n) Now that the Clontibret-Castleblayney By-Pass is due to be opened in September 2007, resulting in the by-passing of the villages of Clontibret and Annyalla, will Monaghan Co Council make application for funding to the Dept of Environment, Heritage & Local Government and other Bodies for funding to carry out village enhancement and renewal programmes in Annyalla and Clontibret villages so as to improve the physical landscape of these villages and improve quality of life of those who live and conduct business there?

Reply – The current Urban and Village Renewal Programme finishes at the end of 2007 and to date no new programme has been announced by the Department to replace it.

Monaghan County Council will write to the Department and seek an extension to the current the programme.

If and when a new programme is announced Clontibret and Annyalla will be considered for future application for funding.

- (o) What progress is being made in relation to improving the Castleblayney to Newtownhamilton Road through Oram (R 181) particularly in relation to removing dangerous bends on the road?

Reply - Monaghan County Council approached a number of landowners along a section of the R182 in the Autumn of 2006 with a view to acquiring land to allow a section of the R182 to be realigned thus removing a number of tight radius bends. Monaghan County Council were unsuccessful in reaching agreement with the landowners concerned at that time. The funding allocation received for the R182 in 2007 has already been spent on essential resurfacing of a 1.2 km section, which had deteriorated significantly. If funding is received in 2008 Monaghan County Council intends to approach the same landowners as contacted in late 2006 to determine if agreement for acquisition of the land can be reached in order to carry out the realignment works on the specified section.

- (p) Further to the granting of planning permission for external works on Castleblayney Courthouse earlier this year, what actions has the Council taken to activate the project and to have the entire work carried out and has there been any communication from the Government in relation to the matter?

Reply – Following a meeting with Elected members and representative sectors from Castleblayney on the 27th April 2007, the County Manager made a formal submission to the Secretary General Department of the Taoiseach on 18th May 2007. The County Manager sought financial aid towards the restoration project as part of the funding package, which is

planned under the North/South agreement with the re-establishment of the Northern Ireland Devolved Government. He outlined the County Councils proposal and informed the Secretary General that the Council had resolved to raise a loan of €2.7 million towards the restoration costs from its own resources to weatherproof the building.

The County Manager outlined the need for an additional €4.0 million to convert the building for its proposed use as a Courthouse, library and offices for both Castleblayney Town Council and the Area office for Monaghan County Council. Department approval is awaited.

(q) When will public lighting be provided on the Castleblayney-Ballybay road at the Cremartin Road junction, as agreed by the Castleblayney Road Area Committee?

Reply - Monaghan County Council has programmed to carry out the installation of the ducting, public lighting foundations and associated ancillary works as soon as the existing road closure has been removed on the Cremartin road, which is currently facilitating the Castleblayney Bypass.

Cllr Heather Humphreys asked

(r) In the interest of safety what plans have Monaghan Co Co to extend the footpath in Smithboro Village from the Skull Inn towards Monaghan?

Reply – It is proposed to upgrade the footpath from the Skull Inn towards Monaghan in 2008 in conjunction with the Smithborough pavement overlay.

(s) When do Monaghan County Council expect to be in a position to commence work on the Car Park in Newbliss to incorporate the bring bank facility?

Reply – Clones Area Office are currently conducting a costing of the envisioned works required for the proposed carpark. Environment Section have funding set aside for the construction of the bring bank facilities in Newbliss.

(t) When do Monaghan County Council expect to be commencing work to provide much needed additional car parking spaces in Cabragh, Threemilehouse?

Reply – It is proposed to commence work in October/November to provide additional car parking spaces in Cabragh, Threemilehouse.

Cllr Noel Keelan asked:

- (u) What is the up to date position in relation to having the civic amenity / recycling centre operational in Carrickmacross?

Reply

The following is now an update on the site.

- **Layout drawings have been prepared and agreed with council officials.**
- **Structural drawings and tender documentation are being finalised.**
- **The Council will be going to tender in the last week in September.**
- **Allowing one month for receipt of tenders and a further month for tender assessment council should be in a position to appoint the successful contractor in December with works starting on site in January 2008.**
- **The Council hope to have the site operational by late summer/autumn 2008.**

- (v) When will the Castleblayney bypass be opened? Is it behind schedule, if so by how many weeks?

Reply - It was agreed some months ago that the mainline of the Castleblayney Bypass would be opened on 21st August 2007 with side roads being completed on 2nd October, 2007. Following a steering meeting between Monaghan County Council, the NRA and Consulting Engineers on 21st August 2007, the Director of Services and the Project Resident Engineer met with the Contractors General Manager and a member of the Board of directors on 22nd August 2007 regarding the progress on the scheme.

The latest information available indicates that the Contractor will have the scheme ready for an official opening in mid October.

- (w) (i) How many planning applications have been refused by Monaghan County Council, since January 2007

- (ii) What percentage does this refusal rate represent?

Reply – from 1 Jan 2007 to 28 Aug 2007 1,786 decisions were issued by Monaghan County Council. 304 of these were to refuse permission representing 17% of all decisions.

- (x) In relation to the very recent ministerial announcement on the extension of the local needs area, in terms of Rural planning, in alphabetical order please inform us of the names of each town land affected in the county by this Draconian decision?

Reply - This document outlines townlands that are within the revised Areas Under Strong Urban Influence following a Direction from the Minister for

**the Environment under Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act,
2000 – 2006 on 22 July 2007.**

1. Areas Under Strong Urban Influence around Carrickmacross Town

Ballymackney DED	Carrickmacross Rural DED	Donaghmoyne DED
Aghafad	Aghalile	Aghavilla
Annacroff	Barnadonagh	Capragh
Ballingarry	Beagh	Carrickavoley
Ballymackney Village	Carrickmaclim	Clohogue and Tievadinna
Coolaha	Cavanageeragh	Cordrummans
Coolderry	Cloughvalley Lower	Creevy Oliver
Coolreagh	Cloughvalley Upper	Creevy, Swinburne
Coolremoney	Coolfore	Donaghmoyne
Corcrin	Corduffkelly	Drumhillagh
Corcuilloge	Corrinshigagh	Dunanny
Drumever	Derrylavin	Dundrockan
Drumhasket	Derryolam	Feegavla
Dunelty	Drumbroagh	Killabrick
Garleygobban	Drumgoan	Lisgall
Kennellybane	Drummond Otra	Longfield Etra
Kennellyduff	Dunoge	Lurganboys
Lisanisk	Greaghdrummit	Monanny
Lisnakelly	Greaghdrumneesk	Mullanavanog
Lisnashannagh	Kilmactrasna	Rahans
Moynaltybane	Latinalbany	Rossdreenagh
Moynaltyduff	Leggimore	Tullynacross
Nuremore	Lisnaguiveragh	
Radrumskeane	Lossets	
Shanmullagh	Lurgans	
Shanragh	Magheraboy	
Stradeen	Magheross	
Trostan	Mullinarry	
	Nafferty	
	Rakeeragh	
	Tiragarvan	
	Woodlands	

Drumboory DED

Annahean
 Annamarron
 Carrickashedoge
 Carricknagoan
 Clonturk Mason
 Coolderry
 Corkeeran
 Creeveadornan
 Drumboory
 Drumgeeney
 Drumturk
 Feahoe
 Halftate
 Killark
 Leege
 Maghernacloy
 Moylough
 Mullagarve
 Mullaghrafferty
 Mullylusty
 Mullyore
 Tomiska
 Tullyallen

Enagh (South) DED

Ballycartlan
 Camaghy
 Clonsedy
 Corrybracken
 Crumlin
 Derryleege
 Derrynaglagh
 Derrynascobe
 Drumbracken
 Drumerloughbeg
 Drumgoosat
 Drummond
 Enagh
 Knocknacran East
 Knocknacran West
 Lisnakeeny
 Losset
 Mullantlavan
 Mullantornan
 Stranatona
 Tullylougherney

Lough Fea DED

Aghalattacrew
 Ballyloughan
 Clontrain
 Cornacarrow
 Cortubber
 Derry
 Deescart
 Dohatty
 Drumbo
 Drumcargy
 Killygally
 Leitrim
 Leons Beg
 Leonsgarve
 Liscarnan
 Liscorran
 Mason Lodge
 Moykieran
 Mullamacateer
 Mullameen
 Nure Beg
 Nure More
 Rahans
 Tullynaskeagh East
 Tullynaskeagh West

2. Areas Under Strong Urban Influence around Castleblayney Town**Castleblayney Rural DED**

Annadrumman	Drumaliss
Annagleve	Drumcrew
Annahale	Drumillard (part of)
Annalitten	Formil
Annyart	Killycard
Bree	Killygola
Carrickagarvan	Kinnagin
Cavanaguillagh	Knockavolis
Clonavogy	Moraghy (part of)
Concra	Mullaghanee
Conabury (part of)	Tattygare
Cornalough	Tullanacrunat
Corragarta	Tullyskerry
Derrycreevy	Tullyvin

Areas Under Strong Urban Influence around Monaghan Town

Ballinode DED

Aghalisk
Annaghervy
Annagola
Ballinode Village
Billises
Brandrum
Cappog
Clontoe
Coolkill East
Corcreaghy
Corknock
Crosses
Dernagrew
Drumbenagh
Drumgarron
Drumgoask
Drumhillagh
Drumaconnor
Drumacaslan
Drumreaske
Drumshanny
Glasdrumman
Killycreen
Killyleen
Kilnahalter
Lisbane
Mullaghmore East
Mullaghmore West
Mullinahinch
Newgrove
Quiglough
Raconnell
Rafeenan
Rosefield
Sheetrim
Tattygare
Telayden
Terrytole
Tirmadown
Tullybryan
Tullycroman

Drumsnat DED

Aghnamallagh
Annaghbrack
Blackraw
Brookevale
Cabragh
Carnbane
Carrowbarra Island
Coolatty
Coolcorragh
Cooldarragh
Corrataghart
Cornasoo
Drumgarve
Drumguill
Drumsheeny
Gortmore South
Liscat
Mullabrack
Mulladuff
Mullanacross
Mullanavannog
Naghill
Rooskey
Skeagh
Skervan
Smithboro Village
Thornhill
Tullykenny

Monaghan Rural DED

Aghananimy
 Aghnaseda
 Annahagh (part of)
 Ardaghey Kill
 Beagh Kearns
 Camla
 Coolshannagh (Part of)
 Corlat
 Corlatton
 Cormeen
 Cornamundy
 Cornacassa (Demesne)
 Cortolvin
 Crover
 Drumacruttan
 Drumbear
 Drumhirk
 Dunaldron
 Dunsinare
 Feragh
 Gallinagh
 Gortakeegan
 Killyconigan
 Killygoan (part of)
 Killyvane
 Knockaconny
 Knockaturley
 Knockroe
 Leagh
 Latlurcan (part of)
 Lisnalee
 Lissaraw
 Mullaghadun
 Mullaghcroghery
 Mullyknock
 Sheetrim
 Skeagarvey
 Tamlat
 Tanderageebane
 Tanderageebrack
 Tirkeenan (part of)
 Tully (part of)
 Tullyard
 Tullyherim

**Monaghan Rural DED
(contd)**

Tullygrimes
 Tullyleer
 Urblekirk

Scotstown DED
 Aghaboy South
 Aghagaw
 Agheracalkill
 Agherakeltan
 Aghnahunshin
 Allagesh
 Annagh
 Annahagh
 Annayalty
 Annyeeb
 Annyerk
 Bough
 Boughkeel
 Carrahor
 Carrowhatta
 Clenlough
 Coolkill West
 Corrinshigo
 Cussee
 Drumbier
 Drumdesco
 Drumslavog
 Edenbrone
 Foremass
 Formoyle
 Gola (English)
 Gola (Irish)
 Gortmore North
 Graffagh
 Itereery
 Kibberridog
 Killatten
 Killycarnan
 Killydonnelly
 Kilmore East
 Killytur
 Mullatigorry
 Mullatishaughlin
 Mullyera

**Scotstown DED
(contd)**

Stracunnion
 Tattindonagh
 Tyraverty
 Tirnamona
 Tirnaskea South
 Tullaghan

Tehallen DED

Annacramp
 Carn
 Cavanreagh
 Clonlonan
 Coolmuckbane
 Corbeg
 Cornahoe
 Corvally
 Creighans
 Crowey
 Crumlin
 Dromore
 Drumacruttan
 Drumagelvin
 Drumgoole
 Drumrutagh
 Fedoo
 Garran Itra
 Golree
 Kildoagh
 Killeef
 Killycarnan
 Killyneill
 Knockacunnier
 Knockboy
 Leitrim
 Lisanore
 Seveagh
 Skinnagin
 Shelvins
 Tamlat
 Templetate
 Terrycaffé
 Teravera
 Tuckmiltate
 Tullylish
 Tullynanure

3. Urban Districts

Carrickmacross Urban DED

Derryolam (part of)
Drummond Etra
Drummond Otra (part of)
Kilmactrasna (part of)
Lisanisk (part of)
Lurgans (part of)
Magheross Road
Mullinary Street (part of)
Naferty (part of)

Castleblayney Urban DED

Onomy
Moraghy (part of)
Drumillard Big (part of)
Drumillard Little (part of)
Conabury

Monaghan Urban DED

Coolshannagh (part of)
Kilnacloy (part of)
Latlurcan (part of)
Mullaghmonaghan
Rooskey
Tirkeenan (part of)

Note:

This may not be a complete list of townlands. It is therefore the responsibility of the applicant/agent to check if their lands are/are not within the revised Areas Under Strong Urban Influence as outlined in the amended maps 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 of the County Monaghan Development Plan 2007 – 2013.

Cllr Keelan asked:

- (y) In relation to the Inniskeen Village Area, when will Monaghan County Council?
- (i) Construct the footpath and public lighting out to the new G.A.A. Grounds at Kednaminsha?

Reply: -This footpath is to be provided to facilitate new GAA grounds which are under construction. GAA is to part fund the works and the contribution is awaited. Funding to cover the balance will have to be sought by Monaghan County Council.

(ii) Given the Waste Water Treatment plant at Ednamo, Inniskeen is not and has not been functioning properly, will the Council consider extending the collection network, in the interest of public health out to this area as the new treatment plant for the village is almost complete.

Reply - A major extension to the Inniskeen Wastewater Treatment Plant is under construction and will be completed by November 2007. Any potential extension to the sewerage network may be considered upon completion of the extension to the plant, having regard to the County Development Plan 2007-2012 and the Small Schemes Capital Works Programme.

Cllr Owen Bannigan asked:

(z) (i) Will Monaghan County Council take on board the concerns of the local residents of Clontibret regarding the safety aspects of the new link road from the Church and Community Centre to the N2?

Reply – Monaghan County Council note the concerns of local residents in Clontibret, as outlined at the on-site meeting of 22nd August 2007. At this stage of the project, it is not feasible to revise the current design. However, as part of the construction process a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit will be commissioned by Gama Tubin Construction Limited on the completed N2 road realignment scheme. The Road Safety Audit should raise any road safety issues and recommend appropriate remedial measures, which Gama Tubin Construction Limited will be obliged to implement or address within the scope of the works. Following completion of the project, Monaghan County Council will monitor the operation of the link road and the junctions in unison with An Garda Síochána. Any road safety issues will be addressed with reference to the operation of the junction.

(ii) What is the time scale for Council Officials to report back to the local residents?

Reply - As soon as the road realignment and side roads are opened, Monaghan County Council will begin monitoring the operation of the scheme as a whole, including the Clontibret Link Road and the associated junctions. As issues arise, Monaghan County Council will inform the NRA and request the services of the NRA's Road Safety Engineers to assess and propose any remedial measures required.

23. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr McNally it was agreed to extend a vote of sympathy to Ms. Margaret McCusker Health & Safety Officer on the untimely death of her husband Brendan R.I.P.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr McAnespie it was agreed to extend a vote of sympathy to Mr. Dan Doody, Senior Engineer on the death of his mother Mrs. Eileen Doody, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following:

- The Monaghan Senior GAA Team on their excellent performance in the football championship.
- George McAdam, Tullycorbett on his success at the All Ireland Fleadh
- Latton O’Rahilly Ladies club on winning the Monaghan Junior Championship
- Castleblayney Hurling club on winning the Monaghan Senior Hurling Championship
- Carrickmacross Hurling Club on winning the Monaghan Hurling Shield
- Donaghmoyne GAA club on winning the U-16 McNally cup
- Oram/Toome Clann na Gael on winning the U-16 division 2 titles of League and Championship
- Cremartin GAA club on winning the U-16 league
- Monaghan Ladies Football team on reaching the quarter-final.
- Fergal O’Hanlon GFC on winning the Division 4 Under 12 competition.
- Scotstown Ladies U-12 team on winning the 15 a side county final.
- Latton Ladies GFC on winning the U-12 13 a side county final.
- Monaghan United Ladies Team who won the League title
- Rockcorry GAA club on winning the U-14 league
- O’Neill Shamrocks on winning the Monaghan Intermediate Ladies championship
- Donaghmoyne Ladies GFC on winning the senior championship title
- Carrickmacross Variety group on winning a gold medal at the recent community games at Mosney
- Clontibret O’Neills Hurling club on winning the Monaghan Senior Hurling League Final
- Jessica McFadden Newbliss and Daisy Monaghan Smithboro on reaching the World Tumbling Championships as part of the Irish Team

On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed to extend a vote of good wishes to Mr Larry McCluskey, who had recently retired as CEO of County Monaghan V.E.C after many years of excellent service.

On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed to extend a vote of good wishes to Mr. Martin O’Brien on his appointment as CEO of County Monaghan V.E.C. and wish him every success in his new post.

Cllr McElvaney proposed that a vote of congratulations be sent to Mr Pat Binns, former Premier of Prince Edward Island who had been recently appointed as Canadian Ambassador to Ireland. He proposed that the Ambassador be formally welcomed to Ireland by the Council’s Twinning Committee and that former Member Mr Willie McKenna would also be invited along. This was agreed.

Cllr McElvaney stated that he would take Cllr Carville’s place on the Twinning Committee whilst he was Mayor of the Council.

Cllr Conlon proposed that all associated with the organisation of the Harvest Blues Festival be congratulated on the success of the festival. Cllr Maxwell seconded the proposal which was agreed.

24. Conferences

Promoting Authority	Subject/Theme	Venue	Dates	Members Selected
Kilkee Waterworld Conference	Rural Tourism 2007 – 2013	Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare	6 th & 7 th September 2007	Pat Treanor Seamus Coyle Benny Kieran Patrick McKenna Owen Bannigan David Maxwell
Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland	94 th Annual Conference 2007	Brandon House Hotel, New Ross	13 th – 15 th September 2007	Gary Carville Seamus Coyle Benny Kieran Heather Humphreys Owen Bannigan John Keenan
Omagh District Council	Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend	Strule Arts Centre, Townhall Square, Omagh	14 th – 16 th September 2007	Pat Treanor Robbie Gallagher Hugh McElvaney Patrick McKenna
Greystones Town Council, in Association with Ards Borough Council	2007 La Touche Legacy Seminar “The Changing Ireland – Are Local Authorities Prepared”	Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co Wicklow	28 th – 30 th September 2007	Gary Carville Matt Carthy Padraig McNally John O’Brien David Maxwell Hugh McElvaney Patrick McKenna
Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council	Planning & Design for Heritage & Development	Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	11 th & 12 th October 2007	Gary Carville Vincent P Martin Jackie Crowe Robbie Gallagher Owen Bannigan John Keenan Heather Humphreys
TJK Conferences Ltd	Planning seminar for Councillors	Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee	12 th & 13 th October 2007	Gary Carville Vincent P Martin Matt Carthy Padraig McNally John O’Brien

Adjourned Council Meeting

It was agreed that an adjourned meeting of the Council would be held on the 17th September, 2007 to deal with business not reached on the agenda.

Signed: _____
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Meetings Administrator

Date: _____
