

Comhairle Baile Mhuineacháin Monaghan Town Council

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 21st September 2009 at 5.00pm in the Council Chamber of Monaghan Town Council, Town Hall, 1 Dublin Street, Monaghan.

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Seán Conlon

Present: Cllrs. Mary Carroll, Robbie Gallagher, Thomas Hagan, Paul McGeown, Donal Sherry, Seamus Treanor and Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.

In Attendance: Declan Nelson, County Manager, Gareth Mc Mahon, Town Engineer, Marie Deighan, Town Clerk and Donna Toal, Clerical Officer.

Attendance of Ms Audrey Wilson, Volunteer Centre Development Officer.

At the outset the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seán Conlon welcomed Ms Audrey Wilson, Volunteer Centre Development Officer to the meeting to make a presentation to the Members on the general services provided by the Monaghan Volunteer Centre. Ms Wilson stated that the Volunteer Centre was established in 2006, is managed by Monaghan Intergrated Development Ltd and is funded by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaelteacht Affairs. It was noted that Friday the 25th September 2009 is a National Day of Volunteering organised by Volunteers Centres Ireland. Ms Wilson stated that in order to avail of the services of Monaghan Volunteer Centre individuals, community and voluntary organisations need to register on the Website www.volunteermonaghan.ie where they can view/apply for current volunteering vacancies. Volunteers and groups will then be matched based on their preferences and information provided.

Cllr David Maxwell entered the Council Chamber.

A question and answer session took place.

The Cathaoirleach and the Members thanked Ms Wilson for her informative presentation and wished her every success in her role. Ms. Wilson left the Council Chamber.

Launch of www.monaghtantown.ie website

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seán Conlon welcomed Ms Breda Mc Guigan, Aura Internet Services Carrickmacross to launch the www.monaghtantown.ie website. Ms Mc Guigan, whose Company designed the website gave Members a comprehensive overview of the contents of the website which forms an attractive promotional forum for Local Authority and Community activities across a range of subject areas. The Members welcomed and congratulated all those involved in the setting up of the website and agreed that a message from “the Cathaoirleach of the day” be inserted on the website. Cllr Seamus Treanor undertook to investigate old photographs from “down memory lane” for the website. It was also suggested that the website have more Irish language content. The Members thanked Ms. Mc Guigan and Aura Internet Services for their work on the website. Ms Mc Guigan left the Council Chamber.

1. Confirmation of July Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on 20th of July 2009.

On the proposal of Cllr David Maxwell seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday the 20th July 2009.

2. Confirmation of Special Meeting held in committee on 12th August 2009

On the proposal of Cllr Robbie Gallagher seconded by Cllr Paul McGeown it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held in committee on Wednesday the 12th August 2009 in relation to the evaluating of a proposal for submission to the Border Midland and Eastern Regional Assembly in respect of Gateways and Hubs ERDF Grant Scheme. It was noted that additional information has been requested by the Border Midland and Eastern Regional Assembly in relation to a submission made by the Council for funding under the ERDF Grant Scheme. The Town Engineer stated that the process of evaluating the submission was ongoing and that a final decision had not yet been made on the application.

Cllr Mary Carroll recorded her apology for non-attendance at the above meeting

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Gareth Mc Mahon, Town Engineer stated that the pre-qualification procedure of the Tender process in relation to the new Monaghan Fire Station headquarters was ongoing.

Cllr Mary Carroll welcomed the new traffic arrangements on the Dublin road at Beech Hill College.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seán Conlon congratulated the Arts Officer, Somhairle Mac Conghail, his staff and the Festival Sub-Committee on the success of the recent Harvest Time Blues Festival. It was noted that some of the streets in the town were closed to facilitate the holding of markets in the town over the festival weekend. It was agreed to review this matter again next year.

4. Manager's Orders

The Members noted Manager's Orders numbered 173/09 – 211/09 and paid tribute to Michael Mc Carron on his retirement from the Post of Revenue Collector with Monaghan Town Council. The Members, County Manager and Town Clerk were associated with the good wishes to Mr. Mc Carron.

5. Correspondence

The Members noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter dated 21st July 2009 from Ann Doherty, Health Service Executive setting out the services/service changes which have been put in place in order to safely centralise all acute medicine within Cavan General Hospital.
- Letter dated 17th August 2009 from Stephen Mulvany, Hospital Network Manager, Health Service Executive outlining the transfer of acute medical services from Monaghan General Hospital to Cavan Hospital and the services which will be provided in Monaghan General Hospital.

The Members noted the above two items of correspondence and expressed their disappointment with the reconfiguration of services at the Hospital and outlined the implications that they are having on the people of Monaghan.

- Letter of acknowledgement dated 20th July 2009 from Darragh Scully, Private Secretary, Department of Health and Children regarding Monaghan General Hospital.
- Letter dated 28th July 2009 from Joe Reynolds, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd regarding removal of acute medical services from Monaghan General Hospital.
- Letter dated 8th July 2009 from Michael Walsh, Head of Casino Gaming Control, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding a major review of gambling.
- Letter dated 15th July 2009 issued to Dr. Rory O' Hanlon TD from the Department of Health and Children regarding Mental Health Services in the Cavan/Monaghan area.
- Letter dated 20th July 2009 from Martin G O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer, Co. Monaghan V.E.C. regarding the former Monaghan Military Barracks.
- Letter dated 23rd July 2009 issued to Seymour Crawford TD from the Department of Health and Children concerning Mental Health Services in the Monaghan area.
- Letter dated 24th July 2009 issued to Margaret Conlon TD from the Department of Health and Children in relation to Mental Health Services in Monaghan.
- Letter dated 27th August 2009 from Martin Fagan, Regional and Local Roads Unit, National Roads Authority regarding the Management of Regional and Local Roads Programme.
- Letter dated 30th July 2009 from Josephine Duffy, County Registrar, Courts Service, Monaghan stating that a disabled or old and affirm person may apply to the Returning Officer four days before a vote is taken requesting a transfer vote to another station. On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Carroll seconded by Cllr. Seán Conlon it was agreed to contact the County Registrar's office to request them to consider inserting a notice in the local newspaper informing the public of this matter.
- Letter dated 27th July 2009 from Eddie Kiernan, Private Secretary, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in connection with Monaghan Town Main Drainage Scheme.
- Email dated 22nd July 2009 from Tom Ryan, Director of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding Monaghan Town Councils Motion for Annual Conference 2009.
- Letter dated July 2009 from Louise Rogan, The People in Need Trust in relation to the announcement of the allocation of €6m raised during the October 2007 RTE People in Need Telethon.
- Letter dated 5th August 2009 from Lori O' Neill, MSPCA thanking the Members for their contribution of €800 under the Community Grant Scheme 2009.
- Letter dated September 2009 from David Drum, Hon. Secretary, Rotary Club of Monaghan thanking the Members for their contribution that made the official visit of the Bulgarian Ambassador to Monaghan one to remember.
- Letter received from James Connolly Heron in relation to plans to demolish Dublin's historic Moore Street including the National Monument Nos 14 17. On the proposal of Cllr. Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha seconded by Cllr. Seán Conlon it was agreed to support the campaign to preserve the site.
- Letter dated 30th July 2009 from Adrian McLoughlin, Private Secretary, Department of Health and Children regarding Mental Health Services in Monaghan
- Adjudicators Report on Monaghan Towns participation in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2009.

6. Planning Applications

The Members noted Planning Applications numbered 09/22 – 09/25 and welcomed the application from Mullaghmatt /Cortolvin Community Development for permission to erect CCTV in the housing estates of Mullaghmatt/Cortolvin.

7. Business submitted by An Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Seán Conlon referred to a recent decision made by Monaghan County Council to refuse planning permission for a major outlet at the Monaghan Retail Park and challenged the rationale for the planners decision in the determination of the planning application. Cllr. Conlon stated that he was alarmed by a number of elements in this decision and from his perspective looking at it, he would say that there was a lack of due process applied to it. Cllr. Conlon informed the meeting that he had investigated the conditions given by the planners for refusal and was disappointed. The Cathaoirleach stated that in the context of the sequential test, the planners had identified a number of possible other alternatives and he was outraged by the suggestion that the Aldi store could be located on the Eircom Yard on the Broad Road. Cllr. Conlon also stated that the two other locations suggested (Mc Nallys Yard and the temporary car park) were areas that were sterilized for zoning purposes because of the Ulster Canal project. The Cathaoirleach stated that the fourth location suggested to the rear of the Town Council Offices would not come to fruition for another two to three years. Cllr. Conlon also stated that it was almost to the point of unbelievable that no additional information had been requested by the planners, when additional information was routinely requested in smaller scale planning applications for one-off housing in the rural area.

Declan Nelson, County Manager stated that he took serious exception to any suggestion that the application had not been handled with integrity and requested Cllr. Conlon to withdraw his comments which impugned the integrity of the Planning Officials concerned. The County Manager stated that he had many discussions with the applicant concerned and expected that the reason why no further information was sought was because there already had been three planning applications in respect of the site. The County Manager stated that allowing the outlet to establish itself in the proposed location would represent a serious threat to trade in the town centre and he advised the Members to read the planning file for themselves.

Declan Nelson, County Manager stated that he had met recently with Clarke Developers in relation to the proposed Mixed Use Development at Rooskey. It was noted that negotiations are still underway between Clarkes and the sub-contractors and the County Manager stated that March 2010 is the date proposed for work to recommence on the site.

8. Consideration of Reports of Committees

The Members noted Minutes of a Planning Sub-Committee meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 20th July 2009 in relation to a petition to Monaghan Town Council to name Killygoan Football Court in memory of the late Michael Hughes, Killygoan who died tragically in a drowning accident in Rossmore Park in February 2009.

9 Roads/Housing

A number of matters were noted for the attention of the Town Engineer:-

- Reflector strip required on wall in front of Beech Hill College
- Weeds on footpath at Dernagrew
- Loose stones in structure of Horseshoe Bridge
- Additional public lighting required in vicinity of casual trading area.
- Survey of footpaths to be undertaken – Mullaghmatt
- Pot holes – entrance to Mullaghmatt
- Water quality – Belgium Square
- Cover required for manhole – vicinity of Horseshoe Bridge
- Bin required for Courthouse Car Park
- Gullies blocked – Beechgrove/Milltown
- Report required on safety measures to be carried out in St. Patrick's Tce
- Flooding – back gardens, Killygoan/Replacement of doors – Killygoan area.

The Town Engineer stated that he is meeting with the Gardaí and the Road Engineers, Monaghan County Council in relation to the proposed new traffic arrangements put in place on a trial basis on the North Road.

The Members noted that the launch of the new Slí Na Sláinte walking route had been launched earlier in the evening and they complimented the Town Council and the Health Service Executive for jointly funding the project with the idea of encouraging people to take up more regular physical activity.

It was agreed to enquire from the Social Welfare Regional Office if some type of a covered queuing style could be constructed at the Social Welfare Branch Office in Monaghan town to facilitate those who have to queue outside in inclement weather conditions.

It was noted that a rent review is being carried out at present.

10. Telecommunication Mast at Killygoan

The Members noted correspondence dated 5th August 2009 from Peter Kelly, Asset Manager, ESB Telecoms in relation to requests from Monaghan Town Council to remove the antennae attached to the telecommunication mast at Killygoan. The Members welcomed correspondence dated 3rd September 2009 from Michael Flynn, Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Dublin stating that they are now in a position to remove the antennae and associated equipment from the mast because of the roll out of a national digital radio network. On the proposal of Cllr. Donal Sherry seconded by Cllr. David Maxwell it was agreed to request those still using the mast to remove their antenna from it.

11. Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme.

It was noted that works have commenced on Phase 2 of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme. The Members noted letter dated the 7th September 2009 from Jim Ganley, Housing Operational Programmes Unit regarding the Councils request to allocate Internal Capital Receipts to the scheme and correspondence dated the 29th July 2009 from Drogheda Borough Council regarding funding of a similar Remedial Works Scheme in Drogheda. It was agreed to send a letter to Drogheda Borough Council asking them to set out the funding source used by them to fund the extra works.

12. **Consideration of Proposed Amendments of Parking Control (Pay-Parking) Bye Laws 2006 and Car Park Bye Laws 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha seconded by Cllr Mary Carroll it was agreed to adopt the following Proposed Amendments to the Parking Control (Pay Parking) Bye Laws 2006 and Car Park Bye Laws 2006.

- North Road – Additional Disabled Space
Reason – Request from the Doctors Surgery along the North Road
- Glaslough Street Car Park – Rearrangement of Car Parking
Reason - The car parking spaces were rearranged after the construction of the Car Park exit onto North Road opened. Additional Spaces were gained.
- High Street – Rearrangement of Parking Spaces + Additional Disabled Space
Reason – Reduction in car parking spaces due to the realignment of the road after the renovation of Aviemore House
- North Road – Relocation of Loading Bay
Reason – To facilitate the new pedestrian crossing on the North Road
- Diamond Centre – Additional Public Spaces
Reason – Monaghan Town Council propose to lease this car park and regulate it with pay parking
- Church Square – Taxi Rank
Reason – To facilitate the Taxi operators within the Town
- Park Street – Additional Disabled Space
Reason – To further facilitate people with disabilities within the Town
- Courthouse Car Park – Additional Spaces
Reason – 2 extra spaces were achieved through the rearrangement of existing spaces
- Courthouse Car Park – 3 No. Casual Trading Spaces
Reason – To facilitate Casual Trading within the Town
- Old Cross Square – Additional Disabled Space
Reason – To further facilitate people with disabilities within the Town
- Temporary Car Park at Mc Nallys – Additional Long Term Spaces
Reason – 35 additional long term spaces for those working within Monaghan Town to supplement the existing 325 long term spaces throughout the town
- Park Road – Additional double yellow lines and single yellow lines. Also extra car parking spaces will be lined out
Reason – To relieve car-parking congestion for the 2 No. Primary schools on Park Road. This has been done in consultation with the schools who were concerned about Road Safety. The car parking spaces are not to be included as pay parking spaces.

The Members were circulated with one written submission in relation to the proposed amendments and it was agreed that the Planning Sub-Committee examine the submission in detail and report back to the Council.

13. **Consideration of Approval to dispose of the Freehold Interest in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.**

On the proposal of Cllr David Maxwell seconded by Cllr Mary Carroll it was agreed to approve to dispose of the Freehold Interest in 33 Woodview, Killygoan, Monaghan as per notice dated 4th September 2009.

14. Appointment of Member to Monaghan Intergrated Development Board

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Paul McGeown it was agreed that Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha be appointed to the Monaghan Integrated Development Board.

15. Notices of Motion

(a) “MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL calls on the Government to support the Family Resource Centre Programme and in particular, the MULLAGHMATT CORTOLVIN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE. We support the three campaign principles of the Family Resource Centre National Forum, which are:-

1. The Family Resource Centre programme delivers a value-for-money support for families across Ireland. At times of financial hardship, the services of Family Resource Centres will be needed more than ever. Rather than considering closing or reducing the FRC programme, it should be developed and expanded.
2. The Family Support Agency is the best vehicle to deliver the Family Resource Centre Programme and the Agency should be maintained.
3. If any changes are to be made to the FRC programme or Family Support Agency, the Family Resource Centre National Forum must be consulted on the way forward.”

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry, McGeown

On the proposal of Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha seconded by Cllr. Seán Conlon it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion and to forward a copy of the motion to Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Social and Family Affairs and to Monaghan County Council.

(b) “Monaghan Town Council seeks the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the location of St. Macartans Secondary School. Also, that all future repair works necessary to ensure continuous operation of the pedestrian crossings in the town are given the same heightened priority as that given to our town’s traffic lights.

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry, McGeown

On the proposal of Cllr Paul McGeown seconded by Cllr Seán Conlon it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion.

© “That similar to policies governing the disposal of Town Council property, that elected Members are formally notified as to any potential “change of use” of Council property”.

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry, McGeown

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Donal Sherry it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion.

(d) “That this Council deplors the threat to the Rural Transport Scheme”.

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry, McGeown.

On the proposal of Cllr Donal Sherry seconded by Cllr. Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion

(e) “This Council opposes the establishment of the body known as the National Assets Management Agency (NAMA) on the grounds that it will:

- Not solve the banking crisis, which can only be brought about through nationalisation.
- Indebts Irish people for up to €70 billion while essential public services are being cut across the state.
- The legislation to establish NAMA contains flawed and potentially illegal sections, such as the section allowing the compulsory purchase of adjacent land in order to finish developments.

We call on this Government to immediately nationalise those banks of systemic importance to the state and to establish a state bank with the aim of providing credit to business and secure, affordable mortgages in order to kickstart our economic recovery”.

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry, McGeown

Cllr Seán Conlon proposed and Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha seconded the Notice of Motion. Cllr Mary Carroll stated that she could not support the Motion as presented and proposed the following amendment to the Motion:-.

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- Indebts Irish people for up to €70 billion while essential public services are being cut across the state.
- The legislation to establish NAMA contains flawed and potentially illegal sections, such as the section allowing the compulsory purchase of adjacent land in order to finish developments.

We call on this Government to establish a state bank with the aim of providing credit to business and secure, affordable mortgages in order to kickstart our economic recovery”.

Cllr David Maxwell seconded Cllr. Carrolls amendment.

Following a discussion a vote was taken which resulted as follows:

In favour of the amendment – Cllrs Carroll, Maxwell, Hagan, Treanor (4)

Against the amendment – Cllrs Conlon, Uí Mhurchadha, Sherry, McGeown (4)

Cllr. Robbie Gallagher abstained from voting.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seán Conlon used his casting vote which resulted as follows:

In favour of the Amendment – (4)

Against the Amendment – (5)

The Cathaoirleach declared the amended Motion lost.

A vote was then taken on the Motion as presented:-

In favour of the Motion – Cllrs. Conlon, Uí Mhurchadha, Sherry, McGeown (4)

Against the Motion – Cllrs. Carroll, Maxwell, Hagan, Treanor, Gallagher (5)

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Seán Conlon declared the Motion lost.

It was agreed to deal with Motions (f) and (g) together.

(f) “Monaghan Town Council calls on the Taoiseach and Minister for Social and Family Affairs to publish the National Carers Strategy as committed to in the Social Partnership Agreement – Towards 2016 and in the programme for Government as a matter of principle”.

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry, McGeown.

(g) “This Council calls on the Taoiseach and on the Minister for Social and Family Affairs to publish the National Carers Strategy as committed to in the “Social Partnership Agreement – Towards 2016” and in the Programme for Government, as a matter of principle”.

Cllrs. Carroll, Maxwell, Hagan

On the proposal of Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha seconded by Cllr Donal Sherry it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion.

(h) “This Council rejects those aspects of the McCarthy Report that target the most vulnerable in society”.

Cllrs. Carroll, Maxwell, Hagan

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Carroll seconded by Cllr David Maxwell it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion

16. Questions

Cllrs Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry and McGeown will ask:

(a) Through the Minister of Defence to ask, what maintenance schedule do the Department have in place for the former site of Monaghan Military Barracks, including the adjoining pitch for the remainder of 2009 and for 2010?

A formal letter will be issued to the Minister for Defence in relation to the above question.

(b) In order to minimise the detrimental economic impact that road works and subsequent closures create for town centre traders, can this Council consider scheduling works in off peak hours?

All attempts to minimise the impact of road works on local businesses are made by Monaghan Town Council in planning for and executing road works, however its not practical to carry out all works out of hours. Out of hours work creates the following difficulties:-

- 1. High noise levels will incur complaints from local residents*
- 2. The cost of works will be significantly higher*
- 3. It is not always possible to take delivery of the necessary materials to carry out work outside normal business hours thereby creating delays and additional expense on projects.*
- 4. Emergency response crews such as in the event of an accidental disruption to utilities (the water network, the electricity network, the telecoms network) are not always available at short notice out of hours. This creates the possibility of causing a major disruption to these services in the event of an accident.*
- 5. There are health and safety issues associated with the dangers inherent in working in the dark, even where additional lighting is provided.*
- 6. There is an increased risk to pedestrian and traffic safety moving around active work stations after dark.*

The risks identified above must be balanced against the potential disruption to businesses over the duration of the works and a judgement must be made as to how best to proceed. The staff of Monaghan Town Council will continue to evaluate these variables on a case by case basis in the planning and implementation of future works.

17. Resolutions from other Local Authorities

(a) “That this Council calls on the H.S.E.’s Medical Card Section to take into account the statutory pension levy deduction imposed on public sector workers when assessing medical card applications”

Clare County Council

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr David Maxwell it was agreed to adopt the above Resolution.

(b) “Tuam Town Council proposes that the recommendations to abolish Town Council’s contained in the McCarthy Report be withdrawn”

Tuam Town Council

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Carroll seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to adopt the above Resolution.

© “That the Council calls on Eamonn Ryan, T.D. Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, to amend the Home Energy Saving Scheme to include provision for the replacement of aluminium/teak windows and doors which are not energy efficient in private dwellings”.

Mullingar Town Council

It was agreed to mark the above Resolution read.

18. Conferences

(a) Induction Course for Newly Elected Local Authority Members – Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo – 14th October 2009 – (approx. cost - €370).

No attendance to the above conference is to take place.

19. Any Other Business

It was noted that a Table Quiz is being organised by the Chamber of Commerce in the Hillgrove Hotel on Thursday 24th September.

The Members arranged the following meetings:

Monday 19th October 2009 – Housing Sub-Committee Meeting – 3.30pm.

- Planning Sub-Committee Meeting – 4.00p.m.

- Meeting with Monaghan Chamber of Commerce in committee – 5.00pm.

Declan Nelson, County Manager updated the Council Members on the Town Council’s current financial situation pointing out that the Town Council will have to contend with reductions in income in 2009 in the following areas – Local Government Fund, Road Grant, Planning Fees, Pay Parking income, bank interest, etc and that Rates Bad debts will increase in the financial year due to the current economic climate. The County Manager added that the 2010 budget will be difficult to prepare as the Council are facing significant financial constraints.

Cllr. Seamus Treanor condemned a recent knife attack in the grounds of St. Davnets Hospital. It was agreed that this item be discussed further at the Monaghan Town Joint Policing Committee Meeting to be held on the 22nd September 2009.

20. Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Monaghan United Ladies Football Team on winning the Premier A League against Cabinteely Football Club
- Armagh Minors on winning the All Ireland Minor Football Final

A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Gerry McGann, Latlurcan and to former Councillor, Malachy Toal and his family on the tragic death of Gary Brennan, Braddox.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

Dated this the 19th day of October 2009

Cathaoirleach