

Comhairle Baile Mhuineacháin
Monaghan Town Council

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 21st February 2011 at 5.00pm in the Council Chamber of Monaghan Town Council, Town Hall, 1 Dublin Street, Monaghan.

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Robbie Gallagher

Present: Cllrs. Mary Carroll, Seán Conlon, Thomas Hagan, Paul McGeown, Donal Sherry and Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.

In Attendance: David Fallon, A/County Manager, Gareth Mc Mahon, Town Engineer, Marie Deighan, Town Clerk and Sinead McCann, Staff Officer.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr Seamus Treanor. The Members wished Cllr Treanor all the best in the forthcoming General Election on Friday the 25th February 2011.

1. Review of the Monaghan County Development Plan (incorporating Development Plans for Towns of Monaghan, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Clones and Ballybay) and preparation of Core Strategy for County Monaghan.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Robbie Gallagher welcomed Toirleach Gourley, Senior Executive Planner, Monaghan County Council to the meeting. The Members noted a Draft Issues Paper dated February 2011 on the review of the Monaghan County Development Plan (incorporating the Development Plan for the towns of Monaghan, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Clones and Ballybay). Toirleach Gourley stated that Monaghan County Council is beginning the preparation of a new Monaghan County Development Plan which will take approx. 2 years and will end with the publication of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-2019. The Members noted that staff from the Planning Section of the County Council will be available to meet with the public and discuss the matters outlined in the Issues Paper in various locations throughout the county and noted that the closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday the 6th May 2011.

Cllr. David Maxwell entered the Council Chamber.

The Members noted from Toirleach Gourley that in accordance with Section 10(1B) of the Planning and Development Act 2010 all Planning Authorities are required to prepare a Core Strategy. The purpose of the Core Strategy is to articulate a medium to longer term quantitatively based strategy to the spatial development of the area of the Planning Authority, and in doing so, demonstrate that the development Plan and its objectives are consistent with the National and Regional Development objectives set out in the NSS and Regional Planning Guidelines. It was noted that a Core Strategy must be prepared for Monaghan Local Authorities by the 29th September 2011 and must be adopted as a variation of the current Development Plan. A question and answer session followed.

Cllr Seán Conlon requested an up-date on the removal of the telecommunication mast at Tullyherim. Toirleach Gourley stated that Monaghan County Council have issued enforcement proceedings and that the matter may be heard in the Circuit Court on the 21st March 2011.

Cllr. Seán Conlon referred to the need to monitor the night time economy in the town and stated that following a recent teenage disco in the town he observed a number of young people who appeared to be suffering from the effects of alcohol abuse. Cllr. Conlon stated that young people appeared to be consuming alcohol outside of the disco premises but emphasised that there are strict controls/security personnel in place on the premises itself. It was also noted that a gate has been erected on a public entry leading from The Diamond to Glaslough Street Car Park which prohibits those attending the night club entry to The Diamond area. The Members expressed concern regarding the safety of the young people in and around the car park and in close proximity to Peters Lake. It was agreed to write a letter to the owner of the Hotel asking that patrons leaving the late night function be allowed access onto the Diamond area. Toirleach Gourley was requested to submit a report at the next meeting of the Town Council on the legal and planning status of the gate referred to by the Members. On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Robbie Gallagher seconded by Cllr. David Maxwell it was also agreed to invite the Garda Síochána to the next meeting of the Town Council to discuss the matter. Toirleach Gourley left the Council Chamber.

Presentations to Line Dancing Champions in recognition of their recent achievements

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Robbie Gallagher welcomed Chloe Cagney, Stacey Cagney, Edel Mc Enaney and Hayley Mc Kenna with their instructor and tutor, Kathleen Kavanagh to the Council Chamber. The Cathaoirleach and the Members of the Town Council congratulated the girls and their tutor on their success in the United Country Western Dance Council Competition which was held recently in Nashville, Tennessee. A presentation of certificates and a crystal rose bowl engraved with the Monaghan Town Council logo was presented to each of the winners:-
Chloe Cagney – Overall Champion in the Line Dance Female Teen Newcomer Section
Hayley Mc Kenna – 2nd place Overall in the Line Dance Female Open Newcomer Section
Edel Mc Enaney – 2nd place Overall in the Line Dance Female Diamond Newcomer Section
Stacey Cagney – 3rd place Overall in the Line Dance Female Open Newcomer Section
A bouquet of flowers was presented by the Cathaoirleach to Kathleen Kavanagh.

Kathleen Kavanagh, on behalf of the Shuffling Boots Line Dancing Club thanked Monaghan Town Council for their financial support down through the years and expressed her own personal congratulations to the girls. Following refreshments the invited guests left the Council Chamber.

2. Confirmation of January Monthly Meeting held on 17th January 2011.

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Mary Carroll it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 17th January 2011.

3. Confirmation of Annual Statutory Budget Meeting held on 20th December 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr Thomas Hagan seconded by Cllr Mary Carroll it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Annual Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday 20th December 2010.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Members expressed disappointment that no reply has been received from the General Practitioners in the town regarding a request from the Town Council to participate in a locally based Doctor-on-Call Service to cater for those in need of medical attention outside of surgery hours. The Members expressed concern regarding the latest cuts by the HSE to the current North East Doctor-on-Call Service and noted that there will be one doctor on duty in the centre in Castleblayney between 6pm and midnight and after that time there will be no doctor-on-call service at all with a doctor in Cavan having to provide the service for Counties Monaghan and Cavan.

On the proposal of Cllr Paul McGeown seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed to send a letter to the Health Service Executive condemning the latest cuts by the HSE to the current North East Doctor-on-Call Service.

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr David Maxwell it was agreed to appeal to the local General Practitioners of Monaghan Town to address the serious situation immediately. On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Paul McGeown it was agreed to write to Ireland's Association of General Practitioners to enquire from them if the guidelines set down by the Doctor-on-Call Service fall within the criteria of the Hippocratic Oath which Doctors sign up to. The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Robbie Gallagher encouraged people to go to Cavan hospital if they got sick after 11p.m. as there is no other alternative.

It was noted that one tenant in Mullaghmatt has yet to get central heating installed in their dwelling. The Town Engineer stated that the Council are trying to arrange a time and date for the installation which suited the tenant.

5. Manager's Orders

The Members noted Manager's Orders numbered 1/11 – 21/11.

6. Correspondence

The Members noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter dated 27th January 2011 from the HSE, Primary Care Services regarding Doctor-On-Call Service in Co. Monaghan.
- Letter dated 21st January 2011 from the Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation regarding a motion from the Town Council concerning competition within the bulk LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) market. On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed to send a letter to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation asking if a date has yet been set for the close of consultation, length of period of assessment and when the outcome might be determined.
- Letter dated 20th January 2011 from Bus Eireann, Dundalk regarding concerns expressed by the Members of the Town Council in connection with the poor condition of a Bus Eireann school bus operating in the town. It was agreed to issue a letter to Bus Eireann and the Department of Transport to enquire whether there is a limit on the length of service a bus can provide for public transport.
- Letter dated 19th January 2011 from the Office of the Taoiseach regarding Quinn Insurance.

- Email dated 1st February 2011 from the Office of the Ambassador of Canada to Ireland expressing regret that the Ambassador will be unable to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Monaghan Town on the 17th March 2011. It was agreed to issue a letter to the Ambassador inviting him to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Monaghan Town on the 17th March 2012.
- Letter dated 7th February 2011 from Special Olympics Ireland seeking support from the Town Council for their "Support an Athlete" programme which will see communities and businesses getting behind their local athlete by contributing towards the cost of sending Team Ireland to Athens. On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr David Maxwell it was agreed to send a copy of this letter to Monaghan County Council for consideration under the Community Development Fund 2011.
- Letter dated 21st January 2011 from An Garda Síochána regarding the monitoring of patrons emerging from various entertainment establishments in the town.
- Letter dated 8th February 2011 and 14th January 2011 from Richard Mc Kenna regarding Casual Trading in Monaghan Town. In the correspondence Mr. McKenna referred to the disadvantages of the current casual trading location situated at the rear of the Courthouse. The Members were circulated with a list of fees levied by other towns in Ireland for Casual Trading. On the proposal of Cllr. Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr. Donal Sherry it was agreed to adopt the following:- "That this Council initiate a process that facilitates an environment of fair trading conditions to the mobile food provider currently licensed by Monaghan Town Council". The Town Engineer was requested to examine if a mobile food outlet could be accommodated at a location in the central area of the town. David Fallon, Acting County Manager pointed out that there is a procedure to be followed in amending byelaws and it was agreed to seek legal advice on this matter. It was also agreed to meet with the Gardaí to discuss the matter in more detail.
- Correspondence dated 10th February 2011 from Gavin Shipley regarding the removal of a hedge on the Clones Road, Monaghan. The Members noted a report from the Council's Horticulturist/Gardener and it was agreed to reply to Mr. Shipley in this regard.
- Letter dated 15th February 2011 from the Competition Authority regarding the bulk LPG market.
- Letter dated 17th February 2011 from the Office of Minister for Housing and Local Services regarding the purchase of leased property for use as the Council's own stock.

7. Business submitted by An Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach stated that he attended the Annual Lunch recently of the Irish Wheelchair Association. Cllr. Gallagher passed on the Association's appreciation of the work undertaken by the Town Council to facilitate people with disability issues.

8. Consideration of Reports of Committees

The Members noted the Minutes of the Monaghan Leisure Complex Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd June 2010. It was agreed that the exterior of the Leisure Complex requires painting.

9. Roads/Housing

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

- Manhole cover – Dublin Street/Dublin Road
- Yellow box required – The Diamond
- Skateboarding in the Diamond – danger to pedestrians
- Pedestrian crossing required at Monaghan Leisure Complex
- Public lighting out of order – Mullaghmatt/Montfort. The Town Engineer stated that all light heads in Mullaghmatt were upgraded in the last five years.
- Vacant house in Mullaghmatt (No. 30) – build-up of refuse
- Entrance to Ashgrove Lawns – blocked drain
- Montfort Housing Estates – cleaning of steps between two estates required
- Potholes – town area – The Cathaoirleach stated that the Council should have a system in place where potholes could be filled in as they occurred.
- Bin required to be replaced – Mall Road

Cllr Donal Sherry expressed concern about the slow progress in having the problems with the windows in a number of houses in the Killygoan area addressed. Gareth Mc Mahon, Town Engineer assured Cllr Sherry that the work was on-going and that he would continue to put pressure on the Contractor to resolve the problem. On the proposal of Cllr Donal Sherry seconded by Cllr David Maxwell it was agreed to keep the matter on the Agenda for the Town Council Meetings until the job is completed.

Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha circulated photographs to the Members showing the design of new ESB poles been put in place in the Belgium Square area of the town. Cllr Uí Mhurchadha stated that the residents of the area have made complaints regarding the new poles which are of a much thicker design than those been replaced. It was agreed that the poles detract from the appearance of the area and on the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Paul McGeown it was agreed to engage with Shirley Clerkin, Heritage Officer on the matter.

Cllr. Donal Sherry circulated photographs to the Members of a problem on the Pound Hill area of the town regarding water seeping down the hill which is a danger to pedestrians in frosty weather. It was noted that the matter will be referred to the Water Services Section of Monaghan County Council for their attention.

The Members reported pay parking machines out of order in various areas of the town. The Town Engineer acknowledged that there is a problem with some of the machines. Gareth McMahan, Town Engineer also stated that an additional pay parking machine is being installed in Glaslough Street Car Park. The Members requested a report on the income from pay parking machines for the month of December 2010.

10. Telecommunication Mast at Killygoan.

The Members look forward to the removal of the Telecommunication Mast at Killygoan and thanked the Town Clerk for the ongoing correspondence received in relation to the maintenance of the antenna on the mast.

11. Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme.

Gareth Mc Mahon, Town Engineer stated that the works on the Mullaghmatt Remedial Scheme had suffered a set back due to the recent bad weather. The Members were informed that there has been no update on the future phases of the Remedial Scheme. Cllr Seán Conlon proposed that a letter be issued to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government seeking an up-date on the future of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme. The Town Engineer informed the Members that the railing for the steps has been ordered and is in manufacture at present. Cllr Pádraígin Uí Mhurchadha referred to a problem with the chimneys in the estate and the Town Engineer assured her that a solution to the problem has been found and the matter will be rectified.

12. Gateways and Hubs ERDF Grant Scheme – Works at the Diamond/Dublin Street/Old Cross Square and Provision of Recreational Facilities.

Gareth McMahan, Town Engineer stated that the kids recreational facilities will be installed at Oriel Playpark, Mullaghmatt and in Cluain Lorcan housing estate. It was noted that the bicycle stand has been installed in the Diamond area. The Members noted that the contractor is working through a snag list at present in order to have the job completed.

13. Consideration of Statutory Audit Report of Monaghan Town Council for year ended 31st December 2009

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Carroll seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed to adopt the Statutory Audit Report of Monaghan Town Council for year ended 31st December 2009. The Members requested a copy of the inventory of lands in ownership of the Town Council. Cllr David Maxwell urged the Council to use legal means if necessary to recover all outstanding development contributions. This was agreed to.

14. Consideration of Proposed Programme of Works to be carried out under Road Grant 2011

The Town Engineer circulated a copy of the proposed programme of works to be carried out under the Road Grant of €195,000 for 2011.

Road Grant 2011 €195,000

Location	Description of Works	Estimated Cost €k
Annahagh Road/Old Armagh	Rationalization of the junction	5
Beechgrove Estate	Overlay of Estate Roads	15
Beech Hill Slip Road	Footpath Replacement	2
Canal Street	Entire overlay	20
Castle Road	Overlay and Kerbing	15
Cortolvin Road	Overlay	20
Courthouse Exit	Overlay	7
Coolshannagh Road	Improvement of parking at Junction	5
Dr. McKenna	Overlay at junction with Fairview Drive	4
Glencove Manor	Surface Patching Footpath Repair	2
Golden Road	Traffic Calming	2
High Street	Speed Cushions	3
High Street	Build-outs at Hospital Junctions	5
Killyconnigan	Footpath Repair	2

Location	Description of Works	Estimated Cost €k
Line Marking	Throughout town	10
Mill Street/Church Square	Urban Regeneration	28
Rope Walk	Footpath Repair and Extension	5
Rowantree Road	Overlay on concrete Road	25
	TOTALS	175

Surface Patching Programme due to Frost Damage

Location	Description of Works	Estimated Cost €k
Beechgrove Estate	Repair Spalled footpath	2
Belgium Park	Surface Patching	1
Glencove Manor	Surface Patching Footpath Repair	1.5
High Street	Surface Patching	2
Killyconnigan	Surface Patching	1.5
Mall Road	Surface Patching	2
McNallys Car Park	Surface Patching at Entrance	1
Old Armagh Road	Surface Patching	5
Plantation Road	Surface Patching	2
Plantation Road	Replace spalling footpath	2
	TOTALS	20
	OVERALL TOTALS	195

Other roadworks put forward by the Members included:-

- Parking bays at Devin Reilly Terrace
- Parking bay in Glencove Manor
- Pedestrian crossing –High Street
- Traffic calming measure at Cathedral
- Pedestrian safety measures – from corner of Park Street to Lakeview

The Town Engineer stated that funding may be available from other sources for the additional works proposed. The Members gave approval to the proposed Road Works Programme as presented.

15. Update on International “Forge In” Festival – 24th – 26th June 2011.

The Members viewed a proposed structure for the Blacksmiths Forge-In Festival which will be held in Monaghan from the 24th – 26th June 2011. The Members noted that the title of the piece “The Hive of Knowledge” represents the coming together and the pooling of combined knowledge of the blacksmiths with the common goal of creating a monument to celebrate the craft and provide inspiration for future generations. The piece comprises 6 vertical members in elliptical form, intersected by 6 horizontal rings and each intersection will house a sub-panel which will contain artwork created by the participating blacksmiths during the event. It was noted that the finished piece will be located at Peters Lake area. The Members of the Town Council congratulated Somhairle MacConghail, Arts Officer, Monaghan County Council and his staff on their work to date in organising this festival.

16. Notice of Motion:-

(a) “Due to the substantial exodus of our people as a result of our country’s employment crisis, that the incoming Government would instigate a system of granting the Irish Diaspora the right to vote in Irish elections”.

Cllrs. Conlon, Uí Mhurchadha, 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 circulate it to all Local Authorities.

17. Ceisteanna/Questions

Cllrs. Uí Mhurchadha, Conlon, Sherry and McGeown asked:-

(a) In relation to dangerous trees and over-hanging branches that completely overshadow neighbour’s houses both in summer and winter, where does the responsibility lie for any damage that occurs, as with the recent gales there are a lot of worried residents seeking clarification as to who is responsible for maintaining these trees?

People concerned in this instance would be well advised to take legal advice or advice from their house insurance provider. Trees and hedges on private lands are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. If a tree falls in a storm it will be the duty of the legal system to determine whether or not the owner of the property on which the tree is growing is liable.

(b) Is there a possibility of rescheduling the emptying of bins and the use of the road sweeper in the Glaslough Street Car Park to a later time on weekend mornings?

Glaslough Street Car Park is already the last stop for the road sweeping crew at the weekends. The person assigned to emptying the litter bins will also leave this car park to last in the future.

© Is there a timescale for installation for play facilities for young children at Cortolvin play park as was previously agreed?

The tender process is currently underway and installation of the new facilities will take place in the coming months.

Cllr. Robbie Gallagher asked:-

(d) Could the Council contact the Gardaí regarding the reported anti-social behaviour in the area of Ulster Canal Walk which is resulting in littering and discouraging the people of the town from using the park for recreation in the way it was intended?

The Council can contact the Gardaí in this regard.

(e) Can the Council outline in detail its schedule with regard to dealing with litter in the town?

In addition to the early morning and weekend road and footpath sweeping schedules, Monaghan Town Council employ one person full time on litter picking in the town centre and adjoining areas. Areas known to be litter backstops are targeted intermittently for clean ups. Monaghan Town Council has three no. litter wardens who respond to illegal dumping in the town.

(f) With regard to disabled parking spaces in the town can the Council:-

(i) Ensure that a zero tolerance approach be applied with regard to able-bodied people using such spaces?

(ii) Contact the Gardaí with regarding to the monitoring of such spaces after hours and ask them to apply a similar approach?

Monaghan Town Council enforces the law rigourously with regard to abuse of disabled parking bays. The Gardaí can also be written to in this regard.

18. Resolutions from other Local Authorities:-

(a) “That the Members of Castlebar Town Council condemn the recent increases in mortgage rates by our financial institutions”.

Castlebar Town Council

It was agreed to support the above Resolution.

(b) “That Castlebar Town Council calls on the Minister for Education to ensure that the following protocols are introduced in all primary and secondary schools:-

- (1) A Book Rental Scheme (including all examination papers)
- (2) A standard method of facilitating the use of Stick-on-crests on all school uniforms
- (3) Provision of a Confidential Information box as part of Anti Bullying Policy”

Castlebar Town Council

It was agreed to mark the above Resolution read.

© “That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister to urgently review Part 9 of the Planning Act”.

Wexford Borough Council

It was agreed to mark the above Resolution read.

(d) “That Clonmel Borough Council calls on the Government to recognise the unique and vital role of the postal service in Ireland, and particularly rural Ireland, as a means of communications, as a vital economic tool and as an intrinsic part of the fabric of the community. Our postal service has a social and economic value; these must be properly protected as the Government draft legislation to open the postal market to full competition. Post men and women provide very important public service and also function as an integral part of the social fabric of their community particularly for the elderly and isolated citizens whose only human contact might be the Post person. Furthermore, An Posts extensive delivery and connection network is an intrinsic part of the economic and business infrastructure of the country. Reaching every corner of the country and delivering to every front door, An Post is an essential partner in business from a marketing, payment collection and business generation point of view.

As Ireland prepares to liberalise its postal market, it is essential that the Government acknowledges this important public service, ensures that the Universal Service Obligation (USO) is protected by legislation and does not allow the opening of the market to lead to widespread job losses, social dumping and erosion in service levels, as had happened in other countries who have already opened their postal market to competition”

Clonmel Borough Council

It was agreed to support the above Resolution.

(e) The Members noted copy of Resolution from Ballinasloe Town Council in relation to the transfer of Housing functions from Town Council to proposed Regional Housing Authorities. It was agreed to support the Resolution.

19. Conferences:-

- (a) Carlow 9th National Tourism Conference – “A River runs through it” – The Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow – 3rd – 5th March 2011 – (approx. cost €645)
- (b) “Ireland’s Energy Opportunity – Corks’s Response” hosted by The Mayor of the County of Cork – 4th March 2011 – Inchydoney Hotel, Clonakilty – (approx. cost €700)
- © Celtic Conferences – “A practical Guide to Media Skills for Councillors” – 4th – 6th March 2011 – Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – (approx. cost €900)
- (d) Atlantic Conference 2011 – STEM Conference – 10th March 2011 – Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly – (approx. cost €440)
- (e) Smart Marketing presents Professional Development Training Seminar for Councillors – “Managing Public Relations – A Guide to effective Public Relations” – 11th – 13th March 2011 – The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare – (approx. cost €730)
- (f) TGR Seminars – “Effective Time and Priority Management” – 18th – 20th March 2011 – Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth – (approx. cost €240)
- (g) Co. Wexford 1916 Trust – “The 1916 Conference” – 26th March 2011 – The Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford – (approx. cost €540).

No attendance is to take place to the above Conferences.

The Members were circulated with a report complying with Section 142 (5)(f) of the Local Government Act 2001 in relation to the following Conference:-
Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference, Bantry, Co. Cork – attended by Cllr. Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.

20. Any Other Business

On the proposal of Cllr. Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr. Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to purchase “The Municipal Revolution in Ireland” book by Matthew Potter from the Association of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Robbie Gallagher encouraged as many people as possible to go out and vote in the General Election on Friday.

The Town Clerk reminded Members of their obligation under Section 171 of the Local Government Act 2001 to furnish to the Ethics Registrar not later than the last day of February 2011 an annual written declaration containing particulars of their declarable interests within the meaning of the Act.

Cllr. Donal Sherry referred to the unfair social welfare system currently in place for the self-employed.

21. Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

Sheila Connolly, former Monaghan Town Councillor on the death of her sister, Geraldine Doyle, Mullaghmatt

Eileen Morgan, Highfield Close, Monaghan on the death of her brother, Michael Treanor

The Lyden family, Tully and the Moynihan family, Cork on the death of Laura Moynihan

The family of the late Terry McNally, Clones and formerly from Rooskey Vale, Monaghan

A vote of congratulations was extended to:-

The organisers of the Monaghan Trade and Business Show which was held recently in the town. The Transition Year students of St. Macartans College and Monaghan Collegiate School on the success of their joint project documenting the participation by County Monaghan people in World War 1.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Dated this the 21st day of March 2011

Cathaoirleach