

COMHAIRLE BAILE MHUINEACHÁIN
MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 20th February 2012 at 4.30p.m. in the Council Chamber of Monaghan Town Council, Town Hall, No. 1 Dublin Street, Monaghan.

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. David Maxwell

Present: Cllrs. Seán Conlon, Robbie Gallagher, Thomas Hagan, Donal Sherry, Seamus Treanor and Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllr. Mary Carroll and Cllr Paul McGeown.

1. To consider A/County Manager's Report dated 6th January 2012 on submissions received in respect of proposed Variation No. 19 to incorporate a Core Strategy into the Development Plan for Monaghan Town 2007-2013

The Members welcomed Toirleach Gourley, Senior Executive Planner, Monaghan County Council to the meeting. The Members noted the A/County Manager's report dated 6th January 2012 which was circulated to them on the 16th January 2012 on submissions received in respect of proposed Variation No. 19 to incorporate a Core Strategy into the Development Plan for Monaghan Town 2007-2013. Toirleach Gourley explained the consultation process which had taken place and outlined the submissions and observations received on the proposed Variation.

The Members thanked Toirleach Gourley for his presentation. On the proposal of Cllr. Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to adopt the proposed Variation No. 19 to incorporate a Core Strategy into the Development Plan for Monaghan Town 2007 – 2013.

Cllr Seán Conlon called on the Planning Section of Monaghan County Council to carry out an assessment on the current signage erected by Auctioneers around Monaghan town to determine if the signage fits within Planning and Development Regulations.

Cllr. Seamus Treanor renewed his criticism of the refurbishment works carried out to the Monaghan Courthouse building. Toirleach Gourley stated that the Courts Service are exempt from planning permission in relation to these works and that the Office of Public Works had designed the refurbishment.

Toirleach Gourley left the Council Chamber.

2. Presentation by the Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs (IFPAC)

The Members welcomed Brian Byrne, Secretary, Godfrey Donohoe, Competitions Officer and Coach and Sean Markey, Competitions Organiser of the Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs (IFPAC) to the meeting. The delegation stated that the IFPAC represents over sixty clubs from all over Ireland and they outlined the details of an International Event which will be taking place in Monaghan in October 2012. It was noted that an attendance of between sixty and one hundred visitors, comprising anglers and team officials with their supporters and a group of journalists from the International Angling Press is anticipated for the five days of the event which will include practice sessions and competitive fishing. The delegation stated that the cost of hosting the event will be in the region of €5,000 - €6,000 and enquired if the Town Council could contribute to the event. On the proposal of Cllr Donal Sherry seconded by Cllr Seán Conlon it was agreed to host a civic reception to meet and greet the visiting anglers on Thursday 4th October 2012. The Members of the Council complimented the delegation on securing the event for Monaghan Town and noted that it could prove a very important contribution to local tourism.

Cllr Donal Sherry asked the delegation if there was anyway that the Town Council or County Council could assist them in their work. The delegation replied that there is a lack of signage at Peter's Lake and stated that they would like to see a sign erected stating that there could be no removal of fish from the lake. The delegation also queried if a bye-law could be passed prohibiting the killing of pike of all species similar to what has been carried out by Carlow County Council. The Cathaoirleach, Cllr David Maxwell stated that Monaghan has been designated as a "catch and release" County in the County Monaghan Development Plan. Cllr Seán Conlon encouraged the delegation to make a presentation to Monaghan County Council and suggested that they provide Monaghan Local Authorities with more details on how the plan adopted in Co. Carlow had worked.

The Members of the Town Council thanked the delegation for their presentation and stated that their application for funding will be forwarded to the Budget Sub-Committee for consideration. Brian Byrne, Godfrey Donohoe and Sean Markey left the Council Chamber.

3. Confirmation of January Monthly Meeting held on 16/01/2012

On the proposal of Cllr. Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Donal Sherry it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 16th January 2012.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

It was agreed to compliment Ross Mealiff, Manager and the staff of the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on the great facilities and hospitality shown to all the AMAI delegates at the recent AMAI Conference held recently in Cavan.

It was agreed to send a letter to Monaghan Town Football Club informing them that a detailed examination of lands in the possession of the Town Council has shown that no suitable lands are available at this time for lease or sale to the Club.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Maxwell confirmed that Phil Hogan, T.D, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will visit the former Customs and Excise Building, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan when he visits Monaghan in March to perform the official opening of the new Fire Station Headquarters at Annahagh.

The Members welcomed works carried out recently to the railings in Old Cross Square.

It was noted that Dunnes Stores have received tenders for the carrying out of painting works to the exterior of their building on Dawson Street, Monaghan.

5. Manager's Orders

The Members noted Manager's Orders numbered 01/12 – 14/12.

The Members noted that a number of Manager's Orders listed before them were in relation to the Council instructing their Solicitor to initiate legal proceedings for the recovery of unpaid municipal rates. The Members called on those people with rate arrears to engage with the Council.

6. Correspondence:-

The Members noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter dated 6th February 2012 from the Department of Health regarding the medical card administration process. The Members expressed disappointment with the contents of this letter. The Members also expressed disappointment that there will be no Medical Assessment Unit provided at Monaghan Hospital.
- Acknowledgement letter dated 25th January 2012 from the Office of Minister Róisín Shortall, TD regarding the medical card administration process.
- Letter dated 2nd February 2012 from The Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding the Better Energy Homes Programme. Cllr. Gallagher stated that local contractors who carried out work on this scheme are concerned as they see a downturn in the works as there are now less people applying for the grant because they would have to use a bigger proportion of their own money for the work.
- Letter dated 16th January 2012 from the Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation in relation to the vacated former Customs and Excise Building, Armagh Road.
- Letter dated 20th January 2012 from the Office of the Minister for Small Business regarding the vacated Customs and Excise Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan. The Town Clerk undertook to contact the Agencies listed in the correspondence and to obtain the required information as requested by the Minister's Office.

- Letter dated 20th January 2012 from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to motor tax. Cllr. Gallagher expressed disappointment with the correspondence.
- Acknowledgement letter dated 1st February 2012 from the Courts Service, Monaghan.
- Letter dated 11th January 2012 from Brendan Smith, TD in relation to an increase in VAT.
- Letter dated 31st January 2012 from the Office of the Minister for Housing and Planning thanking the Members for their invitation to visit the Mullaghmatt Housing Estate and of the Minister's intention to visit Mullaghmatt as soon as her schedule permits.
- Letter dated 6th February 2012 from Seán Conlan, TD in relation to the Mullaghmatt Housing Estate.
- Letter dated 6th February 2012 with enclosures, from Heather Humphreys TD in relation to Phase 3 of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme.
- Letter dated 2nd February 2012 from Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD with enclosures, regarding the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme.
- Acknowledgement letter dated 12th January 2012 from the Office of the Minister for Tourism and Sport regarding the A5/N2 Donegal to Dublin Road.
- Letter dated 24th January 2012 from the Monaghan Allotment Society seeking an up-date on the provision of Elliotts land for an allotment area. Cllr. Donal Sherry called on the Council to examine lands that are available at Killygoan and Mullaghmatt which may be suitable for the provision of an Allotment area.
- Email dated 1st February 2012 from ESB regarding telecommunication mast at Killygoan.
- Letter dated 10th February 2012 from An Cumann Gaelach, Muineachán regarding "Rith 2012", a national fun run with the aim of heightening awareness of the Irish language in a fun family way which will take place in Monaghan on Saturday 10th March 2012. The run will start in Castleblayney and finish in Monaghan at around 7.30pm. It was agreed to contribute €100 to Rith 2012 which will help promote the Irish language in the community.
- Letter dated 13th February 2012 from An Poc Fada, North Road requesting a temporary closure of lower Mill Street on the 10th March 2012 from 6pm to 12 noon on the 11th March to facilitate the erection of a Marque to aid the running of an Irish music event in conjunction with Rith 2012. The Members had no objection to the proposed closure.
- Letter dated 1st February 2012 from Josephine Power, Fort Augustus Irish Descendants Group extending an invitation to the Members of the Council to attend the Annual Irish Settlers Day to be held in Fort Augustus Prince Edward Island from the 23rd May to 28th May 2012. On the proposal of Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed that the Cathaoirleach, Cllr David Maxwell represent the Town Council at this event.
- Invitation from the Lithuanian Community of Monaghan and the Lithuanian Sunday School to a celebration evening and concert on Saturday 3rd March 2012 at 6pm at The Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan.

- Letter received from Monaghan Koryu Uchinadi Karate Club seeking the use of a vacant property to suit their needs for rent or long term lease at a reasonable rate.
- Correspondence from Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church who are holding a flower festival from 11th – 13th May 2012. It was agreed to refer this correspondence to the Budget Sub-Committee.
- Letter dated 13th January 2012 thanking the Members for their contribution towards the work of the Irish Water Safety Association.
- Letter dated 19th January 2012 from Gráinne O’ Reilly, Co-ordinator & Art Teacher seeking financial assistance towards the County Monaghan Secondary Schools Art Exhibition 2012. It was agreed to refer this correspondence to the Budget Sub-Committee.
- Letter from Adrian Halligan regarding a proposal to have an event “Master Irelands Strongest Man” hosted in Monaghan Town. It was noted that the approximate cost of this event is €4,000. It was agreed to ask Mr. Halligan of what funding he has already secured for the event and from what sources. It was also agreed to refer the correspondence to the Budget Sub-Committee.
- Correspondence dated 6th February 2012 in relation to the Pádraig Pearse Award 2012.
- Statement of Account from the Monaghan Immigrant Support Group in relation to funds received by them from the Town Council in 2011.

7. Planning Application

The Members noted Planning Application numbered MT 12/1.

8. Business submitted by An Cathaoirelach

No business was submitted by An Cathaoirleach.

9. Consideration of Reports of Committee:-

The Members noted the Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 30th January 2012 in relation to presentations received on the development of a Memorial to commemorate the Famine in Monaghan. It was agreed that the Planning Sub-Committee meet again to discuss the matter. Cllr. Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha is to be invited to attend the meeting also.

10. Roads/Housing

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

- Coolshannah Close – Two public lights out of order
- Illegal dumping - Cortolvin area (formerly Kane’s supermarket). On the proposal of Cllr. David Maxwell seconded by Cllr. Donal Sherry it was agreed that a letter be written to the Receiver in this case asking them to have the area cleaned up within one week otherwise the Town Council will organize the clean-up and charge the Receiver for the work done.
- Belgian Square – yellow box traffic marking sign to be extended

- Pot holes – Horseshoe bridge/Knockroe Glen
- Handrails on Pound hill to be replaced
- Dublin Street – manhole lids loose
- “No Drinking” signs to be replaced following the completion of works in the Diamond.
- Signs for Hotels to be erected.

Cllr. Seán Conlon called for the removal of a large road sign (L1400) which has been erected by the National Roads Authority at the front of the Cathedral in Monaghan town and pointed out that there is a smaller sign in place at the same location of similar purpose. On the proposal of Cllr. Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr. Robbie Gallagher it was agreed to write to the NRA asking them to liaise with the local Roads Office when urban signage is being put in place to ensure the preservation of the integrity of the built environment.

It was agreed that the Town Engineer would examine a proposal by Cllr. Robbie Gallagher to place large floral displays in The Diamond area to prevent skateboarders from using the area which is posing a danger to pedestrians.

Cllr. Donal Sherry referred to the new pay parking machines installed in the town stating that people with disabilities are finding it difficult to use the machines. The Town Engineer pointed out that the machines are designed for able bodied people and people with disabilities are exempt from the parking fee if they hold a disabled badge.

11. Telecommunication Mast at Killygoan

The Members look forward to the removal of the Telecommunication Mast at Killygoan.

12. Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme.

It was noted that work on Phase 2 of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme is nearing completion. The Members thanked the local Oireachtas Members for their work in securing a visit by the Minister to view the Remedial Works.

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

It was noted that works are continuing to take place on this scheme.

14. Progress on Windows/Doors – Killygoan Area

The Members were informed that replacement doors are being manufactured at present for the Killygoan estate. Cllr. Donal Sherry stated that there are still two houses outstanding in the estate where works to the windows/doors have not yet been resolved to the satisfaction of the tenants. The A/County Manager stated that the Council would endeavour to resolve the situation.

15. Report on Mixed Use Development at Rooskey.

It was noted that a Planning Application has been lodged by the Developer for the re-instatement of the car park at Rooskey. The Members welcomed this development.

16. Consideration of Proposed Works Programme under Road Grant 2012

The Members noted the proposed Programme of Works to be carried out under the Road Grant for 2012:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>WORK DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
1	Beechgrove Lawns	Overlay	20k
2	Dr Mc Kenna Tce	Overlay & Kerbing	10k
3	Hill Street	Overlay	10k
4	Dunsinaire Road	Surface Dressing	8k
5	Milltown Road	Overlay & Pothole Repair	10k
6	Plantation Road	Overlay & Pothole Repair	10k
7	Ashgrove Lawns	Overlay	10k
8	Oriel Way	Traffic Calming – Speed Cushions	5k
9	Mullaghmatt	Pothole Repair/Surface Patching	5k
10	Mullaghmatt	Backlane Turning Area + Fencing	10k
11	Cortolvin Road	Additional Car Parking Bays	15k
12	Killyconnigan	Footpath Repair leading to Industrial Estate	2k
13	Old Armagh Road	Define Road Edge at Annahagh Lane	5k
14	Machinery Yard Road	Overlay	10k
15	Rooskey @ Harps	Traffic Calming – Reinstall ramps	5k
16	Diamond Car Park	Pothole Repair/Surface Patching	2.5k
17	Glaslough St. Car Park	Overlay for Section at Flemings	10k
18	Rowantree Road	New Footpath	7.5k
19	Killyconnigan Road	Footpath Repair	2k
20	Killyconnigan Road	Overlay	10k
21	Cortolvin Road	Footpath alteration to enhance Pedestrian Provision for Mullaghmatt	3k
22	Line Marking	General Application	10k
23	Disability Improvements	Town Centre	5k
24	Mall Road	Pothole Repair/Surface Patching	10k
Total			195k

The Members welcomed the Road Grant of €195,000 under the 2012 Regional and Local Roads Allocations and noted that there has been no reduction in funding on last year. The Members called for additional parking in Glencove Manor and Devin Reilly Terrace.

17. Consideration of approval to dispose of the Freehold Interest in Council Dwelling.

On the proposal of Cllr Donal Sherry seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to dispose of the Freehold Interest in No. 13 Highfield Close, Monaghan in accordance with Notice dated 6th February 2012 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

18. Consideration of Declaration of Road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

The Members noted correspondence dated 23rd March 2011 from Latimer Associates Architects, Cavan together with drawing No. DSA11-001 dated May 2011, copy of public notice dated 7th July 2011 and letter of submission received on 22nd August 2011. On the proposal of Cllr. Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr David Maxwell it was agreed to declare the following road to be a public road under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993:-
Alleyway from Dublin Street to the Diamond Centre Car Park, Monaghan Town.

19. Casual Trading

- (i) “That this Council considers the designation of lands at Church Square North – opposite Courthouse, Townland of Roosky, Town of Monaghan, Co. Monaghan, as indicated on the annexed drawing No. CTB-003 (revised 2/12/2011) as a Casual Trading Area having regard to:-
- (a) Proper Planning and Development of the functional area of the Council (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof) and the planning report relating to same.
 - (b) The Development Plan for the functional area of Monaghan Town Council and any special amenity order relating to its functional area.
 - © The traffic likely to be generated by the Casual Trading in the Casual Trading area including all reports relating to same.
 - (d) All other matters that the Council may consider relevant to it’s decision.
- (ii) Consideration of Monaghan Town Council Draft Casual Trading (Control and Description) Bye-Laws 2012 (see attached).
- (iii) Consideration of Monaghan Town Council Draft Casual Trading (Fees) Bye-Laws 2012 (see attached).

The Members welcomed Tina Clancy, Branch Manager, Bank of Ireland, Church Square, Monaghan, Peter Kenny, Bank of Ireland Group Security, Sinéad McKenna, Blacks Pharmacy and Richard Mc Kenna, 16 Oriel Park, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan as observers to the meeting.

The Members noted reports from the Gardaí, Town Engineer – Monaghan Town Council, Planning Section – Monaghan County Council and submissions from Sinéad Mc Kenna, Blacks Pharmacy, Tina Clancy, Branch Manager, Bank of Ireland, Church Square, Anthony Dinkin, Dinkins Bakeries, Church Square, Peter and Andrew Ronaghan, Church Square and Richard McKenna, Oriel Park, Emyvale in relation to the proposed designation of a Casual Trading Area at Church Square North – opposite Courthouse, Monaghan (townland of Roosky), Monaghan. David Fallon, A/County Manager pointed to the health and safety and security concerns that have been raised by the Gardaí and the Bank of Ireland where the new trading bay is to be located.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr David Maxwell was opposed to the proposal and feared that it could lead to serious problems for the trader concerned and for other people in the area. It was noted at a previous meeting that the Gardaí had not the power to direct patrons exiting the night club in the centre of the town to the rear of the Courthouse where the existing casual trading area is located.

Cllr Seán Conlon proposed that a Casual Trading Bay be located at Church Square North – opposite Courthouse, Monaghan, townland of Roosky, Monaghan in accordance with drawing no. CTB-003 dated 2nd December 2011 for a trial period of three months with temporary signage in place. This was seconded by Cllr Donal Sherry.

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed to adopt the Monaghan Town Council Casual Trading (Control and Description) Draft Bye-Laws 2012.

On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to adopt the Monaghan Town Council Draft Casual Trading (Fees) Bye-Laws 2012.

Tina Clancy, Peter Kenny, Sinéad McKenna and Richard Mc Kenna left the Meeting Room.

20. Notices of Motion:-

(a) “That this Council send a strongly worded letter to Minister Joan Burton rejecting her intention to make cuts to the old age pension from September of this year”.

Cllr. Treanor

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

(b) “That this Council reject plans by the Department of Agriculture and Food to sell off Coillte”.

Cllr. Treanor

On the proposal of Cllr Seamus Treanor seconded by Cllr Seán Conlon it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion and to forward it to Monaghan County Council for their attention.

It was agreed to write to Coillte to ascertain details of the rate of plantation which has taken place in the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the projection figures for 2012. It was also agreed to bring to their attention the number of potholes at the entrance to Rossmore Forest Park and request them to have the rubbish deposited in the area cleaned up.

© “Could we request from Sisk the number of locals who have gained employment at the site of the New Campus on the Armagh Road”.

Cllr. Treanor

On the proposal of Cllr Seamus Treanor seconded by Cllr Seán Conlon it was agreed to adopt the above Notice of Motion. Cllr Treanor expressed disappointment that a number of people he had referred to Sisk had not been successful in gaining employment at the new education campus development at Knockaconny.

Cllr. Treanor also expressed concern about the awarding of contracts of works at the campus to companies from the UK and stated that more local tradesmen should be engaged on the project. Cllr Seán Conlon stated that the local Sinn Féin representatives and Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin TD have secured a meeting on Monday next with the senior manager of Sisk to implore upon them the genuine need to live up to the commitments to employ local people. On the proposal of Cllr David Maxwell seconded by Cllr Robbie Gallagher it was agreed to send the Notice of Motion to the County Monaghan VEC.

21. Resolutions from Other Local Authorities:-

(a) “That this Council commence the process to amend or vary the current Clare County Development Plan in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development, that all intrusive Fracking/shale gas extraction related activity be halted pending introduction regulatory National and European oversight that does not contravene existing European directives”.

Clare County Council

It was agreed to mark the above Resolution read.

(b) “Based on the vast available evidence and the well documented international concerns on the detrimental effects of fracking on :-

(i) the environment

(ii) its potential impacts on local communities

(iii) the damage to all farming and tourism industries which are the backbone of the economy in Co. Clare with particular reference to the strong probability in the West Clare area, of contamination to the ground water supply, due to the nature of the local geology.

I will propose that the Council call on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to ban fracking”.

Clare County Council

It was agreed to mark the above Resolution read.

© “That Ardee Town Council call on the Government to scrap the €100 household charge until a more equitable solution can be found”.

Ardee Town Council

It was agreed to support the above Resolution.

(d) “I call on Government to rescind the jobs embargo in the public sector on front line staff as it is having a serious effect on the delivery of services to the general public at large”.

Clare County Council

It was agreed to mark the above Resolution read.

(e) “That this Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to clarify her position on the continuation of the Community Employment Scheme. As a result of the budget in December the Community Employment (CE) budget was cut by two thirds. As a result of these cuts vulnerable communities throughout the country will be deprived of invaluable community services and facilities should the Government proceed with the savage attack on Community Employment funding. CE Schemes have created employment and provided people with skills and these cuts will have an adverse negative effect on employment. They will effectively decimate a scheme that provides employment, social participation, community participation and in many cases employment. This will have huge implications for thousands of voluntary groups providing essential community based services throughout the country”.

Clones Town Council

It was agreed to support the above Resolution.

(f) “That Tullamore Town Council write to the Minister for Health, James Reilly and the HSE expressing our concern in relation to the backlog in processing medical cards and GP only cards, we call for the service to be improved”.

Tullamore Town Council

It was agreed to support the above Resolution.

22. Conferences

- (a) Rattoo Heritage Society – 21st Annual Kerry Environmental Conference and Training Seminar – Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee – 23rd – 26th February 2012 – (approx. cost €30)
- (b) Kerry County Council/Kerry Community & Voluntary Forum – “Building Community Preparedness and Resilience” – The Malton Hotel, Killarney – 9th March 2012 – (approx. cost €35).
- (c) TGR Seminars – Training/Development Workshop for Councillors – “Six Strategies to take charge of 2012”- Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise – 9th – 11th March 2012 – (approx. cost €45).
- (d) TGR Seminars – “Effective Time and Priority Management” – Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk – 23rd – 25th March 2012 – (approx. cost €30)
- (e) Eures Cross Border Partnership Tourism Conference – “What it takes to succeed in the Tourism Sector” – Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk – 28th March 2012 – (approx. cost €100).

- (f) Atlantic Conference 2012 on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Education (STEM) – Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore – 29th March 2012 – (approx. cost €455).

No attendance is to take place to the above Conferences.

The Members were circulated with reports complying with Section 142 (5)(f) of the Local Government Act 2001 in relation to the following Conferences:-

- AMAI Spring Seminar, Cavan – attended by Cllr Donal Sherry
- Failte Ireland Tourism Briefing 2012 – Athlone – attended by Cllr Seán Conlon

23. Any other Business

It was agreed to congratulate the staff of Teach Na nDaoine Family Resource Centre, Oriel Way, Monaghan on the success of the official launch of the Mullaghmat/Cortolvin Family Resource Centre Community Based CCTV Scheme by Frances Fitzgerald, TD Minister for Children and Youth Affairs on Friday 17th February 2012.

24. Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:-

- Monaghan County Council staff member, Noel Breakey on the death of his father, Victor Breakey, Tully
- The family of the late Bobby Morton, Rooskey Vale and Glaslough Street
- The Gray and Smyth Families on the death of Mrs Bernie Gray, 64 Beechgrove Lawns
- The family of the late Charlie Caulfield, 14 Glaslough Street
- The family of former County Registrar, Josephine Duffy, Scotshouse
- The family of the late Kieran Finlay, Ballybay

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:-

- Town Council employee, Eugene Brannigan on his recent retirement.
- All involved in the organising of the recent Monaghan Trade and Business Show in the town.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Dated this the 20th day of March 2012

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

