

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN KING HOUSE, BOYLE, CO. ROSCOMMON, ON MONDAY THE 25<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2015 AT 2.15 P.M.**

**PRESENT** Councillor John Cummins, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** V. Byrne I. Connaughton M. Creaton D. Connolly  
N. Dineen R. Doherty L. Fallon P. Fitzmaurice  
M. Hopkins P. Kilduff J. Keogh O. Leyden  
M. Mulligan E. Murphy J. Naughten K. Shanagher  
T. Ward.

**OFFICIALS:** Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive.  
Majella Hunt, Director of Services.  
Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning  
John O'Rourke, A/ Director of Services.  
Pat Murtagh, A/Director of Services.  
Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator.

Cathaoirleach John Cummins welcomed the executive, members and the Press to the May Council Meeting which was being held in King House in Councillor Cummins's home town of Boyle. He thanked The Manager of King House Tommy Egan for his help and support in organising the meeting.

**42.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Murphy  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen  
It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Plenary Meeting held on 26.3.2015.

**43.15. DISPOSAL OF LAND:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Fitzmaurice  
It was **AGREED** that the Council consent to the disposal of lands pursuant to the provision of Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Particulars of the land which the County Council proposes to dispose of:-  
**The land:** 0.0376 ha. at Arm, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon .  
**The persons from whom the land was acquired:** Frank & Winifred Henry.  
**The person to whom the land is to be disposed:** Aidan Raftery & Geraldine Lyons.  
**Consideration:** Nominal.  
**Any covenants, conditions or agreements to have effect in connection with the disposal:** None.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** that the Council consent to the disposal of lands pursuant to the provision of Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Particulars of the land which the County Council proposes to dispose of:-

**The land:** 0.008339 ha. at Cloonfad, County Roscommon.

**The persons from whom the land was acquired:** Unknown.

**The person to whom the land is to be disposed:** Brendan Connolly.

**Consideration:** €500.

**Any covenants, conditions or agreements to have effect in connection with the disposal:** None.

#### **44.15. CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT SUBJECT TO SECTION 51, SUB-SECTIONS (3) & (4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT, 2014:**

- **March & April, 2015.**

Members noted the Monthly Management Reports for the months of March and April, 2015.

#### **45.15. SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL -and- KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL –**

- **Rehabilitation Works to the Bridge over the River Shannon on the N63 at Ballyleague Td, Lanesboro, Co. Roscommon.**

Pat Murtagh, Acting Director of Services informed the members that the National Roads Authority has identified the need to carry out rehabilitation works to the Lanesborough Bridge. The proposed works include scour remedial work at the piers and abutments of the structure, waterproofing and resurfacing of the westernmost span and finally carrying out masonry and concrete repairs to the structure as a whole.

Councillor Murphy raised the issue of Rooskey Bridge and highlighted its poor condition and asked if works on same could be prioritised.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Leyden  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Fitzmaurice

That works on the Lanesborough Bridge would include disability access on both sides of the Bridge

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Murphy  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Byrne

That Rooskey Bridge be listed as an item on the Agenda for the Plenary meeting.

Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive, informed the members that this item would have to be dealt with at a Municipal Districts meeting.

Pat Murtagh responded to the query raised and stated that there is a programme of remedial and repair works for Bridges. He confirmed that he will check with the NRA regarding the Disability access and funding for same.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Murphy  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** that a Section 85 Agreement be entered into with Kildare County Council for the administration of the overall contract for Bridge Rehabilitation works to the Lanesborough Bridge.

#### **46.15. ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 2014:**

Pat Murtagh addressed the members and outlined that the LCDC is required to prepare, adopt and submit an Annual Report to the local authority in respect of the performance of its function in the previous calendar year.

The Report now before the members covers –

1. Establishment of the LCDC, approval of Membership, establishment of Sub-Committee, details of meetings held in 2014.
2. Work in respect of Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) tendering process, preparatory work in respect of LEADER programme.
3. Progress on drafting of community elements of LECP.
4. Work undertaken to improve co-ordination of local and community development activity, including engagement arrangements between LCDC and other local structures.
5. Membership of LCDC at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

Members raised the following issues:-

- How is the funding going to be distributed.
- Clarification on who will be allocating grants and who will be on the Evaluation Committee.
- Need to know the process of how funding will be operate.
- Need for simplified forms for Leader funding.
- What is the role and function of the LCDC?
- Do not agree with the change from LEADER.

Pat Murtagh responded to the queries raised and informed the members that their concerns have been referred to the Department but no response has issued as yet. When funding from Europe is involved there are very strict rules that have to be adhered to.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Annual Report of the Local Community Development Committee 2014 as circulated.

#### **47.15. BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION FUND:**

Councillor Tony Ward, Chairperson of the Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee informed the members that an allocation of €100,000 was approved by Roscommon County Council Members for the Business, Enterprise and Innovation Fund. It was agreed at the Budget meeting that the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC would formulate proposals for the utilisation of this fund in 2015.

Members have already agreed the allocation of €30,000 regarding the development of six Town Teams and their plans for the individual towns. Consideration to allocation of the remaining €70,000 is now appropriate and prioritisation and funding of the initiatives/projects has been approved by the members of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC.

I therefore recommend that members agree the allocation of the remaining €70,000 to the initiatives identified to be allocated on the basis of identified costs and value for money.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Is there a specific allocation for each town team?
- Queried what stage town teams are presently at?
- Will there be Application Forms.
- Need for a 5% rates reduction and Rates Rebate Scheme.
- Important to see action and benefit from the Innovation Fund.

Pat Murtagh, responded that Roscommon County Council are in the process of engaging trainers over the next few weeks and funding for the initiatives will be progressed through the Town Teams.

Tommy Ryan stated that the local authority has a role to provide leadership in the county through the promotion of economic development. He continued that consideration of a rates rebate could be examined.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** to allocate the balance of €70,000 from the Business, Enterprise & Innovation Fund to facilitate the progression and development of the initiatives approved by the members of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC.

#### **48.15. SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2015:**

John O'Rourke, Acting Director of Services, addressed the members on the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2015 which was before the members at the March meeting and was deferred to allow members an opportunity to read the document and make submission on same to Fiona ni Chuinn prior to today's plenary meeting. He confirmed that no submissions were received from the members. He stated that the Service Delivery Plan is a document that has to be done by statute and a new Plan will be presented to the members every year. The Service Delivery Plan must reflect what is in the Corporate Plan and has to take cognisance of regulations and national policies.

He referred in particular to issues raised by members at the March meeting concerning the Wellbeing of staff. He confirmed that a Sub-group Committee around this topic has been formed and will meet this week to arrange for a policy around the Service Delivery Plan.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Welcomed the formation of the Sub-Group Committee for a staff Wellbeing Policy.
- Not happy to adopt the Plan in its present format with regard to the Fire Service and the Library proposed amalgamation

- Need to be assured that the Library services will remain in the control of the Roscommon County Council Librarian.
- If the Annual Service Plan is not working can it be revisited?
- Far too early to adopt this Plan as negotiations still ongoing with regard to fire services

Majella Hunt, Director of Service responded to the queries raised and stated that the Annual Service Plan is about a service we provide. The day to day fire service of the local authority must be delivered taking account of national documents and agreements. ‘Keeping Communities Safe’ is the ethos of the Fire Service.

John O’Rourke responded that the Service Delivery Plan is a low level implementation plan of the Corporate Plan which has already been adopted by the members and is also an operational Plan about how we do our work and it does not undermine what we are doing.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Doherty  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Leyden

That in the absence of new National Guidelines published by the Department of Environment specifically in relation to Fire Services & Emergency Services and Library services Councillors reserve the right to reject any future proposal by the Department which will negatively affect the current and/or future Service Delivery Plans

Tommy Ryan confirmed that we are obliged to implement national policy but all the Annual Service Plan is stating is that these documents exist and suggested the following wording would be included in the document “Roscommon County Council is subject to national and local agreement” Members agreed with this wording.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Service Delivery Plan 2015, as amended

#### **49.15. RURAL WATER PROGRAMME 2015:**

Majella Hunt, Director of Services informed the members that a total of €1,080,000.00 has been allocated by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government under the Rural Water Block Grant Allocation 2015.

Members raised the following issues:

- Queried when it is expected that the ‘boil water notice’ will be lifted on the Killeglan Springs Scheme.
- Requested update on the North East Water Scheme

Majella Hunt responded that the Killeglan Springs Scheme is part the Four Regional Water Schemes and the plant is currently at the process proofing stage. Post the process proofing stage an audit of the treatment plant will be carried out by the EPA and HSE in advance of the authorisation to remove the ‘boil water’ notice on this scheme at Killeglan The North East Water Scheme will go out to tender for a long-term solution.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Murphy  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Ward

It was **AGREED** to note the Rural Water Block Grant Allocation 2015 as circulated.

**50.15. UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31.12.2014:**

Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning informed the members that the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for 2014 has been circulated for the consideration of the members at today's meeting.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Naughten

It was **RESOLVED** that Roscommon County Council authorise the following over expenditure under the Divisions set out below pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and the transfers to/from Capital Revenue accounts. The amounts of over-expenditure are counterbalanced for the most part by an increased yield in income over budget.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Level of Over Expenditure</b> €
Housing & Building	205,107
Development Management	705,797
Recreation & Amenity	485,729
Miscellaneous Services	1,599,193
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,995,826</b>

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Kilduff

It was **AGREED** that the unaudited Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 be adopted

**51.15. IRELAND WEST AIRPORT, KNOCK:**

Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive, informed the members that the Ireland West Airport Study Group Report which was published in December, 2013, recommended a growth strategy for the further development of Ireland West Airport Knock, targeting significant infrastructural investment with a view to growing passenger numbers to 1.3 million by 2023. A key element of the Strategy was a proposal that seven local authorities in the region (Mayo, Galway City, County Roscommon, Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal) would collaborate to purchase an equity stake in the Airport.

It was agreed by the members at the July 2014 Council meeting to support in principle an investment into Ireland West Airport Knock to deliver on the Government commissioned Study Group Report recommendations. All seven Local Authorities approved the proposal in principle subject to the carrying out of a Due Diligence exercise. The Due Diligence exercise was commissioned by Sligo County Council on

behalf of all seven Local Authorities and it was carried out by Deloitte. A copy of the Deloitte *Summary Paper*, has been circulated to the members.

I recommend the approval of the purchase by the seven local authorities working in collaboration of a 17.5% equity stake in Ireland West Airport Knock. The equity stake to be apportioned among the Local Authorities based on an analysis of passenger numbers, bed nights delivered and economic gain from the activities of IWAK.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Positive development – will ongoing investment be required if targets are not met?
- Is it one overall Chairperson from the seven counties – will Roscommon be given an opportunity to be the Chair on a rotational basis.
- IWAK is vital to the area.
- Departure tax should be abolished
- Queried who provided the funding to Deloitte for the ‘Due Diligence Report on IWAK’.
- How will our payment be decided upon?

Tommy Ryan responded to the queries raised:-

- Investment is based on passenger numbers.
- Mayo County Council has a permanent member on the Board – there will be 1 other representative from the other counties and Roscommon will be on the Board in year 3
- Mayo County Council draw down the loan of €7.3m. over a repayment period of 30 years.
- €37,000 is the figure for Roscommon.
- Airport charge of €10 is vital for the upkeep of the Airport as most of their funding comes from this fee, car parking and duty free shopping.
- The Councils paid for the Deloitte Report

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Kilduff

**SECONDED** by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to approve the purchase of a 17.5% equity stake in Ireland West Airport Knock by the seven local authorities.

## **52.15. PRESENTATION ON LOUGH KEY FOREST PARK:**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Gerry Egan, Chairperson of Coillte to the meeting to make a Presentation to the members on Lough Key Forest Park.

Gerry thanked the members for giving him the opportunity to give the Presentation. He highlighted to the members that Moylurg Rockingham Ltd is a joint venture company owned by Roscommon County Council and Coillte operating Lough Key Forest & Activity Park as a 50/50 joint venture. He informed members that in the early 2000's there was a need for reinvestment in the Park and the County Roscommon Tourism Strategy identified Lough Key Forest Park as a primary tourism development zone. Coillte, the owners of the Park wished to redevelop the Park and had failed in an earlier development bid in 1999/2000. There was a real need to attract visitors to County Roscommon and Lough Key, which was under performing, offered the best opportunity

to deliver that growth. Coillte and Roscommon County Council agreed to pool resources and investigate the redevelopment of Lough Key as a major tourism/recreation facility.

A feasibility and business plan study followed and Moylurg Rockingham Ltd was created in 2005 to develop the project.

May 2007 saw the provision of world class facilities such as –

- *The Lough Key Experience:*
  - A multi-access trail above and below ground offering a unique view of the landscape.
- *Boda Borg:*
  - An adventure house with over 48 rooms.
  - The first outside Sweden and one of the top three performers in the network.
  - Adventure Play Kingdom.
  - Cafe and other Visitor facilities
  - Caravan & Campsite.
  - Extensive forest and parkland.

The Company objective of Moylurg Rockingham Ltd is to develop a Park that

- Would attract significant numbers of visitors to County Roscommon.
- Would be financially viable and self sustaining.
- Would lengthen the tourism season – thereby contributing more to the local economy in jobs and related expenditure.
- Would offer world class attractions.

He continued that there are 39 people employed with Moylurg Rockingham Ltd – 6 permanent and 33 part time staff and there is an equivalent to approximately €1m. going into the local economy. Other licensed attractions in the Park provide employment to a further 22 people.

Moylurg Rockingham Ltd partnering with other operators provide World Class facilities such as Zipit, Bike hire, Segway Tours, Boat Tours and Hire.

In conclusion he highlighted the challenges ahead as:-

- Maintaining Competiveness and providing value for money.
- Maintaining a freshness in the product – need to rejuvenate the product i.e. Boda Borg.
- Extending the season – we have reached capacity in the high season.
- Growth will come through bringing more visitors in the off season and this is targeted through Halloween, Easter/Christmas and special events.

Members thanked Gerry Egan for his Presentation and raised the following issues:

- Need for a hotel in the area as lack of accommodation is hindering further development.
- Queried the restoration of ‘The Gatehouse, Church & Stables’ to enhance the tourism product within Lough Key Forest Park.
- Queried the provision of a Zoo at Lough Key.
- Can anything be done about revamping the Tower.
- Need to rejuvenate the town of Boyle.



Gerry Egan responded in detail to all the queries raised. He thanked his colleague Bill Murphy of Coillte for his hard work and commitment on this project over the years and also Louise Fitzpatrick, General Manager, for her dedication to the job. He informed the members that any plans to develop the Gatehouse, Stables or Church will look at the historic and heritage aspects. A hotel in the area would require significant private sector investment and planning issues have been raised in previous years. He stated that Greenway and Blueway Cycle trails are also being planned around the lake.

Tommy Ryan referred to the Lakeland Tourism Region and stated that Shannon should be a distinct marketed destination for tourism.

Councillor Cummins thanked Gerry Egan for his very informative presentation and wished him well with future development at Lough Key Forest Park.

### **53.15. EXTENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

**SECONDED** by Councillor Kilduff

It was **AGREED** to extend Standing Orders to the close of business.

### **54.15. RATIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR JOHN CUMMINS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh

It was **AGREED** that Councillor John Cummins be ratified onto the Audit Committee.

### **55.15. PLANNED CLOSURE OF PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES/HOSTELS & DAY CARE CENTRES IN COUNTY ROSCOMMON:**

Councillor Pascal Fitzmaurice briefed the members on the threat of closure to the Rosalie Unit in Castlerea and of the widespread condemnation of the Government for failing to protect the county's most vulnerable people. He added that it was shameful that vulnerable people were being targeted in order to save money and he also condemned the constant cuts to health services in the county. He asked for members support in the matter.

Members raised the following issues:-

- This is another attempt to strip rural Ireland of its essential services.
- Lack of political clout in the county.
- More services should be provided for the elderly – not taken away.
- People should not be moved from a service where they are happy and receiving a high standard of care.
- Psychiatric services in the county are being allowed to be “pulled apart”.
- Government is failing to protect the country's most vulnerable people.
- Request that members sign a petition of support of the Rosalie Unit.
- Have a stone age mental health system and public health service in County Roscommon.

- Lack of continuity from the HSE on many health issues raised in the Council Chamber.
- People of Roscommon deserve an A. & E. Unit.
- Need to re-address the Teach de Hide situation.
- Need for an extra Air Ambulance in the county.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Fitzmaurice  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Leyden

That a Vote of ‘no confidence’ be declared in the Minister for Health and the Government with regard to the current state of the health services in County Roscommon.

Councillor Fitzmaurice agreed to withdraw the Motion if three Fine Gael Councillors would resign from Fine Gael if Rosalie Unit is closed.

A lengthy debate ensued on the matter following which the following resolution was agreed with a proviso that failing a response from the Minister to meet the members prior to the June Meeting of the Council that the Vote of ‘no confidence’ would be put to the members.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Murphy  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Naughten

It was **AGREED** “that a letter issue to the Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, T.D., requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the planned closure of psychiatric residential facilities/hostels and day care centres in County Roscommon and in particular the Rosalie Unit in Castlerea and that Kathleen Lynch, T.D., Minister of State for Primary Care, Mental Health & Disability, be in attendance at the meeting.”

#### **56.15. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Limerick City & County Council seeking support for a Motion calling on the Minister for Agriculture & Finance to reinstate the Early Retirement Scheme etc.
2. Letter of Acknowledgement from the Department of EC&LC re hedge cutting.
3. Letter of Acknowledgement from the Department of EC&LG re staffing embargo.
4. Letter of Acknowledgement from the Department of EC&LG re assistance through LEADER.
5. Letter of Acknowledgement from Lough Gara Lake & Legends re the six Town Initiative.
6. E-mail acknowledging our letter re Broadband.
7. Letter from the Department of EC&LC re the Road Opening Protocol.
8. Letter of Acknowledgement from the NRA re the National Cycle route – Dublin to Galway.
9. Letter of Acknowledgement from An Garda Siochana re the downgrading of Boyle Garda Station.
10. Letter of Acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Finance re the provision of critical services for children with special needs and funding to provide family supports to families of children with special needs.

## 57.15. NOTICE OF MOTION:

### 17.15. MORTGAGES:

#### **Notice of Motion from Councillor Ward – 17/15.**

“I am calling on the Government, the Minister for Finance, Mr, Michael Noonan, T.D., and the Central Bank to give a ‘write-down’ of 60% on Mortgages to families who purchased their family home during the years 2003 – 2008”

*The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-*

**This Notice of Motion requires a Resolution of the Council.**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh

It was **AGREED** “That Roscommon County Council call on the Government, the Minister for Finance, Mr, Michael Noonan, T.D., and the Central Bank to give a ‘write-down’ of 60% on Mortgages to families who purchased their family home during the years 2003 – 2008”

### 18.15. PROPERTY SALES:

#### **Notice of Motion from Councillor Connaughton – 18/15.**

“That Roscommon County Council if selling any property, in future, do so on the open market either by private treaty or public auction thereby maximising the potential return.”

*The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-*

**The Disposal of County Council owned lands is governed and regulated by the provisions of Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and by Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. It remains a function of the plenary council and has not been delegated to the Municipal Districts. All land disposals come before the elected members to ensure openness, accountability and value for money. On occasions the Local Authority sell land or property in order to benefit local communities or to encourage industry and employment. On most other occasions it is common practice to offer property on the open market to ensure the maximum return.**

Councillor Connaughton referred to the Council House in Athlone and stated for the record that he would not be tendering for any properties being sold by Roscommon County Council to ensure that there was no conflict of interest. He stated that signage needs to be erected on properties that the Council are selling.

Tommy Ryan informed the meeting that Roscommon County Council retains a land bank for availability to support local economic and community development. He stated that most of land disposals are to local voluntary and community based groups as well as industrialists. He confirmed that a small percentage of properties are sold by tender. He referred in particular to the fact that the Council is a public body and not a property speculator. He confirmed that there is oversight by the members as all transactions must be agreed by the members. There is also public transparency. He continued that there is a need for flexibility within the local authority as to how we sell our property and the

method that is currently in place is flexible and suits the broader community and economic development role of the Council. He confirmed that the Council would investigate and look at an advertising campaign to promote our industrial sites.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connaughton  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh  
It was **AGREED** to proceed as outlined

#### **58.15. COUNCILLORS CONCERENCES:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Kilduff  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Ward  
It was **AGREED** to adopt the list of Conferences as circulated to the members.

Cllr. I. Connaughton AILG Training for Councillors, Welcome Inn, Castlebar.  
AILG Annual Conference, Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross

Cllr. P. Kilduff LAMA Spring Training, Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway  
Cross Border Tourism Conference, Crown Plaza Hotel, Dundalk.  
AILG Training (Module 2), Clayton Hotel, Galway  
AILG Training (Module 3), Radisson Hotel, Rosses Point, Sligo

Cllr. M. Creaton AILG Training (Module 2), Clayton Hotel, Galway

Cllr. R. Doherty AILG Training (Module 1), Welcome Inn, Castlebar  
AILG Training (Module 3), Radisson Hotel, Rosses Point, Sligo

Cllr. K. Shanagher Sustainable Tourism Development, The Connacht Hotel, Galway  
AILG Training (Module 2), Clayton Hotel, Galway  
AILG Training (Module 3), Radisson Hotel, Rosses Point, Sligo

**59.15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

***Councillors Conferences:***

Councillor Valerie Byrne raised the issue of Councillors Conferences and the methodology in which they are administered and requested that the matter be re-examined.

Tommy Ryan informed the members that we must follow the procedure in accordance with the regulations , however, we will investigate how other local authorities are implementing their Conference system.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

The foregoing Minutes are  
Confirmed and Signed:

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Meetings Administrator

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Mayor

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Countersigned