

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRALEE ON MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2007.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISIALTA DE COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAN, 10 MEAN FÓMHAIR, 2007.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

R. Beasley	J. Brassil	T. Buckley
M. Cahill	M. Connor-Scarteen	B. Cronin
T. Ferris	S. Fitzgerald	T. Fitzgerald
T. Fleming	N. Foley	D. Healy-Rae
P. Leahy	B. MacGearailt	P. McCarthy
A. McEllistrim	C. Miller	T. O'Brien
B. O'Connell	J. O'Connor	P. O'Donoghue
M. O'Shea	L. Purtill	J. Sheahan
M. Healy Rae		

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. T. Curran, Co. Manager	Mr. J.D. Flynn, Dir. of Corp. Services
Mr. J. O'Connor, Head of Finance	Mr. M. McMahon, Director of Planning
Mr. O. Ring, Dir of Water Services	Mr.G. O'Brien, A/SEO Corp. Affairs
Mr. T. Sheehy, SE Planning	Mr. D. Murphy, SEE Planning
Mr. P. Corkery, Press & Comm. Officer	Ms. B. Reidy, S.S.O. Corp. Affairs
Ms. Kena Felle, CO Corporate Affairs	

The meeting commenced at 10.45am.

The Mayor, Cllr. M. Healy Rae, took the Chair.

The Mayor commenced the meeting with a prayer.

07.09.10.01 Update on Aer Lingus/Shannon Airport by Mayor M. Healy-Rae

The Mayor informed the meeting that both himself and the County Manager had attended a number of very important meetings regarding the axing of the Shannon/Heathrow route by Aer Lingus. He thanked and complimented Cllr. J. Brassil for filling the role of Chairperson of the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance. He stated that every member of the Council and the people of the region appreciate the impact of this decision and the importance of our link with Heathrow which then provides a link to every city in the world. The momentum gained by the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance must be maintained in an effort to have this decision reversed. In conclusion he called on Cllr. Brassil to address the meeting.

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Cllr. J. Brassil compliment Mayor M. Healy Rae and the County Manager on their proactive role in this crisis. On the 6th August Aer Lingus announced that it would be discontinuing the service from Shannon to Heathrow and this service was in place for the past 50 years. This is the only service to Heathrow from the West of Ireland and from a business point of view it is vital. This route has been profitable with an 80% occupancy rate and for this reason Aer Lingus's decision is baffling. They moved four slots, which they had into Heathrow, to Belfast, where there are already eight flights a day in and out of Heathrow. The fact that the Shannon/Heathrow route is still competitive makes their decision questionable. Through Shannon Development, companies and Local Authorities are up in arms over this decision, and when Aer Lingus was privatized clear guarantees were written in to the memorandum to state that what has happened would not happen. The Government has a 25% stake in Aer Lingus and consideration must be given to a legal challenge only as a last resort.

The Atlantic Connectivity Alliance includes tourism, business, Local Authorities and Social Partners from Galway to Kerry, and this group is steadfast in its approach. The only solution will be to get Aer Lingus to reverse its decision. This group met with Minister Noel Dempsey on Wednesday last and he indicated that he is actively working with the Shannon Airport Authority to find an alternative service provider. He stated that Aer Lingus did not have the right to stop this service. The Government as a shareholder has a right to question Aer Lingus' decision and to challenge it and have it reversed. He referred to the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance Summary Sheet and the Business Case Report, which was circulated to members and said the Business Case sets out in great detail in a business like manner the impact of this decision on businesses in this region. It will result in an extra one and a half days travel for companies who wish to travel to and from Heathrow. That may be acceptable for existing companies, but would be completely unacceptable to any new companies considering locating in the region. This will slowly corrode business over time. The map of Ireland circulated to members shows the existing services and then the services that will be available from next January. He pointed out that the maps shows a large section of the West of Ireland without any direct link to global aviation from January and this is contrary to Government Policy. He PROPOSED that the members of Kerry County Council support the calls made by all groups to request the Government to use its 25% shareholding to bring about a reversal of Aer Lingus's decision.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this proposal.

Cllr. B. O'Connell complimented Cllr. Brassil on his role as Chairman of the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance and the work being carried out by that group. All members are fully aware of the seriousness of this situation for the West of Ireland. It is a devastating blow, and there is an urgent need for Government intervention. He supported the proposal made by Cllr. J. Brassil.

The Mayor informed the meeting that he had received an apology from Cllr. M. O'Shea who would be late for the meeting.

Cllr. D. Healy Rae said that the recent announcement by Aer Lingus was a devastating blow for South Kerry. Many people who emigrated in the past used Shannon to travel home and

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this will make life very difficult for them. He stated that the Shannon/Heathrow slots were not Aer Lingus' to move and the people who used the service earned them. He called on the Government to intervene and he stated that Ryan Air coupled with the Government's shareholding would have a majority and they are in a position to force Aer Lingus to reverse its decision.

Cllr. T. Fitzgerald complimented Cllr. Brassil on his work with the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance and he supported the proposal made by him. In the past many groups were set up to attract industry into the county, and this has been particularly difficult, as most companies want to establish a base near Dublin. The Shannon/Heathrow slots were part of the access to the region and there is an onus on the Government to get Aer Lingus to reverse its decision.

Cllr. J. O'Connor welcomed the reports that were circulated and said that the importance of the Shannon/Heathrow route cannot be underestimated. He PROPOSED that Kerry County Council would call on the Government to request the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting of Aer Lingus to review their decision and to demand that the Government honour its promises by taking whatever measures are necessary to ensure the retention of these strategic air links including using its voting rights at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company.

Cllr. J. Brassil informed the meeting that the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance had met with Minister Dempsey within the past week and they had requested him to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Aer Lingus. He suggested that both his motion and Cllr. O'Connor's motion could be combined.

This was agreed.

Cllr. P. McCarthy complimented the Mayor, County Manager and Cllr. Brassil on their proactive stance on this issue. They have adopted an honest and business like approach to this particular problem and he hoped that this unbelievable decision, which will leave the West of Ireland without a service to Heathrow, can be reversed. He pointed out that Aer Lingus has a number of slots to Heathrow leased out and these will revert back to them in 2008. The total thrust of development in Ireland is against the West and Aer Lingus held a unique role, which was supported by Government at the time they acquired these slots. This service is vital to the West of Ireland and every company and Local Authority in the region should put pressure on the Government to ensure that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Aer Lingus is called with a view to having this decision reversed.

Cllr. N. Foley complimented the Mayor and the County Manager for keeping this item on the agenda. She also said she wished to be associated with compliments paid to Cllr. Brassil for his involvement with the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance and said that we were fortunate to have his leadership at such a crucial moment in the history of the West. While massive improvements have been made in the West of Ireland in recent years, this would be a devastating blow from which the West of Ireland may not recover. The West is demanding our right to be connected and she fully endorsed the motions proposed.

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Cllr. M. Conor Scarteen said that everyone in the county is very concerned regarding the decision by Aer Lingus and the downgrading of the service to the West of Ireland. He thanked Cllr. Brassil and the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance for their work in trying to have this decision reversed. He understood this announcement was to be made before the General Election but the Government delayed the announcement. He called on the Government to ensure that this decision is reversed.

Cllr. M. Cahill said that this is one of the biggest issues facing the county for a long time and hotel operators and tourism operators are very concerned. The Shannon/Heathrow slot allowed the West of Ireland to be connected with the rest of the world. He stated that he felt Kerry County Council should have held a special meeting to discuss this matter as all other Local Authorities in the West have done so. He commended Cllr. Brassil for his role in this issue.

The Mayor stated that consideration was given to the holding of a special Council Meeting and both himself and the County Manager were in constant contact with Cllr. Brassil, but they thought that they were playing their role as best they could.

Cllr. P. Leahy complimented the Mayor and Cllr. John Brassil on their stance on this issue. The Government is in a position to rescue the situation and he called on all Government TDs and Senators to put pressure on the Government to ensure that this decision is reversed.

Cllr. R. Beasley thanked the Mayor and the County Manager together with Cllr. Brassil on their proactive approach to this problem. This has had a dreadful impact on the West and South West after a particularly bad tourist season. He added that the privatization of Aer Lingus was not a good thing for the West of Ireland and he called on the Government to use their influence to ensure that this decision is reversed.

Cllr. L. Purtill complimented the Mayor, County Manager and Cllr. Brassil on their role in this vital issue. He said that the loss of the Heathrow slots to Shannon Airport would adversely effect the economic life of the West and South West. The fact that there are 46 cities not served by other London airports will be a deterrent to investors who would be interested in setting up business in the West.

Cllr. B. Cronin complimented Cllr. Brassil on his involvement with the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance and for his honesty in recognizing that his party must bear responsibility for this situation. This is a devastating blow to the West and he believed that the announcement by Aer Lingus was delayed because of the General Election. It is now time that the Government defended the people of the West and he said that he supported the Fianna Fail Cumann in Clare who passed a vote of No Confidence in the Taoiseach. He stated that he wondered if this decision was in any way connected with the Northern Agreement. In conclusion he supported Cllr. Brassil's motion.

Cllr. T. Buckley complimented the Mayor, Cllr. Brassil and the County Manager on their stance on this issue. This has been a devastating blow for the region and has downgraded the access to the rest of the world for the people in the West of Ireland. He called on the

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Government to use their shareholding to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Aer Lingus in an effort to have this decision reversed.

Mr. T. Curran, County Manager, thanked the Mayor for supporting this cause and Cllr. Brassil for keeping the Mayor and himself updated on any new developments. He added that while the Mayor and himself did consider holding a special meeting he felt it would not serve any purpose and he thanked the members for their positive support. In an effort to counteract development in the East, the National Spatial Strategy came up with the concept of Gateway and Hub settlements. Kerry is between the gateway of Cork and Limerick and it is important that we counteract the perceived peripherality of Kerry. It is extremely difficult to attract industry into the county and the lack of infrastructure makes it very difficult to attract foreign direct investment. Following the recent decision by Aer Lingus, it will be even more difficult to attract investors to the region. Instead they are more likely to locate in Cork or Dublin. The West of Ireland is ideally suited to the holding of major tourism conferences as there are a large number of 5 star hotels, but if the delegates cannot jet into the region quickly, these conferences are not likely to be held in the West of Ireland. It is important that the members of Kerry County Council and the Executive would support the work of the Atlantic Connectivity Alliance in calling for a reversal of this decision by Aer Lingus. In conclusion he stated that it is vital that these slots between Shannon and Heathrow are retained and that other routes to and from other countries are also secured.

Votes of Sympathy

- (a) The Mayor extended a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Tim Buckley on the death of his sister Mrs. Mary Flynn.
- (b) The Mayor extended a vote of sympathy to the Carroll family of Carroll's Cove on the death of Tom Carroll at the weekend. Tom made a tremendous impact on this region and he extended his sincere sympathy to his wife Catherine and young family. He said that his prayers and thoughts were with his brother Denis.
- (c) Cllr. B. O'Connell extended a vote of sympathy to the family of the late John O'Connor, who was an outdoor worker with the Castleisland Area Office.

Best wishes to Kerry in the All Ireland Final

Cllr. T. Fitzgerald wished the Kerry Senior Football Team every success in the forthcoming All Ireland Final.

07.09.10.02 Confirmation of the Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R. Beasley, SECONDED by Cllr. B. Cronin it was resolved that that minutes of the Special Planning Meeting of Kerry County Council held on the 2nd July, 2007 be confirmed.

07.09.10.03 Change of date for the September Ordinary Meeting

The Mayor informed the Meeting that because the All-Ireland Final was being held on Sunday 16th September, he suggested that the September Ordinary Meeting would be put back by 1 week to Monday 24th September, 2007.

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Cllr. B. O'Connell PROPOSED that the September Ordinary Meeting would be held on Monday 24th September, 2007.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald SECONDED this proposal.

A vote was taken on this proposal, which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Buckley, Cahill, Cronin, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(18)**

Against: Cllr. Brassil **(1)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

Reception of Deputations

Cllr. B. Cronin requested approval for the reception of two deputations at the next Killarney Area Meeting as this meeting would now be held before September Ordinary Meeting.

1. Residents of Kilcummin
2. Resident of Fieries

This was agreed.

Date for the Listowel Electoral Area Meeting

As the date for the September Ordinary Meeting was changed to 24th September, this would clash with the date of the Listowel Electoral Area Meeting. Members of the Listowel Electoral Area then agreed to change the date of their meeting to Monday 1st October.

Holding of Special Meeting to discuss Planning

Cllr. M. Cahill said there was a lot of disquiet in rural areas regarding difficulties being experienced with planning in particular for one off rural houses. He PROPOSED that a Special Planning Meeting be held to discuss this issue. He added that the refusal rate in Mid-Kerry is in excess of 30%, not including withdrawals and this is unacceptably high.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this proposal.

The Mayor informed members that this matter could be discussed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Launch of Driver Safety Campaign

The Mayor informed the meeting that Kerry County Council will be launching a campaign to encourage drivers who are feeling tired to stop and take a rest before continuing their journey. The theme of the campaign is Stop, Revive & Survive and it would be launched later that day. This would be particularly relevant in the coming weekend when many Kerry people would be traveling to the All-Ireland.

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Members duty under Ethics legislation

The Mayor stated that he, again, wanted to remind members of their requirements of Part 15 Ethics Framework of the Local Government Act 2001 and the Code of Conduct for Councillors. Councillors should be aware that the onus for complying with requirement of the Act and the Code of Conduct lies with each individual Councillor.

He reminded Councillors that under the “Beneficial Interest” provision, and should that provision apply, a Councillor must:-

1. disclose the nature of his/her interest, or the fact of connected persons interest at the meeting and before discussion or consideration of the matter commences and
2. withdraw from the meeting for so long as the matter is being discussed or considered, and accordingly he/she shall take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.

07.09.10.06(i) Manager’s Report on submissions or observations received on the proposed amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan for the West Kerry Settlements.

Mr. T. Sheehy informed the meeting that he would first deal with the Draft Local Area Plan for West Kerry Settlements.

Mr. M. McMahon, Director of Planning, informed the meeting that the Council approved the Draft West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan in April. The Draft Plan was then put out on public display and observations or submissions were invited from the general public. Open days for members of the public were also held in Ceann Tra on 22nd May 2007 and in Baile an Fheirtearaigh on the 28th May 2007. In all 117 submissions were received during the consultation period of the plan. The County Manager’s report and recommendations on submissions was presented at the Kerry County Council meeting held on 2nd July 2007. The elected members adopted a total 59 proposed amendments at that meeting. An advertisement was then placed in the Kerryman on the 18th July 2007 advising that these proposed amendments were on public display from 18th July 2007 to 16th August 2007 and that observations and submissions on the proposed amendments were to be received by 16th August. 11 submissions were received on the proposed amendments during the consultation period. In conclusion he advised members that they could only consider amendments that went on public display.

Mr. T. Sheehy, SE Planning stated that he understood there was agreement with the Managers Report on all submissions received on the Draft West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan with the exception of MH3 in Murióch. He suggested that members would adopt these and he would then deal with MH3.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald referred to submission MH4 which relates to the Draft Local Area Plan for An Mhuiríoch and was made was Sean Aghas, Muiríoch, Tralee. The landowner wants to ensure that he will be granted planning permission for 1 house on his lands.

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In response Mr. T. Sheehy stated that that streetscape was not on display and that a detached housing estate reflects the existing settlement pattern of the area.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald, SECONDED by Cllr. B. O'Connell, *this Council, having considered the County Managers Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan and the County Managers Report and proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan resolves to adopt the Managers Report with the exception of Amendments 8 and 9 that went on public display.*

A vote was taken on this resolution, which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Cronin, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, Purtill, M. Healy-Rae **(20)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. M. Connor-Scarteen, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Sheahan **(6)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Amendment Nos. 8 and 9

Mr. T. Sheehy indicated the lands the subject of Amendment Nos. 8 and 9 on the map and said that it is proposed that a portion of the land, the subject of Amendment No. 8, would be zoned permanent residential. He understood that the owner wants to be able to construct a few houses and he wants to ensure that this will be possible through the zoning of the land. He pointed out however; that if the land is zoned the 20% for social & affordable housing will apply and he did not think it was appropriate to zone these lands.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald PROPOSED that these lands be zoned residential as they are within the 30mph speed limit and the sewer is available.

Mayor M. Healy Rae asked how much land was involved.

In response Mr. T. Sheehy stated it was approximately 1.75 acres.

Cllr. O'Connor SECONDED this proposal.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald, SECONDED by Cllr. J. O'Connor, *this Council having considered the County Managers Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan and the County Managers Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan resolves that Amendment Number 8 that went on public display be adopted.*

A vote was taken on this resolution, which resulted as follows:

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For: Cllrs. Buckley, Cahill, S. Fitzgerald, Fleming, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistram, O'Connell, O'Connor, Purtill, M. Healy-Rae (12)

Against: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Cronin, Ferris, O'Brien (5)

Not Voting: Cllrs. T. Fitzgerald, Foley, Miller, O'Donoghue (4)

Absent: Cllrs. M. Connor-Scarteen, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Shea, Sheahan (5)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Amendment No. 9

Mr. T. Sheehy then referred to Amendment No. 9 and he indicated the lands the subject of this amendment on the map. He said that it was proposed to zone these lands commercial/light industrial. He pointed out that the County Development Plan does not prohibit this type of development in a rural general area and if a developer came in with proposals for this type of development in another field in this area it would be counter-productive if the land were zoned. He recommended that members would not zone these lands, as he did not believe it was the correct location. He added that the land involved is approximately 2.5 acres.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald, SECONDED by Cllr. L. Purtill, *this Council having considered the County Managers Report and submissions received in relation to the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan and the County Managers Report and the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan resolves that Amendment No. 9 that went on public display be adopted.*

Cllr. P. McCarthy asked what commercial development would be permitted there.

In response, Cllr. S. Fitzgerald said that it was intended that a Nursing Home could be constructed there.

The Mayor asked if it was not worthy to have an area zoned and readily available for this type of development. He acknowledged that there is nothing in the County Development Plan that prohibits this type of development in a rural area but said that it is important to consider the changes presently taking place in farming and many farmers have been refused planning permission for change of use.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that other locations in the area would be more appropriate for this type of development.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said that it was worrying that there would be more appropriate lands, which should be zoned, yet they are not suggested. He felt it was better to have some land zoned than to have no land zoned. It is important to have these lands zoned to facilitate people who want to start up in business.

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Mr. T. Sheehy informed members that if this land is zoned it could be possible that the landowner would have no intention of developing it for this purpose. From his experience, it is more appropriate to await approaches from a landowner.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that the landowner has indicated that he is willing to facilitate this type of development.

Mr. T. Sheehy again stated that this is not the appropriate location for this type of development.

Cllr. J. Brassil stated that it is not often that land is available for industrial purposes in small towns and he presumed that the landowner is pursuing the zoning of the land. He said that An Bord Pleanála had refused permission for similar type developments in the past because land was not zoned for that purpose and on that basis he felt it was appropriate to zone this land.

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae (19)

Against: Cllrs. Beasley and Ferris (2)

Not Voting: Cllr. Foley (1)

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Shea (4)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

06.09.10.06(ii) Making of the Local Area Plan for the West Dingle Peninsula Settlements

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald, SECONDED by Cllr. R. Beasley, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the amendments that went on public display for the Draft West Dingle Local Area Plan resolves to make the West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan subject to the amendments previously agreed.*

A vote was taken on this resolution, which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae (21)

Against: None (0)

Not Voting: None (0)

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Ferris, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Shea (5)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

07.09.10.07 Incorporation of the Local Area Plan for the West Dingle Peninsula Settlements into the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

Mr. T. Sheehy referred members to the County Manager's Report on the proposed Variation No. 13 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 – 2009 regarding the West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan, which was circulated, and he briefed them on the report.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, SECONDED by Cllr. C. Miller, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display resolves to incorporate the provisions of the Draft West Dingle Peninsula Local Area Plan and to zone land at and adjacent to Baile n'Fheirtearaigh, Ceann Trá, An Mhuirioch, Baile na nGall and Dun Chaoin to reflect the provisions of the West Dingle Local Area Plan as adopted into the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.*

A vote was taken on this resolution, which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistram, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae (21)

Against: None (0)

Not Voting: None (0)

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Ferris, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Shea (5)

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

07.09.10.04(i) Manager's Report on submissions or observations received on the proposed amendments to the Draft Local Area Plan for the North Kerry Settlements.

Mr. T. Sheehy informed the meeting that there was agreement with the recommendations in the Manager's Report on the following settlements – Kilmoyley, Knockanure, Lisselton. There were no submissions received in relation to these settlements. There is also agreement on Finuge, Cordal, Asdee, Moyvane, Duagh, Causeway and Brosna. There was one issue with regard to Moyvane regarding a submission, which relates to an indicative walkway. There is concern that the indicative walkway will split the site in

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two but he stated that this is an indicative walkway only and the Planning Department have no difficulty with the walkway not being located centrally on this site.

Cllr. P. Leahy said that the landowner would not have a difficulty with the walkway if it was located to one side of the site.

Cllr. R. Beasley asked if the indicative route for the walkway could be removed altogether as the landowner has just 1 acre.

In response Mr. T. Sheehy said that this was not an amendment that went on public display and could not be dealt with.

Cllr. R. Beasley informed the meeting that he wished to have it recorded in the minutes that the indicative walkway could be moved to the side of this site.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. P. Leahy, SECONDED by Cllr. R. Beasley, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves to adopt the Manager's Report in relation to Finuge, Cordal, Asdee, Moyvane, Duagh, Causeway and Brosna.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Ferris, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(20)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Shea **(6)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Submission on Shanvalla, Duagh.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae referred to this submission, which he had raised at a previous meeting and asked if it could be considered.

In response Mr. T. Sheehy stated that he was preparing a map to be forwarded to Limerick County Council for consideration and subject to their response it would be dealt at a later date.

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Knocknagoshel

Mr. T. Sheehy referred to Amendment No. 7 that was out on public display and said that there was no agreement on this amendment. He indicated the land the subject of this amendment on the map and said that the Manager's Report recommends that this amendment would not proceed.

Cllr. B. O'Connell PROPOSED that the amendment be adopted and that these lands be zoned R1. He understood that a lot of the land that was zoned in the Draft Plan will not be developed and development land is needed. He added that he was very familiar with this area and he strongly recommended that this land be zoned residential.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim SECONDED this proposal and said that the owner had indicated that he is interested in developing the land.

Cllr. N. Foley supported this proposal.

In response Mr. T. Sheehy said that this is setting a precedent, which is not correct.

Mr. J. Flynn, Director of Corporate Services, informed the meeting that a vote must first be taken on the adoption of the recommendations in the Manager's Report on Knocknagoshel with the exception of Amendment No. 7.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, SECONDED by Cllr. A. McEllistrim, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft Knocknagoshel Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft Knocknagoshel Local Area resolves to adopt the Manager's Report with the exception of Amendment No. 7.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Ferris, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(18)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, Gleeson, MacGearailt, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, O'Shea **(8)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

The Mayor then left the meeting.

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The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. D. Healy-Rae took the Chair.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, SECONDED by Cllr. A. McEllistrim, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area resolves to adopt Amendment No. K07 in relation to Knocknagoshel that went on public display.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistrim, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan **(20)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Gleeson, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, M. Healy-Rae **(6)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Ballylongford

Mr. T. Sheehy referred to Amendment No. BL3 and said there was no agreement on it. He indicated the lands the subject of this amendment on the map and said that members had voted to vote this land residential. The Manager's Report recommends that this amendment would not be adopted as this land is totally separated from the plan area.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim declared that in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act, 2001 her cousin T. McEllistrim's land was the subject of Amendment No. 1 and she would withdraw from the meeting while this was being discussed.

Cllr. McEllistrim then left the Chamber.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that it was totally inappropriate to zone this land and he was totally opposed to it.

Cllr. R. Beasley asked how much land was involved.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that he did not know.

Cllr. L. Purtill said that he valued Mr. Sheehy's opinion but he felt that he was wrong on this occasion. This land is inside the 30mph speed limit and there are at least 80 houses constructed by Kerry County Council beyond it. It is halfway between Ballylongford and

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Rusheen Park and there is a footpath there together with essential services. He PROPOSED that this amendment be adopted.

Cllr. T. Buckley SECONDED this proposal.

Cllr. R. Beasley stated that the land is between two housing estates and he was surprised that permission was granted for the other estates. Taking into consideration the development by Kerry County Council of a housing estate beyond these lands he found it difficult to understand why it should not be zoned.

Cllr. L. Purtill informed the meeting that there was in excess of two acres of land involved.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that the purpose of making a local area plan was to put forward a plan on how the area would develop into the future. Kerry County Council developed a housing estate beyond these lands in the past, which may not be developed if it was being considered at the present time. He said that in his opinion it was inappropriate to extend development out this direction.

Cllr. L. Purtill said that this was a large area inside the 30mph speed limit, which is not developed, and he could see no reason why it would not be developed.

Cllr. R. Beasley pointed out that there is development by the Council on both sides of this land and while it was not his wish to go against the Manager's recommendation he would have a difficulty in voting against it.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. L. Purtill, SECONDED by Cllr. T. Buckley, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area resolves to adopt Amendment No. BL3 in relation to Ballylongford that went on public display.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan **(19)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: Cllr. Ferris **(1)**

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Gleeson, McEllistrim, O'Connor, M. Healy-Rae **(6)**

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The Deputy Mayor declared the resolution carried.

The Mayor, Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, then returned to the Chair.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R. Beasley, SECONDED by Cllr. P. McCarthy, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves to adopt the Manager's Report in relation to Ballylongford subject to Amendment BL03.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(20)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Cahill, Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Gleeson, McEllistrim, O'Connor, **(6)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim then returned to the Chamber.

Ballyduff

Mr. T. Sheehy informed the meeting that there was no agreement on Amendment No. 10 and he indicated the lands the subject of this amendment on the map. The land involves five acres and it is proposed to zone it for residential development. He stated that Ballyduff is very linear and long in nature and it is not appropriate to extend it up this side road.

Cllr. J. Brassil PROPOSED that this land would be zoned residential as it is adjacent to other zoned land and the landowner is willing to give land for the sewer.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this proposal.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Brassil, SECONDED by Cllr. R. Beasley, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves to adopt Amendment No. BD10 that went on public display in relation to Ballyduff.*

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A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistram, Miller, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(21)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Cahill, Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Gleeson, O'Connor **(5)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Sheehy then informed the meeting that it would be necessary to adopt the Manager's Report on Ballyduff subject to Amendment No.10.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R. Beasley, SECONDED by Cllr. T. O'Brien, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves to adopt the Manager's Report in relation to Ballyduff subject to Amendment No. 10 that went on public display.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistram, O'Brien, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(18)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Cahill, Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Gleeson, Miller, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Donoghue **(8)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Ballyheigue

Mr. T. Sheehy stated there was agreement with the recommendations in the Manager's Report on Ballyheigue with the exception of Submission No. BE4 and Map BE12 of the amendments. This relates to the lands south of Main Street and the indicative road included in the Draft Plan. He indicated the lands the subject of this amendment on the map and said that members may require this indicative route to be removed from the Draft Plan. He would not object to this.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim said that these lands are owned by Mr. O'Halloran and the Draft Plan shows an indicative route for the link road going through his garden. She PROPOSED that the indicative route be removed and that the relief road would not be indicated in the Draft Plan at this time.

Cllr. J. Brassil said that he could not find common ground with locals on this issue. The amendment that went on public display shows an indicative route, which was changed from that, previously agreed. He PROPOSED that an objective be included in the Draft Plan that a relief road from the Tralee road to the Sandhill road would be provided as it is desirable to have an alternative means of accessing Ballyheigue from the Tralee road.

Cllr. A. McEllistrim SECONDED this proposal.

Mayor M. Healy-Rae stated that Mr. O'Halloran has a young family and this has been very traumatic for them. This is his private house and it is not appropriate to put a link road through their garden.

Cllr. N. Foley indicated her support for Mr. O'Halloran.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that he took exception to the zoning of land for roads, amenity areas and car parks without first consulting with the landowners. He added that members are being castigated for zoning land for residential purposes yet they are consulting with landowners. He was convinced that the way land was being zoned for amenity areas and car parks was wrong.

Mr. T. Curran, County Manager, said that the purpose of preparing a local area plan was to come up with the best plan for the future development of the area. The Forward Planning Unit does not identify the owners of land as a plan must be prepared for the common good.

Cllr. R. Beasley supported the removal of this indicative road from the Draft Plan.

Cllr. P. Leahy said that the O'Halloran family have been through a very traumatic time as a result of this indicative route, which was included in the amendments that went out on public display. He welcomed Mr. Sheehy's agreement to the removal of the indicative route from the Plan.

Cllr. P. McCarthy agreed that the indicative route through Mr. O'Halloran's land should be removed from the Draft Plan.

Cllr. T. Fitzgeald indicated his support for Cllr. Brassil's proposal that an objective would be included in the Draft Plan that a link road would be provided in the future.

Cllrs. T. Buckley and L. Purtill also supported the removal of the indicative route from Mr. O'Halloran's land.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that the Forward Planning Unit, in the preparation of local area plans, must cater for the common good. The line for the link road as shown in the Draft Plan is an indicative line only and it may be possible to redevelop the GAA pitch in the other direction. The indicative line shown in the Draft Plan also affected other landowners. However, he would agree to the removal of the indicative line of the road and the inclusion of an objective that a relief road to the south of Main Street would be included.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Brassil, SECONDED by Cllr. A. McEllistram, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves that in relation to Submission No. BE1 (Amendment No. 4) the following Objective be inserted in the Ballyheigue Local Area Plan "It is an objective of the Council that a relief road from the regional road to the Sandhill Road incorporating residential streetscape should be constructed and the indicative road layout that went on public display be omitted."*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Connor-Scarteen, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistram, O'Brien, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(21)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Cronin, Gleeson, Miller, O'Connell, O'Connor **(5)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Cllr. J. Brassil informed the meeting that he had met with residents of Harty's Terrace with Mr. Sheehy and Frank Hartnett. The residents are uneasy with the inclusion, even of an objective for a footpath at Harty's Terrace. As the Council has no intention of proceeding with this footpath he PROPOSED that it be removed from the Draft Plan.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this proposal.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that this was not an amendment that went on public display and for this reason it could not be removed. He added that this objective is included for the long term. The local residents are concerned their gardens will be taken to facilitate the provision of the footpath but he assured them that this would not happen. There would be a public consultation process regarding traffic in the area in the future and the residents have been reassured by Mr. Hartnett that their front gardens will not be taken.

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Cllr. T. Fitzgerald requested that a vote be taken on this issue.

Mayor M. Healy-Rae stated that all members were fully supportive of the residents of Harty's Terrace and of the proposal made by Cllr. Brassil and the minutes would reflect this.

Cllr. J. Brassil stated that he wanted it recorded in the minutes that the members unanimously supported the residents of Harty's Terrace and that the objective of providing a footpath at this location is a long term one and that no attempt would be made to take their front gardens. If any attempt is made to do this in the future the members of the Council fully supported the residents and that it would not be imposed on them.

Cllr. J. Brassil pointed out that in the amendment that went on public display a monument was shown 75m out of place.

In response Mr. T. Sheehy stated that he had spoken with the County Archaeologist on this issue and he confirmed that this is the case and he assured members that the monument would be accurately reflected in the final plan.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Brassil, SECONDED by Cllr. R. Beasley, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves to adopt the County Manager's Report in relation to Ballyheigue incorporating the objective arising from Submission No. BE1 (Amendment No. 4) that went on public display.*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Ferris, S. Fitzgerald, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistrim, O'Brien, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(21)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Connor-Scarteen, Cronin, Gleeson, Miller, O'Connell **(5)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Mayor informed the meeting that it was 1.30pm and it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Cahill, SECONDED by Cllr.R. Beasley it was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue.

07.09.10.04(ii) Making of a Local Area Plan for the North Kerry Settlements

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. O'Brien, SECONDED by Cllr. R. Beasley, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display for the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan resolves to make the North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan in accordance with the Manager's Report and the amendments adopted:*

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Ferris, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, Leahy, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistrim, O'Brien, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(20)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: Cllr. Connor-Scarteen **(1)**

Absent: Cllrs. Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, Gleeson, Miller, O'Connell **(5)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

07.09.10.05(i) Manager's Report on submissions or observations received on the proposed variation to the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 – 2009 to incorporate the Local Area Plan for the North Kerry Settlements into the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

Mr. T. Sheehy referred members to the Manager's Report on this item, which was circulated, and he briefed them on the report.

07.09.10.05(ii) Making of Variation No. 12 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 –2009

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R. Beasley, SECONDED by Cllr. T. O'Brien, *this Council having considered the County Manager's Report on submissions received in relation to the Draft North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and the County Manager's Report on the proposed amendments that went on public display resolves to incorporate the provisions of the North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan and to zone lands at and adjacent to Ballyheigue, Ballyduff, Ballylongford, Brosna, Causeway, Duagh, Knocknagoshel, Moyvane, Asdee, Cordal, Finuge, Kilmoley, Knockanure and Lisselton*

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to reflect the provisions of the North Kerry Settlements Local Area Plan as adopted into the Kerry County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

A vote was taken on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllrs. Beasley, Brassil, Buckley, Cahill, Connor-Scarteen, Ferris, T. Fitzgerald, Fleming, Foley, D. Healy-Rae, MacGearailt, McCarthy, McEllistram, O'Brien, O'Connor, O'Donoghue, O'Shea, Purtill, Sheahan, M. Healy-Rae **(20)**

Against: None **(0)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Absent: Cllrs. Cronin, S. Fitzgerald, Gleeson, Leahy, Miller, O'Connell **(6)**

The Mayor declared the resolution carried.

Date for Special Roads Meeting of Tralee Electoral Area

Cllr. T. Fitzgerald stated that the members for the Tralee Electoral Area had agreed that the Special Roads Meeting for the Tralee Electoral Area would be held on Friday 21st September at 3pm.

Holding of a Special Planning Meeting

Mayor M. Healy-Rae said that over the last number of months there have been severe difficulties with planning especially rural planning. He understood that the County Manager is acutely aware of this and he called on the County Manager to make a statement about his plans for the planning services into the future.

Mr. T. Curran, County Manager, stated that planning is never easy and when permission is refused it puts pressure on elected members. There has been a lot of concern about the degree of involvement of councillors in the planning process. He informed the meeting that there was a 13% increase in the number of planning applications received in the first seven months of the year. Kerry is a very rural county with one of the longest coastlines in the country and the planning authority must ensure that the views and prospects are protected, as Kerry is also a major tourism county. He acknowledged that we are always seeking investment in the county but said that we must be mindful of our dependency on tourism. It is a challenge for the council to protect the environment while facilitating in particular family members in rural areas. Despite the fact that the number of planning applications has increased and the pressure on our environment is becoming even greater the refusal rate has not changed substantially and is 20% on average. There appears to be a lot of publicity on the one in five planning applications that are refused. He added that since he was appointed County Manager he met with all the major parties when they had a very frank and open discussion on a number of issues, which will be dealt with in due course. He also met with the planners and he said there is a need for a protocol on the relationship between planners, elected members, agents etc. He did not believe that the holding of a special planning meeting would solve any of these issues in the short term

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and he asked members to give him more time to resolve these issues. Despite the fact that a large number of permissions are granted there are a considerable number of houses up for sale around the county. He informed members that he would always be available to them and added that over time he hoped to be able to deal with the issues outlined by members.

The Mayor thanked the County Manager for his statement and said that he held him in very high regard and he would be willing to give him additional time in an effort to resolve these issues. In the interim members could bring individual cases to the Manager's attention. In conclusion he said that it would be inappropriate to have a debate on planning at that time.

Cllr. M. Cahill said that no one was being disrespectful of the County Manager and he appreciated his involvement in individual planning applications. He said that there is a lot of dissatisfaction among the general public with the planning system and the onus is on public representatives to bring this to the attention of Management. He acknowledged that the environment must be protected but said that it is also equally important to protect landowners.

Cllr. T. Fleming called on the County Manager to consider the difficulties being experienced by applicants with failed percolation tests in the light of the very bad summer.

Cllr. B. MacGearailt thanked Mr. T. Sheehy who recently met with nine development groups in West Kerry. He asked that if minor technical problems arise with a planning application that this would be brought to the agent's attention rather than refusing it. In conclusion he said that people in rural areas are more important than tourism.

The meeting concluded at 1.50pm.

G. O'Brien
A/SEO Corporate Affairs

Mayor of Kerry