

**Minutes of Municipal Area Meeting of Stranorlar District held on Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the Council Chamber, County House Lifford,  
commencing at 11.00am.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr Gary Doherty (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr Patrick McGowan  
Cllr Gerry Crawford  
Cllr Martin Harley  
Cllr Frank McBrearty  
Cllr Liam Doherty

**Officials Present:**

Joe Peoples, Director of Service, Senior Management Team  
Gerry Gilroy, Area Manager.  
Martina Morris, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services  
Georgina Connolly, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

**Apologies:**

Charlie Kerr, Senior Executive Engineer.

**Votes of Sympathy.**

Members expressed their sympathy to the family & friends of the following:

**Former Employees of Donegal County Council;**

- **Mr Brendan Ryan, Burnside, Tullyvinney, Raphoe.**
- **Mr Arthur Spears, Diamond, Lifford.**
- **Mickey Pat Gallagher, Donegal Rd, Ballybofey.**
- **Mr John Mailey, Townparks, Convoy, and father of Marion Mailey, Debtor's Management Section and Grandfather of Michelle McNamee, Roads Section.**

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Members also passed a vote of sympathy on the passing of:

- **Mr Hugh Campbell, Meenagoland, Cloghan**, Father in Law of Cliodhna Campbell, S.E.E. Housing Design/Construction.
- **Mr Gerard Gallagher, Cavan Lower, Killygordan**. Brother-in-Law of Bartley Mc Glynn, S.E.O. Finance.

<b>04.00 Corporate Services</b>
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**04.01. Minutes of Stranorlar Area Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Brearty and seconded by Cllr. Crawford the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were confirmed.

**04.02. Minutes of Stranorlar Area Workshop held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Brearty and seconded by Cllr. Crawford the minutes of the Workshop meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were confirmed.

**04.03. Minutes of Municipal District of Stranorlar AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Gerry Gilroy indicated that he was aware that there was an error in the Draft minutes of the above meeting under item 02.01 Election of two members to Coiste na Gaeilge. The minute should record that **Cllr Gary Doherty & Cllr Frank McBrearty** were selected.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Gowan and seconded by Cllr. Mc Brearty the minutes of the AGM meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were confirmed subject to the above amendment.

**04.04. Minutes of Municipal District of Stranorlar Workshop held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc Gowan and seconded by Cllr. Mc Brearty the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were confirmed

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**04.05. Date for Budget Meeting**

Members were advised that the Budget meeting must be held between 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 in order to meet the requirements as set out in the legislation. Members were also advised that the Finance Officer would be attending the meeting. Given the short time frame and various commitments it was agreed to hold the meeting in Lifford on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October @6.00 p.m.**

**04.06. Attendance at & facilitation of M.D. meetings.**

Members in turn expressed their frustration that all services were not represented at the meeting in spite of members having raised this as a significant issue at previous Workshops both at full Council level and M.D. level. Members referred to the Chief Executive's undertaking to address this issue in the ongoing negotiations with unions and expressed the view that there was no point in continuing the meeting in the circumstances.

Mr Peoples acknowledged members concerns with the structure initially proposed and that the Chief Executive had indicated his intention to address the issues. Unfortunately this matter had not yet been concluded but the matter was being addressed and he anticipated that the situation would be clearer for the next ordinary meeting.

Members maintained their position that the meeting should not continue and unanimously agreed that it be adjourned.

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

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**Area Manager  
Municipal District of Stranorlar**

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**Cathaoirleach  
Municipal District of Stranorlar.**