

4th December, 2024

TO ALL MEMBERS OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

The Adjourned Budget Meeting of Donegal County Council will recommence on Monday 9th December, 2024 at 2pm in the Council Chamber, County House, Lifford. Documents can be accessed in the Budget 2025 meeting folder on eCouncil.

An online link to join the meeting will issue separately.



Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED BUDGET MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2024 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs N Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, L Blaney, M Boyle, F Bradley, C Brogan, J Brogan, P Canning, B Carr, D Coyle, T Crossan, TS Devine, A Doherty, M Farren, N Jordan, J Kavanagh, DM Kelly, M McBride, M Mc Clafferty, M McDermott, P McGarvey, P McGowan, M McMahan, G McMonagle, D Meehan, A Molloy, J Murray, M Naughton, D Nic Mheanman, JS Ó Fearraigh, and M Scanlon.

Online: Cllrs J Beard, A Farren, M MacGiolla Easbuig, F Mc Brearty, D McGee.

Apologies: Cllrs. G Doherty, M Harley.

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OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

John G McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Patsy Lafferty, Director of Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services/Meetings Administrator, Liam Ward, Director of Community Development & Planning Services, Bryan Cannon, Director of Roads & Transportation, Richard Gibson, Director of Finance, Garry Martin, Direction of Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services, Michael McGarvey, Director of Water & Environment, Tanya Kee, Management Accountant, Anne Marie Quinn, Administrative Officer, Lauren Badham, Administrative Officer, Róise Ní Laifeartaigh, Rannóg na Gaeilge, Dónall MacGiolla Choill, Tacaíocht do Sheirbhísí Aistriúcháin, Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

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ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Cllr McBrearty expressed concern that he had not been contacted in relation to the pre-budget meetings. He said that he should have been afforded the courtesy of taking part in the discussion process given the mandate he had been given to represent the electorate of the Lifford/Stranorlar Municipal District.

On the proposal of Cllr C Brogan, seconded by Cllr McDermott, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to 3.30p.m. to facilitate further discussion on the 2025 budgetary provisions.

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RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING

A further adjournment was proposed by Cllr McGowan, seconded by Cllr McGarvey to adjourn the meeting until 4.30p.m.

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CONSIDERTION OF 2025 BUDGET

The meeting recommenced at 4.42pm with Cllr MacGiolla Easbuig contending that he also had not been invited to take part in any of the pre-budget negotiations. He said that there had been no issue, a number of months ago regarding the approval of the LPT which impacted many

families and ordinary working people, but that when business or enterprise was affected, there was a reluctance to approve any increases.

On the proposal of Cllr Blaney, seconded by Cllr McGowan it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until 3pm on Thursday 12th December, 2024 to facilitate further discussions on the 2025 budgetary provisions.

Cathaoirleach:_____

Dated:_____