

Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 9th March, 2015 at 3:45 p.m.

Present:

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, T. McNamara, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, C. Crowe, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahan, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, B. Slattery, I. Lynch, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.
- Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service.
- Mr. Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.
- Mr. Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer.
- Ms. Monica Meehan, Senior Executive Officer.
- Mr. John Rattigan, Curator, Clare County Museum.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Crowe presided.

At the outset the following resolution was proposed by Cllr. John Crowe and seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes and agreed by all members present.

“Following the award of Fleadh Ceol na hÉireann 2016 to Ennis, I propose that Clare County Council lead a cultural programme to promote and market the town of Ennis and our county of culture.”

Cllr. J. Flynn congratulated all involved on the Working Group who secured Ennis as the host town for the Fleadh Ceol na hÉireann which will take place in the town in August 2016.

Tom Coughlan also welcomed the selection of Ennis as the Host Town in 2016 and said the Council will have to be very supportive of the event and a Budget will be required in 2016 for this purpose.

Cllr. B. Slattery congratulated the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Crowe on the effort that was made to make the Mayor's Charity Banquet the success it was. The Cathaoirleach took the opportunity to thank everyone who supported and was involved in the event and reported that a total of €24,760 profit accrued and was distributed to the following charities: Carrigoran House, Newmarket on Fergus, West Clare Cancer Centre, Kilkee and Slainte an Chláir, Kilnamona.

Cllr. P.J. Ryan expressed his concern at the withdrawal of the Boston flight from Shannon for a period during March 2015 and noted that this decision was being made in order for the aircraft to be available for use at Dublin airport.

Votes of sympathy.

At the outset votes of sympathy were extended to the following:

- The family of Tony Coffey, Ennis, former Clare County Council employee.
- The Drennan family, Lahinch Rd, Ennis on the passing of their daughter Katie.
- Ann Colleran, Clare County Council employee and her family on the death of her son, Noel Colleran Jnr., Quin.

Item 1: Minutes of Council Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the February Meeting of Clare County Council held on 9th February, 2015 be adopted and signed.”

a. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the adjourned February Meeting of Clare County Council held on 16th February, 2015 be adopted and signed.”

Item 2: Minutes of Municipal District Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Slattery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the West Clare Municipal District Meeting held on the 6th January, 2015 be noted.”

b. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers
Cuidithe ag Cllr. R. Nagle agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the West Clare Municipal District Special Meeting held on the 19th January, 2015 be noted.”

c. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Daly
Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That the Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Meeting held on the 3rd February, 2015 be noted.”

Item 3: Minutes of S.P.C. Meetings.

a. Ar moladh Cllr. A. O'Callaghan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Environment & Transportation S.P.C. meeting held on 15th December, 2014 be noted”.

b. Ar moladh Cllr. R. Nagle
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise S.P.C. meeting held on 15th December, 2014 be noted”.

c. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Burke
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Murphy agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Planning and Housing S.P.C. meeting held on 15th December, 2014 be noted”.

d. Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Cultural Services & Arts (including Community, Recreation and Amenities) S.P.C. meeting held on 18th December, 2014 be noted”.

e. Ar moladh Cllr. B. Slattery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Cooney agus glacadh leis

“That the minutes of the Environment & Transportation S.P.C. meeting held on 20th January, 2015 be noted”.

Item 4: Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meetings.

The members noted the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2015 as presented.

Item 5: Disposal of property pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000. Proposed disposal of area of land at West End, Kilkee, Co. Clare.

Report dated 25th February, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda together with map. The report states that at the January 2014 meeting the members approved the sale of a small area of lands at West End, Kilkee. The area has previously been acquired and was never used by the Council.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. B. Chambers agus glacadh leis

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Clare County Council approves pursuant to the powers vested on it at Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended, of the disposal of area of land at West End, Kilkee subject to the conditions as set out in the notice served on the members dated 25th February, 2015.”

Item 6: Monthly Management Report.

The monthly management report attached to the agenda included key activities in the principal service areas and was noted by the members. Ger Dollard responded to queries on the PPN and the Housing Programme. Tom Tiernan referred to the Kilkee Sea Wall Project and stated that there had been a further slippage onsite and its impact and implication were being examined.

Item 7: Museum Standards Programme.

- a. Draft Loans Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019.**
- b. Draft Strategic Management Plan for Clare Museum 2014-2017.**
- c. Draft Collections Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019.**
- d. Draft Disposal Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019.**
- e. Draft Exhibition Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019.**
- f. Clare Museum Strategic Action Plan 2015.**

Report dated 27th February, 2015 from Helen Walsh, County Librarian was circulated with the agenda. The report states that Clare County Museum is participating in an accreditation programme with the Heritage Council of Ireland. The Museum is at interim accreditation stage which necessitates the adoption by Council of a number of documents consisting of:

The Collection policy, Disposal policy, Loan policy, Exhibition policy, Strategic plan (3 year) and Yearly implementation plan.

The report also stated that these documents were adopted by the Cultural, Arts, Community, Recreation and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee on 17th February, 2015.

The following proposal was submitted to the meeting by Cllr. C. Crowe and signed by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy, Cllr. T. O’Brien, Cllr. J. Breen, Cllr. P.J. Kelly, Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and Cllr. B. Chambers:

“We the undersigned propose the adoption of Item 7 (a-f) relating to the Clare County Museum and further propose that a fund of €30,000 be made available to the Museum’s staff so that historically important items relating to Co. Clare, in particular items linked with the “Decade of Centenaries”, can be acquired”.

The Chief Executive reported that policies proposed had already been presented and accepted by the relevant Strategic Policy Group and that he was conscious that timing

was of the essence in terms of the Museum obtaining National Accreditations which would allow it access to grants. He outlined that a provision of €30,000 had not been factored into the 2015 Budget but that the proposal could receive consideration in context of Budget 2016.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Draft Loans Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019 be adopted.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Draft Strategic Management Plan for Clare Museum 2014 – 2017 be adopted.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Draft Collections Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019 be adopted.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Draft Disposal Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019 be adopted.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Draft Exhibition Policy for Clare Museum 2014-2019 be adopted.”

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Hayes
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Crowe agus glacadh leis

“That the Clare Museum Strategic Action Plan 2015 be adopted.”

Item 8: Irish Language Grants Scheme 2015 – Grant recommendations.

Report dated 3rd March, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda. The report states that fifteen applications were received for Scéim Deontais na Gaeilge this year and all of them were successful. The report continues to state that the applications were assessed by a Committee consisting of the Chair of the Strategic Policy Committee, the County Librarian and the Meetings Administrator.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“Pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by Section 43 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Clare County Council approves the payment of the following grants for organisations hosting an event which would in the opinion of the Council stimulate public interest in the Irish Language, provide a knowledge, appreciation and practice of the language or improve the standard of the language.

1. Scéal Eile Books Ennis	500
2. Inis Cathaigh CCE Kilrush	300
3. Clare GAA	250
4. CCE an Chláir	350
5. Coiste Forbartha Gaeltachta an Chláir - Kilmihil	200
6. Coiste Forbartha Gaeltachta an Chláir – Kilmihil	450
7. Kilkishen Tidy Towns	500
8. Gaelscoil Mhichíl Cíosóg Inis	300
9. Cnoc na Gaoithe, Tulla	300
10. An Clár as Gaeilge, Comhnaill O Loinsigh	300
11. Féile na hInse, Breandán Mac Fhionnghaile	350
12. Féile Scoildramaíochta an Chláir, c/o Roisín Ní Cheallaigh	300
13. Máire Hamilton, Cill Ruis	200
14. Síle Ní Dheargain, Clarecastle	500
15. St. Senans Primary School, Kilrush	200
	<u>5000</u>

Item 9: Report from Standing Orders Sub-Committee.

Report dated 3rd March, 2015 from Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the Standing Orders Sub-Committee met on Monday, 2nd March to consider the proposal from Cllr. James Breen at the February meeting that correspondence be listed earlier on the Council meeting agenda than at present.

Following discussion on Cllr. Breen’s proposal, the sub-committee decided not to recommend any change to the current Standing Orders but wish to draw attention to the provisions of Standing Order No. 10 which contains the following provision

“At any ordinary meeting of the Council it shall be proper, if a majority of the members present and voting so decide, to take an item for consideration out of the sequence of listing on the Agenda, provided always that such decision shall not affect any business required by Statute to be done before any other business at the meeting.”

The Sub-Committee were of the view that this provides a mechanism to deal with the issue under consideration.

The report was noted by the meeting.

Item 10: Draft Burial Ground Bye-laws 2015.

Report dated 4th March, 2015 from Ger Dollard, Director of Service was circulated with the agenda. The report states that the draft Burial Ground bye-laws 2015 have been prepared in accordance with Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001 (power to make bye law) and are for the purpose of managing and regulating burial grounds under the control or management of Clare County Council. The report goes on to state that pre-draft consultation took place with Undertakers and Monument Sculptors on the 10th April, 2014 and the draft bye-laws were considered by the Strategic Policy Committee for Community and Enterprise, Tourism and Emergency Services on the 12th May, 2014 and were positively received. They had again been considered by the recently constituted Strategic Policy Committee for Cultural Services and Arts (including Community, Recreation and Amenities).

The purpose of the draft Burial Ground Bye-laws 2015 is to facilitate better management of Council owned and controlled burial grounds by Clare County Council.

A number of queries were raised with regard to access to and opening hours to some Burial Grounds along with required depths of graves. Ger Dollard in reply stated that access / rights of way issues cannot be dealt with in By-Laws as property issues are involved. He also advised that this draft document would be going on display for public consultation. The public consultation process would be expected to be completed within 6 weeks and the final draft presented to the Council at the May monthly meeting. Ger Dollard also referred to the role of the Health Service Executive in relation to the depth needed in graves.

Cllr. T. O'Brien proposed that the Draft Bye-Laws go through the public consultation process, this was seconded by Cllr. M. Hillery and agreed by all members present.

Item 11: Local Enterprise Office.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllrs. C. Collieran Molloy, I. Lynch agus J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That the Chief Executive Officer report on the staffing and budgetary arrangements for the Local Enterprise Office as referenced in his October Monthly Report to the Council and to indicate his interaction with Enterprise Ireland and the relevant Government Departments in this regard.”

Gerard Dollard, Director of Service replied as follows:

“The arrangements at National level for the dissolution of the County Enterprise Boards and the creation of the Local Enterprise Offices (L.E.O.) provided for staff involved in the County Enterprise Board to transfer to Clare County Council with the requirement for Clare County Council to supplement staffing in the L.E.O. from its own resources.

On the dissolution of the County Enterprise Board on 15th April, 2014, one staff member transferred to Clare County Council at the level of Clerical Officer. Since that date, the Council has provided staff from other Departments to support and deliver on the L.E.O. function. It is a credit to the staff involved that L.E.O. has operated very satisfactorily in Clare since its inception despite the severe staffing constraints experienced.

The Council has had ongoing interaction, both with Enterprise Ireland and has communicated with the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation regarding the critical staffing issue for the Local Enterprise Office. Following exhaustive communication, the position of the Head of Enterprise has recently been advertised by the Public Appointments Service as a National competition. The recruitment process is now underway and I would expect a person to be appointed to the position of Head of Enterprise in the coming months.

The Council has also been seeking approval to fill the position of Senior Business Development Advisor and Assistant Business Development Advisor and still awaits the agreed particulars of office for these positions and approval to fill both positions from the Department.

From a financial point of view, the Council has made a case to Enterprise Ireland and to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation for a recoupment of payroll

costs incurred by Clare County Council on the operation of the L.E.O. in 2014. The Council see this claim as being perfectly reasonable on the basis that the payroll costs had already been provided for as part of the County Enterprise Board payroll budget and, on this basis, approval should be forthcoming to recoupment of payroll costs up to the limit of the payroll budget of the former County Enterprise Board. The Council has not, at this point, been given any indication that any recoupment will be made.

The Council is very much committed to the Local Enterprise Office model and welcomes the enhanced role for the local authority in the area of enterprise creation and development. Structures within the Local Enterprise Office, including the Evaluation and Approvals Committee have been working very satisfactorily. The full potential of the new model however is not being realised due to the lack of resources available to optimise the new arrangements.”

Item 12: Asbestos Waste.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Kelly

Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That a report be made available detailing the procedure in place for collection and disposal of asbestos waste which is being generated from Council’s own projects.”

Cllr. P.J. Kelly submitted the following proposal to the meeting to amend his motion as submitted which was agreed by all members present:

Amendment by addition to No. 12 “or public projects within the County”.

Anne Haugh, Director of Service replied as follows:

“As part of its organisation wide Occupational Health & Safety Management System Clare County Council have a procedure in place for the Management of Asbestos.

The procedure applies to all Clare County Council workplaces and is based on a Nationally approved template provided by the Local Government Management Agency (L.G.M.A.).

The stated purpose of the procedure is to prevent injury and/or ill health associated with Asbestos Containing Materials (A.C.M.s).

Asbestos in Clare County Council is likely to be present in the Water Services Network in the form of asbestos water mains and in a variety of Council buildings built before the year 2000. Presently Asbestos Surveys are being undertaken on Council Buildings in order to identify the presence of asbestos. Where asbestos is present in Clare County Council workplaces it will firstly be Risk Assessed and the appropriate controls will be implemented relative to the risk of exposure to asbestos and an Asbestos Management Plan will be implemented. Any waste asbestos arising will then be managed in accordance with the relevant waste management legislation.

Waste which arises from construction projects which contains asbestos falls under a specific code in the waste management legislation. The particular code which includes asbestos waste is a hazardous waste code. Hazardous asbestos waste can only be collected by a company who has the required permit issued by the National Waste Collection Permit Office for the collection of hazardous asbestos waste. Hazardous Asbestos Waste can only be stored and disposed of by a company who has a waste licence from the E.P.A. for storage and disposal of hazardous asbestos waste.

Clare County Council does not have a permit to transport hazardous asbestos waste and does not have a licence to store or dispose of hazardous asbestos waste. Therefore we are required to use the services of private companies who have the required permits and licences.”

Item 13: Certification of Registration sites.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. O’Brien agus glacadh leis

"With reference to 'Certificate of Registration*' sites -

A) To ask the Director of Services; Clare County Council's Planning Department, what level of planning scrutiny an application for a Cert. of Registration site is subjected to?

B) To ask the Director of Services; Clare County Council's Environment Department, what level of environmental scrutiny an application for Cert. of Registration site is subjected to?

*NOTE: Waste Management - Facility Permit and Registration Regulations, S.I. No. 821 of 2007 - as amended."

Anne Haugh, Director of Service and Gerard Dollard, Director of Service replied as follows:

“a. The Certificate of Registration is assessed as outlined in the criteria in (b) below. The process does not seek to deal with any other possible consent obligations of the applicant such as the need for planning permission. In a similar way the Development Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007) discourage Planning Authorities from dealing with other codes. The granting of a Certificate of Registration does therefore not remove the need for the applicant to ensure that they also have planning consent. To raise awareness of this, all approved Certificate of Registration applications are advised by way of cover letter from the Environment Department of the need to ensure they comply with all other relevant codes including planning.

b. Clare County Council, like all Local Authorities in the State, must abide by the requirements of Clause 37(12) of the quoted regulations (S.I. No. 821 of 2007) with regard to scrutiny of applications for a Certificate of Registration. These requirements lay down the following criteria for consideration:-

1. Environmental pollution.
2. Emissions.
3. Available techniques to prevent, limit or control emissions.
4. Applicant to be a fit and proper person.

Each application is assessed by the Clare County Council Environment Section in an environmental assessment report which has the following main headings:-

- (1) Surface water and groundwater.
- (2) Atmosphere.
- (3) Land/soil.
- (4) Flora/fauna.

- (5) Noise.
- (6) Dust.
- (7) Odour.
- (8) Litter.
- (9) The countryside/agriculture.
- (10) Places of Special Interest.
- (11) Other, e.g. risk of flooding.

Item 14: Rates.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Flynn
Cuidithe ag Cllr.P. J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“In view of the unfair advantage business owners and operators have in the Kilrush and Ennis area, that the C.E.O. put in place some incentive measures to compensate the business sector who are currently operating throughout the rest of the county at a dis-advantage due to the high rate of €72.99, one of the highest multipliers in the region and acting as one of the obstacles to job creation, and sustainable jobs into the future.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied as follows:

“The Local Government Reform Act 2014 (the Act) provided that there would be one rating authority for the county. Under this legislation, the process specified for rates was that for the first year of the combined authorities (2015) the multipliers used had to be in effect the same as those applying in the former rating authorities.

The act further provides for the harmonisation of commercial rates between former rating authorities and the new restructured county. This Base Year Adjustment (B.Y.A.) process will equalise the Annual Rate on Valuation (A.R.V.) in the county in due course.

This harmonisation process may take place over a number of years, to a maximum of 10 years. This process must commence as part of Budget 2016. It will be a matter for the Council to decide how quickly this harmonisation process will take place. The setting of the Annual Rate on Valuation for the county and the Base Year Adjustment is a reserved function of the council and has to be dealt with as part of the budgetary process in each year. When the harmonisation process is completed the same A.R.V. will apply throughout the county.

The consideration of any other possible actions that might provide benefits to rate payers is a matter that is likely to have significant budgetary implications and will have to be dealt with in that overall context as part of the 2016 budget process later this year.”

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance replied to a number of queries raised and reported that the collection rate in respect of 2013 stood at approx. 75%, he also reminded members that of the rate harmonisation process would be taking place in the future and this would involve the members input at Budget time. He also stated that the vacancy rate has increased in recent years.

The Chief Executive addressed the meeting and reported that while recently having occasion to meet with Enterprise Ireland the Apple facility was discussed and at no point did Enterprise Ireland indicate that the reason for not locating in Clare related to

rates but that the Derrydonnell site was the most suitable for their needs and also the broadband capabilities onsite suited Apple's needs. He also reminded members that if rates are reduced the income must be obtained from another source or else expenditure must be reduced.

The Chief Executive acknowledged that the method used for the Valuation of Rates dates back to the 1850's and is outdated.

Item 15: Air Ambulance.

Ar moladh Cllr. B. Chambers

Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. McNamara agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council would identify locations on the following

1. Atlantic Coast Line starting at New Quay edging Galway Bay and finishing at Kilcreduan Point at the Mouth of the Shannon.
2. On the Shannon Estuary including part of Lough Derg edging the County of Clare starting at Kilcreduan Point at the Mouth of the Shannon to Rissbarra Point, edging Lough Derg (North East of Whitegate)

where the Air Ambulance can land safely at very short notice thus eliminating confusion and reducing delay for all parties linked into the emergency plan.”

In moving this motion Cllr. Chambers asked that the Council co-ordinate efforts to identify suitable locations. It was agreed to consider the proposal in the context of the County Development Plan and to bring it to the attention of Mid-West Emergency Planning Group.

Item 16: Group Water Schemes.

Ar moladh Cllr. T. McNamara

Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council outline the following;

1. How many group water schemes are there in the County Clare that are getting their water supply from the public water mains.
2. how many of these group water schemes have an active functioning committee.
3. what policy and procedure have Clare County Council in place to take in charge schemes where there is currently no active committee.”

Anne Haugh, Director of Service replied as follows;

“**Item 1** At present, there are approximately 220 Group Water Supply Schemes that are connected to public water mains.

Item 2 It is not possible to say exactly how many have an active functioning committee. However, only about 50 Committees submitted a claim for the operational subsidy in recent years, which may give an indication of the number who are very active. Note that this also includes some privately supplied schemes.

Work is underway at present in establishing a database of Group Schemes and we will be trying to make contact with each Scheme to encourage them to set up a committee where there is none currently in place.

Item 3 The Council, acting on its own, can no longer take in charge a Group Water Supply Scheme as the scheme will have to be taken in charge by Irish Water. We are liaising with Irish Water in this regard and asking them to ensure that a process is put in place whereby schemes can be taken in charge by them, where the Scheme has an active committee, meets the required standards and where the conditions of Section 95 of the Water Services Act, 2007 are complied with. There may have to be legislative change to facilitate the taking in charge of Group Water Schemes by Irish Water.”

Item 17: Taking in charge.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Crowe
Cuidithe ag Cllrs. T. O’Brien, A. O’Callaghan, G. Flynn, P.J. Kelly, G. Keating, M. Hillery agus M. McKee agus glacadh leis

"In view of the fact that all Municipal Districts have a legal capacity to take private roads into public charge we propose that, in the interest of countywide consistency, a strategy for handling same be adopted as a matter of urgency."

Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation replied as follows:

“Notwithstanding the fact that there exists at present a “Taking in Charge Policy”, I agree that the said policy doesn’t facilitate adequately all of the situations which may arise in this context. Therefore, a new or amended “Taking in Charge Policy” will be drafted and brought before the Strategic Policy Committee for consideration in the near future.”

Item 20: Housing Annuity Loan.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Howard
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“I request a report from the Director of Services with responsibility for Housing on the low numbers applying for the Annuity Loan from this Council.

- Why is there such a high rejection rate for the Annuity Loan Scheme?
- What fee does this Council charge for processing Annuity Loan applications?”

Gerard Dollard, Director of Service replied as follows:

“The numbers applying for the Annuity Loan from Clare County Council have decreased in recent years as the following table shows:

Annuity Loans

The numbers applying for the Annuity Loan from Clare County Council is outlined in the following table.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of appl. Received	13	3	3	3
No. of refusals	11	1	1	0
No. of applications granted	0	0	1	0
Withdrawn	2	0	0	0
In Process at year end	0	2	1	3

There is a high refusal rate for Local Authority Annuity Loans because applicants are finding it difficult to meet the required lending criteria. To be eligible an applicant must be:

- A first time buyer
- Aged between 18 and 70 years
- Earning under €50,000 single and under €70,000 as joint applicants
- Primary earner, in continuous employment for at least 2 years and the second applicant must have at least one year's employment

The Housing Agency provides an underwriting and support service to all Local Authorities. This central service processes loan applications, carries out credit checks and issues a recommendation to the Council on each application. Applications are stress tested and mortgage repayments cannot exceed 35% of household net income. Evidence of good financial standing must also be shown with a track payment record in respect of previous borrowings and also a good savings record.

A Credit Committee is in place within the Council to make a decision following receipt of the recommendation from the Housing Agency. It is the case that applications are being refused by the Council for one or a combination of the following reasons:

- Applicant/s are not in continuous employment for the required length of time;
- Earnings are not sufficient to make loan repayments and would exceed 35% of household net income, if granted;
- There is evidence of difficulty with repayments on existing borrowings;
- Applicants do not have the required 3% deposit and/or are unable to show evidence of savings of at least 1.5% of the purchase price of the property.

The fee for processing an annuity loan application is €150. The Council meets with each potential applicant before submitting an application and carries out a desk-top exercise to assess their eligibility. If the above eligibility criteria cannot be met, the loan application is generally not submitted thus saving the applicant the time and expense of making an application.”

Item 23: Moneypoint power station.

Ar moladh Cllr. I. Lynch

Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council

A) request a meeting with the Minister for Energy, Communication and Natural Resources, ahead of publishing his white paper on energy, to discuss in detail proposals within the paper and their effects on the sustainability of Moneypoint power station.

B) the Minister would also give a commitment from government that prior to any down grading or decommissioning of Moneypoint powerstation in the future that a replacement industry providing equal employment for our county and equal revenue to this council will be secured and in place.

C) This Council would extend an invitation to E.S.B. power generation to detail their plans for Moneypoint powerstation, avenues for securing its longevity and possible diversification of the held land mass and deep water port for further industry and development.

D) that Clare County Council will commence planning through the county development plan and active marketing through international trade connections to ensure appropriate policies are in place to attract new industry development such as biomass development, renewable industries, trans-shipment, deep water berth and heavy industry with a vision to diversify and extend the longevity of Moneypoint into the future.”

Item 27: Civic Reception.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Curtin

Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“That the Clare County Council accord a Civic Reception to the President and National Officers of the I.N.T.O. on the occasion of their National Conference in Clare from 6th – 10th April, 2015.”

Item 30: Bus and rail timetables.

Ar moladh Cllr. G. Keating

Cuidithe ag Cllr. A. Norton agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council request the National Transport Authority to review the Bus and Rail Timetables to ensure that bus passengers can connect with the Rail Services out of Ennis Station. At present Bus Eireann’s early morning service from West Clare arrives 10 minutes too late for the 10:00 a.m. train from Ennis to Dublin while the evening service departs 10 minutes prior to the 18:27 p.m. train arrival from Dublin. An integrated Bus and Rail Service is in the best interests of Companies, their passengers and the promotion of County Clare as a Tourist Destination.”

Item 31. Comhfhreagras.

Conferences.

Reports on Seminars/Conferences attended.

With regard to seminars/conferences attended, reports completed in accordance with Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 were made available at the meeting.

A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney on 17th February, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €283.25.

It was agreed that Cllrs. J. Breen, P. McMahon and M. Howard attend this Conference.

A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow on 21st February, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €179.48.

It was agreed that Cllr. B. Slattery attend this Conference.

Conference entitled “Regenerating local spaces through effective planning” taking place in Dublin Castle on 26th February, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €386.62.

It was agreed that Cllr. B. Slattery attend this Conference.

L.A.M.A. Spring Training Seminar entitled “Housing Provision” taking place in Ard Rí House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam, Co. Galway on 10th and 11th April, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €127.74 including conference fee of €180.

It was agreed that Cllr. C. Curtin attend this Conference.

A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in the Radisson Hotel, Limerick on 18th April, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €55.06.

It was agreed that Cllr. C. Curtin attend this Conference.

European Commission presentation and talk entitled “Challenges and Possible Solutions associated with Childcare in Ireland” taking place in European Union House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2 on 5th March, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €100.33.

It was agreed that Cllr. M. Howard attend this Conference.

As the time had reached 6:30 p.m. and not all items had been dealt with on the Agenda it was agreed to adjourn the meeting until Monday, 30th March, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Minutes of the adjourned March Meeting of Clare County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare on Monday, 30th March, 2015 at 3:45 p.m.

Present:

Councillors J. Breen, J. Flynn, P. Daly, A. Norton, M. Howard, P. Murphy, C. Colleran Molloy, J. Cooney, P. Hayes, M. Begley, T. O'Brien, P. Burke, A. O'Callaghan, C. Crowe, G. Flynn, P.J. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. McKee, C. Curtin, R. Nagle, M. Hillery, P.J. Kelly, B. Chambers, G. Keating.

- Mr. Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive.
- Mr. Michael McNamara, Meetings Administrator.
- Ms. Siobhan Garvey, Staff Officer.
- Mr. Ger Dollard, Director of Service.
- Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer.

In the absence of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Crowe, Cllr. Tony O'Brien, Leas Cathaoirleach, presided.

Votes of sympathy and Suspension of Standing Orders

At the outset Cllr. P. Hayes proposed that the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to the late John O' Meara of Flagmount. Cllr. P. Hayes paid tribute to the former Councillor who served as a member of Clare County Council from 1975 to 1979 inclusive.

This was seconded by Cllr. P. J. Kelly and agreed by the members present.

Among those who had served as an elected member alongside John and paid tribute to him were Cllrs. P.J. Kelly, and P. McMahon. They recalled Mr. O'Meara was a quiet man who served the people of East Clare well and who took up his position on the Council following the death of his father who was a Councillor for a long number of years.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:

- Cllr. John Crowe and his wife on the death of her brother, Sean Cowman, Limerick.
- The family of Pat O'Gorman, Cratloe brother of Joe O'Gorman (former Clare County Council member).
- The family of Colm Callinan, Kilmihil.

The Chief Executive joined in the expressions of sympathy in particular to the family of the late Councillor O'Meara and the brother in law of the Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Crowe.

Prayers were then recited for the late Mr. O'Meara and all the deceased who were remembered in the votes of sympathy.

The meeting re-commenced following a 15 minute adjournment.

Item 18: Maintenance and upgrade works on local and minor roads.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Cooney
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

“What plans have Clare County Council in place to maintenance and upgrade works on local and minor roads and carry out hedge cutting on all roads.”

Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation replied as follows:

“Proposals in this regard will be outlined in the S.M.D.W. reports to be completed for Municipal District consideration over the next couple of weeks. In general terms, Councillors are already aware that priority has to be given to the elements of the road network upon which demand is greatest and, as a result, minor roads especially local tertiary roads can only be minimally facilitated – due to the collapse in the level of available roads funding which has evolved over the past number of years. There is a provision under the Non-National Roadworks Grants Scheme which was published by the D.T.T.A.S. in early February to use up to 7.5% of the RI and RM grants for Community Involvement Schemes – which by and large tend to facilitate local tertiary routes. It is likely that the aforementioned S.M.D.W. reports will contain proposals in this regard – it should be noted that the contribution expected from private contributors has reduced from 20% to 15% since last year.

With regard to hedgecutting, the Council’s commitments in this regard are outlined in its current “Hedgecutting Policy”. A hedgecutting grant scheme has been in operation for the past two seasons – there was very poor interest over the 2013/’14 season while the level of interested escalated somewhat over 2014/’15. No decision has yet been taken regarding whether such a scheme will evolve for 2015/’16. Ultimately it is necessary that the message regarding responsibility for maintenance of roadside hedges is absolutely clear to landowners and that this responsibility is appropriately acted upon by them – the Council will continue to pursue compliance in this regard.”

Item 19: Speed signage.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. Murphy
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hillery agus glacadh leis

“Re Speed feedback / Flashing Speed Signage:

- i) How many are there installed and where are these located around the county?
- ii) What monitoring, if any, is done with this information and do the Gardai have an input?
- iii) Is there any policy/guidelines as to where this signage is installed or is it at the behest of elected members, the Gardai and Road Engineers?
- iv) Could the Roads staff envisage these signs being rolled out countywide to include built up areas and areas in proximity to all schools?”

Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation replied as follows:

“I will respond to the four points in similar order as follows:

- i. A total of 9 units are located in the Ennis Municipal District – 4 on the R352 Tulla Road, Ennis, 2 on the R474 Circular Road, Ennis, 2 on Cusack Road, Ennis and 1 incoming on the R474 in Kilmaley village.

In East Clare there are a total of 7 – 2 at Tuamgraney, 2 at Kilmurry, 2 at Ogonnelloe and 1 on Scarriff Road, Killaloe.

In West Clare there are a total of 8 – 2 in Lissycasey, 1 in Kilrush, 1 in Connolly, 3 in Miltown Malbay and 1 in Kilkee.

There are none in the Shannon Area but two will be erected on the approaches to Cratloe Village in the near future.

In summary, there are a total of 26 units throughout the county.

- ii. The Gardai have come on board to varying degrees in the county in terms of working with the Council with a view to resolution of speeding problems where it is important to achieve progress in this regard. Some of the speed feedback units are basic in design in that they clarify to the motorist the speed that he/she is doing and highlights if in excess of the speed limit. In other cases the units record information to generate a profile of the speed patterns in a particular area (such as on the Tulla Road, Ennis) where their effectiveness has been shown to be very positive. In general the Gardai acknowledge the effectiveness of the units – once they are located where they can provide benefit and where such benefit is warranted.
- iii. The use of these units is a relatively recent innovation and as such there is no formal policy regarding where they should or shouldn't be installed. In most cases they evolve as a result of representations from Elected Members or the Gardai or on foot of decisions by Road Engineers. Needless to say, the potential merits of representations are considered before decisions are made in this regard.
- iv. Quite apart from the fact that there would be a significant cost in rolling out the provision of these units extensively on a countywide basis, there isn't a strategy to do so at present. There is some benefit in clearly identifying problem areas where the installation of the units may be of benefit and analysing on a case by case basis. There is also the argument that if an extensive roll-out were implemented, the units may lose their effectiveness on the basis that they may become a nuisance from the point of view of some motorists and end up being ignored. Ultimately, the capacity to enforce speed limits is most important and whatever system is in place needs to be backed up by consistent and equitable enforcement across the road network."

Item 21: TB eradication.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Breen

Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. Hayes agus glacadh leis

"I am calling on the Minister for Agriculture to clearly state what progress, if any, is in place to eradicate TB from this countries cattle stock in view of the fact that herd testing has taken place in every herd in the country for the past 60 years."

Item 22: University of Limerick.

Ar moladh Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Cuidithe ag Cllr. T. O'Brien agus glacadh leis

“That this council would request Minister for Education Jan O’Sullivan to consider renaming the University of Limerick (U.L.) as the University of Limerick and Clare (U.L.C.).”

Among the points made by members in support of this proposal were the following;

- a large portion of the Campus is in Co. Clare and by 2020 the majority of the Campus will be in Clare.
- Precedent has been set in the case of the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (G.M.I.T.).

Item 24: Pyrite compensation scheme.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hillery
Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Curtin agus glacadh leis

“That the Government would extend the Pyrite Compensation Scheme for dwelling houses to include Co. Clare.”

Item 25: Jakes Law.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. McKee
Cuidithe ag Cllr. J. Flynn agus glacadh leis

“That Clare County Council, recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015, commonly known as Jakes Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20 km/h specifically for housing estates. The Council further commits to writing to the Minister on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in this state for their consideration.”

Tom Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation replied as follows:

“Notwithstanding the fact that I fully concur with the aspiration to do whatever it takes to maximise safety for children at play in housing estates, I believe that whatever approach is taken needs to be shown to be effective and there may be a mistaken assumption in many instances that the reduction of speed limits alone would have the desired effect. At present the capacity of the Gardai to enforce such a significant change is questionable. Also it is commonly accepted that for speed limits to be effective, the environment in which such regulating signage is placed needs to provide, in practical terms, a reasonable likelihood that such regulation would be effective – this implies that in many instances physical speed influencing infrastructure such as ramps, chicanes etc. may need to be provided in association with signage – implying very significant costs if implemented across the board in housing areas.

I believe that if the speed limits are to be reduced – whether to 20 km/hr or 30 km/hr - that such a change should evolve from a practical demonstration that it would be effective before doing so on a large scale.

At present, a proposal is being considered by the Council’s Strategic Policy Committee which would involve the installation of signage to facilitate reduction of speeds in all housing estates in Shannon – to be preceded by speed surveys and then followed up afterwards by further speed surveys at the same locations – to be analysed to assess the success or otherwise of the pilot.

I recommend that Councillors consider the foregoing in their deliberations on this Notice of Motion.”

Cllr. McKee acknowledged that laws had been amended on this in recent weeks giving additional powers to Local Authorities to reduce speed limits in Housing Estates etc. It was reported that a pilot scheme is currently underway in Shannon where speed limits in Housing Estates have been reduced to 20 km/ph.

Cllr. McKee submitted the following amendment to his motion which read as follows:

“That Clare County Council initiate a consultation process with the general public to examine whether a speed limit of 20 km/ph be introduced”. This proposed amendment was seconded by Cllr. J. Flynn and agreed by all members present.

Item 26: Mayor of Local Authorities.

Ar moladh Cllr. P. McMahon
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P.J. Ryan agus glacadh leis

“I will request the Council to call on the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to give all Local Authorities the option of using the term Mayor to describe its Chair.”

Members pointed out that the word Cathaoirleach is not understood or recognised abroad.

Item 28: Aer Lingus.

Ar moladh Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy
Cuidithe ag Cllr. P. McMahon agus glacadh leis

“In light of the serious vulnerabilities exposed to the people of County Clare by the ongoing “shifting of sands” with respect to the IAG purchase offer for Aer Lingus, that Clare County Council call on:

- (1) the Minister for Transport to delineate when the National Aviation Policy drafted in July 2014 will be published and if it will provide for the establishment of a Business and Private Jet Interior Design and Completions Sector, the industry infrastructure for which would be ideally suited for location in Shannon; and
- (2) the Shannon Group to delineate the efforts they are making to ensure that Shannon be the desired location for a Business and Private Jet Interior Design and Completions Sector and for other aviation activities, such as but not

limited to, Warehousing pending the closing of sale/purchase of aircraft; “fly-in fly-out” facilities for activities such as crew training; and an Irish private/business jet registry.”

After some discussion on the matter Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy submitted an amendment to part (2) of the motion as follows:

“the Shannon Group delineate their efforts and the actual jobs creation and /or job creation projections from “non-core terminal” businesses such as (a) Business and Private Jet Design and Completions; (b) Warehousing (pending sale/purchase of aircraft; (c) “fly in/fly out” facilities for activities such as crew training and (d) an Irish private / business jet registry”.

This amendment was seconded by Cllr. C. Crowe and agreed by all members present.

The Meetings Administrator reported that the Shannon Group would be providing a briefing to the Council prior to the April Monthly meeting to be held on Monday, 13th April.

Item 29: Social Housing Strategy.

Ar moladh Cllr. J. Flynn

Cuidithe ag Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy agus glacadh leis

“Social Housing Strategy (S.H.S.) 2020. Resourcing and empowering of Clare County Housing Authority to deal in an effective way with applicants and anti-social tenants across the range of social housing who have a history of persistent anti-social behaviour.

That Clare County Council commend the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government for setting out Central and Local Government obligations to those who need assistance to provide a home for themselves. The effective use of scarce financial and housing stock resources nationally and locally as set out in the strategy is needed to be implemented to solve the housing crisis.

The automatic right to housing under current Housing Legislation leaves Clare County Council as a Housing Authorities powerless to deal in an effective way with the small number of housing applicants and housing tenants who have a history of persistent anti-social behaviour, such behaviour often very negatively impacts on adjoining neighbours and the community.

Clare County Council request the Minister to urgently obtain the necessary legal and other expert advice to legislate in order that Housing Authorities can be adequately empowered and given the necessary expert support resources to deal with this serious social housing problem.”

After some discussion on the matter it was agreed that the word “commend in paragraph 2 of this motion would be amended to “recognise”. This was agreed by all members present.

Item 31. Comhfhreagras.

- Cllr. P. Hayes referred to Item No. 1 in Correspondence received from the National Roads Authority and expressed his dis-satisfaction with the

response and requested that the National Roads Authority would be written to and asked to meet with the Council to discuss the M18 motorway Ennis to Gort section.

- Mary Howard wished well to Aishling O'Rourke, Clare FM who was leaving the station and moving to another position in Dublin. She thanked her for her support while working at Clare FM.
- The Meetings Administrator referred to Item 27 on the Agenda and reported that a Civic Reception was being afforded to Sean McMahon, President and members of the I.N.T.O. who are holding their annual conference in Ennis from the 6th to 8th April. This Civic Reception will take place on Tuesday 7th April at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber and members are invited to be in attendance.
- Cllr. C. Curtin asked if any update could be provided on the Garden of Remembrance, the Meetings Administrator advised that he would look at the matter and revert at the April monthly meeting.

Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda:

1. Letter dated 24th February, 2015 from the National Roads Authority regarding the emergency works carried out on the M18 motorway Ennis to Gort section.
2. Correspondence dated 26th February, 2015 from the Department of Health concerning an air ambulance service in Co. Clare.
3. Correspondence dated 23rd February, 2015 from the Office of the Taoiseach regarding communication services within County Clare.
4. Correspondence dated 20th February, 2015 from the office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation regarding communication services within County Clare.
5. Correspondence dated 18th February, 2015 from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding communication services in County Clare.
6. Correspondence dated 23rd February, 2015 from the Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation regarding support for the Small Firms Association's campaign to stop discrimination against the self-employed.
7. Correspondence dated 18th February, 2015 from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection regarding social welfare entitlements for the self employed.
8. Correspondence dated 27th February, 2015 from the Department of Finance regarding Clare County Council's support for the Small Firms Association's campaign in relation to the self-employed.
9. Gardens of Remembrance 1916 Centenary Celebrations Initiative.
10. Correspondence from Deputy Pat Breen in relation to application for storm repair funding – Shannon Airport.
11. Resolution from Wicklow County Council in relation to the National Association of Regional Game Councils.
12. Resolution from Limerick City and County Council in relation to the declaration of "off the road" vehicles.

13. Resolution from Limerick City and County Council calling on the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Children to investigate the alleged movement of sex offenders from Northern Ireland to the twenty-six county Republic and, in particular, Limerick City and County.
14. Correspondence from Deputy Pat Breen in relation to application for storm repair funding.
15. Resolution from Fingal County Council in relation to Local Property Tax.
16. Resolution from Offaly County Council condemning the targeting of President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins for any protests or demonstrations.
17. Resolution from Donegal County Council in relation to the I.N.M.O. campaign to have the crisis in all A&E Hospital Departments resolved.
18. Resolution from Donegal County Council in relation to the urgent need for a Rural Affairs committee in Donegal.
19. Information on Padraig Pearse Award 2015.
20. Seminar entitled “Domestic Water Charges – Preparation and Practicalities” taking place in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on 20th – 22nd March, 2015.
21. L.A.M.A. Spring Training Seminar taking place in Ard Rí House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam, Co. Galway on 10th and 11th April, 2015.
22. Training Seminar entitled “Changing trends and approaches to drug and alcohol abuse” taking place in Bewley’s Hotel, Dublin Airport on 10th – 12th April, 2015.

Conferences.

Reports on Seminars/Conferences attended.

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The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €30.95 including conference fee of €25.

It was agreed that Cllrs. P. Burke and C. Collieran Molloy attend this Conference.

A.I.L.G. “In Service” Training taking place in the Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on 12th and 13th March 2015

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €28.56

It was agreed that Cllrs. M. Howard, C. Collieran Molloy and P. Burke attend this Conference.

L.A.M.A. Spring Training Seminar entitled “Housing Provision” taking place in Ard Rí House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam, Co. Galway on 10th and 11th April, 2015.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the estimated average cost per Councillor attending this Conference was €27.74 including conference fee of €180.

It was agreed that Cllrs. A. O’Callaghan, P. Hayes, M. Hillery, B. Chambers, and P. Murphy attend this Conference.

The meeting then concluded.

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