

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD AT BALLINASLOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBER, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.00 a.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Connolly

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Baill: Cllrs. T. Broderick, D. Burke, D. Connolly, A. Donohue, M. Finnerty.

Oifigigh: Ms. C. McConnell A/Director of Services, Mr. E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Mr. A. Headd, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Graduate Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 2014

MDB14045

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 3rd December, 2014 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Burke.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Broderick, it was agreed to adjourn the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in order to facilitate a Deputation from the Derrymullen Flood Alleviation Group to complete their presentation. The meeting was adjourned at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 11.55 p.m.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to Minute No. MDB14044 Page 3 regarding a request for a report on staffing and the level of services which can be delivered by the Municipal District of Ballinasloe, Ms. McConnell stated that a report would be provided which would address both staffing and the level of service provision across all five Municipal Districts within the County and she stated that it was unlikely over the next year that there would be any change in how services are delivered in the Municipal Districts.

In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to Minute No. MDB14040 Page 2 with regard to the possibility of the provision of an additional bridge across the River Suck at Lismany, Mr. Molloy stated that there was no update at this time.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to Minute No. MDB14040 Page 2, Mr. Molloy advised that the provision of additional engineering staff for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe should be addressed over the next number of months.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to Minute No. MDB14040 Page 2 regarding delays to the Town Enhancement Scheme and related road works in Ballinasloe, Ms McConnell advised that she would request a written update from the Water Services Department regarding same.

**CONSIDER REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE – STANDING ORDER NUMBER 5 –
“HOUR OF MEETING”**

MDB14046

Following discussion on this matter, on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty it was agreed to amend Standing Order No. 5 “Hour of Meeting” for the Municipal District Meetings of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe as follows: “The hour of meeting of the municipal district members shall be 2.00 p.m. or at such other hour as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the municipal district members. The municipal district members shall rise not later than 5.00 p.m.”

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR’S BUSINESS

MDB14047

No business arising

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS

MDB14048

Mr. Molloy advised that the Roadworks Programme 2015 was currently being prepared and Mr. Molloy advised that if members wanted to have specific projects considered as part to the RWP 2015 that they should directly contact the Area Engineer.

Mr. Molloy referred to the 4 year RWP and stated that funding was available under this programme for the five Municipal Districts towards 10 x Village and Town Enhancement Projects to the value of €250k each. Mr. Molloy stated that consensus was needed from the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe as to which 2 Enhancement Projects would be undertaken in the District and also in relation to the scheduling of the works as Mr. Molloy stated that it was planned that one of the schemes would be undertaken in the first 2.5 years of the Programme with the second scheme being undertaken in the second 2.5 years of the Programme. Mr. Molloy stated that ideally the 2 x Projects chosen and agreed should complement other improvements in the Village/Town and that they should be ready to go

ahead. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly it was agreed that the Villages of Eyrecourt and Ahascragh would be funded under this scheme for Village and Town Enhancement Projects. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly it was agreed that the Eyrecourt Scheme would be undertaken in advance of the Ahascragh Scheme. All the members agreed that both of these Villages would benefit greatly from the Projects.

Mr. Molloy advised that a draft procedure was being drawn up for Voluntary Groups who carry out works on public roads in order to regulate and put a framework in place for dealing with issues such as health and safety requirements and indemnification of Galway County Council from an insurance perspective. Mr. Molloy stated that the procedure when finalized would be circulated to all the relevant groups and Councillors for their information. Mr. Molloy stated that a lot of good work was being undertaken by these Groups and he hoped that this would continue.

On the proposal by Cllr. M. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty, it was agreed that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would invite the I.D.A. to a future meeting to outline what development and investment plans they have for Ballinasloe with a view to bringing employment to Ballinasloe.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB14049

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly regarding Development Contributions, Ms. McConnell advised that it is expected that the Planning & Development SPC would be operational in February 2015 and that once the SPC is up and running that it is intended that the Development Contributions Scheme will be discussed at same.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Molloy advised that he would investigate and revert with regard to the location of the petrol interceptor on the N63 at Newbridge.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Donohue it was agreed that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would request a Deputation to Minister Simon Harris, T.D. to outline flood relief works required for Ballinasloe and to include the Flood Alleviation Ballinasloe Group.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Molloy advised that Galway County Council currently did not have financial resources available towards provision of new public lighting.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd agreed to meet with Cllr. Connolly regarding a flooding issue in Ahascragh.

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