

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, 3rd DECEMBER, 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. 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, 12th NOVEMBER, 2014

MDB14040

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 12th November, 2014 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Broderick.

Matters arising from the Minutes

With reference to Minute No. MDB14036 Page 4, Cllr. Finnerty referred to a Public Presentation made by the Derrymullen Flood Study Group to the local elected members regarding flooding issues in the Ballinasloe area. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty which was seconded by Cllr. Donohue it was agreed to receive a deputation from the Derrymullen Flood Study Group at the January 2015 Monthly Meeting.

Discussion took place with regard to high insurance premiums being sought as a result of local flooding in the Ballinasloe area. Mr. Molloy stated that details of flood alleviation works undertaken in the area can be made available to the public by Galway County Council and the OPW. Mr. Molloy stated that should members of the public wish they can pass on this information to their insurance companies.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and Cllr. Broderick and with reference to Minute No. MDB14034 Page 2, Mr. Molloy advised that the proposed enhanced road safety signage works would be

going ahead at Ballyeigher Junction but he stated the proposed right hand turn had not been deemed appropriate by the Road Safety Section of the NRA and therefore would not be proceeding.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to Minute No. MDB14034 Page 1, Ms. McConnell advised that Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Services was preparing a draft letter for issue to Irish Water regarding delays to the Town Enhancement Scheme and related road works in Ballinasloe.

With reference to Minute No. MDB14034 Page 2, Cllr. Broderick commended the works carried out at the traffic lights in Moylough Village.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to Minute No. MDB14034 Page 3, Mr. Molloy advised that the provision of additional engineering staff for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe is under consideration.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to Minute No. MDB14035 Page 3, Ms. McConnell advised that discussion with regard to the dedication of monies for Municipal District Budgets was a subject which needed to be discussed at the main Council Meeting, as this matter affects and refers to all of the Municipal Districts.

In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to Minute No. MDB14034 Page 2, Mr. Molloy advised that he would discuss the possibility of the provision of an additional bridge across the River Suck at Lismany with Bord Na Mona. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly it was agreed to receive a deputation at the January 2015 Monthly Meeting from representatives of the IFA regarding concerns in relation to the proposed National Cycle Route Dublin – Galway.

With reference to Minute No. MDB14039 Page 5, Cllr. Burke thanked Mr. Headd for agreeing to meet with the interested parties in relation to issues with Disabled Parking Spaces in Ballinasloe Town.

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to Minute No. MDB 14039 Page 5, Mr. Molloy advised that an assessment of Nutfield Cross would be undertaken by the Council.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR ORDINARY MEETINGS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MDB14041

Ms. McConnell referred to the Standing Orders as adopted for Municipal District Meetings of Ballinasloe and in particular to: Standing Order No. 1 which reads: " Unless upon any occasion when it is otherwise fixed by statute or by resolution of the municipal district members, Ordinary Meetings of the municipal district members shall be held at a minimum bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of each month" and Standing Order No. 5 which reads: "The hour of

meeting of the municipal district members shall be 11.00 a.m. or at any other hour as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the municipal district members” Ms. McConnell advised that at the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe which was held on 11th June, 2014 it was agreed that Ordinary Meetings of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for 2014 would be held on a monthly basis, on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of August and that a review of same would take place in December if required. Following discussion, it was agreed that Ordinary Meetings of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would continue to be held on a monthly basis with the exception of the month of August.

Discussion took place with regard to the “Hour of Meeting” for Municipal District of Ballinasloe Ordinary Meetings and Ms. McConnell advised that any proposal to change the commencement time of the Monthly Meeting would require the Standing Orders for Municipal District of Ballinasloe to be formally amended. On the proposal of Cllr. Donohue which was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty it was agreed to consider this issue at January 2015 Monthly Meeting for Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR’S BUSINESS

MDB14042

With reference to Minute No. 14035 Page 3, Ms. McConnell briefed the members on the Ballinasloe Landfill Remediation Fund Report and advised that she would arrange to forward a copy of same to each of the members. Ms. McConnell advised that a copy of this report had previously been presented and circulated to the Ballinasloe Town Council members. Ms. McConnell advised that she would also arrange to circulate to each of the members a copy of a report as prepared by Mr. Kevin Mulrennan in relation to proposed landfill expenditures.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS

MDB14043

No business arising.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB14044

Cllr. D. Connolly asked for a report issue on Staffing and level of services which Ballinasloe Municipal District can deliver.

Cllr. Finnerty paid tribute to Sister Sarah Jordan of the FMDM Sisters on her 100th birthday and asked that a letter of congratulations issue to her from the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Cllr. Broderick referred to the proposed closure of the Cappataggle Post Office. Cllr. Broderick advised that a protest was being held on the 3rd December, 2014 and asked the members for their support.

Cllr. Donohue welcomed the decision by Galway County Council to maintain the same rate levels for 2015 which he stated would be helpful to local businesses.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly Mr. Molloy advised that a Quarterly Flooding Alleviation updates will be provided.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly with regard to his proposal that yellow lines be placed on both sides of the road at the Railway Station, Mr. Molloy advised that he would get back to the members with regard to the process which would need to be followed in such a situation.

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