

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 9th JANUARY, 2018 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Burke

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Cllrs. D. Connolly, M. Connolly, A. Donohue, M. Finnerty.

Oifigigh: Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Service, Mr. E. Lydon, Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies: Cllr. T. Broderick

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Ms. Tracy Grenham, 29 Rathglass, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. William Walsh, 4 Curragh Park, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. John Butler, Tristaun, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mrs. Bertha Forrestal, 14 Hawthorn Close, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 2019 MDB19001

In relation to the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 12th December, 2018 – Municipal District of Ballinasloe Directors Business, Page 2, Cllr. A. Donohue requested clarification on the following: “Mr. Cullen advised that Gibson Bros. had ceased work at the site and that they would be mobilizing on the site again in 2020 with a view to completion of the capping and landscaping”.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 12th December, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes

With reference to MDB18055 Page 3, all the members paid tribute to Mr. Noel Casey who retired from his position as General Services Supervisor in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe after 38 years dedicated service to Ballinasloe Town Council and Galway County

Council. Cllr. Burke welcomed Mr. Eamon Lydon, Executive Engineer to the meeting and wished him well in his new role as Executive Engineer for the Ballinasloe South Electoral Area. Cllrs. D. Connolly and M. Connolly asked that the permanent Senior Executive Engineer be appointed to the Municipal District of Ballinasloe as soon as possible especially taking into consideration the proposed boundary extension to the Municipal District of Ballinasloe which is due to take place in 2019.

With reference to MDB18055 Page 3, Cllr. D. Connolly asked if the works in Beechlawn could be further assessed in 2019.

With reference to MDB18055 Page 3, Cllr. D. Connolly asked if an assessment could be undertaken in relation to provision of tourist signage for the Aughrim Interpretive Centre.

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to MDB18055 Page 3, Mr. Farrell advised that he would consult with the Director of Services with responsibility for Roads & Transportation in relation to the operation of Galway County Council's Land Disposal Strategy.

With reference to MDB18052 Page 2, Cllr. M. Connolly asked if funding could be secured for the proposed Harris Road Footpath.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB19002

Mr. Farrell presented an update on the installation of the Outdoor Gym & Fitness Equipment at Dunlo Recreational Park, Ballinasloe and he asked the members if they would assist in the promotion of the new facility. Cllrs. D. Connolly and Donohue welcomed the installation of the new equipment at Dunlo Recreational Park and stated that Dunlo Recreation Park is a great asset to the town of Ballinasloe.

Mr. Farrell advised that "The Pulse Club", which is an initiative of the Ballinasloe Area Community Development, will be open to membership from January, 2019. Mr. Farrell advised that the club will provide a networking platform for both new entrepreneurs and developing businesses and will provide members with a mentoring and support service via monthly presentations/courses. Mr. Farrell advised that The Pulse Club meetings will be held in the Ballinasloe Library buildings. Cllr. M. Connolly paid tribute to The Pulse Club and their ambitions and he stated that Ballinasloe Town has a lot going for it in particular its location, proximity to Universities, proximity to the motorway and railway.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB19003

No business arising.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB19004

Cllr. M. Connolly asked that the road from Mountbellew to Ballyforan due to its very bad state of repair, be assessed for inclusion on the Roads Programme 2019 or progressed under emergency funding.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that the St. Brigid's Hospital site is in the ownership of the HSE and that there are protocols in place with regard to the disposal of public lands. In relation to St. Brigid's Hospital, Cllrs. M. Connolly and D. Connolly stated that this was a historic public property, the site is becoming derelict and it is very unsightly and that the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe had a key role in speaking on behalf of the community in relation to this matter. Cllr. Donohue asked what powers Galway County Council had in relation to listing/delisting this site. In response, Mr. Farrell advised that Galway County Council has powers in relation to derelict sites. Mr. Farrell stated that when the County Development Plan is due for re-examination in 2021 that the issues of zoning at this location and protected structures could be considered. Mr. Farrell also advised that there is current engagement between the BACD and the HSE with regard to the future use of the site

Cllr. Donohue stated that An Taisce had reported (on behalf of Irish Businesses Against Litter (IBAL)) on areas of litter in the Town of Ballinasloe and he asked that Galway County Council would work with the Tidy Towns Committee with a view to addressing littering at specific locations identified. Cllr. D. Connolly paid tribute to the work carried out at Pollboy with regard to illegal dumping.

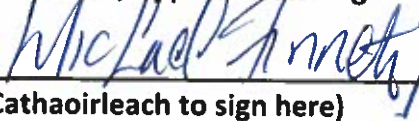
Cllr. D. Connolly asked if the matter of grass cutting in estates in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe could be assessed.

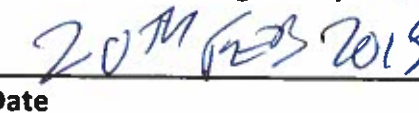
In response to Cllrs. Finnerty and M. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that the responsibility for the allocation of houses was the responsibility of the Housing Department in Galway County Council and he advised that direct contact should be made with the Housing Department in relation to any matters relating to same. Cllrs. Finnerty and D. Connolly asked that consideration with regard to the community ethos be taken into account when allocating housing at Garbally Drive.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 13th February, 2019 @ 2 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed


(Cathaoirleach to sign here)


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