

## 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 08<sup>th</sup> JUNE, AT 2.00 p.m.

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. D. Burke

### **I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

**Oifigigh:** Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Service, Mr. J. Leahy, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. A. Headd, A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. M. Melody, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer.

### **RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

Mr. Neil Trappe, Perssepark, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Mary Devine, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Christy Costello, Gurteenaveela, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Treasa Dolan, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2016**

MDB16032

Cllr. Broderick asked that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe as held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 be amended as follows:

#### **Minute No. – MDB16028 – Introduction of Pay by Weight**

“Cllr. M. Connolly raised the issue of Competitive Tendering. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Burke and following a roll call which resulted as follows: **For:** Cllr. Burke, Cllr. D. Connolly, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. Donohue and Cllr. Finnerty **Against:** Cllr. Broderick, the following resolution was agreed: “I propose that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe write to the Minister for the Environment and the EPA requesting that legislation be put in place to allow County and City Councils operate a competitive tendering system for Domestic Waste Collection. International experience has shown that where Competitive Tendering is operated by Local Authorities that Household and Domestic Waste Collection is 20% cheaper” and

### **Minute No. – MDB16031 –Any Other Business**

“On the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Donohue it was proposed that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would write to Mr. Denis Naughton and congratulate him on his appointment as Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources and write to Ms. Maura Hopkins and congratulate her on her appointment as a Senator”.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe as held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 be amended to include the following:

### **Minute No. – MDB 16028 – Introduction of Pay by Weight**

“Cllr. D. Connolly expressed concern at the introduction of Pay by Weight and the possibility of Waste Collection Contractors not providing a service at certain locations. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that in his view Local Authorities should be more involved in providing waste collection services to communities”.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 as amended 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**

Following discussion, with reference to MDB16031 Page 3, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly the following resolution was agreed: “I propose that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would write to Mr. Seán Canney, T.D. and congratulate him on his appointment as Minister of State for OPW and Flood Relief”.

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to MDB16029 Page 2, Mr. Farrell advised that part of the funding provided for the Ballinasloe Library was from the Poolboy Landfill Fund and he confirmed no funding for Ballinasloe Library came from the Greenstar Facility in Kilconnell.

With reference to MDB160277 Page 1, Cllrs. Burke and D. Connolly expressed dissatisfaction with the CFRAM Public Consultation Day which was held in Athlone. Mr. Headd advised that a letter had issued to Galway County Council from the OPW which confirmed that the areas of Meelick, Kylemore, Clonfert and Esker would not be considered under the Shannon CFRAM Study with regard to winter flooding. Mr. Headd then confirmed that these locations would have to be considered as submissions under Minor Work Schemes applications to the OPW. Mr. Headd advised that funding had been received from the OPW for drainage works at Deerpark to be co-funded by Galway County Council. He advised that the Roads and Transportation Department were currently working on applications for further schemes. Mr. Headd advised that the Severe Weather Allocation, 2016 in the amount of €1.7m would be carried out as part of the Roadworks Programme and would be completed by October 2016. Following this discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Broderick the following resolution was agreed “I propose that Ballinasloe Municipal District would

request Rúnaí an Chontae to ask Teachta Dálaigh, Sean Canney, Minister with responsibility for OPW meet with Galway County Council Plenary crinníú with a view to advance the CFRAMS Project and discuss flood alleviation measures and that prior to the Full Plenary Meeting, the Minister would meet the Members and Engineering staff of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.”

With reference to MDB16031 Page 3, Mr. Headd advised that a contractor had been employed to trim the tree at Garbally Drive. Mr. Headd advised that Mr. McEvoy would meet with Cllr. Donoghue in order to discuss further.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO EXTINGUISH PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – (ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 73)**

**MDB16033**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Donohue, the Council approved the Notice of Intention to Extinguish Public Right of Way, the statutory procedure having been complied with:-

A portion of roadway for a length of 119m (A to B on map) at CASTLE FFRENCH, BALLINAMORE BRIDGE, BALLINASLOE. The relative portion is of public road LP3211, commencing at public road LP3210 and extending North East for approximately 119 metres and ending at its junction with the realigned road in the townlands of Castle Ffrench and Lisnaclassagh (map attached).

**ROAD AT TOWNPARKS, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY**

**MDB16034**

Mr. Headd advised that site investigation for this project had taken place and that Consultants had been appointed to prepare an Environmental Impact Study. With regard the Planning Permission for Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Cllr. Finnerty was referred to discuss the matter with the Planning Department.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS**

**MDB16035**

No Business arising.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

**MDB16036**

In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Headd advised that there was currently no funding available to enhance Car Parking areas at Graveyards. Mr. Leahy advised that work of this nature could not be carried out under Notice of Motions. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Farrell advised that the IPB Funding of €20k per Municipal District was to be used by the Councillors to assist the Community and Voluntary Sectors in their areas as directed by the Corporate Policy Group. On the proposal of Cllr. Broderick and seconded by Cllr. Donhoue, the following resolution was agreed: "I propose that the €20,000 allocation (IPB) to M.D. Ballinasloe is divided equally between the 6 members at €3,333.33 each". Mr. Headd advised that Health & Safety with regard to all projects would have to be considered.

**PLANNING APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED CONSTRUCTED WETLAND (ICW) AT POLLBOY LANDFILL**

Mr. Melody made a presentation to the members with regard to the Planning Application for an Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) at Pollboy Landfill. In his presentation, Mr. Melody set out Galway County Council's Business Case for on-site Leachate Treatment. Mr. Melody stated that the ICW was chosen as the preferred option as it presented a lower lifetime cost and had potential to develop into an amenity for the local community at a later stage. Mr. Melody's presentation also focused on ICW Performance; ICW Design; Cost Analysis and the Project Development Schedule. Mr. Melody stated that Galway County Council Management Team approved on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 to progress the project through the Planning Process with An Bord Pleanála.

All of the members thanked Mr. Melody for his presentation. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Melody advised that odour management at the site would form part of the licence from the EPA which he advised would have to be complied with. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Melody advised an ICW would not be possible at the Greenstar Landfill in Kilconnell as the leachate levels were above limits. Mr. Melody stated that the Council Roads Depot would remain in place. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Melody advised that the site at Pollboy Landfill was owned by Galway County Council. Mr. Melody advised that the levels of discharge would be set by the EPA which he stated would involve weekly/monthly monitoring. Mr. Melody also advised that the ponds involved were shallow, the area in question would be fenced and that there was no Public Consultation Day planned in relation to this matter. In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Melody advised that the project was being funded from the Pollboy Landfill Fund.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Burke, the following resolution was agreed: "I propose that Ballinasloe Municipal District receive a report on staffing levels for our District Area. Report to include staff losses over the last 18 months and anticipated losses over the next year and the Council's plans for staffing levels across the services delivered by Council in Ballinasloe Municipal District and Civic Offices at our next crinniú".

**NOTICE OF MOTION****Notice of Motion No. 2: – Cllr. DONOHUE**

MDB16038

*The following reply was given:-*

"This request will be considered by the Roads & Transportation Department of Galway County Council".

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

**Submitted, Approved and Signed**

Don Burke

**(Cathaoirleach to sign here)**

13/7/2016

**(Date)**