

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 10th April, 2019 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Burke

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Bail: Cllrs. Broderick, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, A. Donohue, M. Finnerty

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

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Alfie Burns, c/o Flannery Nursing Home, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Sheila Cassidy, The Rectory, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Anthony Hyde, Carrowmore, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Noreen Dunne, Cooloo, Moylough, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th March, 2019

MDB19016

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 13th March, 2019 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Donohue.

Matters arising from the Minutes

With reference to MDB19015 Page 5, Cllr. M. Connolly stated that he welcomed the fact that GW41 Applications for Group Water Sewage Schemes have been submitted to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Following a discussion with reference to MDB19012 Page 3 "Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme – Presentation by OPW", on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. M.

Connolly, the following resolution was agreed: “That following the reply to Cllrs. from the O.P.W. at the Municipal District dated 13th March, 2019 that some rivers do not fall under the remit of the OPW or Local Authorities and that this situation needs to be addressed by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform”.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993

MDB19017

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:

- (a) Road commencing at junction with Local Road L- 4607 (E182,823; N232,395) in the townland of Kilcloony and extending Northwards for a distance of 390 metres in the townland of Kilcloony and finishing at the northern boundary of David & Michelle McPhillips’ Dwelling House site (E182,830; N232,785) in the townland of Kilcloony.

THE APPROVAL OF INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT 2018 IN RELATION TO THE PERFORMANCE OF FUNCTIONS BY THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE MEMBERS

MDB19018

Mr. Farrell read into the meeting the Draft Report prepared in relation to the performance of functions by the Municipal District of Ballinasloe during 2018. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Broderick it was agreed to also include that Galway Fire Service presented a detailed update to the members on the Wildland Fire Incidents in the Draft Report

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, which was seconded by Cllr. Broderick, it was agreed that that the information as contained in the Draft Report in relation to the performance of functions by the Municipal District of Ballinasloe during 2018 be included in the Annual Report 2018, in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act 2014 – Schedule 14A- Part 1, Section 221 subject to the information on the Fire Service presentation on the Wildland Fire Incidents being also included.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR’S BUSINESS

MDB19019

Mr. Madden presented an Update on the National Broadband Plan. Mr. Madden advised that the National Broadband Plan (NBP) is a Government policy that aims to ensure that every home, school and business in Ireland, regardless of how remote or rural, has access to high speed broadband. Mr. Madden advised that this is being achieved through a combination of commercial investment across the country and a state intervention in those areas where commercial operators are unlikely to invest which he advised are primarily

rural areas. Mr. Madden advised that the non-commercial highspeed broadband area is called the “The Intervention Area” and that through a procurement process, the Department is currently looking for a company to build, maintain and operate the State Intervention Network for the next 25 years. Mr. Madden gave an update on the current Procurement Process, details on the Commercial Investment in place and an update on the National Broadband Plan for Q4 2018 for County Galway.

The members thanked Mr. Madden for his presentation. In response to the members, Mr. Madden explained that Eir is a commercial entity who are assessing and choosing locations based on commercial criteria. Mr. Madden explained that Eir are not being paid by the Government to provide connections. The members raised queries in relation to instances where on the some roadways, Eir have provided broadband to some households and not others and in response Mr. Madden stated that if the members contact him directly with specific details including Eircode addresses that he would raise the queries directly with Eir.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Madden advised that the provision of fibre broadband was specific to each household and could not be compromised as had sometimes occurred with the old copper system. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Madden advised that the ComReg Web Site was available to the members of the public both for carrying out speed tests and for making complaints. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that the outsourcing of the provision of broadband to the private sector as opposed to the provision of broadband by the Public Sector was a mistake.

Mr. Farrell advised that an invitation had been received for the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for an official to attend the 59th Fete des uVins d'Anjor by Stella DUPONT, Conseiller Général de Maine et Loire, Maire de CHALONNES SUR LOIRE on the 18th and 19th May, 2019

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS

MDB19020

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick seconded by Cllr. Burke, the following resolution was agreed: “That Irish Water treat as a matter of urgency the rehabilitation of Kilconnell Water (Boil Notice) and that this Municipal District contact Irish Water to clarify what is the acceptable level of pesticide in public water schemes and if the recent discovery of pesticide in the Ballinasloe Public Water Scheme is within that level of acceptability”.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB19021

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that the he would revert with further information in relation to the Taking in Charge of two roads in the Ballinasloe North District.

Cllr. D. Connolly paid tribute to Council staff including Ms. Marian Donohue and Mr. Mick Curley for their work involved in the Official Opening and the provision of the Outdoor

Fitness Zone at the Dunlo Recreational Park. Cllr. D. Connolly also paid tribute to the Tús workers and stated that their one year contracts should be extended to two year contracts.

In response to Cllrs. D. Connolly and Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that an assessment of the Creagh Road Junction had been carried out by Mr. McEvoy in October 2018 where he stated it was found that there were minor delays at peak times for traffic and overall Mr. Mitchell stated that there were no significant problems at the junction. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that a response had issued from Mr. Headd to the Creagh Residents Association after the previous Deputation held with the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and Mr. Mitchell stated that he would make a copy of this response available to all the members. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that it is usual practice that a Road Safety Audit is carried out for every commercial Planning Application. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would ascertain from the Planning Department as to whether a Safety Audit was carried out as part of the Planning process for the 15,000 sq. ft. Advanced Technology Unit in the IDA site in Creagh.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Law Agents Department are examining legal issues with regard to accommodation roads on the old N6

In relation to Flood mitigation works Cllr. Donohue asked if the Council was in a position to resubmit 4 applications which did not meet the Cost Benefit Analysis and Mr. Mitchell in response stated that he would ask Ms. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer to examine same.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 8th May @ 2.p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

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