

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, 13th MAY at 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Connolly

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Ms. C. McConnell A/Director of Service, 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.

On the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that resolutions of sympathy may be passed at meetings of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a period of 5 minutes as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. Madeline Connolly R.I.P. mother of Cllr. Dermot Connolly and the late Mrs. Delia Tierney, R.I.P. mother of Mr. Declan Tierney.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Nora Geraghty, St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that the April Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would finish no later than 3.45 p.m. on 13/05/2015.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL, 2015 MDB14065

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 8th April, 2015 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Matters arising from the Minutes

With reference to Minute No. MDB14063, Page 7 Ms. Gardiner advised that: a) a response had been received from Mr. Maurice Power, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Saolta University HSE in which he advised that “HSE West went out to tender for the design of a 50 bedded replacement ward block in Portiuncula Hospital at the end of 2014. Currently all evaluations have been completed and a letter of intent has issued to both the successful and unsuccessful applicants. The next stage will be the issue of letters of appointment and the contract will be awarded to the successful contractors in the coming weeks” and that b) a response had been received from the Minister for Health, Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD advising that the matter was receiving attention.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to Minute No. MDB14059 Page 1, Mr. Headd advised that a meeting had taken place between Galway County Council and Roscommon County Council with regard to the Suck Drainage District and that Galway County Council was currently reviewing the mapping of the District. Mr. Headd advised that Derrycahill Bridge is being treated as a priority with regard to works for 2015 and that this project is being led by Roscommon County Council. Mr. Headd also advised that Galway County Council will be providing funding towards same.

In response to Cllrs. Broderick and D. Connolly and with reference to Minute No. MDB14061 Page 6, Ms. McConnell advised that the commencement of the preparation of a Retail Strategy for the County of Galway would be undertaken by the Planning Department within the next 12 months. Ms. McConnell advised that any such Retail Strategy would be carried out jointly with Galway City Council.

Cllr. M. Connolly referred to a letter which had been received from Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Vice Chairman of the Flood Alleviation Ballinasloe Community Project. The meeting was informed that the Vice Chairman in his letter had thanked the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for meeting with them; for arranging for them to meet with members of the Galway County Council Executive and for arranging the subsequent meeting with Minister Simon Harris in Leinster House in March, 2015. With regard to Minute No. MDB14059 Page 1, following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty the following was agreed “This Municipal Council request a date from Minister Simon Harris to visit Ballinasloe to see first hand the situations regarding flooding dangers into the future. I propose we write to the Minister as soon as possible”.

CONSIDER REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE: STANDING ORDER No. 1 - “MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEMEBERS” AND NO. 51 - “DEPUTATIONS”.

MDB14066

Following discussion on this matter, on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to amend:

a) Standing Order No. 1 “Meetings of the Municipal District Members” to read as follows: “Unless upon any occasion when it is otherwise fixed by Statute or by resolutions of the municipal district members, or order of the Cathaoirleach following consultation with the Meetings Administrator, Ordinary Meetings of the municipal district members shall be held at a minimum bimonthly on the

second Wednesday of each month. A schedule of Ordinary Meetings of the municipal district members for the ensuing year shall be approved at each Annual Meeting” and

b) Standing Order No. 51 “Deputations” to read as follows: “The municipal district members may be resolution or order of the Cathaoirleach following consultation with the Meetings Administrator decide to receive a Deputation. Deputations shall be heard in committee prior to the commencement of the meeting. Subject to the direction of the Chair, 2 persons may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than 5 minutes, unless permitted by the Chair.

Request for a deputation to be heard by the municipal district members shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified in writing on the motion of a municipal district member, or direct application by the body concerned, sent to the meetings administrator at least 10 clear days before the date of the meeting.

The deputation may only be questioned by municipal district members but shall not be entitled to ask questions.

When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

The municipal district members may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided half of the members present vote for the resolution”.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR’S BUSINESS

MDB14067

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. Donoghue it was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would be held at 1 p.m on Wednesday 10th June, 2015.

Ms. McConnell advised that Ms. Catherina Blewitt, West Regional Business & Relationship Manager, IDA in recent correspondence with the Council had expressed her dissatisfaction in relation to an article in the Connacht Tribune dated Friday 10th April, 2014 wherein it was reported that “The IDA has still refused two requests for a meeting with Local Council Members in Ballinasloe in an effort to secure new jobs for the town”. Ms. McConnell in addressing this matter clarified that at the April, 2015 Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Ballinasloe members had been advised that the IDA has accepted an invitation of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe to attend a meeting and Ms. McConnell further advised that since the last meeting arrangements were now in place for Ms. Blewitt 's attendance at the June 2015 Monthly Meeting of MD of Ballinasloe.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB14068

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty it was agreed to change the proposed brick paving to imprinted asphalt to the proposed parking areas of the three Streets: Society Street; Main Street and Dunlo Street and the central area where the three Streets meet. Mr. Headd advised that this agreed change will now be included as part of the tender documents.

Mr. Headd advised that proposed landscaping works at Mackney and Suckfield Roundabouts would proceed in the near future at a cost of approximately €85k and that Roscommon County Council would contribute towards this cost.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB14069

Cllr. Broderick raised a query with regard to seating arrangements for the Press attending the Municipal District of Ballinasloe Meetings. Ms. McConnell advised that she had not been made aware of any specific requirements of the attending Press. Ms. McConnell and Mr. Headd advised that the matter would be addressed in advance of the next meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that "Ballinasloe Municipal District write to the Minister for the Environment and the relevant Regulator with a view to having the necessary infrastructure provided in the town of Ballinasloe to ensure e-fibre broadband is provided to serve Main Street in Ballinasloe ". In response Mr. Headd advised that he would raise the matter with the relevant Consultants.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that he would examine and report further on road safety issues at Caher Crossroads.

Cllr. Donohue raised a concern regarding lack of maintenance at Beagh Roundabout and Mr. Headd advised that he would raise the concern with Roscommon County Council.

In response to Cllr. Broderick Ms. McConnell advised that Parking Development contributions under the current Development Contribution Scheme were specific contributions towards provision of parking in general in throughout the town.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

10/6/15 (Date)