

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. A. Donohue

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Service, Mr. A. Headd, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. F. McEvoy, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Assistant Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Donal Flynn, Togher, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Ms. Phyllis Ryan, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Nora Campbell, 6 Woodlands, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Angela Donohue, Killoran, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF: (a) ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 2017 AND (b) DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLILNASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER, 2017.

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(a) ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 2017

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 25th October, 2017 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Burke.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Finnerty stated that he wanted it recorded that he had sent his apologies due to him being unable to attend both the October Monthly Meeting and the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 25th October, 2017.

Cllr. D. Connolly referred to the Community Needs Analysis carried out by Galway Rural Development, MDB17051, Page 3 (copy of which had been issued to each of the members by Ms. Gardiner) and he requested that this document be recorded in the Minutes of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Mr. Farrell advised that it could be recorded that Cllr. D. Connolly had referenced the document in discussions but that it was not possible to write the document into the minutes as suggested. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly suggesting that the County Council must act on the document, Mr. Farrell advised that Galway County Council had a very good working relationship with the GRD and liaised with them on a regular basis and that the findings could influence works that GRD carry out from a social inclusion perspective and that they could also liaise with the County Council and other agencies as appropriate. Cllr. Donohue stated that all of the members had been invited and attended at the launch of the Community Needs Analysis Document where they had been provided with a copy of the document and were aware of its contents.

With reference to MDB17046 Page 1, Mr. Headd advised that funding had been provided from the Environment Section for the provision of larger speed limit signs at Cappataggle and that the signs were in the process of being procured.

With reference to MDB17046, Page 1 Mr. Farrell advised that he would revert to the members with update on what proposals, if any, there were for the Old Fire House and Old Library in Ballinasloe.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB17046 Page 1, Mr. Headd advised that he had not received an update from Mr. Melody with regard to the loss of waste material from the back of trucks travelling to the landfill. Mr. Headd stated that he would ask Mr. Melody to provide an update by email to all of the members in relation to this matter.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB17046 Page 2, Mr. Headd advised that he had not received an update from Mr. Cullen with regard the provision of ring fenced funding for Winter Maintenance for the Cappataggle to Kilconnell Road. Mr. Headd stated that he would ask Mr. Cullen to circulate an update by email to all of the members.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB17051 Page 3, Ms. Gardiner advised that responses had been received from the Department of Health on the 10th November, 2017; from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs on the 1st November, 2017 and from the Health Service Executive on 6th November, 2017 with regard to the October Resolution of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in relation to the matter of the Children's Dental Clinic, Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway copies of which had been circulated to all the members. Cllr. D. Connolly expressed disappointment with the responses as received from the Department of Health and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and stated that the response from the HSE advised that "It is our full intention to resume the Portiuncula service as soon as resources are in place".

(b) DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLILNASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER, 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Burke that the Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 25th October, 2017 be adopted. Following a discussion with regard to the level of detail contained within the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting Minutes as compiled by the Finance Department, the Municipal District Members were not unanimous in agreement to the adoption of the minutes. Both Cllr. Broderick and Cllr. D. Connolly stated that the Minutes did not reflect the level of discussions that took place. Mr. Farrell advised that the Minutes should reflect decisions taken and actions agreed and that it was not possible to record all discussions which took place and advised that if the members felt there were specific items they wanted included they could highlight them. A number of the members queried exactly what was missing to which the reply was that did not reflect the level of discussion at the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Broderick and seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly that "The Minutes of the Draft Budget Meeting for Ballinasloe Municipal District held on Wednesday 25th October, 2017 are not adopted, because of the significant lack of detail contained within them". A roll call vote taken on these proposal which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Broderick, D Connolly (2)
Against: Cllrs. Donohue, M. Connolly and Burke(3)
Abstain: Cllr. Finnerty (1)

A vote was then taken on the proposal that the Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 25th October, 2017 be adopted which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Donohue, M. Connolly and Burke(3)
Against: Cllrs. Broderick, D Connolly (2)
Abstain: Cllr. Finnerty (1)

The Cathaoirleach declared the Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 25th October, 2017 adopted and they were signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllrs. D. Connolly and Broderick restated that the Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of Municipal District of Ballinasloe did not reflect the level of discussion at the Meeting and stated that they were disappointed that the Minutes made no reference to discussions which took place with regard to the Capital Reserve Fund; the Village Enhancement Scheme; the Town Enhancement Scheme and the effects of the reduced budget on the Maintenance Budgets for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Mr. Farrell advised that the Minutes were prepared by the Finance Department and recorded the decisions taken. Mr. Farrell confirmed that the minutes of today's meeting would reflect

the issues concerned raised by the Cllrs. as well as the decisions taken in relation to the Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 25th October, 2017 as circulated.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB17053

Mr. Farrell presented the 2017 RAPID Programme to the members and stated that that the RAPID Programme had been launched nationally with an overall allocation of €2m. Mr. Farrell advised that €64.5k had been allocated to Galway County Council and that the closing date for submissions from Galway County Council in relation to the programme was the 24th November, 2017 which he stated was a very tight timeframe set nationally.

Mr. Farrell advised that the focus of the RAPID Programme was on supporting projects which could improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas. He advised that 4 towns in County Galway had urban areas which had been identified as *Extremely Disadvantaged* or *Very Disadvantaged* in accordance with the Trutz Haase Deprivation Index: Tuam, Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Gort. He said that the LCDC had agreed to invite projects from community organisations in these towns and to focus on actions that were in line with the Social Inclusion and Poverty and objective 25 of the LECP which refers to the Development of Key Towns. Mr. Farrell advised that the allocation for projects would depend on the quality of the project as opposed to the location of the project and he advised that the Programme is being administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC). All the members expressed disappointment at the level of funding being allocated to County Galway and concern in relation to the tight deadline. On the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Burke it was agreed that owing to the tight deadline, it would not be necessary to hold a special meeting to agree the Projects being put forward for submission in relation to Ballinasloe. Mr. Farrell stated that he would contact the members by email once the decision on the projects being put forward was made by the evaluation team of the Council working with the sub-committee of the LCDC. The members confirmed their satisfaction to make the decision by email communications.

Mr. Headd presented a status report of OPW Projects for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Mr. Headd advised that projects to the value of €360k had been approved and that work on same was due to commence or were now complete. Mr. Headd advised that projects to the value €529k were submitted to the OPW and were awaiting approval. Mr. Headd advised that there was one Suggested Relocation project for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Mr. Headd advised that the Town & Village Renewal Scheme Project (Footpaths) was underway at Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe. Cllr. D. Connolly and all the members welcomed this project. Mr. Headd paid tribute to the successful application for funding which was made by Accessibility Ballinasloe and Ballinasloe Town Team.

Mr. Headd advised that Local Improvement Schemes to the value of €163k were approved and underway in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and that same would be completed shortly. Clls. M. Connolly and Donohue commended the Engineering Staff of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe on the above.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB17054

Cllr. Donohue requested that a representative of the Roads & Transportation unit would attend the next meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe to give an update on the status of the Galway – Dublin Greenway.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB17055

A discussion took place with regard to the Deputation Meeting with Creagh Community Development Council and on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Broderick the following resolution was agreed: " I propose that Ballinasloe Municipal District write to H.S.E. to see if they would engage in the provision of an area at Creagh Cemetery for car parking facilities". Mr. Headd advised that this project would need Part 8 Planning and that this location was deemed a Protected Structure in the County Development Plan.

Cllr. Broderick asked if the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe could look at revoking 50% of the money allocated for Galway 2020 and instead look at redirecting this money to Galway County Council Maintenance Budgets. Cllrs. Donohue and M. Connolly stated that they were not in agreement with this suggestion.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that the reduction in the 2018 Budget for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would impact on Town & Village maintenance; grass cutting; repair of potholes; hedge cutting and drainage in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd stated that the Acting Director of Services in the Roads and Transportation Department, Mr. Timmins had advised that the 2019 timeline could be affected with regard to the upgrade to Ahascragh under the Village Enhancement Scheme.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that the Ballinasloe Town Enhancement Scheme successful tender was over the original estimate and he advised that this is currently being considered by Galway County Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 13th December, 2017 at 2.00 p.m. in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe Office.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

13/12/17

(Date)