

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 OCTOBER, 2018 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Burke

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

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

Apologies received from Cllr. A Donohue.

As a mark of respect for the late Mr. Michael Donohue, R.I.P brother of Cllr. Donohue, it was agreed by all to adjourn the meeting for a period of 5 minutes.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Patricia Goode, 12 Glentaun Road, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Brid Donnellan, Coraneena, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Teresa Mockler, Tycooley, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Ms. Paula Bleahen, 'Barnavilla', Derrymullen, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 2018

MDB18040

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 12th September, 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 MDB18037 Page 2, Cllr. Finnerty acknowledged the work of Galway County Council staff in the successful running of the Ballinasloe Horse Fair & Festival and in the restoration of the Fairgreen back to a high standard immediately following the Fair. Cllr. M. Connolly also paid tribute to the work of Galway County Council, the Fair & Festival Committee, An Garda Síochána, Civil Defence and the Event Management Company in the success of the Ballinasloe Horse Fair & Festival 2019.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB18039 Page 3, Mr. Farrell stated that issues in relation to criminal activity should be referred to An Garda Síochána and suggested that the Acting Director of Services with responsibility for Housing, Mr. Michael Owens could be contacted with a view to organizing a meeting with him in order to discuss specific anti-social behavior issues.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB18036 Page 2, Mr. McEvoy advised that the Tender Documentation for Accommodation Works and Wall Building at Nutfield Cross were being finalized. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that the budget allocation for Nutfield Cross has been ringfenced.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS - SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT, 1993

MDB18041

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

(a) Dun Esker and Sli Esker, Poolboy, Ballinsloe, Co. Galway

Houses Nos 1 to 14 (inclusive) & 37 to 39 (inclusive) 40 to 45 (inclusive) – Points A to B to C on Taking In Charge Map.

1. Road commencing at its junction with the L-4602-6 and extending in a Westerly direction to house 39 for a distance of approximately 285 meters (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

Houses Nos 23 to 28 (inclusive) – Point B to D on Taking In Charge Map

2. Road commencing at the junction at point B (Adjacent to house 5) and extending in an Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 meters and ending adjacent to house no. 23 (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

Houses Nos 15 to 22 (inclusive) – Point F to E on Taking In Charge Map

3. Road commencing at point F (Adjacent to house 15) and extending in an Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 80 meters crossing road A-B-C and ending at point E adjacent to house no. 23 (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

Houses Nos 29 to 36 (inclusive) & 46 to 49 (inclusive) – Point H to G on Taking In Charge Map

4. Road commencing at point H (Adjacent to house 32) and extending in an Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 80 meters crossing road A-B-C and ending at point G adjacent to house no. 46 (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

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

(a) Oak Glen, Poolboy, Ballinsloe, Co. Galway

Houses Nos 1 to 11 (inclusive) & 30 to 33 (inclusive) – Points A to G (in sequence) on Taking In Charge Map

1. Road commencing at its junction with the L-4603-0 and extending in a Southerly direction to house 11, then turning easterly to a point adjacent to house 26 and turning north and ending adjacent to house no. 33 for a distance of approximately 360 meters (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

Houses Nos 12 to 18 (inclusive) – Point B to H on Taking In Charge Map

2. Road commencing at the junction at point B (Adjacent to house 1) and extending in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately 155 meters and ending adjacent to house no. 18 (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

Houses Nos 19 to 22 (inclusive) – Point C to F on Taking In Charge Map

3. Road commencing at the junction at point C (Adjacent to house 5) and extending in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately 110 meters and ending point F at the junction adjacent to house no. 24 (all in the Townland of Pollboy).

UPDATE FROM WATERWAYS IRELAND

MDB18042

Ms. Gardiner stated that a representative of Waterways Ireland had at very short notice and due to unforeseen circumstances cancelled Ms. Dawn Livingston's attendance (of Waterways Ireland) at the Municipal District of Ballinasloe October 2018 Monthly Meeting where she was due to give the update. Ms. Gardiner stated that Ms. Livingston had sent her apologies and that she had stated that she was willing to attend a future meeting to provide the update. Ms. Gardiner stated that Ms. Livingston had asked if she could be provided with the dates of the November and December, 2018 Meetings of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in order to check her availability for attendance at either of the Monthly Meetings.

REPORT ON DRAFT ROAD TRAFFIC SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYE LAWS 2018

MDB18043

Ms. Ni Chionna presented the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limits County Galway Bye Laws 2018 setting out the specific details for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe area. These were put on public display from 3rd August to 7th September, 2018 during which period 56 submissions had been received of which 1 referred to the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Ms. Ni Chionna outlined the proposed amendments following on from the review of the public consultation submissions, consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and with An Garda Síochána. Amendments to speed limits are to follow advice set out in the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland 2015. In applying these Guidelines, TII propose to decrease the speed limit on much of the N63 to 80 kph taking account carriageway width, degree of bends and accident history.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Ms. Ni Chionna advised that the Roads & Transportation Department would highlight the need to upgrade the N63 to a standard which would increase the speed limit from 80 to the default speed limit of 100 km/h. In response to Cllrs. M. Connolly and Broderick, Ms. Ni Chionna stated that she would examine the issue of school flashing lights versus applying periodic speed limits at National Schools located on Regional and Local Roads.

Ms. Ni Chionna took note of all of the members' change requests and advised that she would revert to the members in due course.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB18044

Mr. Farrell advised that an application had been submitted for funding under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund for Ballinasloe. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that the assessment of the applications would take place within the next few months.

Mr. Farrell also advised that funding in the amount of €100k had been approved for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2018 and in this regard Mr. Farrell acknowledged input from the local community. Mr. Farrell paid tribute to the partnership approach between Galway County Council and BACD in the preparation of this submission. In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. McEvoy advised that the project in question included the reconstruction of the footpath between the Leisure Centre and the National School in Ballinasloe.

Mr. Farrell advised the members of an upcoming Teagasc Agri Tourism Conference, which he advised was being held at the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe on the 15th October, 2018.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB18045

No business arising.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB18046

Mr. Mitchell presented the Draft 3 Year Roads Programme 2019 – 2021. Mr. Mitchell also presented the details of the Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme for the Ballinasloe North and Ballinasloe South engineering districts. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme amounted to a total projected spend of approximately €2.5 million for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe over the course of the 3 year period. Mr. Mitchell advised that the Programme had been prepared based on SCRIM surveys, local knowledge of the Roads Engineers, outdoor staff, general public and representations from the local Councillors. Mr. Mitchell advised that the proposed changes in Electoral Areas had been highlighted. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that there had been cross boundary consultation with all the Municipal Districts when preparing the draft 3 years Roads Programme 2019 - 2021. All of the members complemented and thanked the staff for putting the Draft 3 Year Roads Programme 2019 – 2021 in place. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that this was an indicative Programme and could be subject to change. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that Galway County Council had received no additional funding for road maintenance or for emergency events for 2018. Cllr. Broderick welcomed the inclusion of Fahy Road in the Programme. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Winter Maintenance Programme for 2018/2019 was broadly similar to the

Winter Maintenance Programme for 2017/2018 and he also stated that there was limited resources available for Winter Maintenance. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Priority Roads designation was based on traffic volumes. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that if additional Winter Maintenance Funding becomes available then additional roads could be assessed for salting.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the issue of an additional pedestrian crossing and footpaths at Brackernagh be assessed.

F. McEvoy advised that Ballinasloe Town had improved on their marks in the Supervalu National Tidy Towns Competition and paid tribute to the Council Staff and the Ballinasloe Tidy Towns Committee for their work in this regard.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 14th November @ 2.p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

14/11/18

(Date)