

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 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 AT 2.00 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. A. Donohue

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**MDB18015**

Cllr. Burke requested that the following be included as an amendment to the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 – Municipal District of Ballinasloe Directors Business Page 3: “Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. Finnerty, the following resolution was agreed “I propose that Cllrs. Tim Broderick, Aidan Donohue, Dermot Connolly continue in place as the representatives of the Ballinasloe Municipal District on the East Galway Landfill Liaison Committee”.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Burke.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

In response to Cllr. Finnerty and with reference to MDB18011 Page 1, Mr. McEvoy advised that the tenders for Grass Cutting in the 11 private housing estates in Ballinasloe had been assessed. He advised that 2 companies had tendered, of which both qualified. He advised that the lowest tender amounted to €9,500 including VAT, with the second tender costing €25,000 including VAT. Mr. Mitchell advised that for some reason, should the lowest tenderer not be in a position to complete the contract, that the situation would arise that there would be a shortfall in funding to continue the service considering the higher cost of the second placed tender. In response to the members, Mr. Mitchell stated that he had flagged the issue of funding for the cutting of grass in 11 private housing estates in Ballinasloe in October, 2017. He advised that this level of service was not carried out in

other Municipal Districts and that the onus was on individual estates to sort out grass cutting once Galway County Council had taken the estate in charge. However, Mr. Mitchell advised that a compromise had been reached with regard delivering the service this year but asked that the members would consider what will happen in the coming years in light of the reduced level of funding for the Local and Regional Road Network in the Ballinasloe Municipal District. Cllr. D. Connolly advised that this level of service was a follow on from the Ballinasloe Town Council and that it should continue. All the members agreed that the tender received was good value for money and hoped that the quality would remain the same as previous years. Cllrs Broderick and D. Connolly asked that all the members would ensure at the Budget Meeting for the Ballinasloe Municipal District that funding would be set aside for cutting of grass in the 11 private housing estates under Parks and Open Spaces Budget. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that the 11 private housing estates included in the tender were as follows: Ashfield Drive, Dun Ide, Garbally Drive, Ard Mhuire, Hillcrest Park, Woodlands, Kilgarve Court, Kilgarve Gardens, Hawthorn Estate (excluding Hawthorn Close), Portnick Drive and The Pines. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Burke it was agreed by resolution that the grass cutting in the Private Housing Estates would be funded by way of Road Maintenance Grant funding via Notice of Motion contributions (exact wording of resolution to be included in the next minutes). Mr. Headd advised that a letter should issue to all the residents advising them of the continued grass cutting for 2018.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Speed Limit Review was being carried out by Ms. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer. Cllr. D. Connolly asked that this issue be placed as an Item on the Agenda for the May Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District.

In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Mitchell advised that letters of successful and unsuccessful notice have been issued to the relevant tenderers and that it is expected the contract would be signed in the coming weeks. Mr. Headd asked that two representatives from the 3 streets and St. Michaels Square in Ballinasloe would be nominated and be available to join the Liaison Group for the Town Enhancement Project.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that an application would be made for additional funding for Bridge Improvements.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Farrell advised that he would ask that Mr. Melody would revert to the members with an update on the daily litter watch at East Galway Landfill.

In response to Cllr. Broderick with regard the March Resolution which issued regarding levies being placed by insurance companies on aged vehicles, Ms. Gardiner advised that no response had been received to same.

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

MDB18016

No business arising

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

MDB18017

No business arising.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

MDB18018

Cllr. M. Finnerty requested that the issue of a Taxi Rank in Ballinasloe be included as an item on the Agenda for the May Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District.

Cllrs. Broderick and D. Connolly asked that funding be provided at budget time for the Ballinasloe Town Clock. Cllr. Broderick suggested that an annual contingency fund be set aside for the maintenance of same. Mr. Farrell advised that he would look into the background of the Town Clock and what Agreements were in place and that the matter could be considered when the Budget is being prepared.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Finnerty and agreed by resolution that a letter would issue to the Minister for Agriculture requesting that a meal voucher scheme be introduced for farmers affected by the fodder crisis (exact wording of resolution to be included in the next minutes).

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that Galway County Council had not been notified of any additional supplementary budget for Road Improvement/Restoration. Mr. Mitchell advised that the Oireachtas Members were aware of the dire state of roads in Galway.

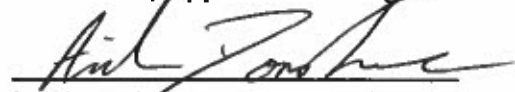
In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that he would attend a meeting with the members if requested, in which they could discuss making a submission as part of Minister Denis Naughtons project on the future of St. Brigid's Hospital.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that he would ask the Environment Unit to provide an update on the Pollboy Waste Transfer Station.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 @ 2.p.m.

**CHRIOCHNAIGH AN CRUINNIU ANSIN**

Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

16/5/18

(Date)