

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD AT WESTERN HOTEL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER, 2018 AT 11.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Burke

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

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

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Tom Freeman, Loughbawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Kevin Walsh, 26 Kilgarve Park, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Tony Carr, Kilnahown, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 2018

MDB18052

Cllr. M. Connolly 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 14th November, 2018 – Any Other Business, Page 4 “In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that the issue of providing a footpath on the Fair Green side of Harris Road would be considered”.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 14th November, 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

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB18048 Page 3, Mr. Farrell advised that matters relating to staffing in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe are being assessed on an ongoing basis and are contingent on resources. Cllr. M. Connolly stated that Galway County Council is not being adequately funded under the Local Government Fund which he stated is having a knock on effect on the provision of staffing levels.

In response to Cllr. T. Broderick and with reference to MDB18047 Page 2, Mr. McEvoy and Mr. McLynn advised that details will shortly be submitted to the Roads Department with regard to private roads to be taken in charge by Galway County Council.

With reference to MDB18047 Page 2, Cllr. Broderick and Mr. McEvoy stated that contrary to what had been reported in the media, they wanted to clarify that in relation to the land acquisition for Nutfield Cross Project there had been no delay caused by the landowners.

With reference to MDB18049 Page 3, Cllr. Broderick welcomed the completion of work at LS7429 Fahy Road.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB18051 Page 4, Cllr. Donohue advised that the owner of Woodlawn House had confirmed to him that: emergency repair work was currently being undertaken on Woodlawn House gates, the Woodlawn House Pillars were currently in storage and that the Pillars and gates would be re-instated when emergency repair work to the gates was complete.

With reference to MDB18047 Page 2 Cllr. Donohue stated that the professional advice of the executive should be taken on board by the members where changes are being proposed to the Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limits County Galway Bye Laws 2018. Cllrs. D. Connolly and M. Connolly stated that any amendments they supported were on the basis of representations made to them by local communities. Cllr. Broderick stated that local knowledge should be taken into consideration along with expert advice when considering any changes to Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limits County Galway Bye Laws 2018.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly and with reference to MDB18051 Page 4, Mr. McEvoy advised that the provision of a footpath at Harris Road could not be considered in isolation due to its proximity to the Fair Green and the implications of same for the October Fair. Mr. McEvoy stated that further assessment of this project would take place in 2019.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB18053

Mr. Cullen presented an update on the East Galway Landfill. Mr. Cullen advised that in accordance with Planning Permission granted the entire Project has to be completed by 31/12/2020. Mr. Cullen stated that in accordance with Section 56 of the Waste Management Act 1996 where it appears to a Local Authority that measures are required to be taken in order to prevent or limit environmental pollution that the Local Authority may take such steps to prevent or limit such pollution. Mr. Cullen stated that Section 56 had been invoked by the Council which facilitates the extending of the 31/12/2018 deadline until the 30th June 2019 for the importation of the full 300 tonnes of waste. The planning permission had conditioned that this activity would have to cease at 31/12/18 but that would have left a void space of 70,000 tonnes that would have to be filled in any event. Mr. Cullen advised that Gibson Bros. had ceased work at the site and that they would be mobilizing on the site again in 2020 with a view to completion of the capping and landscaping. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr Cullen advised that there was an agreement in place with regard to gas generation at the site. In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. Cullen advised that the issue of leachate at Pollboy would be assessed. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Cullen advised that the Pollboy Integrated Construction Wetland project was still ongoing. All the members thanked Mr. Cullen and

his team for their work on the East Galway Landfill. Cllr. D. Connolly along with all the members paid special tribute to Mr. Pdraig Donnellan. R.I.P.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB18054

No business arising.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB18055

Cllr. Donohue asked if the flag poles at the top of St. Michaels Square could be repaired and adorned with appropriate flags.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. McEvoy advised that the issue of tourist signage for the Aughrim Interpretive Centre would be examined in 2019. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that funding for the Aughrim Interpretive Centre would be addressed at the Plenary Budget Meeting.

In response to Cllrs. M. Connolly and D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that the level of funding required for the requested projects at Beechlawn Road was significant and he stated that the proposed works in question would involve land acquisition. Mr. McEvoy advised that further assessment of same would take place in 2019.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that Galway County Council had a land disposal strategy in place for dealing with the disposal of lands in the Council's ownership. Mr. Cullen advised that landowners involved in the M6 CPO would have been compensated fully as part of this the process.

Following discussion and on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick seconded by Cllr. Donohue the following resolution was agreed "That the previously agreed motion to allocate any additional roads funding to Galway County Council be reduced by 10% to be ring fenced for a 25km radius from Oranmore, this arrangement should now be withdrawn and not continue on an annual basis".

All the members paid tribute to Mr. McEvoy and wished him well in his new position in Galway City Council. Mr. Cullen on behalf of Management and all the staff of Galway County Council paid tribute to Mr. McEvoy and thanked him for his service to Galway County Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 9th January @ 2 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed

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(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

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(Date)