

**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 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018 AT 2.00 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. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Ms. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer, Mr. F. McEvoy, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Ms. M. Donohue, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

Sisters of Mercy, Mount Pleasant, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Walsh Family, c/o Carina O'Reilly, 12 Portnick Driver, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Ms. Martina Moclair, 3 Lowville, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Fr. Christy McCormack, Fohenagh, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2018**

**MDB18047**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB18040 Page 2, Mr. Farrell advised that the broad issue of anti-social behavior activity was discussed at the Joint Policing Committee (JPC). Mr. Farrell stated that issues in relation to criminal activity should be referred to An Garda Siochána and that specific issues of anti-social behavior on local authority estates should be discussed with the Housing Department. Mr. Farrell stated that Cllr Connolly could raise the issue with Mr. Michael Owens, the Acting Director of Service with responsibility for Housing and that further consideration could be given to how other Agencies could become involved.

In response to Cllr. Finnerty and with reference to MDB18041 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that process of taking in charge of roads at Old Mill Road Estate was ongoing.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB18041 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that due to a lack of funding a balanced approach is taken by the Council with regard to taking in charge of private roads which have been upgraded with Notice of Motion and Local Improvement Scheme monies. In response to the members, Mr. McEvoy asked that details with regard specific cases be discussed with him.

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to MDB18040 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell confirmed that the budget allocation for Nutfield Cross has been ringfenced and that consultation with regard to land acquisition was ongoing. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell confirmed that once the Land Agreements are in place liaison will commence with locals with regard to the accommodation works.

With reference to MDB18043, Page 3 Ms. Ni Chionna presented an updated Draft Road Traffic Special Speed Limits County Galway Bye Laws 2018 which included amendments proposed at the October, 2018 Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Donohue, the following resolution was agreed: "I proposed to move 50 km/h speed limit on the Ballinahattina Road to beyond the Doctor Surgery and to create a 60 km/h buffer to beyond location on map supplied". Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the following resolution was agreed: "We will propose that the 60 km/h extent of speed limit on the approach road (N63) to Ballygar from Newbridge be brought out from existing situation to the Newbridge side of the narrow bridge over the Cloonlyon River". On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Burke, the following resolution was proposed: "I propose that the 60 km/h speed limit from Garryduff to Crossconnell at Clontuskert be introduced". As the proposal was not agreed, a Roll Call was taken and the result of the Roll Call was as follows: **For** Cllrs. D. Connolly, T. Broderick, D. Burke; **Against** Cllrs. Donohue and Finnerty. **Abstain** Cllr. M. Connolly. The resolution was therefore passed.

Cllr. Broderick raised the matter of the provision of periodic lights at Garbally School and in response to Cllr. Broderick, Ms. Ni Chionna advised that a countywide policy would need to be drawn up for periodic lights. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Ms. Ni Chionna advised that the provision of advance speed limit signs could be considered on the R446.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN 2018 MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2018**

MDB18048

The Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2018 Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the issue of staffing levels in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe be assessed.

In response to Cllr. T. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Farrell confirmed that there will be ongoing co-operation and consultation between the relevant Directorates with a view to ensuring a smooth changeover when the boundary changes take place in 2019.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that he did not think it was fair that the Rate for Ballinasloe Town be increased in 2019 due to the impact the ongoing Town Enhancement Project is having on small and medium sized businesses.

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

**MDB18049**

Ms. Donohue presented a briefing note on the installation of Outdoor Gym & Fitness Equipment at Dunlo Recreational Park. She advised that Galway County Council, as part of its Recreation and Amenity Programme, advertised tenders for the provision of Outdoor Gym Equipment for Dunlo Recreational Park, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway in September, 2018 following approval for part-funding under the Sports Capital Programme 2017. Ms. Donohue advised that the Council is working on this project in consultation with Ballinasloe FIT Towns and she stated that it is proposed to install the Outdoor Gym and Fitness Equipment in late November/December 2018 at an estimated total cost of €41,000. The Members welcomed the addition of these facilities to the town of Ballinasloe.

Ms. Donohue advised that Dr. Hugh McGuire is to hold a consultation evening to discuss the future of the Aughrim Visitor Centre.

Mr. McEvoy advised that the LS7429 Fahy Road would be progressing at a budget of €198,000 following the Supplementary Maintenance Allocation.

Mr. Mitchell advised that the second round of 2018 Local Improvement Scheme funding to the value of €1m had been received.

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

**MDB18050**

No business arising.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**MDB18051**

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Mitchell advised that there was no strategic grant in place for an upgrade of the R446. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. McEvoy advised that land acquisition for the upgrade of the R446 between Aughrim and Cappataggle had encountered delays and that the priority for the TII changed to the provision of the new M6 Motorway.

In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. McEvoy advised that the issue of providing a footpath on the Fair Green side of Harris Road would be considered.

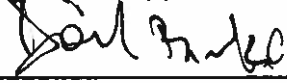
In response to Cllr. Donohue with regard to the removal of the entrance gates and pillars to Woodlawn House, Mr. Farrell advised that he would raise this issue with the Director of Service with responsibility for Planning, Ms. Eileen Ruane.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that consideration be given to the provision of CCTV at Pollboy due to littering at the location.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 2 p.m.

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**Submitted, Approved and Signed**

  
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