

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 17th January, 2018 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. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Mr. A. Headd, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. F. McEvoy, Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Assistant Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Peggy Jones, Mackney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Brendan Keane, 5 Doire Beg, Derrybrien, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Ethel Egan, Fairfield, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Sweeney, Fohenagh, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Ms. Lillie Madden, Fohenagh, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, 2 St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Ms. Maura Dooley, Duneeda, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 2017

MDB18001

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 13th December, 2017 – Municipal District of Ballinasloe Director's Business, Page 3: "Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Burke, it was agreed that each of the Councillors in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would get an allocation of €30k from the €300k Kilconnell Landfill Fund with the remaining balance of €120k to be spent at the discretion of the Roads Department, Municipal District of Ballinasloe".

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 13th December, 2017 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to MDB17056 Page 2, Mr. Farrell advised that the findings of the National Review/Consultative process in relation to Greenways had not been published yet. He said that Galway County Council were committed to the delivery of the greenways in County Galway and advised that the findings of the review process would inform how projects would progress.

With reference to MDB17056 Page 2, Cllr. D. Connolly welcomed the Rapid Programme Funding for the following projects in the Ballinasloe Municipal District: €64k allocated to Ballinasloe East Galway Youth Project; €6k allocated to Town Hall Theatre and €10k to Ballinasloe Social Services.

In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to MDB17056 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that the traffic audit on the Esker Laurencetown Road was subject to available resources and advised on waiting until the draft Roads Programme 2018 is presented to the Councillors to have a better idea of allocations.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty, the following resolution was agreed "This Municipal District is proposing we write to Minister Michael Ring requesting that CLÁR monies be made available in 2018 to try and bring about improvements to stop in roads (tertiary roads) and other minor public roads in the Ballinasloe Municipal District many of whom have not been resurfaced for 20 years"

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB17059 Page 3, Mr. Headd advised that he had received correspondence with regard to Winter Maintenance on the R358 Regional Road from Ahascragh to Ballinasloe. He advised that because of limited resources, this road is not currently included in the Priority Listing for Winter Maintenance.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE BUDGET 2018 UPDATE

MDB18002

Mr. Mullarkey presented details showing the Municipal District of Ballinasloe budget position following on from the adoption of the Council Budget on the 27th November, 2017. He advised that the only change to the draft budget as presented on the 25th October relate to Operation of Street Cleaning Service (Sub Service E0601) and to the Maintenance of Local Authority Housing Units (Sub Service A0101). In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to reduction in Local Roads General Maintenance Works and Local Roads General Improvement Works, Mr. Mitchell advised waiting until the draft Roads Programme 2018 is presented to the Councillors to have a better idea of exact allocations. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that with reduced budgets, Galway County Council would have to review grass cutting with a view to eliminating private estates and other areas. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that he would contact the Housing Department with regard grass cutting in Local Authority Estates. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Headd confirmed that in 2017 grass cutting had been divided between Local Authority Estates and Private Housing Estates. Mr. Farrell advised that grass cutting in public areas had to be prioritized. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Town Enhancement Project was due to commence in March, 2018. Mr. Mitchell advised that clarification was being sought with regard to the type of

paving to be used in the project. Cllr. Donohue advised that measures were underway to reactivate the Ballinasloe Chamber of Commerce.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MD818003

No business arising.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MD818004

No business arising.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MD818005

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that 11 projects to the value of €100k were to progress under the Healthy Ireland Fund which was being co-ordinated via the Local Community and Development Committee.

With reference to the proposed Waste Transfer Station at Pollboy, Ms. Gardiner advised that a response had been received from Minister Denis Naughton, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment dated 4th January, 2018 with regard the December Resolution of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in relation to the Waste Transfer Station at Pollboy. Cllr. Donohue read the response into the Meeting as follows: "Dear Ms. Gardiner, On behalf of Mr. Denis Naughten, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 4th January regarding the above. Your correspondence has been brought to the attention of the Minister. However, as the matter raised by you is relevant to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Authorities, I have forwarded your correspondence to Minister Eoghan Murphy for his attention and direct reply". Cllrs. Broderick, Burke, D. Connolly, M. Connolly and Donohue expressed disappointment with the response received. Mr. Farrell advised that there was a current application for a Waste Facility Permit at Pollboy, Ballinasloe and that the application was open for Submissions until the 24th January and that a decision is to be made by the 7th February. Cllrs. Broderick, Burke, Donohue, D. Connolly and M. Connolly expressed concern with the proposed Waste Transfer Station and agreed to act to support the local community. Cllr. D. Connolly questioned the role of the Local Authority, An Bord Pleanala and the EPA. Cllr. Buke questioned as to whether the High Court Order in place could invalidate the Planning Permission for the facility. Cllr. M. Connolly advised that the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government has extensive powers under the Waste Management Act 2001 and that he should be contacted with regard same. Cllr. Donohue questioned whether Planning Permission could be revoked by the members of the Council. Cllr. Donohue also expressed concern with regard scaremongering with regard proposals for the site. Cllr. Donohue advised that he had tabled a Section 4 to be placed on Agenda for Full Council Meeting in relation to this matter.

In response to Cllr. D Connolly, Mr. Headd asked that specific details with regard to derelict buildings and locations be provided.

With reference to MDB17057, Cllr. Broderick expressed disappointment with the media coverage of the €300,000 Kilconnell Landfill Fund.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd sought prioritization on the list of requests from Creagh Community Council considering limited budgets. Mr. Headd also advised on the work that had been carried out to date in the Creagh Area. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that An Garda Síochána had no issues with Creagh Junction.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place when the Draft Roads Programme 2018 was ready for presentation to the Councillors.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

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