

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 20th FEBRUARY, 2019 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Finnerty

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. J. Cullen, A/Director of Service, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Mr. K. Coyne, A/Senior Executive Officer, Mr. E. Lydon, Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Ms. E. Curran, Administrative Officer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies: Cllr. D. Burke
Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Service

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Pdraig Campbell, Kilgarve, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Pdraig Lyons, Creggane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mrs. Maggie Ward, 44 St. Grellans Terrace, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Patsy Finn, 2 St. Joseph's Place, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. David Ward, Bridge Road, Portumna, Co. Galway
Mrs. Margaret Walker, Main Street, Ahascragh, Co. Galway

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 2019 **MDB19005**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 9th January, 2019 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue, seconded by Cllr. Broderick.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB19001 Page 2, Mr. Lydon advised that the provision of footpaths on Beechlawn Road would involve the preparation of a detailed design, land acquisition and because of the length of footpaths involved would also require substantial funding. Cllr. D. Connolly asked if this project could be assessed for suitability for inclusion under the Urban Regeneration Fund.

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS (SMDW) 2019 (TO INCLUDE ROADS PROGRAMME AND ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING, RECREATION AND AMENITY SCHEDULE OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE).

MDB19006

Mr. Mitchell presented the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019 (Draft Roads Programme, 2019) for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. All of the members thanked Mr. Mitchell and the staff involved in the preparation of the Draft Roads Programme, 2019 and in particular for the level of detail provided to the members under the various headings.

The members expressed disappointment with the level of information provided in the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019 for the Environment, Housing, Recreation and Amenity areas. The members also stated that they were dissatisfied that there was no personnel present at the meeting who were in a position to present the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019 for the Environment, Housing, Recreation and Amenity areas and/or to answer members questions in particular in relation to the variances in the figures presented at the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 Meeting versus the figures provided for, under the same headings in the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019 for the Environment, Housing, Recreation and Amenity areas.

In response to Cllr. Donohue in relation to the proposed investment roadworks in Ballygar as included for in the Draft Roads Programme, 2019 Mr. Mitchell advised that he would contact T.I.I. and request that a meeting be arranged between local groups in Ballygar and the T.I.I.

Cllr. D. Connolly welcomed the inclusion of projects at Lismany Crossroads and Ahascragh Village in the Draft Roads Programme, 2019.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell stated that the €1m additional funding provided for the upgrading of historic national routes was welcome and he advised that projects would firstly have to be agreed with the Department prior to any works commencing.

In relation to the Service Area of Recreation and Amenity and in response to Cllrs. D. Connolly and M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that funding for grass cutting in private estates could not be provided for under the Service Area (Recreation and Amenity). Mr. Mitchell stated that if the members wished, funding could be provided for from discretionary funding such as Local Road Maintenance and/or Notice of Motion Funding similar to 2018. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that the provision of this service with funding from the members Notice of Motion monies was not an ideal situation and he was very unhappy about this. Cllr. M. Connolly stated that the members had been advised that the level of service in Ballinasloe would not be affected after the abolition of the Ballinasloe Town Council and this he stated had not been the case. Mr. Mitchell advised that the cutting of grass in public areas where provided would be charged against the Parks and Opens Spaces Budget.

In relation to the Housing Service Area and in response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Mitchell advised that the late start with grass cutting in Local Authority Estates in 2018 in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe had occurred due to issues with the procurement process. Mr. Mitchell stated that the procurement process which is now in place, will be in place for a period of 3 years and he stated that it is expected that grass cutting work in Local Authority Estates will commence on time in 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. Donohue which was seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the following resolution was agreed: "I propose that for the March Municipal Meeting in Ballinasloe can we get an update and plan for 2019 in relation to grass cutting and weed control from the Housing Section in relation to the Local Authority Estates in Ballinasloe".

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that the Draft Municipal District of Ballinasloe Schedule of Works 2019 had been prepared having regard to the availability of resources and the local authority budget adopted.

Discussion took place with regard to the difference in the figures provided for Burial Ground Maintenance in the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works, 2019 versus the Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 and in response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that he would seek clarification from the Director of Service. Cllr. Broderick requested clarification with regard the actual number of local authority housing units currently located in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe area.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen stated that in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019 for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe either had to be approved in its entirety or rejected in its entirety by the members and that it was not possible to approve in part. Mr. Cullen also clarified that if the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019 was not adopted at the Municipal District of Ballinasloe Meeting, the Full Council would consider it at the Plenary Council Meeting and adopt it with or without amendment in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

Cllr. M. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Donohue seconded the approval of the Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) 2019 (to include Roads Programme and Environment, Housing, Recreation and amenity schedule of repairs and maintenance). An amendment to the proposal was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Broderick which was as follows: "That Beal Atha na Slua Municipal District convene a Special Crinniú on Item No. 2 from today's Clár inside 10 days from today". The amendment was not agreed and a roll call was taken and the result of the roll call was as follows: For the amended proposal: Cllrs. T. Broderick, D. Connolly. Against the amended proposal: Cllrs. M. Connolly, A. Donohue, M. Finnerty. The amended proposal was lost and the initial proposal was agreed which was for the approval of the Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) 2019 (to include Roads Programme and Environment, Housing, Recreation and amenity schedule of repairs and maintenance).

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB19007

Mr. Coyne presented details with regard the Rural Regeneration Programme. He advised that of the 7 applications submitted, 4 had received funding and that Ballinasloe had not been successful in its application. Cllr. M. Connolly expressed disappointment with the outcome and suggested that the application be repackaged and submitted again. Mr. Coyne advised that the Rural Regeneration Programme would again be rolled out in March 2019 and that the application for Ballinasloe would be reviewed and amended and a decision would be made with regard to making a submission under the Rural versus Urban Regeneration Programmes. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Coyne advised that projects could be assessed for inclusion under the various schemes being rolled out via the Economic, Rural and Community Development Section with the assistance of the Roads Department. In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. Coyne advised that the Town Relief Road had been included in the submission but had been repackaged to reflect the objectives of the RRDF Programme. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Coyne advised that the Urban Regeneration Programme catered for towns with a population of 10k plus and that the Rural Regeneration Programme catered for towns with a population of less than 10k and that Ballinasloe is eligible to apply for inclusion in either scheme, but not both.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB19008

Cllr. Finnerty paid tribute to Mr. Tom Quinn, Ballinasloe who celebrated his 100th Birthday and requested that a resolution of congratulations be sent to Mr. Quinn on behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB19009

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that an update be provided in relation to the Water Services Upgrade Contract No. 2 & Street Enhancement Works at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that an update be provided at the next meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District on the proposed Flood Alleviation Works due to take place in Ballinasloe.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Ms. Gardiner advised that the minutes of the Minutes of Municipal District Ballinasloe would shortly be uploaded onto Galway County Council's website.

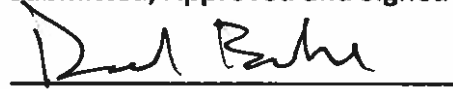
Mr. Mitchell advised that sample pavement which is to be used on the Street Enhancement Works was available for viewing at the SIAC site offices and that the members if they wished could contact Mr. McAlary to arrange a viewing.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, it was agreed that the next meeting of the East Galway Landfill Liaison Committee would take place on Wednesday 13th March, 2019 @ 1 p.m.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 13th March, 2019 @ 2 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Burke", is written over a horizontal line.

(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

(Date)