

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, 9th March, at 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Finnerty

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

Oifigigh: Ms. C. McConnell A/Director of Services, Mr. J. Leahy, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. A. Headd, A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 2016

MDB16016

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 10th February, 2016 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 MDB16009 Page 2 "Cllr. Finnerty welcomed the proposed budget increase for Parks and Open Spaces", Ms. McConnell clarified that there was no increase in the 2015 Municipal District of Ballinasloe Schedule of Works Budget figure for Parks & Open Spaces.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB16015 Page 5 regarding the provision of double yellow lines at Station Road, Mr. Headd advised that this would be considered as part of a traffic management review for Ballinasloe Town when resources become available.

FETE DES VINS 2016 - INVITATION

MDB16017

Ms. McConnell advised that the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and an Official had been invited on the 21st and 22nd May, 2016 to the 57th Fete des Vins d'Anjou by the Conseiller Général de Maine et Loire, Maire de CHALONNES SUR LOIRE. Following discussion, it

was agreed that Ms. McConnell would formally respond to the Conseiller Général de Maine et Loire advising that the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and an Official would attend.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB16018

No business arising.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB16019

Following a discussion in relation to concerns raised by all of the members with regard to housing issues in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick which was seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed "that an item be placed on the Agenda for the April, 2016 Plenary Council Meeting requesting an update from the Housing Department in regard to Housing Services being provided by the Council. The update to include: the number of housing starts; criteria for allocation of houses; income limits; criteria and qualification for housing loans; plans for the development and delivery of new housing units; turnaround time for voids; details of the maintenance policy and any other pertinent information with regard to housing activity in the County of Galway".

Cllr. Finnerty advised that neither himself or the Leas Cathaoirleach would be in a position to attend a function organized in the Library for the week beginning 14th March, 2016 and he asked that if any of the other members were attending that they would do so in the capacity as representing the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB16020

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Leahy advised that €1.5million had been received from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in order to deal with Flooding Emergencies/Cleanups. Mr. Leahy stated that €6m had also been allocated to Galway County Council on the basis of a report submitted by the Roads & Transportation Department to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and in which Mr. Leahy advised a many areas in the County had been identified as having been affected by the recent flooding. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Leahy stated that the €6m would be divided up between the five Municipal Districts with approximately €1.7m being allocated towards the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Mr. Leahy advised that Mr. Headd would draw up a detailed list of priority works to be undertaken in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe with this allocation and that Mr. Headd would bring same before the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for their information in advance of any works being undertaken.

In response to Cllr. Broderick with regard to the making of Minor Work Scheme Applications to the OPW, Mr. Headd advised that the local engineers would liaise directly with local landowners. Mr. Leahy advised that it was open to the members to bring additional schemes

to the attention of the Area Engineers and he stated that while every scheme would be assessed unfortunately not every scheme could be funded.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Ms. Gardiner advised that no response had been received to-date with regard to a January, 2016 resolution of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe "That the OPW works with the Engineers in the Municipal District with regards to the specifications that are required in cost benefit analysis projects. This especially applies to the specification for pipes and the opinion of the Local Office must be taken into account". Ms. Gardiner advised that correspondence was issued to the OPW on the 21st January, 2016

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that a Copy of the Proclamation to honour the 2016 Centenary Celebrations would be erected in the Municipal District Office Ballinasloe.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Headd advised that the Newtown/Caltra Scheme was not included under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes allocation for 2016 .

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Headd advised that burial ground maintenance funding is limited and the provision of disability access to graveyards is subject to the availability of resources.

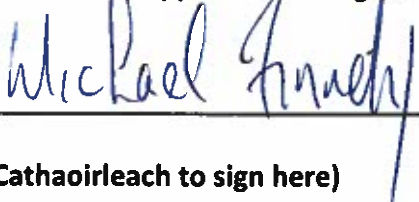
In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that a request for Flashing Lights at Ballaghlea National School would be made under a low cost safety submission in 2016.

Mr. Headd advised that the Pre-qualification Tender process had taken place for the Ballinasloe Town Enhancement Scheme Project. Mr. Headd stated that as soon as the design has been finalized that the project will go to tender and that the project was expected to commence at the end 2016/early 2017. Mr. Headd also advised that the Contract for the Ballinasloe Main Drainage Advance Scheme Contract No. 1 was expected to be completed within the coming weeks.

On the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday 20th April, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed


(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

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