

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, 10th FEBRUARY, at 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Finnerty

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

Oifigigh: Ms. C. McConnell A/Director of Services, Mr. Peter Gavican, Director of Services, Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services, Mr. J. Leahy, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. A. Headd, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Fran McEvoy, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Mike Melody, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn A/Graduate Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Ms. Sandra Glynn, Camla, Taughmaconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Frances Blaine, Upper Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Mr. Paudge Casey, Knocknagrena, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Brian McDonnell, Glantaun, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th JANUARY, 2016

MDB16008

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 13th January, 2016 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute No. – MDB16006 Municipal District of Ballinasloe Cathaoirleach’s Business – Page 4

Ms. McConnell referred to Minute No. - MDB16006 Municipal District of Ballinasloe Cathaoirleach’s Business – Page 4 which read as follows : “Cllr. Finnerty advised that all of the Councillors were going to be invited to attend a meeting regarding the proposed setting up of a Wind Farm in the Clonfert Area. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Ms. McConnell advised that to

date no Planning Application had been received in respect of such". Ms. McConnell advised that she wanted to clarify that the Planning Application in question had actually been received at the time of the January, 2016 Monthly Meeting. Ms. McConnell stated that this Planning Application was currently being processed and that the decision date was 24th February, 2016.

With reference to MDB16002 Page 3, Cllr. M. Connolly welcomed the Declaration of Roads to be a Public Road at Ballinlass, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway .

In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to MDB16001 Page 2, Mr. Headd advised that a submission had been made to the OPW as part of the CFRAM Study to confirm as to whether or not areas such as Kylemore, Clonfert and Banagher were included under the study and that no response had been received to date.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly and with reference to MDB16001 Page 2, Mr. Headd advised that areas of large populations i.e. Ballinasloe, Ahascragh and Portumna were included as AFA's under the Shannon CFRAM Study. Mr. Headd also advised that the Suck Callows and Shannon Callows had also been included as part of the CFRAM Study.

With reference to MDB16004 Page 3, Cllr. Donohue welcomed the news that a Driver Speed Feedback Sign was to be erected at Dubarry on the R446 Creagh as a Traffic Calming Measure.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF WORKS

MDB16009

Mr. Gavican presented the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2016 for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe (broken down into the Service Areas of Environment, Housing and Recreation and Amenity).

Cllr. Finnerty welcomed the proposed budget increase for Parks and Open Spaces.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly regarding works at Cloonkeenkerrill Graveyard, Mr. Headd advised that the Burial Ground Maintenance Budget was for essential maintenance only and that Community/Voluntary Groups wishing to undertake works in Burial Grounds must only do so with the prior approval of Galway County Council considering the Health and Safety implications associated with this work.

In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Headd advised that monies from the Parks and Open Spaces Budget could not be used on the Famine Remembrance Park as he explained that this budget was intended for essential maintenance only.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Ms. McConnell advised that the Bring Bank Maintenance Budget was a separate budget to that as provided for Community Employment Schemes.

Following discussion, the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2016 for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for the Service Areas of Environment, Housing, and Recreation and Amenity was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

Mr. Leahy and Mr. Headd presented the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2016 (Draft Roads Programme 2016) for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Leahy advised that there was no budget allocation in the Draft Roads Programme 2016 for Local Improvement Schemes and that had been the case for a number of years. Mr. Leahy stated that approximately one third of the tertiary roads are in a bad state of repair and he advised that the Council's priority was in bringing these roads up to a good standard of repair.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that Galway County Council would consider submitting an application to include Newtown/Caltra under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Works Scheme in 2016.

In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Leahy advised that the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2016 figures as presented did not include for a possible shortfall in income from Pay and Display in 2016.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Leahy advised that the Draft Municipal District Schedule of Works 2016 figures had decreased in line with the overall Grant Allocation from Central Government.

The Roads Programme 2016 was approved on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Donohue.

3 YEAR MULTI ANNUAL ROADS PROGRAMME

MDB16010

Mr. Headd presented the 3 Year Multi Annual Roads Programme for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

The 3 Year Multi Annual Roads Programme for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe was approved on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Burke.

UPDATE ON TRANSFER OF LAND TO SCOIL UÍ CHEITHEARNAIGH GAELSCOIL

MDB16011

Ms. McConnell advised that the disposal of 0.4414 hectares of Land at Garbally Drive in the Townland of Garbally Demesne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway had been approved at the September, 2014 Plenary Council Monthly Meeting and that this file had been transferred to the Law Agents Department for formal transfer. Ms. McConnell advised that it was expected that Contracts would issue shortly to Scoil Uí Cheithearnaigh Gaelscoil.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB16012

Mr. Cullen and Mr. Melody made a presentation to the Councillors on the East Galway Landfill. Mr. Melody advised that at the request of the EPA, Galway County Council agreed to partake in the management, operation and maintenance of the dormant landfill, with funding provided by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. Mr. Melody advised that it was agreed by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and Galway County Council that the current intervention was not environmentally or economically sustainable and Mr. Melody stated that both parties agreed that long term a Site Resolution Plan should be implemented. Mr. Melody advised that it had been agreed that the limited re-opening of the site would facilitate the earliest closure and transition to aftercare of the Landfill. Mr. Melody stated that the Council has agreed a Closure and Restoration/Aftercare Management Plan (CRAMP) with the EPA and that Galway County Council as future license holder would be responsible for its implementation. Mr. Melody explained that after the Landfill is opened for active deposition of waste, the permanent capping works per the CRAMP would be undertaken in parallel.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that the matter of contractors using the prescribed routes was covered specifically under the Planning Permission and he advised that where contractors did not use the prescribed routes, complaints in this regard should be forwarded directly to Galway County Council

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that Galway County Council had been approved to recruit eight staff in total to work in the Landfill which included two administration staff. Mr. Cullen advised that works to be undertaken at the site included management of: Leachate; Odour; Security and Environmental Monitoring and Reporting.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Melody advised that Tendering process for Procurement of a Consultant for the Restoration Works Design was completed and notifications would issue shortly. Mr. Melody advised that Joe Reilly Plant Hire was currently undertaking works on the Enabling Works Contract.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB16013

No business arising

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB16014

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that he would contact Irish Water on behalf of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe with regard to the matter of bills issuing to vulnerable customers whose homes are subject of a boil water notice.

In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. Headd advised that the Contractor was in place for the project at Ballygar Graveyard and that work would commence once weather conditions permitted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MDB16015

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1 – CLLR. D. CONNOLLY

The following reply was given:-

“Galway County Council will examine this issue and decide whether it requires further consideration and assessment”

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Submitted, Approved and Signed

Michael Finney

(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

10/2/2016 (Date)