

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 11th MAY, AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Finnerty

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Ms. C. McConnell A/Director of Services, Mr. J. Leahy, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. A. Headd, A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. F. McEvoy, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Graduate Engineer, Ms. S. Ni Mhainin, Environmental Education Officer, Mr. T. McNerney, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Dolan, Executive Scientist, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Vivien McGuire, Atticorra, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mr. Pdraig Dillon, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mr. Noel Dillon, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL, 2016

MDB16027

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on the 20th April, 2016 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Burke.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to MDB16021 Page 2, Mr. Headd advised that he had been verbally informed that Kylemore, Clonfert and Esker would not be considered under the Shannon CFRAM Study. He advised that he would request this notification formally at the upcoming Progress Group Meeting. He advised that the areas in question would be assessed under Minor Work Scheme applications to the OPW. With regard the issue of Cost Benefit Analysis, Mr. Leahy confirmed that he would raise this issue with the OPW at their next meeting.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB16026 Page 3, Ms. Gardiner advised that a response had been received from the HSE dated 3rd May, 2016 with regard

to the April Resolution of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe on the matter of the visual and overall structural condition of St Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe and its impact on the amenity of the town. The response as received was read out by Ms. Gardiner "I wish to advise that this hospital does not fall within the remit of the Saolta Group. It is part of the Community Health Organization. The Chief Officer for this region is Tony Canavan, who is based in Merlin Park University Hospital".

INTRODUCTION OF PAY BY WEIGHT

MDB16028

Ms. Ni Mhainnin made a presentation to the Council on the Introduction of Pay by Weight which comes into effect on the 1st July 2016. She outlined the legislative background, the details with regard the introduction of the 2 and 3 Bin System and the designation of areas for bags. She advised on the responsibilities of the Waste Contractors and of Galway County Council and stated that that this new system would help prevent illegal dumping and backyard burning in the County.

All of the members thanked Ms. Ni Mhainnin for her presentation. In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. McInerney advised that all recyclable waste is segregated by the Waste Contractors. All of the members raised concerns about costings and in response Ms. Ni Mhainnin explained that costings would be made up of a fixed rate and an additional charge per kg depending on whether the waste was classed as recyclable or landfill waste.

The members raised concerns about areas within the County which are not currently being serviced by Waste Contractors and in response Ms. Ni Mhainnin explained that Galway County Council cannot compel companies to collect waste. Ms. Ni Mhainnin stated that the Environment Section works closely with all of the seven contractors involved and that overall the Council gets a high level of co-operation from the Contractors.

In response to concerns raised by all of the members with regard to the possibility of increased dumping, Mr. McInerney advised that this system has been in place in Leitrim County Council on a pilot basis for the last two years and that there has been no increase in illegal dumping in Leitrim.

Cllr. M. Connolly raised the issue of Competitive Tendering. Following a discussion, on the proposal of Councillor M. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Burke the following resolution was agreed "I propose that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe write to the Minister for the Environment and the EPA requesting that legislation be put in place to allow County and City Councils operate a competitive tendering system for Domestic Waste Collection.

International experience has shown that where Competitive Tendering is operated by Local Authorities that Household and Domestic Waste Collection is 20% cheaper".

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB16029

Ms. McConnell advised that the Official Opening of the Ballinasloe Library would take place on Monday 16th May, 2016 at 12 noon.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal district of Ballinasloe would be held at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 8th June, 2016.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB16030

Cllr. Finnerty advised that the Galway 2020 Team were hosting a Public Meeting at the Ballinasloe Library on the 12th May, 2016 at 7 p.m. in order to provide an update on Galway's Bid to be European Capital of Culture and to present their approach to working with local communities throughout Galway County in the delivery of the Galway 2020 Programme. Ms. McConnell advised that there was great potential for all the small towns and villages to become involved in the bid and she asked for all of the members support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB16031

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Headd advised that the CFRAM process was ongoing and that Galway County Council understands that the Draft Management Plans would be available by the end of the year.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. McEvoy advised that the tree at Garbally Drive was an oak tree and as such, there were issues with regard cutting same. He advised that he would investigate this matter further.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. McEvoy advised that he would assess the trees at Dunlo Hill and revert back with a response.

On the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Donohue it was proposed that the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would write to Mr. Denis Naughton and congratulate him on his appointment as Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources and write to Ms. Maura Hopkins and congratulate her on her appointment as a Senator. The proposal was discussed and as it was agreed following a roll call which was taken on the proposal and which resulted as follows:

For:

Cllr. Burke, Cllr. D. Connolly, Cllr. M. Connolly, Cllr. Donohue and Cllr. Finnerty

Against:

Cllr. Broderick

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

(Date)