

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 SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. T. Broderick

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Baill: Cllrs. D. Connolly, M. Connolly, A. Dolan, D. Geraghty, P. Keaveney

Oifigigh: Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Services, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Mr. E. Mulryan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY, 2019

MDB19041

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 10th July, 2019 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Dolan, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB19031 Page 1, Mr. Mitchell advised that Consultants were in the process of being appointed to carry out the Road Safety Audit at Creagh Junction and it was envisaged that works would commence in early October, 2019.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly and with reference to MDB19031 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Stage 3 Safety Audit on the N63 Ballygar Traffic Calming Project was completed and in summary the findings were such that because of the low volume of traffic turning onto the Pound Road, that the width of the turning was sufficient. In response to concerns raised from Cllrs. M. Connolly, Dolan, Geraghty and Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would bring the concerns back to the T.I.I. for further discussion.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB19040 Page 7, Mr. Farrell advised that the Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture Programme Launch was due to take place on the 18th September, 2019. In response to Cllrs. Broderick, D. Connolly, Dolan and Keaveney with regard to events in East Galway, Mr. Farrell advised that following on from the Small Towns Big Ideas Projects initiative for Galway 2020, the Calendar of Events for

Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture Programme would include creative projects delivered throughout the city and county including villages and towns throughout County Galway. Mr. Farrell stated that projects delivered in the villages and towns in County Galway will form an integral part of the cultural programme for 2020 and he stated that it is expected that they will benefit local communities and businesses including villages and towns based in East Galway.

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllrs. Dolan, M. Connolly, Keaveney, Broderick and Geraghty, it was agreed that the following resolution would issue to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine; the Taoiseach's Office and to Galway East and Galway-Roscommon Oireachtas members: "Ballinasloe Municipal District wish to salute farmers who have been campaigning for farmers to all in the Beef Industry especially primary producers who are in danger of being put out of business. We call on Government to ensure that all stakeholders engage in meaningful discussions and that Government conduct an investigation into the Meat Industry. Also we call on High Court Orders that have been issued to be withdrawn"

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS – SECTION 11 OF ROADS ACT 1993 AT GARRAFINE, CALTRA, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY

MDB19042

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty, the Council approved the declaration of the following road to be a public road, the statutory procedure having been complied with:

- (a) Road commencing at junction with Local Road L7402 (171205; 238649) in the townland of Garrafine and extending south for a distance of 65 metres in the townland of Garrafine and finishing at the entrance to May's house (171190; 238586) in the townland of Garrafine.

In response to Cllr. Broderick regarding Galway County Council's policy on Taking in Charge of Roads, Mr. Mitchell advised that the taking in charge of private roads into the Council's road network places an added financial burden on Galway County Council and he stated that the Council currently does not have adequate funding in place to upgrade the condition of existing public roads.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell agreed to assess roads where historical Notice of Motion monies had been allocated into upgrading roads with the intention of taking them in charge. Mr. Mitchell stated that these private roads would be taken in charge on a phased basis and on a case by case basis. Mr. Mulryan advised that the Local Improvement Scheme is the most efficient means of upgrading private roads and that significant funding is being made available for this scheme on an annual basis. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that there should be no expectation that roads upgraded via Local Improvement Scheme would be taken in charge by Galway County Council. Cllr. M. Connolly stated that the funding that Galway County Council receives via the Equalization Fund was unfair and substantially below other Local Authorities. In

response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that a Finance Committee had made representations for additional funding from the Department and were unsuccessful in their efforts. Mr. Mitchell advised that he had also made requests for additional funding following flood events/storms and that these requests had also been unsuccessful over the last few years.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB19043

Mr. Farrell advised in relation to the upcoming Municipal District of Ballinasloe Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting and following discussion it was agreed to hold same on Wednesday, 23rd October at 2pm, in the Council Chamber, Áras An Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.

Mr. Farrell also advised in relation to the ongoing preparation of the Galway County Council's Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024. Mr. Farrell explained that the overall framework provided by this Corporate Plan will allow the Council to plan effectively, monitor delivery and assess its performance against our strategic priorities on an ongoing basis to inform policy, decision making and the allocation of resources. Mr. Farrell asked for the members engagement with the process and stated that a report on same would be brought before the Corporate Policy Group for discussion.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB19044

Following a discussion regarding "Ireland's Hidden Heartlands" initiative, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick which was seconded by Cllr. Dolan it was agreed "That we request a presentation from "Hidden Heartlands" outlining where the Ballinasloe Municipal District fits into their overall vision". Mr. Farrell advised that Galway County Council would shortly be appointing a Tourism Officer.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Farrell advised that the application for Ballinasloe under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund had been submitted and that the application was currently being assessed. Mr. Farrell advised that a decision was due by the end of November, 2019.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Farrell advised that he would discuss with the Head of Finance the issue of ringfencing an annual budget of €1,500 specifically towards the upkeep of the Town Clock.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB19045

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mulryan advised that the status of the roadway leading to the Moycairn Hotel needed to be clarified and that if it was a public roadway, the provision of slow zone speed limit of 30Kph could be considered. Mr. Mulryan also advised

that he would raise with an Gardai Siochana the concerns made regarding alleged speeding at this location.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly regarding claims of illegal dumping within the Town, Mr. Mulryan requested further details regarding such locations in order that the matter can be fully investigated.

Cllr. Dolan advised that the “Ballinasloe Says No” campaign currently had 2075 signatures in support of their campaign. Mr. Farrell advised that as there was a statutory process currently ongoing, Mr. Farrell did not wish to make any further comment on the issue. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Farrell advised that additional information with regard to the proposed number of lorries would be made available to him.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that he would seek clarification with regard planning requirements for 5G Masts.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 9th October, 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

9.10.2019

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