

**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 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2017 AT 2.00 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. A. Donohue

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:** Cllrs. T. Broderick, D. Burke, M. Connolly, D. Connolly, M. Finnerty.

**Oifigigh:** Ms. C. McConnell, A/Director of Service, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Ms. M. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer, Mr. F. McEvoy, Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Assistant Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

Mr. Enda Doran, Kilbegly, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon.  
Mr. Paddy Finnerty, Englishtown, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Mark Kinnucane, Deerpark, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Elsa McLoughlin, 37 Ard Mhuire, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Gerry Bruen, Loughbawn, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon.  
Mrs. Mary Joe Curley, Mackney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Kevin Higgins, Ferbane Road, Cloghan, Co. Offaly.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

MDB17031

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, Seconded by Cllr. Burke.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS**

MDB17032

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB17026 Page 2, Ms. Ni Chionna advised that she had received verbal confirmation that future funding for National Roads would not be affected as a result of proposed changes to the Speed Limits on National Roads. Following discussion, Ms. Ni Chionna stated that Galway County Council would look for further clarity

from Transport Infrastructure Ireland on this matter. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Ms Ni Chionna advised that she would amend the submission to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to highlight concerns with regard to the bridge leading to Ballygar from the Newbridge side. Cllr. M. Connolly expressed serious concern at the long term implications with regard to upgrade projects being carried out to National Routes in the County and to future funding implications for these projects once the Speed Limits have been reduced. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the following resolution was agreed "We propose a Special Plenary of Galway County Council is called to discuss proposed downgrade of National Secondary Roads i.e. the N59, N67, N63, N84 and other roads affected by TII's new proposals".

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

**MDB17033**

In response to Cllr. Donohue with regard to on-street drinking in Ballinasloe, Ms. McConnell advised that the Joint Policing Committee is the appropriate forum for discussing this issue. Cllr. M. Connolly agreed to raise this matter at the next Joint Policing Committee Meeting. In response to Cllr. Broderick and in accordance with the Planning Legislation, Ms. McConnell advised that it is a requirement that an application for a licence is made to the Planning Department to place tables and chairs outside a commercial premises. Ms. McConnell also advised that licence fees are payable in this regard in accordance with the Planning Legislation.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**MDB17034**

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that the Tender Documents were being finalised for the Ballinasloe Water Services Upgrade Contract No. 2 and Street Enhancement Works and that it was expected that they would issue within a few weeks.

Cllr. Broderick raised the issue regarding tenants in Housing Estates who engage in Anti Social Behaviour and he raised concerns in relation to the rights of other tenants who reside in the same estates and whose properties he stated could have the potential to decrease in value because of the Anti Social Behaviour of others. Cllr. D. Connolly asked: how the Council protects its existing tenants from such behaviour; how the Anti-Social Behaviour unit deals with tenants who engage in Anti Social Behaviour and he requested that the process be reviewed on how tenants are selected for council houses. Cllr. Donohue stated that the Local Authority needed to be careful when a house is being leased to a new tenant and he stated that common sense needed to be applied. Cllr. M. Connolly stated that Anti Social Behaviour needs to be tackled and he stated that the Council needs to be more proactive in the way they handle Anti Social Behaviour which he stated is totally unacceptable. In response, Ms. McConnell advised that Galway County Council has in place an "Anti-Social Behaviour Policy" and an "Estate Management Policy" both which she stated were adopted by the Council and she advised that it was imperative that procedures had to be followed when dealing with instances of Anti-Social Behaviour. Ms. McConnell also advised that Galway County Council had to proceed within the confines of the relevant legislation and she stated that it was very important that all instances of Anti Social Behaviour were notified to the Gardaí and the Local Authority. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Ms. McConnell advised

that she would convey back to the Director of Services with responsibility for Housing the concerns of the Councillors and their request that the “Tenant Management Policy” be reviewed by the end of 2017. Cllr. Broderick stated that this issue would be raised at the Plenary Council Meeting.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that grass cutting for 2017 had commenced and that going forward, the grass cutting schedule would be dependent on resources. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that the issue of whether or not grass cutting in Housing Estates in Ballinasloe would continue was contingent on budgets and an issue which would have to be addressed. Mr. McEvoy advised that the residents in estates needed to take ownership of grass cutting.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that no indications had been received from the Department to date that any extra allocations were going to be made available for the Road Maintenance Budget for 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Broderick the following resolution was agreed “I propose that the Béal Atha na Slua Area receive a presentation on the delivery of Fire Services in our area at our next Crinniú “.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that the Station Road Footpath Project was now complete and he advised that funding had been provided from the Maintenance Budget and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for same.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the stretch of road at Old Killure School be assessed.

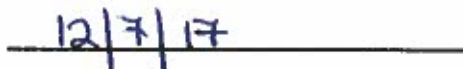
Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00 p.m. in the Municipal District Offices of Ballinasloe.

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**Submitted, Approved and Signed**



**(Cathaoirleach to sign here)**



**(Date)**