

## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016 AT 2.00 p.m.

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. D. Burke

### **I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

**Oifigigh:** Ms. C. McConnell, Acting Director of Service, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Assistant Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer

### **RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY**

Mr. Tony Broderick, Moher, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

On the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a period of 3 minutes as a mark of respect for the former Ballinasloe Town Councillor Lilly Broderick, R.I.P.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

MDB16058

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Donohue.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes**

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB16055 Page 1, Mr. McLynn advised that temporary repair works had been completed at Dunlo Recreational Park and that the park would be opened shortly.

In response to Cllr. T. Broderick and with reference to MDB16055 Page 1, Ms. McConnell advised that decisions taken at the main Council Meeting with regard to reductions in the Council's Budget would have to be discussed at the plenary Council Meeting. Cllr. D. Connolly suggested that Mr. Mullarkey, Head of Finance be asked to attend the next meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in order to address the impact which the budget reduction would have on the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

With reference to MDB16057 Page 2 and following a discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue, which was seconded by Cllr. Finnerty the following resolution was agreed “I propose that we write to the Estates Division/Department off the H.S.E. to request the current status of the old St. Brigid’s Hospital which is such an eyesore on your entry to Ballinasloe Town”.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB16057 Page 2, Ms. McConnell advised that a review was being carried out by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government with regard to lands in ownership of state and semi-state bodies for the purpose of housing provision.

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

**MDB16059**

Mr. McLynn provided an update on proposed Minor Work applications which had been assessed on the basis of their Cost Benefit Analysis. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McLynn asked that Cllr. D. Connolly provide him with specific details of the schemes where he was requesting updates. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that the €6.6million provided under Tranche 1 Funding had been fully spent and that Ms. Maire Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer was in constant engagement with Minister Sean Canney with a view to securing additional funding for Galway County Council. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would provide an update on the completed Minor Works Projects. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly with regard to flooding at Lakeview, Moylough, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would discuss same with Ms. Ni Chionna. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Minor Works applications were processed via the Office of Public Works.

Mr. McLynn provided detail with regard to the proposed inspection area at Aughrim adjacent to the R446 which he stated would be provided in conjunction with the RSA. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell confirmed that there would be no staff seconded for this project and he advised that funding for the project would be provided entirely by the Road Safety Authority. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Mitchell advised that a mobile weighbridge would be provided at the Safe Area.

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

**MDB16060**

No business arising.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**MDB16061**

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Ms. McConnell asked if Cllr. Broderick could provide her with details of the inaccurate reporting which he stated had occurred in relation to the decision taken at the main Council Meeting with regard to the proposed amalgamation of Galway County Council and Galway City Council.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that he had sent a report on behalf of the Roads and Transportation Department on Outdoor Staffing to the Chief Executive and the Human Resources Department and that to date he advised he had had no formal response to same.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that there are no qualifications required by applicants who apply for the posts of General Operative and General Services Supervisor. Mr. Mitchell advised that the role of the General Services Supervisor has changed due to additional responsibilities being assigned in the areas of: health and safety, OHSAS, supervision, risk assessment and dealing with contractors.


In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that there were sufficient resources available to cover Local Road Maintenance to the end of 2016.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that a meeting was due to take place between Galway County Council and Irish Water with regard to the progression of Ballinasloe Town Water Services & Street Enhancement Works Project and Mr. Mitchell advised that an update would be provided at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in regard to same.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 in the Municipal District Offices of Ballinasloe.

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**Submitted, Approved and Signed**



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

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