

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 JULY, 2018 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Burke

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Ms. E. Dolan, A/Director of Service, Mr. F. McEvoy, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, Assistant Engineer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Bridget O’Dea, Mounthazel, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Sr. Annie Flanagan, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Kathleen Moclair, Lowville, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Monica Carney, Derryfrench, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Mr. Tony Byrnes, Knockbrack, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF: (a) MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE, 2018; (b) MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE, 2018; (c) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE, 2018

MDB18031

(a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 13th June, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to MDB18026 Page 1, Mr. McEvoy advised that the Speed Limit Review Statutory Process was ongoing and that deadline dates for submissions and details with regards the advertisement for same would be provided to the members.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB18026 Page 2, Ms. Dolan advised that Galway County Council granted a waste facility permit to Sean Curran, Barna Waste on the 29th March, 2018 and that no activity has commenced on the site to date. Ms. Dolan advised that the Ballinasloe Says No Campaign had secured permission from the High Court to challenge Galway County Councils decision to issue the permit. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Ms. Dolan advised that she would seek clarification from the Environment Section as to whether work could commence on the site while the decision was being challenged.

With reference to MDB18027 Page 2, Cllr. Donohue advised the meeting that it was his understanding that the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief intended to visit the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and those households who have been refused funding on the grounds of ineligibility for Flood Relieve Scheme and Cost Benefit Analysis under Minor Works Scheme during the months of July/August 2018.

(b) The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Donohue.

© The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO BOARD OF BALLINASLOE AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (BACD) COMPANY **MDB18032**

It was proposed by Cllr. Finnerty and seconded by Cllr. Donohue that Cllr. M. Connolly be appointed as a Director.

As there were no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Cathaoirleach declared Cllr. M. Connolly appointed as a Director.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS **MDB18033**

Ms. Dolan presented an update in relation to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018. Ms. Dolan advised that 12 applications had been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development of which she stated two applications were from the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Ms. Dolan stated that the Ballinasloe Project submission involved: a combination of footpath enhancement at Society Street and the BACD initiative to organize and coordinate events at the new facility located above the Library. This initiative makes provision for video and multimedia equipment to facilitate live streaming and synchronization of the events. The Laurencetown/Abbey submission Ms. Dolan stated involved: (a) Laurencetown developing community owned lands (5 acres) located adjacent

to the local National School into an “Educational Socio-Economic Hub” consisting of a pre and post school childcare facility, a multi-use games area, a walking track and a safe school and community parking facility. This project Ms. Dolan stated involved 3 phases, with Phase 1 - the Town & Village Renewal Scheme Application and (b) Abbey developing their community centre to include a hub offering hot desks and meeting rooms for the wider community. Ms. Dolan advised that any additional information on these applications could be obtained from Mr. Kieran Coyne in the Community & Enterprise Section.

Mr. McEvoy advised that additional funding of €96k had been received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to facilitate improvement works on the N63.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS

MDB18034

Cllrs. Burke advised that both himself and Cllr. Donohue had attended a Public Meeting in Meelick regarding the proposed Weir Project. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. Donohue, the following resolution was agreed: “I propose that this Municipal District extend an invitation to representatives of Waterways Ireland to attend our September Meeting of the Municipal District to discuss timelines for delivery of the repair to the Weir at Meelick and future plans in relation to its integration into the Hidden Heartlands initiative”. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue seconded by Cllr. Burke, the following resolution was also agreed: “I propose we write to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Josephine Madigan with regards to funding for Meelick Pier. Promises have been made over the past few years and some funding we are told is available for works to commence but not enough to complete the project”.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB18035

Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly seconded by Cllr. Broderick, the following resolution was agreed: “I propose that Galway County Council give a report to, Béal Átha na Sluaighe Municipal District next crinniu on the gorse fires that took hold recently in Killure, Caltralea, Cloneena and Kilgerrill and Laurencetown area”.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that the optimum time for treatment of Japanese knotweed is in September.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Ms. Gardiner agreed to contact the OPW seeking a response to the letter of resolution from the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in relation to the dissatisfaction of the Members of MD of Ballinasloe with regard to the criteria for determining funding under the Flood Relief Scheme and Minor Works Scheme.

Cllr. D. Connolly excused himself from the Municipal District of Ballinasloe Meeting during the next discussion which took place on the Nutfield Cross Project. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. McEvoy advised that the Road Design Section were involved in the preparation of the design for the Nutfield Cross Project. Mr. McEvoy advised that while landowners had been notified with regard to the general outline of the design,

negotiations for the purchase of land could not be finalized until the accommodation works were decided upon. Cllrs. Broderick and Donohue expressed concern about the allocated budget of €300k not being spent and asked that additional resources be put into advancing the project as a matter of urgency. Cllr. M. Connolly asked that additional signage be placed at Killure Church to avoid traffic going through Nutfield Cross entrance into Ballinasloe. Cllr. D. Connolly returned to the Council Chamber on cessation of this discussion.

In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. McEvoy advised that the level of maintenance at the Sli na hAbhainn Park was impacted on by the reduction of the Parks and Open Spaces budget for 2018 and by the retirement of the Town Gardener in 2017. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. McEvoy advised that a General Operative would be recruited in place of the Town Gardener.

Cllr. M. Connolly asked for the issue of speeding in New Inn village and a proposed pedestrian crossing to alleviate same to be examined. Mr. McEvoy advised that complaints regarding speeding in villages could be dealt with as part the Speed Limit Review and that submissions in relation to same could be made to the Roads and Transportation Department.

In response to Cllr. Finnerty, Mr. McEvoy advised that the provision of Speed Ramps on Beechlawn Road is not considered to be the optimum solution.


Cllr. M. Connolly acknowledged the response from the Office of Public Works with regard the closure of the Garda Barracks in Moylough but expressed concern with regard to the expiration of the lease in 2022 and the wider implications for local Garda Stations.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked for a report on the October Fair be presented at the September, 2018 Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the July Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 12th September @ 2.p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

12/9/18

(Date)