

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 13th June, 2018 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. A. Donohue

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Service, Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Service, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, 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

Ms. Rosaleen Cahill, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Peter O'Connor, 21 St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Moran, Annaghmore, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16th May, 2018 MDB18026

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 16th May, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Broderick.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to MDB18019 Page 2 in relation to the Town Enhancement Scheme, Mr. Mitchell advised that SIAC Construction would be mobilizing on site within the next two weeks. Mr. Mitchell also advised that a revised Programme for the Town Enhancement Project was being prepared and would be available shortly. In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. McEvoy advised that it was expected that the project would commence in St. Michaels Square.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB18020 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Speed Limit Review Statutory Process was on going and that it was expected that the Draft Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) County Galway Byelaws 2018 would be brought to the Municipal District of Ballinasloe September 2018 Meeting for discussion.

Mr. Mitchell also advised that there are no road realignment projects planned for the N63 with the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. Cllrs. Broderick and M. Connolly expressed disappointment with the proposed reductions in Speed Limits on the N63. Mr. Mitchell advised that the T.I.I. would be providing significant Capital Maintenance Funding for all the National Roads in County Galway.

With reference to MDB18019 Page 2, Mr. Farrell at the request of Cllr. D. Connolly advised that he would ask that the Director of Service to attend the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in order to give an update on the proposed Pollboy Waste Transfer Station.

In response to Cllr. Donohue and with reference to MDB18023 Page 4, Mr. Farrell advised that 39 expressions of interest had been received for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 and that these had been shortlisted to 18 proposals at this point. He advised that following the completion of an internal review that 12 proposals would be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development by end of June deadline. The 12 Projects to be submitted he stated will consist of 1 Flagship and 11 other Projects, explaining that Galway County Council is only guaranteed to get Department approval for 4 projects but that he was confident that the County would get more. Mr. Farrell advised that the minimum grant is €20,000 and the maximum is, generally, €100,000 but that flagship proposals may get up to €200,000. Mr. Farrell stated that it was a competitive bid process and that it was important that projects met the criteria, were at the right stage of development and that they would deliver positive outcomes in line with the aims of the scheme. He said that the staff in the Economic, Rural & Community Development Unit would communicate with the groups/projects that are not put forward in 2018 and that they may be able to avail of future funding opportunities as this has been a positive experience from the work to date on previous calls. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Farrell advised that 2 of the expressions of interest received that are being considered for submission to the Department are for projects based in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

CFRAMS AND FLOODING UPDATE

MDB18027

Mr. McEvoy presented an update on the OPW Non-Coastal Minor Works Schemes in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe. In response to Cllr. Burke and with reference to MDB18025 Page 6, Ms. Gardiner advised that no response had been received from the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Flood Relief regarding the May Resolution in relation to the matter of the criteria used for determining funding under the Flood Relief Scheme and Minor Works Scheme and the request that the criteria for entitlement to redress under the Flood Relief Scheme be revised to accommodate those whose houses would have flooded had the householder or the Council not taken defensive measures. Cllrs. Burke and Broderick expressed concern at the lack of options available to home owners whose houses would have flooded had they or the Council not taken defensive measures in order to avoid flooding. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Donohue, the following resolution was agreed "I propose that the Ballinasloe Municipal District invite the Minister for Flood Relief to visit this Municipal

District and those households who have been refused funding on the grounds of ineligibility for Flood Relief Scheme and Cost Benefit Analysis under Minor Works Scheme to discuss possible solutions in those cases". Cllr. Finnerty thanked Mr. McEvoy for the comprehensive report and also wished Mr. McEvoy well in his role as Acting Senior Executive Engineer.

Mr. Cullen presented an update on CFRAMS. Mr. Cullen advised that Galway County Council had received confirmation from the Office of Public Works in relation to the identification of projects to be delivered under the CFRAMS Programme. Mr. Cullen advised that the OPW has identified 118 Flood Relief Schemes to be implemented under the 10 year €1 billion investment programme. Mr. Cullen advised that projects in Ballinasloe, Clifden and Portumna would form part of Tranche 1 of the 50 New Flood Relief Schemes which would be advanced in initial phase to detailed design and construction. Mr. Cullen advised that it was a legal requirement that the Members of Galway County Council consider and adopt the Flood Risk Management Plans at the July 2018 Plenary Meeting. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Cullen advised that the estimated cost of the project in Ballinasloe was approx. €8.5m. In response to Cllrs. Donohue and D. Connolly Mr. Cullen advised that the timeframe was dependent on many factors such as the procuring of consultants, preparation of EIA's etc. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Cullen advised that funding had been committed for the projects to progress. Mr. Cullen stated that Galway County Council has a very good working relationship built up with the Office of Public Works and that discussion was ongoing with the OPW with regard to how the projects would progress and which agency would run the project.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MD818028

Mr. Farrell advised that applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. Mr. Farrell gave a brief outline of the scheme and stated that €12 million in funding nationally is being made available by the Department of Rural and Community Development for this scheme which he stated will provide funding for the development and maintenance of outdoor amenities such as greenways, blueways and cycleways, development of new recreational infrastructure and the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that eligible applicants under Measure 1 will be Local Development Companies with partnership/collaboration with Local Authorities/other bodies and communities strongly encouraged and that eligible applicants under Measures 2 and 3 will be Local Authorities and State Bodies with partnership/collaboration with Local Development Companies/other bodies and communities strongly encouraged. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Farrell advised that the Council would circulate the Members, the PPN and other networks with details of the Scheme and the proposed closing date for Expressions of Interest applications under Measures 2 & 3.

Mr. Farrell advised that Galway Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) were notified of the Community Enhancement Programme 2018 and that they would be inviting applications from Community Groups for funding under the scheme.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB18029

Cllr. Donohue welcomed the significant funding for Community Involvement Schemes in the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty and agreed by all, it was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Friday, 22nd June @ 2.30 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB18030

Cllr. Burke advised that he was stepping down from his position as Director on the BACD. On the proposal of Cllr Burke, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed that "Appointment of Director to Board of Ballinasloe Area Community Development (BACD) Company Ltd." would be placed as an item on the July, 2018 Agenda for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

Cllr. Donohue and all of the members wished Ms. Lyndsey Considine well in her role in the LEO Office of Galway County Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the July Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 11th July @ 2.p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)



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