

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 21st March, 2018 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. A. Donohue

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Cllrs. 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. A. Headd, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. M. Melody, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. F. McEvoy, Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Ms. Dolores Clarke, Rose Cottage, Mackney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Ms. Ann Holohan, Perssepark, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
Ms. Samantha Whyte, Thomastown, Ballydangan, Co. Roscommon

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 2018

MDB18011

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 21st February, 2018 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. Finnerty.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. Finnerty and with reference to MDB18007 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that there was no funding in place under the Parks and Open Spaces Budget to carry out grass cutting in the 11 private housing estates in Ballinasloe. Mr. Mitchell stated that as per the February, 2018 Municipal District of Ballinasloe Meeting, a costing of the works via tender would be obtained and that in relation to its funding from the Roads Maintenance Grant, it was intended that further discussion on same with the members would take place. Mr. Mitchell clarified that the Road Maintenance Grant would have to be supplemented by Notice of Motions Monies. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would revert to the members once the tenders had been assessed by Mr.

McEvoy. Mr. McEvoy advised that the 22nd March, 2018 was the closing date for the receipt of tenders for grass cutting in the 11 affected private housing. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Mitchell stated that he was not in a position to comment on grass cutting in Local Authority Estates and recommended that this matter be discussed with the Housing Department.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB18010 Page 3, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Speed Limit Review was being carried out by Ms. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB18007 Page 3, Mr. Mitchell advised that funding for Bridges is based on need for repair and is not proportionate to Municipal Districts. Mr. Mitchell advised that additional funding was being sought for Bridge Improvements.

With reference to MDB18006 Page 1, Cllr. M. Connolly expressed disappointment with the response received from Minister Eoghan Murphy, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with regard to the Waste Transfer Station at Pollboy.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB18012

Mr. Melody presented Update No. 2 for the East Galway Landfill, Site Resolution Plan, which detailed the Review of 2017 Landfill Operations, Capital Works Project Update and East Galway Landfill Liaison Committee & Community Grant Scheme. Mr. Cullen advised that it was proposed to re-establish the East Galway Landfill Liaison Committee and requested the appointment of Liaison Community Representatives (3 no.). Mr. Cullen advised that it was proposed to hold the 1st Liaison Committee meeting in May, 2018 and every 2 months thereafter and that it was expected to advertise the 1st tranche of the EGL Community Grant Scheme in June, 2018 with a closing date for applications in July, 2018. Mr. Cullen advised that the second and final tranche of grant schemes would be launched 12 months later. In response to Cllrs. Broderick and D. Connolly, Mr. Melody advised that the odour situation had been caused by a number of factors i.e. weather issues, fixing of liners etc. which he stated meant that areas had been exposed longer than expected. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Melody advised that additional works would commence over the Easter time which could lead to more odour issues. Mr. Melody advised that while efforts are made to minimize odour, work still has to progress at a reasonable rate in order for the Contractor to ensure productivity. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Melody agreed to extend the daily Litter Watch to include the road to Cappataggle Cross. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Cullen advised that the EGL Landfill Liaison Committee must comprise of 3 Local Authority Members and 4 Community Representative as per the Planning Permission. In response to Cllr. Donohue, Mr. Cullen advised that the basic administration of the Community Grant Scheme would be carried out by the Community & Enterprise Section, Galway County Council. Mr. Cullen stated that the EGL Landfill Liaison Committee would be responsible for deciding on the allocation of funds via the Community Grant Scheme. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Cullen advised that the Community Grant Scheme would not come for approval come before the Municipal District of Ballinasloe and he advised that issues which were raised at the Liaison Committee

Meetings could be brought back to the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for discussion. In response to Cllrs. Broderick and Finnerty, Mr. Cullen advised that Community Grant Scheme was separate to the €300k allocation for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe which was compensation for EU Co-Financed Grant for the Cappataggle to Kilconnell Road Project. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. Finnerty, the following resolution was agreed "I proposed that Cllrs. Tim Broderick, Aidan O'Donohue and Dermot Connolly continue in place as the representatives of the Ballinasloe Municipal District on the Kilconnell Dump Liaison Committee".

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MD818013

Cllr. Donohue expressed concern with regard to the fact that the Ballinasloe Regional Water Supply Scheme was operating at full capacity and that in times of crises such as Storm Emma, it was not able to cope with additional demand. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Donohue seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, the following resolution was agreed: "I propose that Irish Water officials would meet with members of the Ballinasloe Municipal District in relation to the Ballinasloe Regional Water Scheme, preferably at our next Municipal Meeting or at the earliest date possible".

Cllr. Donohue and all of the members complimented the engineering staff and the outdoor staff of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe for all of their hard work during Storm Emma along with the work carried out by private contractors. Mr. Mitchell advised that due to the works carried out by Council staff and private contractors all of the primary and regional roads were open shortly after the event. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that vulnerable people have to be prioritized during weather events such as Storm Emma.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MD818014

Cllr. Broderick expressed concern at the fact that owners of cars which pass the NCT are not able to obtain private car insurance for their vehicles. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the following resolution was agreed: "We propose that the relevant Minister with responsibility for NCT Test Centres, addresses the disturbing levies that are being placed by insurance companies on aged vehicles, which have passed the NCT. The NCT Test Centres are a statutory requirement, and insurance companies are undermining them".

Cllrs. Broderick and D. Connolly expressed concern at the loss of staff in Galway County Council which they stated leads to a loss of valuable expertise. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly, the following resolution was put to the Meeting, but was not agreed: "We proposed that the section of Galway County Council present to the Municipal District its rationale which may in some way explain, the extreme hemorrhaging of staff within our Local Authority". The resolution was then withdrawn. Mr. Cullen advised that current recruitment is ongoing for Technician and Engineering grades within Galway County Council. Mr. Cullen advised that senior grades are recruited via the Public Appointment Service which operate at a national level. Mr.

Cullen advised that Galway County Council employs approx. 750 staff and that the movement of staff is ongoing. Mr. Cullen advised that the Human Resources Department can only anticipate staff leaving through retirement.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to the Meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Cllr. M. Connolly advised that the meeting had been positive. Mr. Cullen advised that future projects on the N63 at Ballygar and Kilmeen Cross were discussed and in response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Cullen advised that no discussion took place in relation to the Speed Limits on the N63.

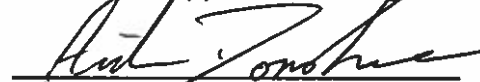
In response to Cllr. Burke, Mr. Mitchell advised that discussions were ongoing with the proposed Contractor with regard changes to paving on the Town Enhancement Project.

Cllr. Finnerty paid tribute to Garbally College for winning the Connacht School Seniors Cup.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 11th April, 2018 @ 2.p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

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