

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2024 AT 2.30 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. M. Connolly.

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Baill: Cllrs. D. Connolly, D. Geraghty, A. Harney, P. Keaveney, E. Parsons.

Oifigigh: Ms. J. Carroll Director of Service, Ms. R. Lowe Senior Engineer, D. Troy Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. E. Murphy Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. M. Kerrigan Executive Engineer, Mr. J. Lavelle Assistant Engineer, Mr. M. Melody Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. D. Bosonnet Brady Shipman Martin Landscape Artists, Mr. P. Batty Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. M. McGann Meetings Administrator.

An Cathaoirleach M. Connolly and all the members paid warm tributes to Cllr. John Naughten RIP Roscommon County Council. As a mark of respect, a minute's silence was held in his honour.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES **MDB24052**

Cllr. Parsons requested that the following be included as an amendment to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on 11th September 2024 – Any Other Business Page 5: "In response to Cllrs. Connolly, Harney, Parsons with regard Creagh Church Junction and Taughmaconnell Road Junction, Mr. Troy advised that pedestrian improvement works at Creagh Church Junction were to be done at the end of October. Mr. Troy advised that an application for a specific improvement grant application is being prepared for Taughmaconnell Road part of Creagh Junction. Mr. Troy advised that a roundabout is being considered as an option at the location".

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 11th September were proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Parsons and approved by the Municipal District Members.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr. Harney asked for further information on what interim works could be carried out while the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme was being advanced. A report will be sought to clarify this (MDB24042).

In response to Cllr. Harney, Ms. Carroll advised that the membership of the CCTV Oversight Committee was agreed and that training on their roles is required. In response to Cllr. Harney, Ms. Carroll advised that work was ongoing with the preparation of Environmental DPIA's and sites were being assessed for suitability. Ms. Carroll advised that the Housing Department was also preparing DPIAs for specific locations in Ballinasloe. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Ms. Carroll advised that no additional resources were proposed at present and that it was proposed that Community Wardens would be provided with additional training and continue to assist with Environment and Housing Departments on these issues (MDB24042).

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Ms. Carroll advised that it was intended that the Ballinasloe Swimming Area Feasibility Report would be ready in time for submission by March 2025 and that funding for this project was still in place. However, if an extension is required an application will be made to the Department to ensure retention of this funding. Cllrs. Harney and Parsons raised the issue of providing a slipway into the River Suck and asked how this project could be progressed. Cllr. Harney advised that the private slip way in place at the Moycairn Lodge was now blocked off for general access. Cllr. Parsons suggested a location for a new slip way at the location of the old tennis courts. Ms. Carroll advised that an update on this issue will be provided at the next MD Meeting.

REPORT UNDER PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2006 AS AMENDED – 1 NO. HOUSE AT CLOONLYON CRESCENT, BALLYGAR **MDB24053**

Ms. Murphy presented the Part 8 Report for 1 no. house at Cloonlyon Crescent, Ballygar. The members thanked Ms. Murphy for her report. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Ms. Murphy confirmed that the re-building costs for this project had been covered by IPB Insurance. Cllr. D. Connolly asked that more staffing be provided in Housing Department to help manage our current housing stock. On the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney seconded by Cllr. Harney the Council approved the Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2006 as amended – 1 no. house at Cloonlyon Crescent, Ballygar.

Ms. Murphy provided an update on current housing projects in the Ballinasloe Municipal District. Ms. Murphy advised the members that the detailed design was now completed at Dunlo Hill Project and that a tender had issued for a project contractor, and it was expected that a contractor would be appointed by the end of 2024. Ms. Murphy advised that it was expected that a contractor would also be appointed for the Moylough project by end of 2024. Ms. Murphy advised that the Housing Department were currently awaiting Department approval to progress a project at the vacant site in Garbally. Cllr. Harney asked that proposed houses would be set back to be in line with adjoining houses and Ms. Murphy said that she would bring this recommendation back to the design team.

Ms. Murphy advised that the housing project in Ballymoe would be completed at the end 2024.

PRESENTATION ON AMENITY DEVELOPMENT AT POOLBOY

MDB24054

Mr. Melody and Mr. David Bosonet presented the Preliminary Design Report for Amenity Development at Poolboy Landfill. The members thanked Mr. Melody and Mr. Bosonet for their presentation. In response to the members regarding environmental concerns, Mr. Melody advised that there are monitoring points on the Loughbawn River, and quarterly returns are provided to the EPA on water quality. Mr. Melody advised that Galway County Council is responsible for maintaining compliance on the site under EPA Licence requirements and is responsible for remediation of the site including gas management and leachate management. It was noted Galway County Council are in full compliance with all requirements and will continue to manage the site going forward. Budgets have been set aside for ongoing remediation costs. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Parsons and Harney, Mr. Melody advised that it was expected that the cost to develop Phase 1 of the project would be €4.3million ex VAT and not including fees. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Melody advised that the presentation today was the start of the process. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Melody advised that the amenity walkway within the site is 1.2km in length and that Phase 2 of the project would include for an additional 500 metres. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Melody advised that the viewing platform would form part of Phase 1. Cllrs D. Connolly and Parsons asked that the provision of solar panels at the site be considered. Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the provision of a skate park be considered. Cllr. Parsons asked that the provision of a Forest School at the site be considered. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Ms. Carroll advised that funding will be applied for under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund to part fund the project. Cllr. Parsons asked that all walking trails would be accessible for all. Cllr. Harney welcomed the proposals but cautioned against funding being moved away from more central location such as the Fairgreen and because there was limited funding within Galway County Council that we should use this funding wisely within the Municipal District. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Ms. Carroll advised that she would provide an update on funding which had been set aside for Poolboy Landfill.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB24055

Ms. Carroll provided an update to the members on the Galway County draft Local Economic and Community Plan which will be sent to the MD members. Ms. Carroll provided an update to the members on the CLAR allocations within the Ballinasloe Municipal District.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB24056

Cllr. M. Connolly and Keaveney expressed concern with ongoing pedestrian crossing project in Ballymoe and that the kerbing near the crossing was a cause for concern. Mr.

Troy advised that signage and roadmarking was to be carried out shortly at the site and in the meantime, he would put safety measures in place to warn motorists.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Ms. Lowe advised that NTA funding had been approved for bus stops at Ballymoe, Mountbellew and Moylough under the Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB24057

Votes of Sympathy

The Naughten Family on the passing of John Naughten, Ardkeen, Drum, Athlone

The Maloney Family on the passing of Seamus Maloney, Chequer Hill, Dunmore

The Fahey Family on the passing of John Fahey, Cloonkeen Clare, Kilkerrin, Co. Galway

The Glynn Family on the passing of Jeanette Glynn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

The Dolan Family on the passing of John Dolan, Curry, Brideswell, Co. Roscommon

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB24058

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that an interagency approach take place when dealing with rising anti-social behaviour issues in Ballinasloe town. The members were advised that matters such as these will be examined by the new Local Community Safety Partnership Committee.

In response to query from Cllr. Keaveney, Ms. Lowe advised that 200 Local Improvement Scheme 2024 applications had been received and were currently being assessed. Mr. Troy advised that there are currently 14 Local Improvement Scheme applications from previous years lists remaining to be done in the Ballinasloe Municipal District.

Cllr. Harney and all the members paid tribute to all who were involved in the running of the October Fair 2024. Cllr. M. Connolly paid tribute to the Sponsors who provide annual financial support towards the running of the October Fair. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Troy advised that the security firm were hired by the event management company, were very professional and worked well with the staff of Galway County Council and An Garda Síochána. Cllr. Parsons praised the staff of Galway County Council on their work in returning the Fair Green to its original condition. Cllr. Parsons raised the issue of parking at Garbally Drive but acknowledged the attempts made by Galway County Council to manage same.

In response to Cllr. Harney, Mr. Troy advised that maintenance work was carried out on the River Suck each year but acknowledged that the funding provided was small. Mr. Troy advised that problem areas identified by consultants working on the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme were prioritized.

In response to Cllr. Harney, Mr. Troy advised that a speed survey would be arranged at Taughmaconnell.

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on 13th November at 2pm.

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Signed: Michael Connolly

Dated: 20/11/2024