

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 2.00 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. D. Geraghty

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

**Baill:** Cllrs. T. Broderick, D. Connolly, P. Keaveney, E. Parsons

**Oifigigh:** Mr. L. Hanrahan, Director of Service, D. Troy Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. A. Spelman Meetings Administrator

It was agreed to hold a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the passing of Mr. Denny Connolly, brother of Cllr. Michael Connolly and Ms. Mary Maher, mother of Cllr. Moegie Maher.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**MDB24015**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. Parsons.

**Matters arising from the Minutes.**

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Troy advised that he would request an update on the M6 sound mapping report.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Troy advised that a workshop was being organized for the members by the Active Travel Team and that an update on the status of the bus stop at the marina and bus stops in local towns would be provided. The workshop would also inform on future proposals in the Municipal District. Cllr. Parsons asked that a pedestrian crossing be provided at Sarsfield Road. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that safety works had been conducted at the Duneeda junction with the help of notice of motion monies and that he supported the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Sarsfield Road.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that consultants were being appointed for the Athlone to Galway Cycleway and once in place a new engagement process would commence. Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would seek a timeline on this project and revert to the members with same.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that an update on the Coral Leisure facilities would be provided via the plenary council as agreed with the CPG. Mr. Hanrahan advised that he had requested an update be provided by Corporate Services to the members.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Environment Department will manage the CCTV budget. Mr. Hanrahan advised that Galway County Council are being advised by the LGMA with regard funding, protocols, and guidelines for CCTV. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the siting of cameras will involve public consultation.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**MOB24016**

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

**Matters arising from the Minutes.**

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Parking Bye Laws are legal. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Bye Laws refer to parking and parking fees and do not refer to specific spaces which are covered under the Traffic Management Plan. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the traffic management plan is done in consultation with An Garda Siochana. In response to Cllr. Geraghty and Parsons about changes to the Bye Laws to allow for two free hours parking each morning, Mr. Hanrahan advised that this change in policy would need to be addressed via the Roads and Transportation SPC. In response to Cllr. Broderick with regard the implementation of a pilot voucher scheme, Mr. Hanrahan advised that this would need to be addressed at Budget time to ensure finance was in place for the scheme. Mr. Troy advised that notice of motion monies can not be used for these purposes as this money is solely for the use for regional and local road maintenance.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that no meeting had taken place to date with the Creagh Residents Committee and a date for same was being arranged. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Department have been asked for guidelines on how to prepare enforceable Bye Laws for Graveyards.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan advised that keys were being handed out for houses in Ahascragh. In response to the members, Mr. Hanrahan advised the tenant

liaison officer, allocations team, tenant estate management officer, anti-social behaviour team, social work team were all working to ensure the smooth transition into new homes for persons allocated homes. Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would circulate a list of contact personnel to the members for their information and for them to contact if necessary.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Troy advised that they would assess the request for a speed ramp in a specific housing estate in Glenamaddy.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Troy advised that he would request an update on the Townparks Relief Road.

In response to the members, Mr. Troy advised that a contractor had been appointed for the repurposing and repair of pedestrian crossing lights on the junction of the Shannonbridge Road with the R446. Mr. Troy advised that the pedestrian crossing across from St. Brigids were being reviewed. Mr. Troy advised that a roundabout would be assessed as a solution at this location.

Cllr. D. Connolly thanked all involved with the consultation event for the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme held at the Shearwater Hotel and urged that there is ongoing consultation with landowners.

In response to Cllr. Geraghty and Keaveney, Mr. Troy asked that locations of fallen eircom poles be directed to him and he would engage with Eircom on their behalf.

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

**MD824017**

Mr. Hanrahan provided an update on the THRIVE Funding application made for Ballinasloe Town which incorporates the Fairgreen and surrounding areas. Mr Hanrahan advised on the process involved via the various strands of funding.

Mr. Hanrahan provided an update on the Just Transition Fund applications for the Public Realm Project in Ahascragh and the upgrade of the Aughrim Interpretative Centre. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Just Transition Activator position had been filled.

Mr. Hanrahan provided an update on the Renvyle and Ballinasloe swim area project.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that an appeal had been lodged against the decision not to include the BACD Project for Just Transition Funding. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that 40 applications had been made for funding from 8 different areas and that it was a competitive bid process.

Mr. Hanrahan provided an update on the negotiations between the HSE and Galway County Council for the purpose of providing a domestic violence refuge in Ballinasloe.

In response to the members, Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would seek an update from Mr. Owens, Director of Housing on the modular homes' development in Ballinasloe regarding clarification on occupancy of the homes and that a meeting be organized between the members and Ms. Evelyn Byrne. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Community Recognition Fund was now on stream and that members could discuss this with Mary McGann in Community and Enterprise.

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

**MD824018**

Cllr. Geraghty paid tribute to Ms. Teesie Burke on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Cllr. Keaveney asked that funding be provided for the Mountbellew Shearfest Festival which is being held in Mountbellew on the June Bank Holiday Weekend.

Cllr. Broderick asked that a focus be kept on funding for the 2025 Connacht Fleadh which is due to be held in Ballinasloe.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS**

**MD824019**

The Connolly Family, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway  
The Higgins Family, Kilkerrin Ballinasloe, Co. Galway  
The Ryan Family, Clonbeirne, Co. Galway  
The Finn Family, Clooncalliga, Moylough, Co. Galway  
The Maher Family, Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, Co. Galway  
The Strange Family, Caltralea, Killure, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**MD824020**

All the members thanked Cllr. Broderick for his public service and wished him well after hearing of his decision not to contest at the upcoming Local Elections.

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

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**Signed:**



**Dated:** 08.05.2024