

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING 2021 - GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT CORRANDULLA, COUNTY GALWAY ON FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER
2020 AT 11.00 A.M

I LATHAR:

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Comh. James Charity
Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway

BAILL:

Comh./Cllrs. Broderick, Byrne, Canning, Carroll, Collins, D. Connolly, M. Connolly, Cronnelly, Ó Cualáin, Cuddy, Curley, Ó Curraoin, Dolan, Donuhue, Finnerty, Geraghty, Herterich Quinn, Hoade, C. Keaveney, P. Keaveney, Killilea, Kinane, King, Mac an Iomaire, Maher, Mannion, McClearn, McHugh Farag, McKinstry, Murphy, Parsons, Reddington, Roche, Sheridan, Thomas, Walsh and Welby.

OIFIGIGH:

Mr. Kevin Kelly, Chief Executive, Mr. G. Mullarkey, Head of Finance, Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Service, Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Service, Mr. M. Owens, County Secretary and Meetings Administrator, Mr. M. McGovern, Management Accountant, Mr. S. Groarke, Administrative Officer, Ms I. Martyn, Senior Staff Officer, Ms Una Ní Eidhín Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge & Ms. A. Ruane Clerical Officer.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

ITEM 1-CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR YEAR 2021

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the elected members, officials and the press to the Statutory Budget Meeting. He advised that item 1 of the Agenda is the consideration and adoption of the Budget for 2021 and that the members have 2 minutes each to make their contribution- he referred to the use of the screen and the ear- pieces. He then requested the Chief Executive to make his presentation on the Budget.

The Chief Executive introduced the Budget reflecting on the changes since 2014 including a number of years where the Budget remained around €105m. In 2019 it increased to €121m and then €130m in 2020 and the draft Budget for 2021 is €136.50m. He made the following points:

Approximately 56% or €8.5m of the €15m increase over the last 2 years relates to road grants. The Revenue Budget increase from 2020 to the draft for 2021 is €6.5m of which €4.3m relates to road grants. Our Local Property Tax income remains the same as in 2014 at €14.5m (incl. the Pension Related Deductions) Our Commercial Rate remains the same as it did in 2009. The most significant changes in Budget 2021 are outlined on page 4 of the Budget Report. The €1m allocation from the Minister has been included in Program 4 as a contra item pending the consideration of this allocation by the members. With reference to the members intention to reallocate some of their Training and Conference monies the members were reminded of their obligations in respect of any conflict of interest and it is assumed that any basic requirements that would apply to the giving of any grant assistance would apply in these allocations notwithstanding that the allocations have no purpose identified and are not linked to any particular action or outcome. The Chief Executive drew attention to page 5 of the report and commended the efforts of all the staff involved in successfully drawing down over €29m in grants over the last 3 years.

The Chief Executive referred to a separate report issued to the members on the importance of the Capital Account, the requirement for certainty of funding availability from that source and his strong recommendation to the members not to seek to run any part of our day to day operational business using capital monies.

The members attention was drawn to the fact that the Budget has been prepared on the assumption that local income levels including rates will be sustained in 2021 either by normal economic activity and revenue collection and/or by Government funded support and that the €500k provision that had been made for the Capital Account had to be held in the Revenue Account in 2021 in order to maintain services and thus will not be available to offset unfunded balances in the Capital Account. The Chief Executive asked for the members support in restoring this contribution to the Capital Account at the earliest possible time.

In conclusion the Chief Executive acknowledged the assistance of the Cathaoirleach Cllr. James Charity, the former Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, the Members of the Corporate Policy Group, the Head of Finance and the Directors of Service and their staff for all their work in bringing forward what was considered to be the most difficult Budget to date.

The Cathaoirleach then invited contributions from the elected members-he requested that proposals should be in written format and seconded. These are summarized as follows:

- The increase in the Budget from €130m in 2020 to €136.5m for 2021 was welcomed and the work of all units was commended for securing €29m in grant funding over the past 3 years. The work of the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and the CPG was acknowledged in regard to the Budget presentation and the positive initiatives outlined considering the difficult pandemic year.
- The increase of €4.3 in road grants, the delivery of the Rebuilding Ireland Housing Program, Rural Regeneration initiatives, the Towns & Villages enhancement scheme, funding for the Greenways, funding from Clár, allocations for Climate Action and Smarter Travel were cited as positive initiatives. The work of the Local Area Engineers was acknowledged as regards the delivery of schemes.

- It was noted that while the income from grants & subsidies has increased from €48m to €55m the Council would still need to maintain pressure on the Government for its fair share of funding from the Equalisation Fund. The meeting was advised that the Budget amount is still far short of that in 2008 when it was €160m and the Council is still playing catchup- it is second from the bottom as regards per capita Capital Expenditure. The meeting was advised that Donegal and Tipperary get €21m and €19m respectively from the LPT while Donegal with a population of 159,000 has a budget of €167m- which is €30m more than County Galway which has a population of 179,000.
- Concern was expressed that the budget for street cleaning is insufficient and assurances were sought that Loughrea will be provided with an adequate service in 2021.
- A query was made concerning the €50,000 funding required for a Zebra Crossing at the L-1320 at Moycullen listed at page 42. A NOM was passed in regard to this at the MD of Conamara Budget meeting.
- Concern was expressed at the €500k required for planning enforcement and the €300k it will cost the Council for unfinished housing estates. It was recommended that the Planning Regulations be changed so that more effective action can be taken against developers who do not adhere to planning conditions. Opinion was expressed that the Council is falling down as regards planning enforcement and breaches of regulations and retentions should not be permitted. Concern was expressed that with 1,644 planning application received up to the 20-10-2020 whether the Council has an adequate number of planning staff to deal with them in a timely fashion. Opinion was expressed that a fast track system is required for planning permissions as the process can be slow and this is a hindrance to job creation.
- An explanation was requested in regard to the increase of €360k in Housing Rent on page 176, the increased outturn on Coroners fees on page 174, waste collection other costs of €127k on page 170 and where the rest of the funding was spent on Tourism Promotion on page 168 given the fact that €20k less was spent in 2020.
- A recommendation that the €1million once off allocation received from the Department be spent on the economic development of towns & villages in the Municipal Districts as this is vital for regeneration. It was expressed that with the cut back on funding for services there is no provision for towns and villages.
- It was noted that new houses that were built during the past few years are not being brought to the LPT tax net and this need to be rectified as the Council is still receiving the same €14.5m for the past few years.
- Concern was expressed at the lack of progress in acquiring land for burial ground extensions throughout the County and a more sustained effort is required.
- It was noted that there is no provision for additional staff in 2021 and the requirement for more outdoor staff was expressed. The local knowledge of the outdoor staff is required when dealing with issues such as flooding and the repair of culverts.
- A query was made concerning the development of Waste-Water treatment plants for Mountbellew & Ballygar.

- Opinion was expressed that the 25% rate levied by the Council on vacant commercial properties at last year's Budget is uncollectable and that the CPG and Rainbow Alliance should re-examine and revoke this – many of the owners are elderly and in a vulnerable position and in some cases the ownership of the property is in question. The meeting was advised that the rate on vacant property was intended to target financial institutions and speculators and to deal with urban dereliction. It was noted that letters were sent out from the Rates Section in regard to the vacant properties.
- The €150k funding provided by the Council for both the Tuam & Ballinasloe leisure centres was welcomed. A request was made that the Ballinasloe MD be provided with quarterly reports as regards the leisure center.
- A query was made as regards the funding for the Aughrim Interpretative Center and the reduction in expenditure on Housing Maintenance and Derelict Sites.
- Opinion was expressed that the provision of affordable housing is essential as young people cannot afford it.
- The proposed works on Piers & Harbours at page 145 was noted but concern was expressed at the delays associated with progressing the works due to the need to provide planning reports such as the EIS- this infrastructure is vital to the islands and more funding is required.
- The €6m funding for the Bia Innovator Hub project in Athenry was welcomed but concern was expressed in regard to the delay in the provision of ancillary services such as the water connections from Irish Water in Athenry.
- Progress on the proposal to save approx. €27,600 by eliminating the use of paper payslips was queried.
- A request was made that funding be allocated towards the repairs to footpaths as this is required for many towns and villages.
- The working conditions and pay rates for the retained Fire Fighters was raised.
- Concern was expressed at the increase in the burial ground fees, fire charges and the cuts to community grants. It was recommended that the proceeds of motor tax be retained for the benefit of the County.
- The fact that there was no increase in Commercial Rates and the LPT was welcomed.
- Reference was made to Table E on page 162 Analysis of Budget Income from Grants & Subsidies and it was recommended that the Council maintains more interaction with the various Government Departments and Agencies.
- It was queried as to whether the Council received a letter from the Department concerning the €132m announced in the National Budget.
- The meeting was advised that Darragh O'Brien T.D Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage will visit the Council on the 10-12-2020 and it was suggested that representatives of all the groups should meet him and try and secure an additional €1m funding for 2021.
- The initiatives contained on the 3 Year Capital Program were welcomed with the proposal to provide over 300 direct-build units, progress on the N59, N67 and the N57, the roll out of Broadband and the proposal to construct a Fire Station in Athenry.

- Concern was expressed that the RRDF funding listed on the 3 Year Capital Program was not equitable as Tuam is receiving less than smaller towns. The burden on the Council to provide matched funding on project delivery was also raised.
- Cllr. Hoade was congratulated on obtaining the position of president of AILG.

The Cathaoirleach requested the Chief Executive & the Directors to respond.

The Chief Executive welcomed the positive comments from the members and advised that it was not an easy task to prepare the Budget. He stated that the Council has to make the best use of the resources available and there is not enough funding for any area activity. In regard to planning enforcement and estates left unfinished by developers he advised that the law in respect of enforcement cost should be strengthened beyond the payment of increased fees for retention. He explained that a review of the staff complement will be undertaken and available should the Council have additional funding in the future. He advised that the Council does have a fast track system in regard to getting pre-planning meetings for economic developments involving job creation. He explained that burial ground fees are used to fund the wages of the caretakers, the maintenance grants paid to communities and the cost of acquiring land. The C.E noted that consideration of the revoking of the rate on vacant property was not as straightforward as Standing Order 18 as it involved the Statutory Budget.

Mr. Mullarkey welcomed the rebate from Central Government to cover the extension of the rates waiver schemes. He explained that the €360k increase in Housing rents was calculated on the basis of 120 LA houses by the average rent of €3,000. He advised that the overspend on Coroners fees related to the level of work that they do and that this may be transferred to the Department of Justice in the future. He referred to the fact that new houses are not in the LPT tax net and explained that this is a matter for the Government to decide. He advised that the €1m once off funding from the Department is included in D0905 on page 168 as a contra item and the €127k for Other Costs Waste Collection (anti-dumping) is also a contra item at E0407 page 170. He confirmed that funding for the Aughrim Interpretative Center is included in Service F0401. He referred to the underspend on D0501 Tourism Promotion and explained that this related to the salary of the Tourism Officer but the Tourism strategy was not completed in 2020. He stated that the €32m in the National Budget is for specific purposes and will not involve additional funding to local authorities. He advised that the proposal regarding savings on payslips has been raised with LGMA and MYPAY and the Council is waiting on a response but does not control this issue.

Mr. Cullen advised that funding for street cleaning is the same as 2019. He stated that the Council has applied for funding required for a zebra crossing at Moycullen under the Low-Cost Safety Improvements Scheme -but this is subject to Departmental approval and it is best to first seek central funding for this. He explained that funding for improvements to footpaths comes from existing budgets and this will be reviewed. He stated that the need for waste- water treatment plants for Mountbellew and Ballygar will be taken up with Irish Water and that the Council hoped to do some work under the Smarter Travel initiatives. He noted the comments made in regard to Piers and Harbours.

Mr. Farrell advised that the role of Community and Enterprise is to maximise grant opportunities in order to deliver the investment needed to enhance towns and villages and rural communities. He presented an outline of various funding initiatives such as the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF), the strategy of the Regeneration Team, funding delivered through the Rural Development Investment Programme such as Town & Village Renewal, Clár and the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

Mr. Farrell advised that the additional provision to support the operation of Ballinasloe and Tuam Leisure Centres was on the basis of a projection of various Levels 1-5 applying during the year together with the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) remaining available for the period January – December 2021, Commercial Rates remaining payable for the period January – December 2021, the Licence Fee remaining payable for the period January – December 2021, the current level of activity permissible under Levels 1-5, the physical distancing requirement of 2 meters applies for the period January – December 2021 together with a reduction in the Management Fee by 25% for any period in which Level 4 or Level 5 applies during 2021.

The Cathaoirleach requested the submission of proposals.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Maher **SECONDED** by Cllr. Welby it was **AGREED** to amend the draft budget to

transfer of €89,650 from Expenditure Code H0904 Expenses LA Members to Code F0401 Community Grants
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transfer of €10,800 from Expenditure Code H0904 Expenses LA Members to Code B0406 Local Road General improvement Works.

to facilitate support for the proposals as detailed in the attached schedule.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. Welby that the draft Budget for 2021 as previously amended and subject to the following further amendments be adopted:

Increase Expenditure Code D0905 Economic Development & Promotion by	€32,000
Increase Expenditure Code D1101 Heritage Services by	€20,000
Increase Expenditure Code F0401 Community Grants by (Includes €5,000 for Galway Community Games)	€18,000
Reduction in Income Division E Fire Charges by	€90,000
Reduction in Income Division E Other Income by	€40,000
The above adjustments to be funded by transferring €200,000 from the Capital Account to Division H Other Income.	
Also proposed is the transfer of €100,000 from Expenditure Code D0905 Economic Development & Promotion to service D0501 Tourism Promotion.	

As part of BO405 (Roads), the Roads Director shall include, at his discretion, a funding allocation towards footpath maintenance which will be presented to the 2021 MD Roads Program meetings for adoption.

The Cathaoirleach asked for any other proposals and as there was none he proceeded, in the absence of agreement on the motion, to a vote. He requested the Meetings Administrator to register the vote by roll call. The result of the vote was as follows:

FOR: (Vote 27)

Cllr. T. Broderick	Cllr. J. Byrne	Cllr. L. Carroll	Cllr. J. Charity
Cllr. D. Collins	Cllr. G. Cronnelly	Comh. D. O' Cualáin	Cllr. J. Cuddy
Cllr. S. Curley	Cllr. A. Dolan	Cllr. G. Donuhue	Cllr. D. Geraghty
Cllr. M. Hoade	Cllr. P. Keaveney	Cllr. D. Killilea	Cllr. G. King
Comh. P. Mac an Iomaire	Cllr. M. Maher	Cllr. E. Mannion	Cllr. J. McClearn
Cllr. K. McHugh Farag	Cllr. A. McKinstry	Cllr. P.J Murphy	Cllr. Dr. Evelyn. F. Parsons
Cllr. A. Reddington	Cllr. P. Roche	Cllr. T. Welby	

AGAINST: (Vote 8)

Cllr. I. Canning	Cllr. D. Connolly	Cllr. M. Connolly	Comh. T. O' Curraoin
Cllr. G. Finnerty	Cllr. C. Keaveney	Cllr. J. Sheridan	Cllr. N. Thomas

ABSTAIN: (Vote 1)

Cllr. M. Kinane

The Cathaoirleach confirmed the adoption of the Budget for the year 2021 with the amendments as approved by the Members by way of agreement and vote.

Item 2-DETERMINATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET AS AMENDED, OF THE RATE ON VALUATION TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Carroll **SECONDED** by Cllr. Maher and **AGREED**.

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Budget adopted, of the rate on valuation to be levied for the financial year ending 31st of December 2021".

Item 3-RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATED OUTTURNS 2020

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Byrne **SECONDED** by Cllr. Welby and **AGREED**.

“To pass a resolution to approve the estimated outturns for 2020.

Item 4-TO NOTE THE REPORT ON THE THREE -YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020-2022

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Maher **SECONDED** by Cllr. McClearn and **AGREED** to note the Report on the 3-year Capital Programme.

Item 5-TO NOTE THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2020 -2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 134(11a) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED)

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. McHugh **SECONDED** by Cllr. Byrne and **AGREED** to note the Annual Progress Report on the Galway County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Thomas **SECONDED** by Cllr. Walsh

“to transfer €1,750 of my 2020 Training and Conference funding to Horses Connect and the other €1,750 of my 2020 Training and Conference funding to Moycullen playground committee”

The Cathaoirleach advised that it was not open to the Members to consider the motion as proposed at the Statutory Budget Meeting for 2021. He advised that a motion could be submitted for the December Ordinary Meeting subject to the requirements of Standing Order 18 being met.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Killilea **SECONDED** by Cllr. Murphy and **AGREED**:

“that Galway County Council lends its full support to the Planning Department to implement rules around plannings granted to developers or persons who are involved in developments which are unfinished, thus saving in time €380,000 per annum”

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Sheridan **SECONDED** by Cllr. Killillea

“that Galway County Council “strike out” the vacancy tax as voted 25th November 2019 at Galway County Council Budget Meeting and return collected funds and inform all LA ID commercial rate of its nullification in writing and thAt unpaid is not registered against the property”.

The Cathaoirleach advised that it was not open to the Members to consider the motion as proposed at the Statutory Budget Meeting for 2021. He advised that a motion could be submitted for the December Ordinary Meeting subject to the requirements of Standing Order 18 being met.

The Chief Executive advised that in addition to the requirements of Standing Order 18 it was also necessary to consider that the budget process is a statutory process and it may not be possible to revisit the 2020 Budget in the manner proposed.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Finnerty **SECONDED** by Cllr. Hoade it was **AGREED**:

“Galway County Council to liaise with Department of Finance for better working conditions for our Fire Fighters -the high rate of pay to be paid from 5pm to 9am in line with other public service workers. To be called to all RTCs automatically along with Gardaí Ambulance. Retainer fee to be increased to €2.50 an hour from the present rate €1.20-€1.50.

BUDGET 2021 - AGREED TRANSFERS FROM CONFERENCES & TRAINING 2021

Elected Member	Allocation to	Training	Conference
		€2,800	€700
Cllr. T. Broderick			
	Kilconnell Community Development	€500	
	Hillcrest Residents Association	€250	
	Garbally Drive Residents Association	€250	
	St. Gabriel's NS Board of Management	€500	
	Fohenagh Cemetery Committee	€50	€700
	NOM - Roads	€1,250	
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. J. Byrne			
	Kinvara Christmas Lights Group	€1,000	
	Christmas in Gort	€1,000	
	Ballinderreen Tidy Towns (Christmas Lights Project)	€500	
	Coole Music and Arts	€300	€100
	Wild Swan Theatre Group		€600
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. I. Canning			
	Portumna Chamber of Commerce for Christmas Lights	€500	
	Gortanumera Development Association	€500	
	Portumna GAA Club	€1,800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. L. Carroll			
	Oranmore Maree FC	€2,800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. J. Charity			
	Annaghdown Parish Council	€2,800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700

Cllr. D. Collins			
	Turloughmore Community Council	€1,700	
	Abbeyknockmoy Bridge Club	€500	
	Laragh Defib Group	€300	
	CCDC Community Group	€300	
	CARA Cregmore Area Residents		€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. D. Connolly			
	Involve Youth Services Ballinasloe	€800	
	Ballinasloe Defibrillator Group	€800	
	Cumann Camogaiochta Beal Atha na Slua.	€800	
	Total Allocated	€2,400	
Cllr. M. Connolly			
	NOM - Roads	€2,800	
	Ballygar Tidy Towns for Christmas Lights		€300
	Moylough Community Council		€400
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Elected Member	Allocation to	Training	Conference
	Annual Allocation	€2,800	€700
Cllr. G. Cronnelly			
	Cluain Mhuire Treatment Center	€500	
	Athenry Christmas Lights	€500	
	Monivea Boxing Club	€500	
	Attymon Development Group	€500	
	Athenry Soccer Club	€500	
	Athenry Camogie Club	€300	€200
	Rinville Pier Group		€500
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. J. Cuddy			
	Claregalway Day Care Centre		€300
	Claregalway, St. Vincent De Paul		€400
	Down Syndrome Claregalway Branch	€300	
	Carnmore Ladies Club	€300	
	Claregalway Snr. Citizens Comm	€300	
	Compantas Lir, Drama Group	€200	
	Claregalway Tidy Towns Comm	€200	
	Claregalway Drama Festival	€200	
	Claregalway Museum	€200	
	Claregalway Church Fund	€300	
	Carnmore Hurling Club	€200	
	Claregalway Football Club	€200	
	Claregalway Graveyard Committee	€200	
	Apostolic Society, Claregalway Branch	€200	
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. S. Curley			
	Loughrea Hurling Club	€2,800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. Albert Dolan			
	Monivea Playground Committee	€1,000	
	Monivea Rugby Club	€500	
	Oranmore GAA Club	€500	
	Claregalway Basketball Club	€500	

	Abbeyknockmoy Community Centre	€300	€200
	Athenry GAA Club		€500
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. G. Donohue			
	Christmas Lights in Gort	€1,000	
	St Michaels Community Hall Craughwell	€500	
	St Thomas GAA Club	€300	
	Clarinbridge Residents Association Green Fund	€500	
	Rinville Pier Users Group	€500	
	Kilchreest Castledaly Community Group		€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. G. Finnerty			
	Christmas in Gort support of Christmas Lights	€2,000	
	Kilbeacanty Rural Development - century event of Ballyturn ambush	€800	€200
	Gort St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee		€500
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Elected Member	Allocation to	Training	Conference
	Annual Allocation	€2,800	€700
Cllr. D. Geraghty			
	Ballymoe Development Company	€400	
	Williamstown Tidy Towns	€800	
	Glinsk Community Development Co.	€500	
	Ballygar Tidy Towns	€500	
	Mountbellew Heritage & Tourism Network	€300	
	Creggs Tidy Towns	€300	
	Kilkerrin Community Development Centre		€400
	Glenamaddy Tidy Towns		€300
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. S. Herterich Quinn			
	Athenry Community Playground Group	€2,100	
	Moanbaun Sport Project Development Company	€700	€300
	Cartymore Community Alert		€200
	LCDPM Community Group		€200
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. M. Hoade			
	Headford District Association for Christmas lights in Headford	€150	
	Total Allocated	€150	
Cllr. C. Keaveney			
	Tuam Falochu Karate Club	€2,000	
	Total Allocated	€2,000	
Cllr. P. Keaveney			
	Glinsk Graveyard Committee	€1,500	
	Ballygar Festive Lights Committee	€500	
	Glenamaddy Pastoral Council	€600	
	Lisheen Golden Mile Committee	€200	€200
	Glenamaddy Playground Committee		€500
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. M. Kinane			
	Bridge that Gap	€500	
	Maree Community & Social Centre	€500	


	Clarenbridge Christmas Lights	€500	
	Total Allocated	€1,500	
Cllr. E. Mannion			
	Kingstown National School Parents Association	€500	
	Coiste Pobail Chill Chairain	€500	
	Connemara Therapeutic Riding	€1,000	
	Leenane Community Park Project	€500	
	Total Allocated	€2,500	
Comh. P. Mac Iomaire			
	NOM - Roads	€2,800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. K. McHugh			
	Tuam Christmas Lights Committee	€500	
	Total Allocated	€500	
Cllr. A. McKinstry			
	Clár Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh Litir Mór	€2,000	
	NOM - Roads	€800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Elected Member	Allocation to	Training	Conference
	Annual Allocation	€2,800	€700
Cllr. PJ. Murphy			
	Christmas in Gort' for Christmas Lighting	€200	
	Creganna Neighbourhood Watch", Maree, Co. Galway for the purchase and erection of signage	€500	
	Labane/Ardrahan Community Development Group for Christmas lighting.	€2,100	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Comh. D. Ó Cualáin			
	Cumann Forbartha Chois Fharraige, An Cnoc, Indreabhán	€500	
	Coiste Pobal Na Tulaigh, Baile na hAbhainn	€500	
	Coiste Pobail Ros a Mhíl, Baile na hAbhainn	€500	
	Comharchumann Mhic Dara, An Cromptán, An Cheathrú Rua	€300	€200
	Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán Teo, Tír an Fhia, Leitir Móir		€500
	Total Allocated	€1,800	€700
Comh. T. Ó Curraoin			
	Furbo Tidy Towns	€700	
	Barna Tidy Towns	€700	
	Total Allocated	€1,400	
Cllr. E. Parsons			
	Ballinasloe Christmas Illuminations via Town Team / BACD	€1,000	
	Creagh Training Centre	€250	
	Ballinasloe Meals on Wheels	€250	
	St. Vincent de Paul, Ballinasloe	€250	
	NOM - Roads	€1,050	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. N. Thomas			
	Horses Connect	€1,750	
	Moycullen Playground Committee	€1,050	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700

Cllr. A. Reddington			
	Headford GAA	€2,300	
	St. Fursey's Hall Committee	€500	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. J. Sheridan			
	Milltown Community Council – Bula Bos Project	€2,800	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. S. Walsh			
	Cumann Seamas O Maille GAA, Oughterard	€1,500	
	Coiste Bothair Cloch Breac	€1,300	€700
	Total Allocated	€2,800	€700
Cllr. D. Killilea			
	Tuam Christmas Lights & St. Patrick's Day Parade	500	
	Corofin United Soccer Club	1000	
	Corofin GAA Club	1000	
	Belclare Community Council Annual Older Persons Christmas Dinner	300	200
	Corofin Community Development Association - Keeping Corofin Clean		500
	Total Allocated	2800	700

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Chief Executive, Head of Finance, County Secretary, the Rainbow Alliance and the elected members and everybody who attended and declared the meeting closed.

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Submitted, Signed & Approved:

Cathaoirleach: 

Date: 25/1/21

