

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 9th OCTOBER, 2019 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. T. Broderick

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Baill: Cllrs. D. Connolly, M. Connolly, A. Dolan, D. Geraghty, P. Keaveney

Oifigigh: Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Services, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Mr. E. Mulryan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. M. Melody, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Mr. P Carroll, Administrative Officer, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 **MDB19046**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Geraghty, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllrs. M. Connolly and Geraghty and with reference to MDB19041 Page 1 regarding the N63 Safety Audit on the N63 Ballygar Traffic Calming Project, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Regional Road Safety Design Engineer confirmed to him that the project was designed to meet current design standards. Following discussion on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty, the following resolution was agreed; "That we meet with the representatives and Engineering Staff of T.I.I. at Galway Roads Design Office with a view to sorting out the disastrous traffic calming put in place in Ballygar close to J. Fallons and Junction at Ballyforan Road".

In response to Cllr. Geraghty and with reference to MDB19045 Page 4, Mr. Farrell advised that the submissions received on the Waste Facility Permit for the proposed Waste Transfer Station in Poolboy, Ballinasloe were been considered by the Environment Section and he outlined the timeframe. He advised that the submissions are also forwarded to the applicant and a response/comments regarding same could be made within the statutory time provisions laid out. In relation to the minutes of the previous meeting held on the

11th September 2019, Mr. Farrell clarified that it should have read that he would provide an update rather than advising on the number of lorry movements.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB 19044 Page 3, Mr. Farrell advised that Mr. Paddy Mathews, Failte Ireland's Head of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Project was scheduled to attend the November 2019 Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE STANDING ORDERS **MDB19047**

Mr. Farrell presented the Municipal District of Ballinasloe Standing Orders. Mr. Farrell advised that all of the Standing Orders for the Municipal District of Ballinasloe with the exception of No's 1, 5 and 6 had been agreed at the Plenary Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly which was seconded by Cllr. Geraghty it was agreed that the Standing Orders as circulated be adopted on the basis that Ordinary Meetings of the municipal district members shall be held monthly on Wednesday of the second week of the month; normally commencing at 2.00 p.m. and in so far as practicable the place for holding meetings of the municipal district members shall be The Council Chamber, Municipal District of Ballinasloe Office, Ballinasloe.

REVIEW OF LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019 – 2022 **MDB19048**

Mr. Melody advised that in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 the making, review, amendment or replacement of a Litter Management Plan is a reserved function to be performed by Municipal District Members. Mr. Melody presented Galway County Council Litter Management Plan 2019–2022 (Draft) setting out the objectives and strategic policies for the prevention and eradication of litter throughout County Galway. Mr. Melody advised that the Litter Management's Plan objectives includes: partnership with community groups; raising awareness of the effects of litter; enforcement of litter pollution legislation; promotion of recycling and delivery of a litter control operation Programme through each Municipal District.

In response to the members, Mr. Melody advised that the issue of education and public awareness of the effects of litter on the environment forms a central part of Galway County Council's Draft Litter Management Plan 2019 – 2022. Mr. Melody stated that this is done through the dedicated Environmental Awareness Officer who promotes positive environmental action and awareness throughout the County by working in conjunction with schools, community groups, voluntary groups and organisations, businesses and members of the public and also the Green Schools Programme of which he advised 94% of educational institutions are now participating. In response to Cllrs. Broderick and Keaveney, Mr. Melody advised that under the Waste Management Bye Laws, 2019 Community Wardens are entitled to request documentary evidence within a time period as to how any waste removed from a premises is being managed. Mr. Melody also advised that a person found guilty of the contravention of the Bye-Laws shall be liable for penalties which he advised have been increased.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Melody advised that the National Spring Clean which is run by An Taisce is rolled out in April each year. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Melody advised that any participating community groups must have insurance indemnity. In response to Cllrs. Keaveney and Geraghty, Mr. Melody advised that illegal dumping in private lands is a matter for the landowner/s however he advised that specific details of same can be notified to the Environment Department for further investigation. Following discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly it was agreed to adopt the Litter Management Plan 2019 – 2022 (Draft) as presented.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MD819049

Mr. Mulryan advised that Consultants have been appointed for the Road Safety Audit at Creagh Junction and the project he advised will be divided into 2 Phases: Phase 1 - Data Collection and Phase 2 - Detailed review and modelling of the junction.

Mr. Mulryan provided an update on the Ballinasloe October Fair. All the Councillors acknowledged the work of Galway County Council staff in the successful running of the Fair and also paid tribute to the work of the Fair & Festival Committee, An Garda Síochána, Civil Defence and the Event Management Company in the success of the Ballinasloe Horse Fair & Festival, 2019. Cllr. Dolan acknowledged the work of those involved in the organization of the Sunday Craft and Food Fair and commended the quality of the stalls. With regard to the 300 Year Anniversary celebrations, Cllr. Dolan advised that she will raise this matter at the next Fair and Festival Committee Meeting. In response to Cllr. Broderick's suggestion that the Twinning be separated from the Fair as he considered that it would be more beneficial for Ballinasloe, Mr. Farrell advised that this would be guided by the Elected Members views and the Twinning Committee in relation to any suggestion of separating the Twinning and the October Fair Committee.

Mr. Mitchell provided an update on the Town Enhancement Project and thanked all the business owners and members of the public for their co-operation. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that it is expected that the project would be completed by April 2020 subject to any unforeseen circumstances. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would examine the issue of reinstatement works at St. Josephs and Garbally Drive.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MD819050

In response to Cllrs. M. Connolly and Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that Tara Mines are carrying out surveys at various locations within the Municipal District. Mr. Mitchell stated that a Bond is in place with a view to ensuring reinstatement of the roads are completed to a satisfactory standard.

Cllr. M. Connolly expressed concern with regard to the lack of funding available to progress Group Sewerage Schemes.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that the granting of planning for 5G Masts was covered under the Planning and Development Regulations 2018. He said that

the planning authority had been in communications with the company referenced previously by the Members.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly's, Mr. Farrell advised that the allocation of local authority housing is done through the Allocations Committee of the Housing Department. Cllr. D. Connolly requested that the ethos of Garbally Drive be maintained and reflected in the allocation of the houses.

In response to Cllrs. M. Connolly and Geraghty, Mr. Mulryan advised that he would seek an update on the upgrade of Ballygar Sewerage Scheme.

In response to Cllr. D. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that details with regard to location of pot holes can be logged via the Fix My Street website.

In response to Cllr. D. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that there is a facility available on the Galway County Council website to access Road Numbers.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that it was expected that The Town and Village Renewal Scheme would go ahead in 2020.

Cllr. Keaveney congratulated Glenamaddy in winning the Mens Junior County Final and the Ladies Intermediate County Final.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB19051

In response to Cllr. Dolan, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would request Mr. Brendan McDonagh attendance at the November 2019 Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in order to provide an update on the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme.

In response to Cllr. Dolan, Mr. Farrell advised that he would, as soon as available, provide an update to the members of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe in relation to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

In response to Cllr. Dolan, Mr. Farrell advised that regarding Galway 2020, the issue of organizing monthly updates and feeding in additional information is under discussion. Cllr. Dolan stated that this would be important in the promotion of local businesses and hotels.

Cllr. Dolan advised that as per her discussions with the Head of Information Technology WiFi would be provided in the Council Chamber by Mid November 2019. Cllr. Dolan requested that a HDMI – VGA adaptor would also be made available for use in the Council Chamber.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 13th November, 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

13.11.2019.

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