

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 2021 AFTER THE DRAFT BUDGETARY MEETING WHICH WAS HELD AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Connolly

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Bail: Cllrs. M. Connolly, D. Geraghty, P. Keaveney, Dr. E. Parsons.

Leithscéal : Cllr. T. Broderick

Oifigigh: Mr. L. Hanrahan Director of Services, Mr. D. Mitchell Senior Engineer, Mr. F. Fahey, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Mr. E. Moloney Meetings Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2021 **MDB21111**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Geraghty and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. Geraghty and with reference to MDB21105 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that the upgrade of the Williamstown Castlerea Road had been submitted for funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme 2022.

In response to Cllr. Parsons and with reference to MDB21106 Page 3, Mr. Hanrahan advised that funding for the 300th Anniversary Celebrations for the Ballinasloe October Fair will be discussed at the Plenary Budget Meeting. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Tourism Officer will look at securing additional funding via Failte Ireland for the event and that the Arts Officer will incorporate an aspect of Public Art for Ballinasloe under the Public Arts Programme 2022. Cllr. M. Connolly suggested that the Heritage Officer would be involved and could work on the history of the Fair.

In response to Cllr. Parsons and with reference to MDB21109 Page 2, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the issue of staffing at Creagh Graveyard was being assessed. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the issue of staffing was an Executive Function and referred to the presentation by

Human Resources on their ongoing recruitment drive for staff. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that the position of a Technician for the Ballinasloe Municipal District formed part of the recruitment drive.

With reference to MDB21105 Page 2, Cllr. M. Connolly asked that additional funding be sought for Tertiary Roads and Local Improvement Schemes in the preparation of the future Road Programmes.

With reference to MDB21106 Page 2 and a visit made by the Office of Public Works to Ballinasloe, Cllr. D. Connolly asked that Mr. McDonagh would give an update on the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme at the next Municipal District Meeting. Cllrs. D. Connolly, Geraghty and Keaveney expressed concerned at high river levels in Ballinasloe, Ballymoe, Athleague, Ballinamore Bridge and other locations in the district. Cllrs. Geraghty and M. Connolly advised that the Area Engineers would liaise with local landowners for local knowledge. In response to Cllrs. Geraghty and Parsons, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Suck Drainage Committee had been disbanded and that currently there is an annual maintenance budget of approximately €25,000 available for the River Suck.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB21112

No business arising

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB21113

Cllr. D. Connolly paid tribute to the new partnership between Galway County Council and Roscommon County Council and endorsed by Failte Ireland and Hidden Heartlands, which was launched in Ballymoe to create jobs and boost tourism along the River Sick.

Cllr. D. Connolly along with all the members paid tribute to various daffodil planting initiatives happening in the district which will enhance the local communities visually and will also act as a fundraising initiative for Cancer Care West.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the naming of the Dunlo Hill Housing Development would be decided upon by the Estate Name Committee. Mr. Hanrahan advised that a Badge/Plaque to Commemorate Eoghan O Tuairisc may be possible at the house in question.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB21114

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Margaret Lennon & Family, Derryvode, Williamstown, Co. Galway on the death of P.J. Lennon

Josephine Cunningham & Family, Kilmore & Strangeforth, Cloonminda, Williamstown, Co. Galway on the death of James Cunningham

Mark Kerrigan & Family, Ballyhiague, Williamstown, Co. Galway on the death of Margaret Kerrigan

The Ruane Family, Mackney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway on the death of Josephine Ruane

The Carroll Family, Persepark, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway on the death of Grellan Carroll

Bridie Lydon, Patch, Moylough, Co. Galway on the death of Bill Lydon

The McGovern Family, Currarevagh, Creggs, Co. Galway on the death of Michael McGovern

The Cassidy Family, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway on the death of Michael Cassidy

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Meabh Deeley, Aoibheann Reilly and Beibhinn Parsons on their selection onto the Irelands Womens Sevens Squad

Ballinasloe Ladies Football Team on being crowned Junior C County Champions

Kilkerrin Clonberne Ladies Football Team on being crowned Senior Champions for the 9th year in succession

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB21115

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Mitchell agreed that the destruction and theft of junction definition posts was a concern for the Roads Department. Cllr. D. Connolly expressed concern at the theft of the posts and likened it to the theft of Lifebuoys at Rivers/Lakes.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Mitchell advised liaising with the Area Engineer with regard maintenance issues at Dunlo Recreational Park.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Mitchell advised that he would request an update from the Environment Department with regard the Part 8 Planning Application for the extension to Creagh Cemetery.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Mitchell advised that Galway County Council are awaiting details of the Preferred Route on the Galway to Athlone Cycleway.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Mitchell advised that there is a design in place for the Waste Water Facility in Ahascragh and work would commence in 2023.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that specific Light Up Events can be accommodated in conjunction with Groups if appropriate filters are provided for Public Lights.

