

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH @ 10.45a.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. E. Parsons

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Baill: Cllrs. T. Broderick, D. Connolly, D. Geraghty, P. Keaveney,

Oifigigh: Mr. D. Pender A/Director of Services, Ms. R. Lowe Senior Engineer, Mr. T. Prendergast Senior Engineer, Mr. F. Fahey Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Executive Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Executive Engineer, Mr. N. Raftery Technician Grade 1, Mr. E. Monaghan Technician Grade 1, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. A. Spelman Meetings Administrator.

TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE 2023 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WORKS OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE BALLINASLOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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Mr. Pender presented the Draft Roads Programme 2023. The members welcomed the Roads Programme funding and thanked Mr. Pender and all the staff involved in the preparation of the document.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Pender agreed that the €20,000 funding provided for Management of Invasive Species is inadequate. Mr. Pender agreed to seek additional funding via Department of Transport.

Cllr. Broderick asked that a policy be adopted that a bond system would be in place for Semi State bodies who work on public roads. Cllr. Broderick made special reference to Iarnrod Eireann and Coillte when securing bonds. Cllr. Broderick stated that some tertiary roads were being left in a very bad standard because of use by Coillte vehicles.

Cllr. D. Connolly expressed concern at low level of funding for Bridge Rehabilitation and Repairs. Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the bridge at Rooghan, Laurencetown be assessed for repairs.

Cllr. D. Connolly welcomed the NOM allocation of €18,000 per member.

Cllr. Geraghty welcomed the investment in rural Ireland. Cllr. Geraghty stated that proper infrastructure was vital for job creation in rural Ireland and to encourage businesses and public to move to Ballinasloe Municipal District. Cllr. Geraghty stressed that winter maintenance funding was crucial to ensuring free flow of traffic.

Cllr. Keaveney welcome the substantial Local Improvement Scheme funding. Cllr. Keaveney asked that work on the tertiary roads continue and welcomed the use of DBM product on roads instead of Clause 804.

Cllr. Parsons expressed concern at the delay in getting the grant allocation. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Pender advised that the increase in funding this year would be absorbed with inflationary prices. Mr. Pender warned that there may be a need to modify the lengths of roads.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Pender advised that funding for severe weather events was funded via Central Government along with funding from Galway County Councils own resources.

Cllr. Parsons asked that funding for noise mapping at the M6 be increased. Mr. Prendergast advised that this location was included for assessment in 2023.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Prendergast advised that a retrofit of Public Lighting was being carried out via a Regional Contract. Mr. Prendergast advised that the contract for the project will be awarded in Q2 2023 at which stage Galway County Council will know more detail about the programme of works. Mr. Prendergast advised that the expected completion date was March 2025. Mr. Prendergast advised that the cost of the project for Galway County Council was €7.9 million to be funded by Climate Action Fund and our own resources.

Cllr. Parsons asked the Creagh Junction be assessed for safety and if funding was available for same. Mr. Fahey advised that this location was being assessed and that funding for any improvements would be substantial.

In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Fahey advised that the Active Travel Team were working on a submission for project at Sarsfield Road. Ms. Lowe advised that Ms. Higgins would bring a report to the members at the next MD Meeting to update them on all projects in the Ballinasloe Municipal District. Mr. Fahey advised that the Ballinasloe Bus Stop project was due to go to tender shortly. Mr. Fahey advised that changes were made to the design to include for cycle lanes. In response to Cllrs. D. Connolly, D. Geraghty and Keaveney, Ms. Lowe advised that Active Travel Funding does not include for walking for amenity purposes and that the NTA were looking for more strategic quality projects. Ms. Lowe advised that Ballinasloe was in a good place to secure funding as it had a Local Transport Plan. Ms. Lowe advised that Ballinasloe MD had secured 30% of the overall allocation for 2023. Cllr. D. Connolly, D. Geraghty and Keaveney asked that the of funding for footpaths in rural towns and villages be addressed. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Pender advised that the funding of €4million for Greenway Projects was active expenditure and included for

Greenway project in Recess, ongoing surveys on the Galway to Oughterard Project and funding of the Greenway Team.

Cllr. Parsons asked that the bad bend at Beechlawn Road be assessed.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that TD's and Senators stop taking credit for work carried out at a local level which was coordinated with MD Councillor's and Area Engineering teams.

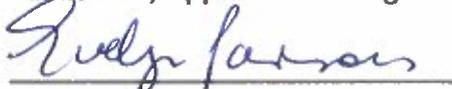
In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Pender advised that works carried out by Irish Water were repaired after a sufficient time had passed to allow for settlement. Ms. Lowe advised that Irish Water apply to carry out works on Public Roads via Map Road Licensing System. Ms. Lowe advised that Irish Water were entitled to carry out emergency works outside of this system

The 2023 Annual Schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out in the Ballinasloe Municipal District was proposed by Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly and agreed by all.

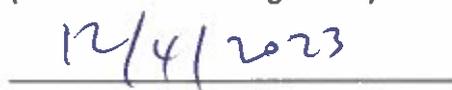
It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on **Wednesday 8th March 2023 @ 2 pm.**

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



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