

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 11th MARCH 2020 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. P. Keaveney

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Baill: Cllrs. M. Connolly, D. Geraghty,

Oifigigh: Mr. A. Farrell, A/Director of Services, Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Mr. E. Mulryan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, A/Executive Engineer, Mr. E. Lydon, Executive Engineer, N. Raftery, Technician Grade 1, Ms. A. Monaghan, Staff Officer, Ms. A. Gardiner, Meetings Administrator.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty it was agreed that Cllr. Keaveney would act as Cathaoirleach in the absence of Cllrs. Broderick and Dolan.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 2020 **MDB20012**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday, 19th February, 2020 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty.

Matters arising from the Minutes

With reference to MDB20006 Page 1, Cllr. M. Connolly commended the progress being made on the N63 Ballygar Traffic Calming Project Phase 2.

With reference to MDB20009 Page 5, Cllr. M. Connolly advised that he had raised the issue of partisanship in relation to Ballinasloe Life Magazine with BACD. Cllr. M. Connolly advised that he had received assurances from the Chair of the BACD that equal coverage was offered and given to all Candidates of the 2020 General Election and that no favoritism had been shown to any one candidate over another. Cllr. M. Connolly advised that the Chair of the BACD had advised that advertising space had been offered to all candidates which he stated some candidates availed of.

THE APPROVAL OF INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT 2019 IN RELATION TO THE PERFORMANCE OF FUNCTIONS BY THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE MEMBERS

MDB20013

Mr. Farrell read into the meeting the Draft Report prepared in relation to the performance of functions by the Municipal District of Ballinasloe during 2019. The approval of information to be included in the Annual Report 2019 in relation to the performance of functions by the Municipal District of Ballinasloe Members was approved and agreed by all on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Geraghty.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB20014

Mr. Farrell advised that the Regeneration Team are currently looking at options in relation to the future regeneration projects for the county and advised that while Ballinasloe is eligible to submit an application under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) as well as the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF), he considered that the team would not be in a position to have an application adequately progressed by the URDF closing date. He said that it was important that any application for funding would need to be based on a strategic approach with key deliverables linked to the funding guidelines and needs of Ballinasloe.

Mr. Farrell advised that the Executive Team of Galway County Council have prepared a Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Business Continuity Plan with a view to maintaining essential services during COVID – 19. Mr. Farrell stated that the Executive Team and a senior response team meet regularly, are following national advices and will keep in correspondence with staff and members with updates. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that Galway County Council are following the advice of the HSE and the Local Government Management Agency who form part of the National Inter Agency Group. In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Farrell advised that the provision of remote working for staff during COVID – 19 is being considered by the Executive Team and that they will respond to public health guidance.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB20015

Cllrs. Keaveney and Geraghty expressed concern at the ongoing flooding issue in Glenamaddy. In response to Cllrs. Geraghty and Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell confirmed that the waters were still rising at the turlough. Mr. Mitchell advised that as soon as the situation was stable Galway County Council would consult with OPW with regard to the potential preparation of a Minor Works funding scheme application to facilitate the preparation of a hydrological and environmental report which would dictate what steps, if any, could be taken to alleviate the flooding. Mr. Mitchell advised that any flood alleviation works would be the subject of a Minor Works funded scheme application to the OPW which he stated would be subject to a cost benefit analysis and potential statutory consents. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that the turlough is in a SAC

and that because of this the Council would have to work with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that the situation was not classed as an emergency and that as such no emergency engineering solutions could be taken.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Mulryan advised that the local road at Ardoslough had been raised to provide access to properties which he stated would otherwise have been cut off and that these works have been funded through existing road maintenance budgets. Mr. Mulryan advised that diversions had been put in place and that local access had been maintained for households and landowners. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Mulryan advised that repairs to the road would be carried out subject to funding.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

MDB20016

Griffith Family, Corralough, Williamstown, Co. Galway

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB20017

In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that all roads which formed part of the 2020 Roads Programme were based on the 3 Year Multi Annual Roads Programme which had been approved by the members. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Council had not been advised of any additional roads funding for 2020.

In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Farrell advised that Galway County Council's 2020 Budget stands as adopted. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Farrell advised Cllr. Geraghty that he could contact the Acting County Secretary with regard to the inclusion of items on the Agenda for plenary Council Meetings.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on Wednesday, 8th April, 2020 at 2pm.

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Submitted, Approved and Signed



(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

13/05/2020

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