

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2023 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Geraghty

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Baill: Cllrs. T. Broderick, M. Connolly, D. Connolly, P. Keaveney, E. Parsons

Oifigigh: Mr. L. Hanrahan Director of Services, Mr. D. Troy Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Executive Engineer, Mr. N. Raftery Executive Technician, Mr. E. Monahan Technician Grade 1, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. A. Spelman Meetings Administrator

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER
MDB23057

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 13th November 2023 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan advised that a meeting had taken place between Galway County Council and Irish Water regarding the Ballinasloe Regional Water Supply and Ballinasloe Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would forward the report to the members.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan advised that following the approval of Part 8's for St. Josephs and Dunlo Hill that the next stage would be the appointment of contractors for both projects.

In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Hanrahan advised that no response had been received from Ger Costello and Mick Walsh with regard attending at the next Ballinasloe MD Meeting.

Cllr. M. Connolly asked for a focus to be kept on progressing minor works schemes via OPW to help with flooding and drainage issues.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the recruitment of Just Transition Activator role was ongoing.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Troy advised that he would provide an update to the members on proposed footpath repairs at Deerpark.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER **MDB23058**

The Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 13th November 2023 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. D. Connolly.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan confirmed that the additional funding available to the Municipal District was secure.

In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Ballinasloe Traffic Management Plan would be assessed via smarter travel initiatives and that traffic management plans would blend in with the Galway County Transport Strategy and the Ballinasloe Local Area Plan dealing with all aspects of connectivity, road improvements, including bus corridors, train travel, greenways, and cycleways. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would revert with an update on legal opinion sought by Cllr. Broderick from the Law Agents office.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS **MDB23059**

Mr. Hanrahan provided an update on the Just Transition application made between Galway County Council and BACD for capital funding for the Enterprise Hub in Society Street, Ballinasloe. In response to the members, Mr. Hanrahan outlined the different streams involved in the Just Transition process including enterprise and tourism. Mr. Hanrahan advised of dates involved and gave further detail on proposed projects such as the Aghrim Interpretative Centre and proposals for “whole of village approach” for Aghrim and Ahascragh. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Local Enterprise Office were working with local businesses and helping them make applications. Mr. Hanrahan advised that if community’s had proposals that they would be brought to Galway County Council. He advised that funding was being organized via the Eastern Regional Authority and that information on all streams and dates were available on their website.

Mr. Hanrahan paid tribute to the Ballinasloe People of the Year Awards event which he attended with Cllr. Geraghty and congratulated all the volunteers and groups who were in attendance.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

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Cllr. Geraghty welcomed the proposed clearing of the rail line between Athenry and Claremorris in anticipation of engineering surveys. Cllr. Geraghty congratulated all involved in ensuring the project was not forgotten. Cllr. M. Connolly agreed that the opening of this rail line would be an important investment in the west of Ireland and that it is very welcome.

Cllr. Geraghty asked for an update from Irish Water for the Williamstown and Glenamaddy schemes.

Cllr. Geraghty wished a Happy Christmas to all the people of the Ballinasloe Municipal District and asked that everyone take time to help people struggling with loneliness and depression at this time of the year and that all would reach out to neighbours and friends or vulnerable people in the community. Cllr. Keaveney asked that persons in the farming community visit their neighbours and to keep an eye on them especially in this time of increased crime in rural areas. Cllr. D. Connolly praised Galway County Council for being proactive on getting communities involved in events, most especially via the Library Services interacting with communities.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Keaveney and agreed by all, it was agreed that the Palestine Flag would be raised in St. Michaels Square as an act of solidarity with the people of Palestine.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Troy advised that a report was due shortly from the Consultants working on the Glenamaddy Turlough project and that he would revert with an update on same.

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Mr. Troy advised that a report is being prepared on the lake in Mountbellew.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB23061

Vote of Congratulations

Sarsfield Camogie
Kilkerrin Clonberne
St. Thomas's

Vote of Sympathy

The Smyth Family, College Road Mountbellew

The Gately Family, Plunket Park, Ballygar
The Forde Family, Ballyhard, Glenamaddy
The Maughan Family, Ballymore, Co. Galway
The Timothy Family Carrenderry, Williamstown
The Heavy Family, Ballinlass, Ballinamorebridge, Co. Galway
The Fallon Family, Glenamaddy
The O' Brien Family, Ahascragh
The McDonell Family, Brackernagh
The Judge Family, Brackernagh

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Cllr. D. Connolly advised that there was opposition in Aughrim to a proposed mast in the village of Aughrim.

Cllr. D. Connolly praised the front-line staff of Galway County Council for their work during Storm Debi.

Cllr. D. Connolly praised the sight line work conducted at the junction at Ashtree Stores/Duneeda and asked that vegetation is maintained at the same level as the wall to ensure it does not impact sight lines in the future.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that the issue of littering be assessed in the town and that cleanups be organized at locations.

Cllr. Broderick asked that Galway County Council consult with Iarnrod Eireann with regard upgrading road surfaces at junctions.

Cllr. Broderick asked that security be in place at unfinished social housing projects in Ballinasloe during the Christmas period.

Cllr. Parsons wished the Ballinasloe Cycle Club the best in holding their first Cyclocross Event in the Fair Green.

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on 10th January 2024 at 2pm.

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Signed: 24. 01. 24

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