

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 AT 2.30 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH:** Cllr. D. Geraghty

**I LATHAIR FREISIN:**

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

**Oifigigh:** Mr. L. Hanrahan Director of Services; Ms. R. Lowe Senior Engineer, Mr. F. Fahy Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Executive Engineer, Mr. N. Raftery Technician Grade 1, Ms. A. Spelman Meetings Administrator.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OF MAY 2023**

**MDB23022**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Peter Keaveney.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

In response to Cllr. Parsons and with reference to MDB23015, Ms. Lowe advised that she would ask Mr. Prendergast to provide an update to the members regarding the town parks initiative.

In response to Cllr. M Connolly with reference to MDB23015 Ms. Lowe advised that the Department of Transport is working in conjunction with the NTA and the Active Travel Team in relation to Creagh Junction.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that an update be provided on the issue of water supply in Ballinasloe.

In response to Cllr T. Broderick's query on Cappaghtaggle Cross, Mr. Fahy advised that agreements were in place in collaboration with the other Municipal Districts.

Cllr. E Parsons sought an update on the establishment of a Tourism Officer. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the shortlisting was ongoing.

Cllr. E. Parsons expressed her gratitude at the establishment of a bike stand at the Municipal District Offices.

In response the queries on hedge cutting, Ms. Lowe advised that Mr. Fahy and his team will work with the budget that is available and that is any Cllr had a particular area of concern to contact Mr. Fahy.

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

**MDB23023**

Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Part 8 for Dunlo and St Joesph's would be brought before the next Municipal District Meeting.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that that the Outdoor Recreational Sports fund is due to become available; that an Expression of Interest Form will be made available and that the Ms. Bernie Donnellan is the point of contact.

Mr. Hanrahan confirmed that Pearse Doherty will be the event manager for the Ballinasloe Festival and Fair.

Cllr. M. Connolly stressed the importance to have an event manager in place.

Cllr. E. Parsons queried whether there would be community space available on the ground floor of the Dunlo Hill project in Dooley's pub; Mr. Hanrahan responded that a number of community groups have been in contact with the Housing Section.

Cllr. E. Parsons raised the issue of an accessible swim area; Mr. Hanrahan responded that the County Development Plan has provided for this, and that Expression of Interest must be submitted.

Cllr D. Connolly stated that in relation to the Part 8 for Dunlo Hill that this development would maximize housing efficiencies.

Cllr D. Connolly also raised the issue that a Tourism Officer is required.

Cllr. T. Broderick highlighted the importance of having a community space in this development.

### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

**MDB23024**

Cllr. D. Geraghty expressed his gratitude for all the surface dressing projects that taking place throughout the Municipal District.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS**

**MDB23025**

The McLoughlin Family on the death of Martina McLoughlin (née Tarmey), Williamstown  
The Finnegan Family on the death of Sarah Finnegan, Clonberne  
The Shevlin Family on the death of James Shevlin, Glinsk  
The Connell Family on the death of Bríd Connell (née Moran), Ballinasloe

Congratulations to Mr. Liam Hanrahan on his new role as Director of Planning and Economic Development. Congratulations to Katie Dillon on her recent achievements for Ireland at the Special Olympics.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**MDB23026**

In response to Cllr. T. Broderick with regard to Motor Tax opening times, Mr. Fahy said that the opening times are reflective of the staffing that is in place. Mr. Hanrahan advised that an additional staff member was coming in.

Cllr. D. Connolly asked that awareness be made in relation to the interpretative centre in Aughrim and that the public need to be provided with more information in relation to Lyme's disease. He wished all the best to the Community Wardens who are changing areas and to the Fire Fighters in their industrial dispute.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. E. Parsons that the Government engage in a meaningful way to resolve outstanding commitments to Firefighters as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. E. Parsons expressed her delight the dispute with Water Services had been resolved and that concurred with Cllr. D. Connolly that there is a need for a public awareness campaign in relation to Lyme's disease.

In response to Cllr. E. Parson's query on the apparent lack housing supply for clients in the 1 and 2 bed categories, Mr. Hanrahan stated that at the recent Housing SPC changes have been made to alleviate the dependency on one and two bed units.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 2 pm.**

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Submitted, Approved and Signed

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(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

26.07.23

(Date)