

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 2.30 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. E. Parsons

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

Oifigigh: Mr. L. Hanrahan Director of Services, Ms. R. Lowe Senior Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn Executive Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Executive Engineer, Mr. N. Raftery Executive Technician, Mr. Eoin Monahan Technician Grade 1, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Mr. A. Spellman Meetings Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2023 **MDB22089**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Keaveney.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Broderick asked that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th of January 2023 be amended as follows: MDB22088 Page 3 “Cllr. T. Broderick asked that Cappataggle Cross be assessed for safety upgrades”. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Ms. Lowe advised that she would check if a submission for upgrades to Cappataggle Cross had been made via Low-Cost Safety Schemes. If not, the location would be assessed for same and included in future submissions if deemed appropriate.

With reference to MDB22083 Cllr. M. Connolly asked that Irish Water would provide an update on Ballygar Wastewater Treatment Plant as delays are affecting development in the area.

With reference to MDB2086 and in response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that no response had been received from Irish Water regard providing an update to the Ballinasloe Municipal District Members on wastewater treatment and drinking water in Ballinasloe.

With reference to MDB22088 Page 4, the members expressed concern with the increase in rural crime with additional burglaries in the North Galway District. Cllr. Geraghty asked that additional Garda Siochana be recruited, along with the use of CCTV for vehicle identification. Cllr. Keaveney stated that there was fear in the community following the increase in burglaries. Cllr. M. Connolly asked that nighttime patrols be introduced. Cllr. Broderick asked that national representative would raise the issue in the Dail. Cllr. Broderick asked that an armed response unit be available in each division. Cllr. Geraghty stated that he would be attending a workshop on the 23rd of February, held by Garda Siochana North Western Regional Policing Division. This would provide a forum for external stakeholders to give feedback in preparation for the Galway Divisional Policing Plan 2023.

TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE 2023 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WORKS OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE BALLINASLOE MUNIICIPAL DISTRICT **MDB22090**

Item deferred : Ms. Lowe informed the members that the item was to be deferred as Galway County Council had only been notified of allocation the day before meeting and did not have adequate time to prepare the Draft Roads Plan 2023. Ms. Lowe advised that Galway County Council had been notified of an allocation of €39million which was an increase of €1.5million from 2022. Cllr. Parsons expressed dissatisfaction with Central Government for the delay. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the item will be brought before the members in early March.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS **MDB22091**

Mr. Hanrahan provided an update to the members on Galway County Housing projects at Dunlo Street , Bridge Court Ahascragh, Williamstown, Moylough, Ballinasloe and Mountbellew. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that locations for homeless housing projects are assessed for wraparound service availability. Cllr. Broderick asked that Galway County Council advise members of proposed location of housing projects. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that there are approximately 4,500 Ukrainian Refugees between Galway City and County with the majority in the County located in Oranmore/Gort/Kinvara/Connemara areas and Glenamaddy areas.

Mr. Hanrahan advised the members of the Community Recognition Fund 2023 and that the point of contact for same is Mary McGann.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS **MDB22092**

Cllr. Parsons paid tribute to all those who had lost their lives and had been affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Cllr. Parsons advised the members that a Meeting had been organized with Roscommon County Council Municipal District Members for the 2nd of March @ 4pm in Gullane's Hotel and welcomed all to attend.

Cllr. Parsons thanked the Engineering Team, Paul Leonard and outdoor staff for enabling the lighting of the Le Poer Trench Monument in Ballinasloe which will enable future lighting up requests, including International Women's Day 8th March 2023 which this year will highlight gender imbalance.

Cllr. Parsons asked that delays with regard to repairing public lighting around the town be assessed.

Cllr. Parsons asked that issues with footpaths at St. Josephs be addressed.

Cllr. Parsons asked that Galway County Council Parking Bye Laws be amended to allow for 20 minutes grace period prior to purchasing a ticket. Mr. Hanrahan advised that this issue would need to be dealt with via the Plenary Meeting of Galway County Council.

Cllr. Parsons asked that Irish Water representatives attend at the next Ballinasloe Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. Broderick asked that when Draft Bye Laws are being prepared for Graveyards that the Executive would look at a multi-agency approach in the enforcement of the Bye Laws. Cllr. Broderick expressed concern at the trends that were occurring in Graveyards in the County. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the draft Bye Laws and the enforcement of same were being considered via the Environment SPC and would come before the Plenary Council in due course.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB22093

Vote of Sympathy

The Devine Family on the death of Bridie Devine, Ballygar

The Morgan Family on the death of John Morgan, Williamstown

The Lawlor Family on the death of Maureen Lawlor, Rabane, Castleblakeney

The Maloney Family on the death of Michael Maloney, Littlecastle, Dunmore

The Mulryan Family on the death of Sean Mulryan, Williamstown

The Quinn Family on the death of Monica Quinn, Kildaree, Williamstown

The Hoban Family on the death of Mary Hoban, Curraghwest, Dunmore

The Ward Family on the death of Martin Ward, Ballymoe

The Smyth Family on the death of Thomas Smyth, Graigue, Caltra

The Crehan Family on the death of Michael Crehan, Ballyvoneen, Ballinamore Bridge

The Bracken Family on the death of John Bracken, High Street, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe

The Tully Family on the death of Evelyn Tully, Meelick, Boyounagh, Glenamaddy

The Tierney Family on the death of Mary Tierney, Esker, Ballymacward

The Leiper Family on the death of Bridie Leiper (nee O'Neill), Church Street, Glenamaddy

The Devane Family on the death of Thomas Devane, Middletown, Glenamaddy

The Kelly Family on the death of James Kelly, Beagh, Curraghwest, Dunmore
The Dolan Family on the death of Bridie Dolan, Carrowreagh, Ballinasloe
The Mulryan Family on the death of Sean Mulryan, Ballyroe, Williamstown
The Casey Family on the death of Mercy Casey, Perssepark, Aghrim

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB22094

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly, Ms. Lowe stated that safety issues at Creagh Junction coming from Taughmaconnell side would be re-assessed and she would revert with a response.

In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Ms. Lowe advised that a Road Safety Investigation was in progress following the fatal accident on the N63. Cllr. Keaveney asked that Galway County Council liaise with the TII regarding further safety improvements on the N63 near Newbridge/Ballaghlea National School. Cllr. M. Connolly also asked that the N63 be assessed and that it needs to be upgraded. Cllr. Broderick asked that the Speed Limit on the N63 be reduced.

Cllr. Keaveney advised that a rogue gang is operating claiming to be part of Colas Contracting Limited and offering to do work with left over product from road projects and for all to be aware of same.

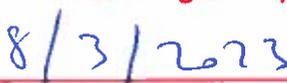
Cllr. Keaveney and Parsons welcomed the Local Improvement Scheme Funding allocated to Galway County Council. Ms. Lowe confirmed that it was the largest allocation to any Local Authority.

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

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Submitted, Approved and Signed


(Cathaoirleach to sign here)


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