

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ONLINE (VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS) ON WEDNESDAY, 9th JUNE 2021 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. D. Connolly

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. L. Hanrahan Director of Services, Mr. D. Mitchell Senior Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, Assistant Engineer, Mr. N. Raftery, Technician Grade 1, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Mr. E. Moloney Meetings Administrator.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keaveney and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly, it was agreed to commence the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe at 1.50 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2021 **MDB21084**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 12th May 2021 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Broderick

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllrs. Broderick, D. Connolly and Keaveney and with reference to MDB21076 Page 1, Mr. Hanrahan advised that an offer had been made on the position of acting Senior Executive Engineer for the Municipal District and that Department approval had been sought for the Technician position. In response to Cllr. Broderick with regard the Planning Enforcement position, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Chief Executive would be presenting an update on staffing issues at the next Council Meeting.

With reference to MDB21076 Page 1, Cllr. Dr. Parsons advised that she had received notification that the Dunlo Recreation Park would reopen the following Monday.

In response to Cllrs. D. Connolly and M. Connolly and with reference to MDB21076 Page 1, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the holding of the Ballinasloe Fair and Festival was subject to National Guidelines being issued with regard the holding of large-scale outdoor events. Mr. Hanrahan advised that outdoor events being piloted would form the basis of guidelines with regard crowd control, contact tracing etc. and at this stage a meeting would be

organized with the Fair and Festival Committee to discuss their thoughts on the holding of the Fair.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB21085

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan advised of a turnkey development of 40 houses in Ballinasloe which was under discussion with interested housing bodies and that was subject to ongoing discussions with the Department. In response to Cllr. D. Connolly, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the housing development at Dunlo Hill was progressing with the design team and was deemed part of a Rural Regeneration Project. Mr. Hanrahan advised that some frontages would be maintained and that the Public House at the corner of Dunlo Street was a protected structure and it would be subject to conservation.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that Part 8 planning were being prepared for the upgrade of derelict cottages and bungalows in rural areas which were purchased under the buy and renew schemes.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that nothing official had been received to date and no location had been confirmed with regard to dormant accounts funding through Sports Ireland for the development of a Sports Hub. Mr. Hanrahan advised that until a letter of offer was received nothing could be confirmed.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme is open for Expressions of Interest up to the 15th June. Mr. Hanrahan advised that for proposed projects the applicants must show the capacity to deliver the project when making their application.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB21086

Mr. Mitchell advised that 11 projects to the value of €420,000 had been approved for the Ballinasloe Municipal District via the Climate Adaption and Resilience Works 2021. Mr. Mitchell advised that €45,000 had been approved for the provision of picnic sets and bins in the Fairgreen, Ballinasloe via the Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund 2021. Mr. Mitchell advised that this additional funding, while welcome, would put additional pressure on the Municipal District staff to deliver. The members all welcomed the additional funding.

In response to Cllr. Dr. Parsons with regard extending locations within the Pollinator Plan, Mr. Mitchell advised that the Pollinator Plan was a work in progress and that he was available to discuss amendments to the plan and these amendments could happen on a phased basis. Mr. Hanrahan advised that the locations identified had been agreed with the members at the start of the year and were in public areas we maintain. He advised that if no mow areas were to extend to private housing estates, the residents associations of these estates would need to ensure that all residents were on board with the project. Cllr. Dr. Parsons stressed the need to encourage and educate with regard the provision of additional locations as there were marks available under Tidy Towns with regard to pollination.

Cllrs. Geraghty, D. Connolly and M. Connolly all asked that grass verges at junctions be cut to ensure safety as visibility was an issue.

In response to Cllr. Dr. Parsons, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Environmental Enforcement Officer works with the schools on anti-litter projects and that Cllr. Dr. Parsons could liaise with Mr. Mark Molloy on proposed additional education projects. Cllr. D. Connolly paid tribute to the work carried out in Ballinasloe Town by both TUS and FAS in doing cleanups and maintaining public areas such as the Dunlo Recreational Park.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that a joint Environment and Housing blitz was to take place in various locations to ensure compliance with regard proving that households have a waste collection service in place or to prove how waste is disposed of legally. Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would report back on the initiative.

Cllr. D. Connolly queried the flooding mapping done under CFRAMS at the Cleaghmore area as the location in question has never been subject to flooding as is having an impact on householders trying to access house insurance.

Cllr. Broderick queried transition areas around Ballinasloe from the UDC into Council Area with regard planning and if co-ordination is happening with Roscommon County Council in the preparation of the County Plan. Cllr. M. Connolly asked for an update on the development of the proposed Townpark's Road, Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would open a discussion with Planning with regard to these issues..

With regard to the €120,000.00 allocation received for the strengthening & support of the Ballinasloe MD the list of submitted projects was read out and on the proposal of Cllr. Broderick, seconded by Cllr. Geraghty and agreed by all, the list of projects was approved.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB21087

The Tumulty Family, Ballinasloe, on the death of Joey Tumulty
The Dillon Family, Kilconnell, on the death of Jackie Dillon
The Moylan Family, Castlebar, on the death of Murt Moylan
The Murray Family, Williamstown on the death of Hubert Murray, Williamstown
The Lee Family, Kilkerrin, Co. Galway on the death of Sabina (Bina) Lee
The Knight Family, Boyounagh on the death of Mary Knight
The Moughan Family, Ballymor, on the death of Frank Moughan
The McDermott Family, Kilkerrin, Co. Galway on the death of Michael McDermott
The Edwards Family, Ballymoe, on the death of Kathleen Edwards
The Geraghty Family, Newbridge, Co. Galway on the death of John Geraghty
The Madden Family, Williamstown, on the death of Kitty Madden.
The Fahy Family, Menlough on the death of Michael Fahy
The Doyle family, Ballinamore Bridge, Co. Galway on the death of Aidan Doyle
The Shaughnessy Family, Ballinasloe, on the death of Kathleen Shoughnessy
The Murray Family, Williamstown, on the death of Hubert Murray.

The Carr Family, Ballinasloe, on the death of Paddy Carr.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB21088

In response to Cllr. M Connolly, Mr. Mitchell advised that the N63 sections at Longford Hill and at Derreen would be assessed via the N63 Defects Maintenance System and funding for upgrades could be applied for to deal with same.

In response to Cllrs. Geraghty and Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that an upgrade of the road between Dunmore and Ballymoe would be considered if additional funding comes available.

In response to Cllrs. D. Connolly and Keaveney, Mr. Mitchell advised that the road project between Dunmore to Tuam (also known as twenty minute hill) would commence shortly and that the land acquisition issues were coming to a conclusion.

Mr. Mitchell advised that the Part 8 for the proposed Bus Stop in Ballinasloe was progressing. In response to Cllr. Parsons, Mr. Mitchell clarified that the location of disabled parking areas near the bus stop would not form part of the Part 8 application.

Mr. Hanrahan advised that the July Meeting of the Ballinasloe MD would take place in the Council Chamber, County Hall. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Hanrahan confirmed that the county was in Level 5 Covid Restrictions, and that Level 5 was subject to stepdowns to allow businesses to open.

It was agreed that the next Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on **Wednesday, 14th July @ 2 p.m.**

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Submitted, Approved and Signed


(Cathaoirleach to sign here)


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