

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ONLINE (VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS) ON WEDNESDAY, 12th MAY 2021 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. P. Keaveney

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL 2021 MDB21076

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Geraghty and seconded by Cllr. M. Connolly

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB21075 Page 5, Mr. Hanrahan advised that a meeting of the Ballinasloe Fair and Festival Co-ordinating Committee will be held after revised Public Health Measures are announced in early June. All the members urged caution with regard holding the Ballinasloe Fair and Festival. In response to Cllr. Broderick, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the issue of funding for the 300th Anniversary of the Ballinasloe Fair and Festival will be looked at when preparing the 2022 Budget.

In response to Cllr. D. Connolly and with reference to MDB20167 Page 1, Mr. Hanrahan advised that he would revert to the members with an update on the reopening of Dunlo Recreational Park by the end of the week. Cllr. Parsons advised that clubs who have rostered access to the Park, could use the recreation park for training up to a maximum of 15 adults subject to social distancing.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB21067 Page 2, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the recruitment of the Planning Enforcement Officer position was underway and that technical staff were available in the Planning Department to deal with urgent enforcement issues.

In response to Cllr. Broderick and with reference to MDB21075 Page 5, Mr. Hanrahan advised that there were panels in place for the recruitment of a Technician and a Senior Executive Engineer for the Ballinasloe Municipal District and that offers of employment would be made shortly.

In response to Cllrs. Broderick and with reference to MDB21075 Page 5, Mr. Hanrahan advised that the Failte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme in conjunction with Local Authorities was being progressed by the Tourism Officer and the Community and Enterprise Section and the possible inclusion of Ballinasloe in the scheme would be noted. Cllr. Parsons thanked officials for meeting with the members to outline the various schemes available to businesses to facilitate outdoor dining and to ensure tourism growth in the County. Cllr. Parsons asked that Ballinasloe be promoted as being a destination town as it is adjacent to the Beara Breifne Way and possibly may be on the Galway Athlone Cycleway.

In response to Cllrs Parsons and D. Connolly and with reference to MDB21067 Page 2, Mr. Mitchell advised that the provision of solar powered compacter bins would be considered in the context of extra funding coming on stream for the provision of enhanced litter infrastructure.

In response to Cllr. Parsons and with reference to MDB21075 Page 6, Mr. Hanrahan advised that funding of the proposed upgrading of the public toilets in Ballinasloe would happen in conjunction with the budgetary process where all projects and funding requests were considered.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB21077

No business arising

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB21078

Mr. Hanrahan asked that each member provide information to either himself or Mr. Moloney with regard to proposals for spending their €20,000 allocation at which stage a master list of projects will be presented. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Hanrahan advised that a report would have to go back to the Minister by year end with an update, however he advised that the allocation does not have to be spent by year end. In response to Cllrs. Keaveney and Parsons, Mr. Mitchell advised that monies could be added to Notice of Motion monies, however in line with NOM rules, this would mean roads projects. Mr. Mitchell asked that each Councillor would commit to no more than 2 projects. In response to Cllr. Geraghty, Mr. Mitchell advised that the purchase of materials to be used on community roads project would not be applicable. Mr. Mitchell advised that there was an application process available to groups to do construction projects adjacent to public roads.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB21079

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB21080

In response to Cllr. M. Connolly regarding the April Resolution of installation of Integrated Constructed Wetlands in villages, Mr. Moloney advised that no response had been received from either Irish Water or the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Broderick, it was agreed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on the **Wednesday 9th June at 1.30 p.m.**

It was agreed that the next Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe would take place on **Wednesday, 9th June 2021 @ 2 p.m.**

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Submitted, Approved and Signed


(Cathaoirleach to sign here)

9/6/2021

(Date)