

Municipal District of Tuam – 22nd October 2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TUAM HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY

ON 22nd October 2020 at 1.15 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH:	Cllr. Joe Sheridan
I LÁTHAIR FREISIN	Cllr. Colm Keaveney, Cllr. Donagh Killilea, Cllr. Andrew Reddington, Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag, Cllr. M Hoade, Cllr. Peter Roche
AS LÁTHAIR	
BAILL OIFIGIGH:	Mr. Jim Cullen, D.O.S., Infrastructure & Operations, Mr. Damien Mitchell, S.E., Infrastructure & Operations. Mr. John Coyle, Acting S.E.E., Mr. Paul Connolly E.E., Mr Tom Regan E.E. Ms. Bernie Treacy, A.S.O, Ms. Eibhlin Curran, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Hazel Fox, Executive Planner, Mr. Ciaran Wynne S.E.E., JP O'Carroll, Architectural Technician.

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Item no. 1 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Tuam on 7th September 2020

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McHugh Farag **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mary Hoade the minutes of the meeting of Tuam Municipal District held on 7th September 2020 were **AGREED**.

Matters arising from the Minutes

In response to a query raised by Cllr. M. Hoade, Mr. J. Coyle S.E.E. informed the members that the report commissioned in respect of street parking in Headford had been received from Consultants, O'Connor Sutton Cronin, the previous day and he would revert back to the members once the review was complete.

In response to a query raised by Cllr. M. Hoade, MR. D. Mitchell S.E. informed the members that a report had been carried out by Mr. P. Connolly on selected sites for the provision of off street car parking in Headford however following an audit by Transport Infrastructure Ireland the entrance/exits to the chosen sites were not deemed safe for pedestrians.

Cllr. M. Hoade queried if there had been any advancement with regard to the design of the N84 project that was to be undertaken under the three-year Capital Programme. Mr. D. Mitchell informed the members that he would revert back to A. Breathnach S.E.E. in the N.R.P.O. with regard to same however he highlighted that there was no advancement due to a funding issue and advised that an application needs to be submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect of the Shrule to Headford Road.

Following a discussion on the Cúirt na Cora Housing Estate on The Weir Road in Tuam, Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Services informed the members that as the estate is operated by the social housing Agency - Steer, Galway County Council is not legally responsible for the estate. He noted that the

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matter had been raised previously at the Plenary meeting. He advised the members that anti-social behavior is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

In response to a query raised by Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sheridan, Mr. D. Mitchell advised the members that there is currently one application pending under Section 254.

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Item no. 2 – RRDF – Tuam Masterplan Update

Mr. James Hennessy from The Paul Hogarth Consultancy Company gave a virtual presentation to the members on the Tuam Regeneration Masterplan. The plan was commissioned by Galway County Council to establish a shared vision for the town to guide future development and to identify projects suitable for public and private sector investment over the next 5 - 10 years. The consultants were very pleased with the response from members of the public to the draft plan. There were 117 responses during the initial public consultation and 154 responses to the draft plan. 97 % of the submissions were supportive of the plan and a lot of views and ideas were taken on board and included in the plan.

The elected members welcomed the plan and its concepts and acknowledged its benefits as a reference point for the development of Tuam. The members were impressed with the work and level of assessment that had been undertaken and complimented James and Hazel on their efforts.

Ms. H. Fox who has worked on drawing up the plan stressed that it is a working and living document and that there would be public consultation before any major development takes place.

In response to Mr. J Cullen, Ms. H Fox confirmed that the completed plan would be brought to the members at the December Municipal District Meeting, for their endorsement.

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Item no. 3 - Municipal District of Tuam Cathaoirleach's Business

Following a discussion on the level 5 lockdown Mr. J Cullen, Director of Services advised the members that the current lockdown is very different to the very restrictive lockdown in March. The vast majority of services will be operating close to normal. All construction, Water Services, Town and Village works will be continuing and a click and collect facility will be in operation in the library service. He confirmed that the County Secretary is currently updating the Councils website with regard to service provision. Motor Tax access is available to people living within a 5 km radius and online and postal services will be in operation.

Cllr. Reddington advised the members, with assistance from Mr. P Connolly, that an application was lodged under the Outdoor Recreation & Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) in respect of a greenway in Headford and hoped that submission would be successful.

In response to a query raised by Cllr. Reddington with regard to the availability of funding for the erection of Christmas Lights in Headford and towns in North Galway, Mr. J. Cullen advised the members that Councillor Notice of Motion money can only be used on roads and there was no other funding was currently available.

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In response to Cllr. Reddington, Mr. J Cullen advised that any proposals that the members had in relation to funding and reallocation of conference and training monies should be done at the plenary annual budget meeting.

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Item no. 4 – Municipal District of Tuam Director’s Business

None

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Item no. 5 – Any Other Business

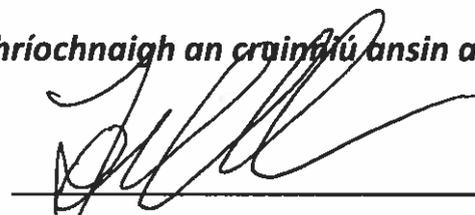
Following a discussion on antisocial behavior at the Anne Marie Memorial Park, Mr. J. Cullen, informed the members that he would liaise with the Housing Department. He was not sure if Bye-Laws could be introduced but understands the sensitivity of the issue.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held on Monday 7th December 2020 @ 12.00.

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Approved by:



Date: 7/12/20

**Cllr. J. Sheridan
Cathaoirleach**