

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMER, CIVIC OFFICES, BALLINASLOE ON WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY 2026 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Cllr. P. Keaveney

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Baill: Cllrs. D. Connolly, M. Connolly, D. Geraghty, A. Harney, E. Parsons

Oifigigh: Mr. D. Mitchell Director of Service, Mr. D. Troy Senior Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. A. Spelman Meetings Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BALLINASLOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025

MDB26001

Cllr. Parsons asked that the wording under MDB25090 Page 8 be amended to show corrected spelling "*Cllr. E. Parsons said that Creggane Road needs attention.*"

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Geraghty and seconded by Cllr. Parsons.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MDB26002

Cllr. Harney asked for an update on community CCTV. Mr. Mitchell advised that legislation governing same was due shortly and that a handbook would be made available to local authorities to assist them in making an application. Mr. Mitchell advised that An Garda Síochána would have direct access to CCTV footage.

Cllr. Geraghty expressed concern with regard to aftercare issues with the proposed energy efficiency upgrade works to the Ballinasloe Leisure Centre. Cllr. Parsons said the energy savings involved would help ensure funding for future maintenance and repair of new technologies.

Cllr. Geraghty made reference to a previous discussion at Plenary in relation to age limits for Library Services. The Chair outlined this was an item still under discussion at Plenary and would be further considered at the next plenary meeting.

The members welcomed the news and Cllr. M. Connolly said there was a need to focus on the dereliction issue in the village.

A discussion took place with regard to the impending decision due on the windfarm application by Clonberne Windfarm Ltd. Cllr. M. Connolly asked that planning officials would work with developers on pre-planning issues as the applications were causing bad divisions in local communities which should be avoided if possible. Cllr. D. Connolly stated that the wind turbine in Aughrim is also a cause for concern.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB26006

No business arising

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB26007

Votes of Sympathy

The Noone Family on the passing of Marian Noone, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe
The Colbert Family on the passing of Kitty Colbert, Ballinasloe
The McGowan Family on the passing of Emer McGowan, Creagh, Ballinasloe
The Haugh Family on the passing of Eddie Hawe, Moat, Aughrim, Ballinasloe
The O'Connor Family on the passing of Margaret O'Connor, Ballinacloy, Cappataggle
The Burke Family on the passing of Theresa (Teesie) Burke, Cuddoo, Colemanstown
The McDonagh Family on the passing of Darragh McDonagh, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo

Vote of Congratulations

Congratulation to the Ballinasloe Cycle Club and all involved in bringing the Cycling Ireland Nationals Cyclocross Championship to the Fair Green, Ballinasloe on the 11th and 12th January.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB26008

All the members paid tribute to the farmers who gathered in Athlone to protest the EU Mercosur trade deal and stated that they were in full support of the farming community.

Cllrs. Geraghty and Keaveney expressed concern with regard to salting over the cold period. Mr. Troy outlined the Winter Service Plan for 2025/2026 which detailed Priority 1, 2 and 3 routes. In response to Cllr. Keaveney, Mr. Troy advised that he would investigate further with regard to certain routes not being treated.

Cllr. Geraghty asked that locations in Ballinasloe town which have faint road markings be looked at with a view to upgrading.

All the members expressed continued concern with regard to the downgrading of services at Portiuncula University Hospital and asked that the issue continue to be highlighted with Oireachtas members and the HSE to ensure a reversal of this downgrade. The members agreed that the focus should remain on getting the service restored.

Cllr. Parsons and D. Connolly asked for an update on Cappataggle Cross. Mr. Troy advised that a decision on funding should be due in February.

Cllr. Parsons asked that the footpaths in Aughrim be upgraded. Cllr. D. Connolly expressed concern at the lack of funding for footpaths and advised that he had committed a substantial amount of NOM funding over the years to the upgrade of footpaths. Mr. Troy acknowledged that there was a lack of specific funding for footpaths and advised that at present funding was now only available under Regional and Local Road Discretionary funding and NOM funding.

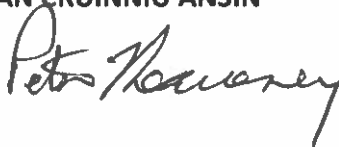
Cllr. D. Connolly asked that incidents of increased fly tipping in the MD be investigated by our Community Wardens.

Cllr. M. Connolly asked that an update be provided on Casual Trading issues in Mountbellew.

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on 11th February at 2pm.

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Cathaoirleach:



Date:

11/2/2026