

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE HELD IN THE GLENAMADDY GAA FACILITY, GLENAMADDY ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL 2026 AT 2.00 p.m.

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. P. Keaveney

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Mr. D. Mitchell Director of Service, Mr. C. Harley Senior Engineer, Mr. P. Batty Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. B. McDonagh Executive Engineer, Mr. P. McLynn, Executive Engineer, Ms. A. Monaghan Staff Officer, Ms. A. Spelman Meetings Administrator.

Cllr. Keaveney welcomed all the members, staff and press to the Ballinasloe Municipal District Meeting which was being held in the newly developed Glenamaddy GAA Facility in Creggs Road, Glenamaddy. Cllr. Keaveney thanked the Committee for organizing a tour of the facility and providing refreshments afterwards. Cllr. Keaveney invited Mr. P.J. Fahy to give an overview of the project. Mr. Fahy gave a presentation on the development of the project, from the purchase of the site, the development of the future vision for the project, the planning and construction of the development and the funding of same. Mr. Fahy advised that the overall development cost in the region of €8 million. This project was partly funded by the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund by GRD and by private investment from Mr. Fahy. Mr. Fahy paid credit to all in the local community who had supported the project and stated that the development was a template for other rural communities. All the members paid tribute to Mr. Fahy and the Glenamaddy GAA Club and all the community members who were involved with the project. The members stated that this project was groundbreaking in its vision and ambition and that the facility could be used by all groups within the community. The members wished the Committee the best going forward with future developments.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BALLINASLOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2026

MD826024

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. Harney and seconded by Cllr. Parsons.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF BALLINASLOE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH 2026

MDB26025

The Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballinasloe held on Wednesday 31st March 2026 were approved by the Municipal District Members and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Cllr. M. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Geraghty.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MDB26026

Cllr. Geraghty asked that an update on additional bus shelters in the Ballinasloe Municipal District be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Harley advised that he would request an update from the Active Travel Team for the May MD Meeting.

Mr. McDonagh provided an update to the members on the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme. The members thanked Mr. McDonagh for his presentation. Cllr. D. Connolly and Cllr. Harney asked for clarification on timelines for the completion of the project. Mr. McDonagh advised that the current projected completion date is August 2028. Cllr. D. Connolly asked for clarification on whether work would take place at Derrymullen where previous flood relief works were carried out. Cllrs D. Connolly and M. Connolly asked for clarification as to whether upgrade works would take place at Station Road. Mr. McDonagh advised that he would get clarification on both these locations and would revert to the members with an update. Cllr. Parsons and Harney asked that the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme Team work in consultation with the Consultants appointed by Galway County Council who were preparing a Feasibility Study on Outdoor Recreation Projects along the River Suck in the town along with the possibility of a Blue Way along the River Suck. Mr. McDonagh advised that all this information would be brought back to the OPW Team. Cllr. Parsons asked for clarification on funding being ring fenced for the project. Mr. McDonagh advised that Flood Relief Projects are generally funded. Cllr. Geraghty asked for an estimate of costs for completion of the project. Mr. McDonagh advised that it is projected to cost €25million.

UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

MDB26027

Mr. Batty presented an update on Municipal District Activities to the members. The members thanked Mr. Batty for his update.

- Cllr. M. Connolly asked for an update on low-cost safety projects in Mountbellew. Mr. Harley advised that the scheme was currently being assessed by TII.
- Cllr. Parsons asked that a focus be kept on the upgrade to the Public Toilets at St. Michaels Square. Mr. Batty advised that work was ongoing with this project.
- Cllr. Parsons asked that the road between Cappataggle to Kilconnell be assessed for repair as potholes recently filled had opened again. Cllr. Parsons asked if funding could be sought from the Department of Environment for the repair of this road as

they had taken responsibility for the Greenstar Landfill Facility and that a lot of the bad road conditions stem from when the Landfill Facility was open. Mr. Batty advised that he would revert with an update on this.

- In response to Cllrs Parsons and Harney, Mr. Batty advised that the damaged pedestrian crossings at Creagh Junction would be included within the scope of the Creagh Junction Consultants Brief. In the interim, Mr. Batty confirmed that the lights would be repaired.
- Cllrs Parsons and Harney welcomed the ongoing upgrade of playground but asked if the other playgrounds could be assessed for cleaning. Mr. Batty advised that he would request the community wardens to assess the Playgrounds in the town for cleaning.
- Cllr. D. Connolly asked that overgrowth on footpaths be assessed in the Town as it was in some cases restricting mobility and access on the public footpaths. Mr. Batty advised that he would investigate same.
- Cllr. D. Connolly asked for an update on the public light in Cleaghmore. Mr. Batty advised that he would revert to Cllr. D. Connolly with a response.
- Cllr. D. Geraghty asked for an update on how the cost of fuel was impacting on the delivery of the Roads Programme in the district. Mr. Harley advised that he had met with the Department Inspector to discuss the issue, and it was agreed that each district would proceed with its roads programme and later go back to the department when there is a better understanding of additional costs.
- Mr. Batty thanked Cllr. D. Connolly for providing notice of motion Funding for wall in Aughrim.
- Cllr. Keaveney welcomed the Low-Cost Safety Scheme in Creggs.
- Cllr. Keaveney asked that the pedestrian lights in Dunmore Road, Glenamaddy be assessed.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

MDB26028

- Mr. Mitchell advised that the Deputation from Cappataggle Cross would be attending the May Meeting of the Ballinasloe MD.
- Mr. Mitchell advised that representative from the ESB would be attending the May Meeting of the Ballinasloe MD to give an update to the Members.
- Mr. Mitchell provided an update on the Antisocial Behavior Working Group.
- Mr. Mitchell provided an update on the 2026 CLAR Programme
- Mr. Mitchell provided an update on the Ballinasloe Town Centre First Plan
- Mr. Mitchell provided an update on the new Vacant Homes above the Shop Scheme.

Cllr. Connolly asked for an update on the social housing development in Moylough and expressed concern with the structure of the building being unsafe. Mr. Mitchell advised that the project had been tendered for construction, but no tenders had been received for same. Mr. Mitchell advised that it was intended to re-issue the tender shortly. Mr. Mitchell advised that he would request members of Housing Team to assess the building for Health and Safety. Cllrs. Connolly and Harney expressed concern with the level of dereliction within the town of Ballinasloe and villages in the Municipal District and asked if more could be done by way of CPO of properties, further engagement with owners of derelict buildings or the use of planning laws.

The members welcomed the commencement of the Ballinasloe Antisocial Behavior Working Group. The members expressed concern at the fear and anxiety of citizens in the town following several anti-social incidents and asked for more visibility from Garda Siochana in the town. Cllr. D. Connolly asked that there would be consequences for people involved with anti-social behavior if they were tenants of Galway County Council. Cllr. Parsons stated that this was a multi-agency issue and asked for an update on the roll out of CCTV in the town.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLINASLOE CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

MDB26029

None arising

VOTES OF SYMPATHY/CONGRATULATIONS

MDB26030

Votes of Sympathy

The Feeney Family on the passing of Marie Feeney, Glenamaddy

The Griffin Family on the passing of Frances Griffin, Ballymoe

The Clarke Family on the passing of Tom Clarke, Glinsk

The Kelly Family on the passing of Anthony Kelly, Creggs

The Mannion Family on the passing of Sean Mannion, Lisheen, Glenamaddy

The Egan Family on the passing of Philip Egan, Ballinamore Bridge

The McNamara Family on the passing of Maureen McNamara, Ballymoe

The Brennan Family on the passing of Bernadette Brennan, Williamstown

The Monaghan Family on the passing of Mairead Monaghan, Moylough

The Connaughton Family on the passing of Tom Connaughton, Ballymoe

The Garvey Family on the passing of Pauline Garvey, Glenamaddy

The Flanagan Family on the passing of Eileen Flanagan, Timard, Clonberne

The Feeney Family on the passing of Johnny Feeney, Williamstown

The Mitchell Family on the passing of Maurice Mitchell, Williamstown

The Bleahane Family on the passing of Nora Bleahane, Kilconnell

The Donohue Family on the passing of Fr. Eamonn Donohue, Cooloo, Moylough

Votes of Congratulation

Congratulations to the Glenamaddy Drama Group on getting to the All-Ireland Drama Final.

Congratulations to the Siobhan Divilly on being named AIB LGFA Club Footballer of the year. Cllr. M Connolly asked that Siobhan Divilly be awarded a Civic Reception by the Ballinasloe Municipal District.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MDB26031

The members discussed the fuel protest blockades which had taken place as a result of fuel price increases which were impacting contractors, farmers and businesses. The members expressed concern with the Government response to the issue and asked that all efforts be made to assist the groups involved in the protests.

Cllrs Parsons and D. Connolly asked that the issue of downgrading of services at Portiuncula University Hospital be kept under review. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Evelyn Parsons and the following resolution was agreed: " to write to Mr. Tony Canavan HSE West to provide us with an update on the reinstatement of maternity services to Portiuncula University hospital."

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballinasloe Municipal District would take place on 13th May at 2pm.

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Cathaoirleach:



Date:

13/5/2026

