

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting
held VIRTUALLY on Microsoft Teams
on Wednesday 7 April 2021 at 4.00 pm**

Members present : Cllr Arthur McDonald (Cathaoirleach)
remotely Cllr Michael Doran
Cllr Andy Gladney
Cllr Tommy Kinsella
Cllr William Quinn

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services,
remotely Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer,
Liam Carroll, A/Chief Fire Officer
Josephine Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer,
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer,
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 3 February 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Gladney that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 3 February 2021 be confirmed and taken as read.

2. Matters Arising

Nothing to note.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members

a) Roadworks Programme 2021

The District Engineer presented the Roadworks Programme for 2021. The members confirmed that works were to proceed in Bilboa.

Cllr Doran queried if Footpaths at Bilboa were included, Mr Crowley confirmed these works were included.

Cllr Quin queried if Knockmulldory was on the Restoration Improvement Programme, Mr Crowley confirmed that it was.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Doran seconded by Cllr Kinsella, followed by a show of hands that the Roadworks Programme 2021 be taken as listed by the District Engineer.

All agreed.

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SECTION	National Secondary Maintenance (TII)		Allocation	Status
		Allocation = €0	€0	No National Road Network
			€0	
SECTION	Local Roads Discretionary Maintenance (Carlow Revenue)		Allocation	Status
MMD	B0405031	Local Roads General Maintenance MMD	€359,693	
			€359,693	
SECTION	REDS Projects (IPB Revenue)		Allocation	Status
MMD	215R153C	St Brigids Terrace, Bagenalstown	€5,000	
MMD	215R154C	Hurleys Lane, Bagenalstown	€5,000	
MMD	215R155C	Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown	€2,000	
MMD	215R156C	Conway Park, Bagenalstown	€4,000	
MMD	215R157C	Kilcarrig Street, Bagenalstown	€4,000	
MMD	215R158C	Lazarians Terrace, Bagenalstown	€5,000	
MMD	215R159C	St Lazarians Street, Leighlinbridge	€1,500	
MMD	215R160C	Molaise Terrace, Old Leighlin	€3,500	
MMD	215R161C	Pound Lane, Borris	€5,000	
MMD	215R162C	Drummin, NS Footpath	€5,000	
MMD	215R163C	Upper Main Street, Borris	€10,000	
			€50,000	
SECTION	Non-National Restoration Improvement (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD	B0302177	R724 Royal Oak	€93,750	Urban - Inlay (500m)
MMD	B0302178	R705 Kilcruit - Kilgraney	€165,750	Rural - Surface Restoration (1,700m)
MMD	B0302179	R703 Tinnahinch Main St & Bridge	€147,000	Urban - Inlay (350m)
MMD	B0402422	L7120 Old Leighlin - Milebush	€70,000	Rural - Overlay (1,000m)
MMD		R702 Kyle X - Ballydine	€180,000	Rural - Surface Restoration (2,000m)
MMD		R702 Borris Main St	€91,875	Urban - Inlay (350m)
MMD		L7116 Tinnagarney - Wells	€56,000	Rural - Overlay (800m)
MMD		L7025 Kilcumney - Ballyellen	€47,700	Rural - Surface Restoration (1,060m)
MMD		L3049 Ballybromell - Clonmackshane	€156,000	Rural - Overlay (1,300m)
MMD		L30376 Old Leighlin - Johnduffswood	€70,000	Rural - Overlay (1,000m)
MMD		Flanders Cross - Killoughternane	€48,000	Rural - Surface Restoration (800m)
MMD		Knockmulldory - Ballyglisheen	€52,500	Rural - Surface Restoration (1,000m)
MMD		Kilcoltrim - Lissalean	€67,205	Rural - Overlay (1,000m)
MMD		Ballinkillin Main Street	€96,250	Urban - Inlay (700m)
MMD		Killoughternane - Ballinree	€33,100	Rural - Surface Restoration (600m)
MMD		Nurney Village	€86,000	Urban - Inlay (500m)
MMD		Dunleckney - Rathellin	€110,000	Rural - Overlay (1,000m)
			€1,571,130	
SECTION	Non-National Restoration Maintenance (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		Dranagh - Drumin	€54,800	
MMD		Glynn - Ballyknock	€21,600	
MMD		Killoughternane - Doyles Crossroads	€31,500	
MMD		Ballinabrannagh - Clogrennane	€32,400	
MMD		Annagar - Milebush	€17,200	
MMD		Bilboa - Rossmore	€18,000	
MMD		Bawnree - The Ridge	€18,000	
MMD		Lacken - Bawnree	€47,250	
MMD		Raheenkyle - 9 Stones	€22,140	
			€262,890	
SECTION	Non-National Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		Ballymartin - Dunroe	€26,325	
MMD		Curraghacruit - Ballymoon	€26,325	
MMD		Knockendrane - Seskinamadra	€27,000	
MMD		Ballycormick - Glenaharry	€36,450	
MMD		Boherduff - Kildreenagh	€42,460	
MMD		Ballynasilloge - Ballymartin	€20,475	
MMD		Dunroe - Knockullard	€8,645	
			€187,680	
SECTION	Discretionary Improvement Projects (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD	B0305003	MMD REGIONAL ROADS MAINTENANCE	€206,370	
MMD		Discretionary Projects - M.Doran	€5,000	
MMD		Discretionary Projects - A.Gladney	€5,000	
MMD		Discretionary Projects - T.Kinsella	€5,000	
MMD		Discretionary Projects - A.McDonald	€5,000	
MMD		Discretionary Projects - W.Quinn	€5,000	

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MMD		Bilboa Footpaths	€4,000	
MMD		St Lazarian Tce Footpaths	€2,500	
MMD		Molaisse Estate Safety Measues	€1,500	
MMD		Conway Park Footpaths	€4,000	
MMD		Batchelors Walk Footpaths	€8,000	
MMD		Drainage at Upper Main Street Borris	€4,000	
MMD		Footpath Remedials Main Street Borris	€4,000	
MMD		Drainage at Rathgeran	€4,000	
MMD		Drainage at Coolyhune	€4,000	
MMD		Safety Improvements at Long Range	€4,000	
MMD		Road Signage/Markings@	€10,000	
			€281,370	
SECTION	Low Cost Safety Improvement Projects (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		R702 & L7050 @ Ballymurphy, Borris	€35,000	
MMD		R702 & L70471 @ Ballycoppigan	€35,000	
MMD		L3003 & L7040 @ Kilcloney Cross	€5,000	
			€75,000	
SECTION	Bridge Repair Projects (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		L30062 @ Brook Lodge Bridge	€100,000	
			€100,000	
SECTION	Drainage Improvement Grant (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		Ballinkillin Village	€15,000	
MMD		Ballymurphy Village	€24,000	
MMD		Kilcoltrim	€10,000	
MMD		Kilcruit	€16,000	
MMD		Rathellein	€21,000	
MMD		Ballynolan	€17,000	
MMD		Milford	€10,035	
MMD		Ballyellen - Slyguff	€10,000	
			€123,035	
SECTION	Comminuty Involvement Schemes (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		Ballycriggan		
MMD		Ballyglisheen ...to meet applicants		
MMD		Druminto meet applicants		
MMD		Nortons Lane ...to meet applicants		
MMD		Ballyling ..to meet applicants		
MMD		Allocation = €167,250 (Applicants contribution is extra)	€0	
SECTION	Speed Limit & Cyclists Safe Overtaking Signage (DTTAS)		Allocation	Status
MMD		Cycling Signage	€4,000	
			€4,000	
SECTION	Active Travel Measures (NTA)		Allocation	Status
MMD		Footpaths Borris	€135,000	
		Railway Bridges Bagnelstown Feasibility Study		
			€135,000	
SECTION	Local Improvement Schemes (DRCD)		Allocation	Status
MMD		2021 Projects	€0	Awaiting DRCD Notification
			€0	
SECTION	SUPPLEMENTARY WORKS		Allocation	Status
MMD			€0	
MMD			€0	
			€0	
SECTION	Muinebheag Municipal District Environmental Activities		Allocation	Status

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MMD	323S0061	Public Toilet - Bagenalstown	€36,200
MMD	323S0062	Public Toilet - St. Mullins	€11,800
MMD	451C0019	Borris Fair	€5,000
MMD	515V0002	Bagenalstown - Street Cleaning	€107,500
MMD	515V0004	Bagenalstown Villages - Street Cleaning	€51,000
MMD	521V0013	Bagenalstown - Graveyards	€60,950
MMD	633C0012	Bagenalstown - Town Park/Open Spaces	€20,000
MMD	714F0003	Burrin Drainage Costs	€25,000
MMD	D0401002	Bagenalstown - Industrial Site (Wages ONLY)	€4,000
MMD	F0301008	Borris - Open Spaces	€8,000
MMD	F0301010	Leighlinbridge - Open Spaces	€8,000
MMD	F0301016	Bagenalstown MD - Playground Inspections	€9,200
			€346,650
TOTAL			€3,496,448

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Fire Services Capital Programme

Mr O’Gorman welcomed Mr Carroll to the meeting. Mr Carroll briefed the members on the Extension and Refurbishment Plan for Muinebheag Fire Station under the Fire Services Capital Programme 2021 – 2025. €500,000 was awarded towards Muinebheag Fire Station and €350,000 for the purchase of a New Class B Fire Appliance. Currently Muinebheag Fire Station has 12 retained Firefighters with a Fireground Area of 351km². The existing Fire Station was completed in 1990 for a single crew of 8 firefighters. Works include extending appliance bay to the rear of existing station to accommodate water carrier and 4WD vehicle, extending into adjacent vacant Courthouse building, construction of new lecture room, canteen, laundry and drying facilities, male and female shower and muster area, replacement of external windows and doors. After approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to proceed to tender for Design Consultancy Services, an Architect/Engineer is appointed to prepare drawings under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001. After public consultation a report will be presented to the elected members and tender process will commence.

The members thanked Mr Carroll for his detailed presentation and welcomed the funding and look forward to the much needed refurbishment of the station for the dedicated team of firefighters in Muinebheag who carry out such an important role for the people in the District.

(b) Environmental & Tidy Towns Grants 2021

Mr O’Donovan presented the Environment Grant Scheme 2021 and addressed any questions raised by the members. 32 Residents Association/Community Groups successful grants were listed ranging from €200 to €450 each and 11 groups were successful under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme ranging from €300 to €2,000. The members highlighted the importance of these grants and thanked the communities for their continued dedication, support and hard work.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella, seconded by Cllr Doran, followed by a show of hands that the submitted list of Environmental & Tidy Towns Grants be approved for payment as submitted. All agreed.

(c) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads Report and advised the members of the criteria under the Active Travel to assess and carry out mobility/feasibility studies to encourage and make more areas pedestrian friendly adding that €135,000 was awarded towards footpaths in Borris in the vicinity of the Vocational School. Mr O’Gorman informed the members that the Active Travel Officer is pencilled in to attend the September meeting to outline plans for the District. Mr Crowley gave a brief overview on Safe Routes to School also outlining that the application needs to issue from the schools. Mr O’Gorman confirmed that the applications are co-ordinated through the Green Schools Programme. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To establish a resolution regarding the Activation of the CCTV at Fairgreen
- Consideration be given to sourcing funding to extend the footpath from Barrow Track at Clashganny Hill
- Consideration be given to assess the stability of the high wall between the Sacred Heart Graveyard, Borris as the Mount Leinster Rangers GAA Club are installing a wheelchair friendly walking track running alongside it at their Grounds.
- To establish short term solution at Dunleckney to improve safety of the road for walkers and pedestrians.
- To request an update from Waterways Ireland on the reinstatement of the Wall alongside the Barrow as you enter Bagenalstown on the R705
- Councillors to submit proposals for a location and piece of playground equipment suitable for persons with a disability to the value of €10,000 for the Municipal District of Muinebheag.
- To improve road markings to improve safety at Railway House Junction and at the Bank
- To progress the carpark at Ballyellen prior to the summer season.

The members thanked Mr Crowley and his team for their continued dedication and hard work in the District.

(d) Housing Report

Ms Kavanagh presented the Housing Report. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To ensure the large trees are removed when the RESPOND! Development at Ashfield progresses when Covid restrictions allow.
- Update regarding application for 32 houses in Leighlinbridge
- To provide an update regarding the 2 houses in Borris
- An update on the Self help grant application
- An update on the 4 houses at Bahana

The members thanked Ms Kavanagh and the team for their continued dedication and hard work in the District.

(e) CLÁR 2021

Mr O'Donovan gave an update regarding the areas in the County and the 3 different measures, namely 1) Support for Communities & School Safety, 2) Outdoor and Community Recreation facilities, 3) a) Community Gardens & Allotments and 3) b) Mobility & Cancer Care Transport. Applications are due in by 7th May with the announcement of funding to be made in June for works to be completed by March 2022.

(f) Ballinabranna National School – Safe Routes to School

Mr O'Gorman welcomed the Safe Routes to school programme under Active Travel to improve access to schools adding that applications need to be submitted from the school and will be dealt with under the Green Schools Programme and the District Engineers. With regard to Ballinabranna National School the Chief Executive has replied to confirm that Carlow County Council cannot extend the School Warden scheme here and would continue to assist with the €3,000 funding allocated. Mr O'Gorman welcomed and gave a commitment that an application to issue from the school under the Safe Routes to School programme for any improvement works to be considered. The members were disappointed that the School Warden scheme could not be extended, stating that the children's safety is of utmost importance and asked that support be given to the school with regard to submission of an application.

5. Correspondence

Ms Ahearne confirmed that no submissions were received regarding the Extinguishment of the Right of Way No. 4 Business Park Muinebheag. Mr Crowley will now prepare report to proceed with extinguishing this right of way.

6. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Kinsella asked for clarification regarding the criteria for Well Grant Applications. Ms Ahearne assisted.
- b. Cllr Gladney asked that the removal of trees at Odlums House, St Mullin's be investigated and followed up.
- c. Cllr Gladney asked that project at Milford Cross be followed up to ensure the watertable is not disturbed.
- d. The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the Cathaoirleach Awards can be held when restrictions allow later in the year as a joint awards event. Mr O'Gorman agreed that funding would be carried forward to allow for this.

On the proposal of Cllr Kinsella, seconded by Cllr Quinn the next meeting should take place in May as the date of the AGM was not confirmed yet to allow the date for the June meeting to be confirmed. This date will be confirmed in May. All agreed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5 May at 4.00pm.

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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____