

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag
held on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 4.00 pm
in the Community Hall, McGrath Memorial Hall, Muinebheag**

Members present: Cllr Arthur McDonald (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Michael Doran
Cllr Andy Gladney (Virtually)
Cllr Tommy Kinsella

In Attendance: Pdraig O’Gorman, Director of Services,
Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer,
Michael Brennan, Director of Services,
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr William Quinn

1. Standard Operating Guidance.

As part of the Standard Operating Guidance (SoG) document issued for attendance at Council Meetings the Cathaoirleach thanked all for completion of their Covid-19 Self Declaration forms and for the continued adherence to the Covid-19 control measures in place. The Cathaoirleach went down through the key points highlighting the timeline for the meetings today not to exceed 1 hour 55 minutes. The Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr Gladney who joined the meeting virtually.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Draft Budgetary Plan 2021 (GMA) held on 21 October 2020.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella seconded by Cllr Doran that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Draft Budgetary Plan 2021 (GMA) on 21 October 2020 be confirmed and taken as read.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 21 October 2020.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Doran seconded by Cllr Kinsella that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 21 October 2020 be confirmed and taken as read.

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Doran asked for an update regarding the budget due to the increased funds made available. Mr O’Gorman confirmed that a revised budget for the district would be circulated by the Head Of Finance.

Cllr Kinsella asked that the Director and Engineer investigate options to link the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) and Waterways Ireland to ensure a programme could be agreed for dredging works to be carried out. Mr O’Gorman

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informed the meeting that Waterways Ireland are sending nominees to the next full council meeting.

Mr Crowley informed the meeting that a work order was raised to repair the bridge at Slyduff.

5. Congratulations

The members extended their congratulations to all involved in the wonderful Christmas festivities on Sunday in Bagenalstown, highlighting the importance now more than ever to support our local shops this Christmas.

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

a) Amendment to Standing Orders (Number 17) for Municipal District of Muinebheag

b) Supplementary Standing Orders Muinebheag 2 December 2020

The Meeting Administrator read out a summary of the proposal to amend standing order number 17 reducing the number of motions for submission for the period from 2 December 2020, until 30 June 2021 unless a further resolution is passed before 30 June 2021 this order 17 will lapse and the Original Order 17 of the Standing Orders version adopted on 2 September 2020 will automatically be restored. The addition of Supplementary Standing Orders was also agreed regulating the proceedings of the council holding remote meetings. These supplementary Standing Orders allow for remote meetings of the Local Authority and its sub-committees in light of the designation of the Local Authority in the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 (section 29) (Local Authorities) (Designation) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 445 of 2020).

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Doran seconded by Cllr Kinsella these amendments and the addition of the Supplementary Standing Orders were noted. All agreed.

c) Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Section of Public Road Fronting Site No 4 Muinebheag Business Park Royal Oak Road, Carlow as per Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993

Mr Crowley informed the meeting that the extinguishment of a Right of Way (ROW) was a Reserved Function of the Municipal District Council and does not need approval from Full Council. However, the disposal of lands is a reserved function of the Main Council.

Mr Crowley advised that on the agreement of the Municipal District of Muinebheag, the Extinguishment of the ROW would be advertised for the specified period and members would be kept informed of progress.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Kinsella that the process commence to extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Section of Public Road Fronting Site No 4 Muinebheag Business Park Royal Oak Road, Carlow as per Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993. All agreed.

7. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads report. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

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- Consideration be given to the lighting at Leighlinbridge to ensure it is at a high level for safety.
- Consideration be given to the levelling off of a piece of Council owned land near the Royal Oak Road to facilitate the landing of a helicopter in case of an emergency.
- To establish if buses from Borris Vocational School can access the carpark at the Viaduct.
- To establish if unused, previously purchased gravespace in Bagenalstown Cemetery can come back into Council ownership – Mr O’Gorman advised that the Burial Bye-Laws are currently being revised.
- To add signage to slow down traffic in the area of the Dunleckney Walk

Mr O’Gorman extended his thanks to Mr Crowley and the Roads Team for the extra work done in recent times and for their response to the representations submitted by the Councillors.

(b) Housing Report

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

- Anti-social behaviour and increase in local burglaries in Bagenalstown
- Ongoing issues with the Manor Apartments

Mr Brennan assured the members that Carlow have a strong housing programme and that any anti-social concerns were being followed up by the Tenant Liaison Officer liaising closely with local Gardaí.

(c) CLÁR Funding

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that Carlow were successful under Measure 1 applications, having got approval for car park improvements at Old Leighlin Community Support Ltd and Ballymurphy Community Group with €49,950 approved for each scheme.

8. Correspondence

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that he would circulate details regarding schemes under Rural Re-generation fund for Rathvilly and Bagenalstown Industrial Park.

It was noted that a considerable amount of funding was released for sports funding and Cllr McDonald asked if Martha Jane Duggan could be invited to the next meeting. Mr Brennan agreed that this can be arranged to give an overview of sports grants available.

Mr Brennan updated the members regarding the 2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme under the Department of Rural and Community Development. The focus of the scheme will be to support outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland, with an indicative budget of €10 million for successful projects.

9. Any Other Business

The Cathaoirleach expressed his gratitude to all the officials for the smooth running of the meetings for the Municipal District throughout the year and wished all a safe and Happy Christmas in these strange times of Covid-19 asking that all remain safe.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 4.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator