

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting
held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 4.00 pm
in the Community Hall, McGrath Memorial Hall, Muinebheag**

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

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services,
Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer,
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer,
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Annual General Meeting held on 16 June 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr McDonald seconded by Cllr Quinn, following a show of hands that the Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 16 June 2021 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting held on 16 June 2021.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr McDonald seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 16 June 2021 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

4. Matters Arising

Nothing to note.

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

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a) Pre Part VIII proposed dwelling at Drumphea, Garryhill, Co Carlow

Mr O'Donovan outlined the proposal for this development under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to progress the Part VIII at Drumphea, Garryhill, Co Carlow.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Gladney, followed by a show of hands that the Part VIII for dwelling at Drumphea, Garryhill, Co Carlow proceed.

All agreed.

b) Pre part VIII Proposed construction of 5 dwellings at Bahana, Glynn, Co Carlow

Mr O'Donovan outlined the proposal for this development under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to progress the Part VIII at Bahana, Glynn, Co Carlow.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella seconded by Cllr McDonald, followed by a show of hands that the Part VIII for 5 dwellings at Bahana, Glynn, Co Carlow proceed.

All agreed.

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Bagenalstown Creative Places Programme

Mr O'Gorman welcomed the success of this programme as a good news story for Bagenalstown. Ms Ahearne read out a report submitted by Sinéad Dowling, Arts Officer, Carlow County Council (CCC) which stated that the people of Bagenalstown will benefit from a €450,000 three-year investment programme to develop and sustain new creative opportunities for all age groups. Only 4 awards of €450k were successful nationally. The funding now requires CCC to appoint a Co-ordinator for the project and work with the community. This is expected to take place before Autumn when a whole series of community creative consultations and projects will happen.

The members welcomed this news and asked that the Co-ordinator be invited to a meeting when appointed to outline the details of the programme and to keep the members informed of progress.

(b) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads Report outlining the ongoing and planned works for the District adding that the applications were progressing for the LIS (Local Improvement schemes) and that additional information is required from applicants. Mr Crowley also informed the members that there was a small amount of funding available for bicycle parking and outdoor seating for areas of trails and walkways. Mr Crowley asked the members to submit any requests to him directly for consideration.

The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To consider *Deer Crossing* signage at the Royal Oak Road as a deer crossing the road at this location had caused an accident recently.

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- To consider further proposals for the Forge Junction at Ballymurphy, adding that the road at this point was not wide enough for a roundabout.
- In reply to discussions regarding the Royal Oak Junction Mr Crowley informed the members that the previous reduced speed limit ceased on 30 January 2021 but that this will now need to be re-instated with additional signage, with the objective of completing traffic management survey as a result of reduced traffic on the road when Covid restrictions for travel were in place. The current data collected was not reflective of the situation at this junction.
- To give further consideration to the traffic management at the new Lidl in advance of schools reopening
- To consider plans to alleviate parking problems at the Queen of the Universe school at the Long Range
- To consider road improvements at Eastwood where the road is in very poor condition.
- To consider the parking layout at Station Road in advance of people returning to travel/work.
- To consider issuing a reminder to landowners to maintain hedgerows, especially near junctions.
- To consider the traffic plan at St Mullin's to allow for a smoother flow of traffic especially during the summer season with increased number of visitors/tourists.
- To consider putting a No Through Road/Residents Only sign at the top of road leading to the Crescent in St Mullin's.
- To consider reducing the speed limit at Leighlinbridge by-pass/ring road.
- To commence a plan to arrange for signs in estates to be cleaned.
- To keep the junction at the Railway House in mind for the Active Travel Programme.

Mr O'Gorman replied to a question regarding the Borris Fair scheduled for 15 August 2021 and confirmed that the Gardaí had been in contact to confirm it would not be taking place this year due to current Covid guidelines.

The members welcomed Mr Crowley back after the recent passing of his mother Mrs Kathleen Crowley, R.I.P. and thanked Mr Crowley and his team for the delivery of an increased number of schemes and appreciated that this must be putting the team under additional pressure to deliver.

(c) Housing Report

Mr O'Donovan presented the Housing Report and addressed any questions. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To ask if there are plans to purchase many additional houses in Carlow
- To give an update regarding the delays to maintenance and repairs during Covid. Mr O'Donovan confirmed that good progress was being made here and that a catchup was required to bring the private rental inspections up to date.

The members thanked Mr O'Donovan for his report.

(d) Upgrade of Bagenalstown Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that a formal planning application was submitted to increase the current loading from 4,500 PE to 9,800 PE and that the members would be kept updated.

The members welcomed this application highlighting the importance for future development in the area, with one member stating a need for a hotel in the town of Bagenalstown.

The members thanked Ms Barrett, Senior Engineer, Water Services for her ongoing work adding that some had met with Irish Water virtually this morning to go through any issues they wanted addressed.

7. Correspondence

There was nothing to note.

8. Any Other Business

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that the Council had received approval in principal to move forward with the outdoor dining application in Borris. There is a request for further information and whilst it was not full approval it was hopeful full approval would follow.

Cllr Gladney asked if the Council can investigate and establish if anything can be done to address the poor condition of Manor House. Mr O’Donovan agreed to arrange a visit to the site.

Cllr Doran asked if there was an update regarding the increased number of bins. Mr O’Gorman replied that consideration of the rollout of additional bins will be addressed for the County at the full council meeting Monday next.

The meeting concluded within the timeline outlined under the SoG.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 1 September at 4.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator