

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting  
held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 4.00 pm  
in the Community Hall, McGrath Memorial Hall, Muinebheag**

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**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,  
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer,  
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise  
Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer  
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

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**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 Meeting held on 5 May 2021.**

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella seconded by Cllr McDonald, following a show of hands that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 5 May 2021 be confirmed and taken as read.  
All agreed

**3. Matters Arising**

Nothing to note.

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

a) Supplementary Standing Orders

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).

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It was proposed that the supplementary Standing Orders are extended for a further year to allow for the option to hold remote meetings if necessary.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr McDonald, followed by a show of hands that the Supplementary Standing Orders be extended until further notice to allow for remote meetings to be held if necessary.  
All agreed.

- b) Amendment Standing Orders (Number 17) for Municipal District of Muinebheag  
The amendment previously agreed, for the period from 10 November 2020, until 30 June 2021, no member shall be permitted to have more than one motion (including adjourned motions) on the Agenda for any one meeting and the name of a member shall not appear more than once on the Agenda as proposer or co-proposer of motions for any one meeting. Unless a further resolution is passed by Council before 30 June 2021, this order 17 will lapse and the original Order 17 of the Standing Orders version adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 will automatically be restored.

The Standing Orders are now to resume to the original text as listed under Number 17:

No member shall be permitted to have more than 3 motions (including adjourned motions) on the Agenda for any one meeting and the name of a member shall not appear more than 3 times on the Agenda as proposer or co-proposer of motions for any one meeting. Where at a meeting or any adjournment thereof more than one notice of motion appears on the Agenda to be proposed by one or more individual members, no second notice of motion of any such members shall be proposed until after every other member shall have proposed the sole or first notice of motion appearing in the member's name. A similar order of precedence shall apply to any further notices of motion remaining to be proposed by two or more members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr McDonald, followed by a show of hands that the amendment of Number 17 of the Standing Orders now resume to its original text.  
All agreed.

- c) Burial Grounds Draft Byelaws  
Ms O Barrett, Senior Engineer, Environment Department presented the Draft Carlow County Council Burial Ground Byelaws 2021 outlining that these were brought through the Planning, Environment, Climate and Bio-diversity Action, Energy and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee and were now ready for consideration by the Municipal District of Muinebheag prior to going to Full Council before proceeding to the public consultation stage.

Ms Barrett explained the process and outlined the proposed amendments to the existing bye-laws which included but were not limited to:

- the consideration to provide a columbarium wall or other facility for cremated remains,
- the purchase of a plot to be in one name only and limited to a double plot,
- the pre-purchase of burial plots shall in general be prohibited,

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- No dogs permitted for general exercise or off-leash in a cemetery.
- No cycling, riding a skateboard, a scooter or similar machine in a cemetery.

Ms Barrett replied to all questions raised by the members.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Kinsella, followed by a show of hands that the Draft Carlow County Council Burial Bye-laws 2021 proceed for presentation at the next Full Council meeting before proceeding to the public consultation stage.

All agreed.

- d) The Director Mr O’Gorman asked if the two LIS 2021 lists as circulated by Mr Crowley directly to the members could be added to the agenda for consideration and sign off. Mr O’Gorman explained that Mr Crowley was unable to attend the meeting due to the death of his mother Mrs Kathleen Crowley. The officials and members had extended their condolences at the Annual General Meeting which took place prior to this monthly statutory meeting.

All members agreed to take both LIS 2021 lists for consideration together and confirmed they had received a copy of the lists.

	LIS 2021 Muinebheag MD	Total Cost	Grant Amount
1	Primary List	€122,227	€110,003
2	Secondary List	€121,520	€109,371

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr McDonald, followed by a show of hands that the Primary and Secondary LIS 2021 lists, as circulated be taken as read and agreed.

All agreed.

### 5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

#### (a) Roads Service Plan Report

In the absence of a Roads Service plan report Mr O’Gorman addressed any questions the members had regarding roads.

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

- To review the traffic management plan for roadworks taking place near LiDL
- To consider road improvement works in Muinebheag for streets in very poor condition
- To give an update regarding the traffic plan for St Mullin’s
- To give an update regarding a by-pass in Bagenalstown
- To review the volume of traffic, especially at school times at the Muinebheag to Royal Oak Road
- To give an update regarding the timetable for hedgecutting at cross roads

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Mr O’Gorman informed the members of additional funding for the Muinebheag District under the Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Fairgreen Public Realm Improvements	€50,000
Muinebheag National School Zone Improvements	€60,000
Tinnahinch Streetscape Improvements	€30,000
Borris One way system and Enhancement Scheme	€45,000
Bicycle parking/outdoor seating	€20,000

The members welcomed the above funding.

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that works were recently suspended at the Lidl site pending receipt of a full Health & Safety Report and informed the members that an update regarding Active Travel will be brought to the next meeting, adding that any traffic flow changes will require a statutory process. Mr O’Gorman also informed the members that whilst there was no funding for a by-pass in Bagenalstown at this time that it is important to keep the by-pass as a headline objective of the Development Plan.

### (b) Housing Report

Mr O’Donovan presented the Housing Report adding that the Part 8 for Rural House at Drumpea will be presented at the next meeting. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To give an update regarding the RESPOND! Development at Ashfield.
- To give an update regarding the units planned at Gleann Na Bheaurú
- To express concern regarding the withdrawal of homeless services from the Carlow offices

Mr O’Donovan assured the members that whilst the front desk in Carlow may be closed, that homeless services continue to be processed by a strong housing team in Tullow.

### (c) Bagenalstown Enterprise & Innovation Centre Proposal

Mr Comerford informed the members that this was the only application going in for the County of Carlow at an estimated value of €3.3ml. As part of its Economic Development remit, Carlow County Council’s Local Enterprise Office intends to build on a site at Royal Oak Business Park, Bagenalstown a new Enterprise & Innovation Centre to support industry in South County Carlow and the wider South-East Region. This new development will comprise a mixed-use development of warehouse/manufacturing and office units which will include a shared services centre with training and development space.

The members thanked Mr Comerford for his presentation and spoke in support of the proposal. Mr Comerford agreed to arrange a meeting if the members had any

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further questions that they wished to be addressed and thanked the members for their support with this project.

(d) Weatherproof Outdoor Dining Application – Borris

The members welcomed the application for the outdoor dining in Borris and looked forward to this progressing.

(e) St Mullin's Tourism & Heritage Plan

Mr Comerford informed the members that the development at St Mullins was part of the inCarlow Tourism & Heritage Strategy 2022 – 2032 and that Carlow County Council has secured Town and Village funding for the development of a Village Led Design Statement for St Mullins adding that the tender process for this project has been completed and the successful consultant for the project is Exodea Consulting. Mr Comerford advised that workshops will be arranged in June/July.

The project will commence in late June and will include the following key elements;

- A ten-year masterplan for St. Mullins (2022-2032)
- A costed options appraisal for the future development of the area (including lands owned by Carlow County Council)
- Creation of a set of short, medium and long-term objectives for the area.
- A roadmap for the area that presents a practical vision which can be delivered with the resources available and obtainable.
- A sustainable vision which considers the environmental, economic, heritage and social impacts and benefits for the area.

Mr Comerford confirmed that at present a consultation plan is being developed and initial key stakeholder engagement is in progress. It is envisaged the strategy will be complete in Q4, 2021.

The members thanked Mr Comerford for his presentation, adding that they had his support and looked forward to the further enhancement of the heritage at St Mullins.

(f) Viaduct Official Opening

Mr Comerford informed the members that the Minister will open the Viaduct in July.

(g) Upgrade of Bagenalstown Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that a formal planning application was submitted and that this would be listed on the July agenda.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Ms Barrett asked that the members consider a request from Irish Water to facilitate an IW Clinic virtually prior to the July monthly meeting. The members agreed to confirm a time with Irish Water.

The meeting concluded at 17.25 to adhere with the timeline outlined under the SoG.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7 July at 4.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meetings Administrator**