

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting  
held VIRTUALLY on Microsoft Teams  
on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 4.00 pm**

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**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,  
Josephine Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer,  
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

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**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 7 April 2021.**

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella seconded by Cllr Quinn that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 7 April 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) Extinguishment of the Right of Way at No. 4 Business Park, Muinebheag

The District Engineer presented a report giving the background to the resolution to consider the extinguishment the Right of Way at No. 4 Business Park, Muinebheag.

The report outlined that Carlow Brewing Company have purchased the site which contained the “Kiddies Kingdom” Complex in the Muinebheag Business Park, Muinebheag, Co Carlow.

This complex is separated from the Carlow Brewing Company site by a section of Public Road.

The Carlow Brewing Company are keen to have connectivity between the two sites and in the interests of Public Safety have requested that Carlow County Council seek to extinguish the ROW over the section of Public Road.

Carlow County Council, on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 gave Notice that pursuant to Section 73(1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it proposed to make an Order that the following Right of Way shall be extinguished;

**Right of Way at Section of Public Road Fronting Site No 4, Muinebheag Business Park, Royal Oak Road, Carlow.**

Statutory Notices were available for inspection between 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Representations and Objections regarding the proposal could be made to the “Senior Engineer, Infrastructure, Carlow County Council at County Buildings” or by e-mail to [roadsoffice@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:roadsoffice@carlowcoco.ie) to be received not later than 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

***No Submissions or representations were received up to this date.***

Therefore, I recommend that the Muinebheag Municipal District Council now approve extinguishment of the Right of Way in question as the extinguishment of a ROW is a reserved function of the Municipal Council.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella seconded by Cllr McDonald, followed by a show of hands that the extinguishment of Right of Way at No. 4 Business Park, Muinebheag proceed.

All agreed.

#### **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

(a) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads Report outlining the ongoing and planned works for the District, stating that some jobs will not commence until schools close for summer break.

Regarding the Local Improvement Schemes 2021 the members suggested that when the funding is announced that consideration be given to using recycling instead of tarmac allowing more applications/laneways to be funded.

**Resolved** On the proposal of Cllr Kinsella, seconded by Cllr Gladney that the recycling option be used instead of tarmac for the LIS 2021. All agreed.

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

- To consider limiting car parking to one side only to assist traffic flow at St Mullin’s and the possibility of adapting the bridge for pedestrian use only.
- To consider adding lay-bys near Clashganny
- To request an update on the Royal Oak Junction
- To consider the addition of Ballymurphy bridge to the programme for next year
- To request feedback regarding the Áras projects being resubmitted that were previously unsuccessful.
- To consider traffic calming measures near Lidl, especially at school hours
- To check the road surface/potholes when you turn right for Kilcarrig in Bagenalstown
- To establish if anything could be done to increase the electricity supply in Bagenalstown to allow businesses to expand.
- To keep the junction at the Railway House in mind for the Active Travel Programme
- To consider plans to alleviate parking problem at the Queen of the Universe School at the Long Range

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- To consider putting up signage at Bagenalstown Cemetery regarding access on the driveway

In reply to Cllr Gladneys question regarding the timeline for upgrading the wastewater treatment plant for Muinebheag and Leighlinbridge, Irish Water replied as follows:

The proposed upgrade will increase the current design loading from 4,500PE to 9,800PE. The works include upgrade and modifications to existing plant assets and the construction of two new clarifiers and an aeration tank with planning application to be submitted in May 2021 with construction anticipated to begin Q1 2022.

The members thanked Mr Crowley and his team for their continued dedication and hard work in the District adding that the management of the increased number of projects was a testament to the commitment of the Roads Team. Mr O’Gorman agreed that there are extra demands on staff within tight timeframes and thanked the staff for their continued support and commitment.

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that consideration was being given to submitting an application for weatherproof outdoor dining in Borris near the Viaduct adding that applications were open again for temporary outdoor infrastructure grants and licencing.

Mr O’Gorman suggested that the Active Travel Officer be invited to the next meeting to address a number of items raised.

### (b) Housing Report

Ms Kavanagh presented the Housing Report adding that the Part 8 for Rural House at Drumpea may be presented at the next meeting. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To ensure that the removal of the large trees are part of the retendering for the RESPOND! Development at Ashfield.

The Cathaoirleach and members, on behalf of the constituents of Muinebheag thanked Ms Kavanagh for her continued support, commitment and hard work over the last four and a half years in the housing department and wished her every success on the announcement of her retirement.

The Director and District Engineer thanked Ms Kavanagh for her dedicated service and wished her well on her new endeavours.

Ms Kavanagh thanked the members and officials adding that whilst it was challenging at times in the Housing Department it was also an enjoyable experience.

### (c) Greenway Update

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that the tender had concluded for the feasibility study to establish a route or an optimum route and that Punch Consulting Engineers were successful in winning the Carlow County Council tender to carry

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out this study of the Barrow Valley Greenway. A report will be complete in the next 4/5 months.

The members welcomed this news adding that there is still a strong interest in proceeding with a blueway along the Barrow Track.

**5. Any Other Business**

The members asked what the latest date the AGM could be considered for in June in the hope that restrictions might allow for an in person meeting following the further lifting of restrictions. Ms Ahearne advised that the AGM could be held within 10 days of the 7<sup>th</sup> June and that 16<sup>th</sup> June could be considered subject to confirmation on the Corporate Calendar.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Doran, followed by a show of hands that the AGM proceed on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr McDonald extended a sincere thank you to all the HSE workers regarding the vaccination rollout.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16 June 4.00pm preceded by the AGM at a time to be agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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

**Cathaoirleach**

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

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

**Meetings Administrator**