

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag
held on Wednesday 21 October 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
Cllr Tommy Kinsella
Cllr William Quinn

In Attendance: Pdraig O’Gorman, Director of Services,
Kieran Cullinane, Senior Engineer,
Michael Brennan, Director of Services,
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. The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Cullinane standing in for Mr Crowley.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 2 September 2020.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Kinsella that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 2 September 2020 be confirmed and taken as read.

3. Matters Arising

Cllr Kinsella asked for an update from Waterways Ireland regarding dredging the River Barrow, highlighting the importance that this gets immediate attention as some areas are in very poor condition. Mr Cullinane advised that the completion of works as very complex now with the requirement for an Appropriate Assessment (AA) and continued communication with the National Parks and Wildlife. Cllr Gladney asked that the repair of the wall at the River Barrow as you turn up to McGrath Park be followed up with Waterways Ireland also.

4. Condolences

The members extended their condolences to the family of

- Mr Edmund J (Eddie) Cullen, Craan House, Leighlinbridge, Carlow
- Mr John (Jack) Jordan, Knockroe, Borris, Carlow
- Mr Johnny Collins, Newtown, Bagenalstown, Carlow

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

a) 2020 Community Development Grant Scheme Muinebheag MD

Mr Brennan presented a list showing 13 Groups that were deemed successful for grants under the Community Development Grant Scheme 2020 as advertised, outlining that the aim of this grant scheme being, to support community and voluntary groups in County Carlow who undertake projects/activities which benefit the local community and specifically support key areas, community development, to work with groups who experience social exclusion and increase their opportunities for participation and to promote integration of Travellers and new communities.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Kinsella that the Community Development Grant Scheme 2020, as presented proceed for payment. All agreed.

b) Muinebheag Municipal District Draft 2020 Report Environmental Grants

Mr Brennan presented a list showing 34 Residents Association/Community Groups and 11 Tidy Town Groups in the Muinebheag District in respect of Environmental and Tidy Towns Grants for 2020, outlining that this community grant had contributed as a major role in transforming the appearance of the District.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Quinn that the Environmental Grant Scheme 2020, as presented proceed for payment. All agreed.

c) Draft Control of Horses Bye-Laws

Mr Brennan outlined the importance of updating the current bye-laws to address horses on open spaces/public roads which present a danger and are a public health nuisance, and circulated a map showing the proposed boundary in the Urban area of Muinebheag. This boundary was presented for consideration of the new Control of Horses Bye-Laws, which will be drawn up and put on public display, brought through the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and to Full Council meeting.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Gladney, seconded by Cllr McDonald that the boundary as presented for Muinebheag, extending North to Dunleckny, South to Kilree, East to Kilcarrig and West to Wells be agreed as circulated. **All agreed.**

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Cullinane presented the Roads report in the absence of Mr Crowley informing the members that all jobs were on target for completion in the coming weeks.

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

- Consideration be given to the roadside verge cutting for drainage, asking that this could be piped and covered over to save cars from damage.
- To investigate lack of lighting at footpath in Borris
- Consideration be given for a lay-by when cars meet on the back road to Augha.
- Consideration that a speed ramp be installed at Gleann Na Bearú, near the Resource Centre
- Dangerous Trees at Bawnogue (Leighlinbridge)
- Repair of a section of the Slyguff Bridge

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The Cathaoirleach and members extended their gratitude to the Roads Team for the installation of road markings in Muinebheag and on the Borris Road.

(b) Flood Relief Scheme Graiquenamanagh – Tinnahinch

The Graiquenamanagh-Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme public update for October 2020 was circulated to all the members.

(c) Special Project Delivery - Borris Viaduct

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that the project is now complete having progressed over the summer under the supervision of Mr Cullinane, on time and on budget. There would be a ‘soft opening’ of this lovely amenity to keep within the current 5km Covid-19 travel restrictions from home but would be open to many visitors in time to come. The members added that a provision in Budget 2021 is important for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of this area.

(d) Housing Report

Mr Brennan presented the Housing Report adding that discussion was ongoing for the allocation of a further 22 houses. The members welcomed the news and thanked Mr Brennan.

7. Correspondence

The Cathaoirleach asked Ms Ahearne to expand on the details of the new Well Grant Circular L4/2020 asking especially about the criteria requesting 3 quotations.

8. Any Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 4.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____