

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting
held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 5.00 pm
in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag**

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

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transport & Infrastructure
Ms Máiréad O’Brien, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr Conor Moriarty, Senior Executive Architect, Transportation
Ms Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr Willie Quinn
Mr Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag MD,

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 5 April 2023

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr A McDonald seconded by A Gladney, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting held on 5 April 2023 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read with one amendment to note ‘loose stones in Leighlinbridge near the barbers’, under item number 7.

All agreed

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Special Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 26 April 2023

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting held on 8 March 2023 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

3. Matters Arising

Cllr T Kinsella noted the request for any reports regarding sheep worrying on Mount Leinster to be sent to environment@carlowcoco.ie and Ms M Ahearne added that Mr Shane Casey, Environment Awareness Officer was organising a dedicated dog walkers walk in Bagenalstown on 8th July and that the dog warden and Tidy Towns will be in attendance also.

Cllr A Gladney asked that the blocking of a right of way near Kilree railway bridge be followed up on.

Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions

4. Bagenalstown Public Realm

Mr P O’Gorman welcomed Mr C Moriarty to the meeting adding that the public realm is an exciting project for Bagenalstown. Mr C Moriarty presented the proposed plans showing a link and improvement of amenities behind the credit union and Market Square area with the introduction of planting areas and seating space. The scheme will be funded by €500k plus 10% matching funding. The members welcomed the presentation and raised a number of questions that Mr C Moriarty agreed can be addressed during the public consultation process.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr A Gladney, seconded by Cllr A McDonald, following a show of hands that a detailed design for the Bagenalstown Public Realm proceed to the Part 8 process.

All agreed.

Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

5. Votes of Congratulations

The members extended their congratulations to note the following:

- Carlow Hurlers win on Sunday against Dublin
- Bagenalstown Gaels on their win over St Mullins
- Old Leighlin Ladies on their win, with a national success
- Bagenalstown Bloom, on their magnificent display of knitting around the town.

6. Votes of Sympathy

The members extended their sympathy to the families of the following:

- Mr Gerard Patrick (Gerry) O’Brien, Carlow Town, Carlow, father of Máiréad O’Brien, Housing Department, Carlow County Council.
- Mr Mick (Michael) Sheehy, Old Leighlin, Carlow.

7. Community Recognition Fund

Mr P O’Gorman advised the members on behalf of Ms Fiona O’Neill, A/Director of Services for the Ukranian Humanitarian Response that funding has been granted under the Community Recognition Fund to proceed with the following projects:

- **Project No. 1** – Outdoor Classroom Biodiversity Park located at Moneybeg, Bagenalstown
- **Project No. 2** – Creation of Recreation and Amenity Space located at Moneybeg, Bagenalstown.

The members welcomed the funding for these projects.

8. Housing MD Report

Ms M O’Brien referred to the circulated housing report, addressing any questions raised by the members including:

- To note the welcome news of 2 bedroom accommodation in Leighlinbridge

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- An update regarding the Part 8 process at Royal Oak Road asking why the wall did not run the full way.
- An update to see when the keys would be available for Slí Na Rí

9. Correspondence

Ms M Ahearne informed the members of an upcoming dog walkers talk which will take place in Bagenalstown on Saturday 8 July with the dog warden and Tidy Towns representatives.

Any Other Business

Cllr A Gladney asked if there was an update regarding the upgrading of Bagenalstown Fire Station.

Cllr T Kinsella expressed concern regarding no capacity in St Mullin's Cemetery enquiring if the council could support a group to set up a cemetery if land could be identified.

Cllr M Doran and Cllr T Kinsella asked for an update on the cutting of Road Verges, asking if a letter can issue to landowners showing exemptions.

Cllr M Doran asked for clarification to confirm if parking is allowed at Fenniscourt Lough, Borris.

Cllr A McDonald asked if potholes can be filled at Dunleckney Road Graveyard.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5 July 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator