

Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting

held on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 4.00 pm

in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag

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

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transport&Infrastructure
Mr Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag MD,
Ms Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

**In attendance:
(Virtually)** Ms Margaret Moore, A/Senior Executive Officer, Community
Ms Shirley O’Neill, A/Administrative Officer, Community

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting
1 February 2023**

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Doran 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 1 February 2023 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

2. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

The Cathaoirleach asked if the members had any votes of sympathy or congratulations for noting that they be submitted directly to Ms M Ahearne with all the contact details for recording in the minutes.

No votes of Sympathy or Congratulations submitted for noting.

Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions

Schedule of Municipal District Works

3. 2023 Annual Service Plan Muinebheag MD

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms M Moore to the meeting. Ms M Moore presented the details of the Draft Annual Service Plan 2023 for Community under the Schedule of Municipal District Works outlining that funding has been provided in the budget for the following grants: Environmental, Tidy Towns and Community Development. The amount provided for the Municipal District of Muinebheag for 2023 is €30,000. The indicative budgets for grants are set out below for consideration.

Members will be aware of the very valuable work carried out by community and voluntary groups throughout the county with the assistance of Carlow County Council through Environmental and Community Grant Schemes. These schemes continue to

play a major role in transforming the appearance of our towns, villages, estates and enhancing community development. The money invested by this Council is greatly supplemented by the communities through their voluntary efforts and fundraising activities.

Environmental Grant Scheme:

The aim of this scheme is to support Residents Associations and Community Groups to maintain and enhance their local environment. Applications are considered based on the size of the area/estate and the cost of works involved. Qualifying works include:

- Landscaping and development of open-spaces;
- Amenity development on river/stream banks;
- Environmental protection and enhancement including promotion of biodiversity, recycling/waste minimisation, and water harvesting.

It is proposed for 2023 that if applicants are not in a position to draw down funding approved by members that this envelope of funding be re-allocated to other groups/projects.

Building Community Leadership Support Scheme:

The aim of this grant scheme is to support community and voluntary groups in County Carlow who undertake projects/activities which build community leadership in the following key priority areas:

- Community Development (increasing the ability of individuals and groups to influence issues that affect them and their communities, supporting people to take part in decision making, recognising that some people may need additional support to overcome barriers they face and supporting the right of people to make their own choices).
- Provide opportunities for community engagement and development of small community initiatives.
- To empower and enable communities to get creative around developing project proposals for their local area, to bring new opportunities to where they live. It encourages people to step up with ideas for their area and inspires community leadership.
- Work with people who experience social exclusion and increase their opportunities for participation.
- Work with groups to promote integration of Travellers and new communities.

It is proposed for 2023 if applicants are not in a position to draw down funding approved by members that this envelope of funding be re-allocated to other groups/projects.

Tidy Towns: Tidy Town groups play a significant role in encouraging communities to improve their local environment and make their area a better place to live, work and visit. They also inspire voluntary effort and cement community relationships and build pride. In the past year groups continued with their valuable work. It is hoped that the National Tidy Towns Competition will go ahead this year. Participation of our Tidy Town groups in the National Tidy Towns Competition is high and they have achieved significant success in the competitions by increasing their marks every year which is a testament to the hard work taking place within our communities.

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The following grants are proposed for 2023:

Grant Type	Recommended Funding in 2023
Environmental/Amenity Grant	€10,000
Tidy Towns Grants	€11,000
Building Community Leadership Support Scheme	€7,500
St. Patrick's Day Parade	€1,500
Total	€30,000
Discretionary Grants	€35,000
Overall Total	€65,000

Members have €7,000 each as a special fund for their own discretion – total **€35,000** for the Municipal District of Muinebheag. This can be used individually or aggregated with agreement of Members.

Other contributions / grants specifically provided in the Budget are:

Contribution to:	€
Swimming Pool Muinebheag	€20,000
TOTAL	€20,000

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella, seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands the Draft Annual Service Plan as presented was agreed by all.

All agreed.

Cllr Quinn raised concern regarding the need for lawnmowers to be taxed and insured if on roads & asked if clarification could be sent to him regarding this new legislation. Mr J Crowley, District Engineer expressed concern if current groups were no longer able to cut grass as the Municipal District staff would not have the resources or funds to maintain additional area.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Kinsella asked for an update regarding the parking on Station Road to which the District Engineer replied that proposals will be looked at when the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) options are being reviewed. Mr P O’Gorman reminded the members of the 3 options in this regard,

1. To do nothing and leave the parking as is currently,
2. To Set up a ByeLaw with a maximum parking time,
3. To bring in parking charges.

Mr O’Gorman reminded the members that the cost regarding parking machines, servicing of same and salary costs for wardens would need to be identified.

Cllr Doran noted that by setting up parking charges or byelaws on one street it would push the problem down further into the town, adding that parking charges would need to be brought in for all streets or none to work.

The members did not discuss the options listed further.

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5. 2023 Muinebheag District Roadworks Programme

Mr J Crowley presented the District Roadworks Programme to the members who thanked the District Staff for their continued commitment for the delivery of the works.

SECTION	National Secondary Improvement (TII)			Allocation
			No Allocation - Managed Centrally	€0
				€0
SECTION	National Secondary Maintenance (TII)			Allocation
			No Allocation - Managed Centrally	€0
				€0
SECTION	Local Roads Discretionary Maintenance (Carlow Revenue)			Allocation
MMD	B0405031		Local Roads Gen Maint MMD	€0
				€0
SECTION	Remedial Works Projects (Carlow Revenue)			Allocation
MMD			R724 Safety Improvement @ Leighlinbridge	€6,000
			L3037 Safety Improvement Works at Old Leighlin NS	€8,000
MMD			R724 Safety Improvement @ Kilcarrig Br	€4,000
MMD			R724 Safety Improvement @ Graveyard	€24,000
MMD			R724 Safety Improvement @ Ashfield	€5,000
MMD			R724 Public Reim Works @ Royal Oak	€10,000
MMD			R705 Footpath Rehab @ St Lazaerian Tr	€17,000
MMD			R705 Flood Aleviation @ Main St Bagenalstown	€5,000
MMD			L71532 Footpath Rehab @ Fenagh	€32,000
MMD			L71013 Footpath Rehab @ Fairgreen/St Brigids Cr	€10,000
MMD			L71012 Footpath Rehab @ Conway Pk	€8,000
MMD			L70612 Footpath Rehab @ St Oliver Plunket	€41,000
MMD			L3043 Footpath Rehab @ Ballinabrannagh/Raheendoran	€10,000
MMD			L3023 Footpath Improvement @ Station Rd, Bagenalstown	€5,000
MMD			Junction Safety Improvements - MMD area	€23,333
			Overall Allocation = €208,333	€0
				€208,333
SECTION	Non-National Restoration Improvement (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD	B0402509		L7007 Ballyloughan - Toberbride	€73,150
MMD	B0402510		L3003 Clonemoose - Borris	€159,250
MMD	B0402511		L7128 Tomard Lr.- Tomard Upr	€76,000
MMD	B0402512		L7134 Clogrennan - Rossmore	€124,740
MMD	B0402513		L7050 Clonogue - Rathgeran	€66,600
MMD	B0402514		L3044 Oldtown - Garryhunden	€168,300
MMD			R703 Coolnamara X - Ballyhegan	€125,400
MMD			R703 Ballymurphy - Tinnacarrig	€125,400
MMD			L7124 Seskin XRds - Seskin Lower	€57,300
MMD			L7007 Ballynasilloge - Ballynattin	€66,600
MMD			L7004 Ballinree - Seskinandra	€70,300
			L3037 Old Leighlin N.S. - The Ridge	€99,000
MMD			L3037 Old Leighlin Village	€112,860
			R705 High Street	€30,800
MMD			L3029 Church Rd, Bagenalstown	€57,550
MMD			L30016 Knocksquire - Lacken	€57,000
MMD			L3001 Phillip Street - Dunore	€104,500
MMD			L3001 Killoughternane - Tomduff	€109,070
MMD			L7045 Killedmond - Raheen	€33,250
MMD			L30013 Knockullard - Currenree	€57,000
MMD			L7047 Lissalican - Kyle	€26,600
MMD				€0
MMD			Overall Allocation = €1,800,670	€0
				€1,800,670
SECTION	Non-National Restoration Maintenance (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD			L3046 Harrow - Nurney	€52,250

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MMD			L7116 Tinnagarney - Wells	€36,000
MMD			R705 Dunleckney - Rathellin	€43,560
MMD			L3001 Raheen - Tomduff	€24,750
MMD			R729 Turra - Ballyling	€38,400
MMD			R703 Ballymurphy - Tinnacarrig	€46,800
			L7048 Ballyine - Cournellan	€21,130
MMD			Overall Allocation = €262,890	€0
				€262,890
SECTION	Non-National Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD			R702 Ballyteighlea - Ballyellen	€38,400
MMD			L3004 Ballinkillin - Corries Cross	€32,000
MMD			L7047 Lissalican - Kyle	€19,640
MMD			L7022 Ballycormick - Lorum	€24,750
MMD			L7143 Rathellin - Rathduff	€29,750
MMD			L3050 Ballybar - Ballyloo X-Rds	€30,000
			L3037 The Ridge to Old Leighlin	€32,000
MMD			Overall Allocation = €206,540	€0
				€206,540
SECTION	Discretionary Improvement Projects (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD	B0305003		MMD REGIONAL ROADS MAINTENANCE	€204,040
MMD			Local Rds DI Projects - A.Gladney	€5,000
MMD			Local Rds DI Projects - A.McDonald	€5,000
MMD			Local Rds DI Projects - M.Doran	€5,000
MMD			Local Rds DI Projects - T.Kinsella	€5,000
MMD			Local Rds DI Projects - W.Quinn	€5,000
MMD			L3008 Road Stabilisation at Bahanna	€2,500
MMD			L3003 Verge Maintenance at Raheenwood	€2,500
MMD			L7024 Safety Improvement Works at Drumphaea	€3,000
MMD			L7001 Drainage Works at Ballycormick	€4,000
MMD			L71012 Safety Improvement Works in Fr Cummins Park	€4,000
MMD			Road Safety Improvement Works	€8,000
MMD			L30370 - Footpath Works- Raheendoran	€8,000
MMD			L71012 - Footpath Improv @ Bridget Crescent	€8,000
MMD			Road Signage/Markings @ Various Locations	€10,000
MMD			Overall Allocation = €279,040	€0
				€279,040
SECTION	Low Cost Safety Improvement Projects (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD			R729 Borris to Drummin Junctions	€16,000
MMD			R705 Bagenalstown to Borris Junctions	€13,500
MMD			R448 & R724 @ Royal Oak	€18,000
MMD			L3003 & L7005 @ Garryhill Cross	€7,000
MMD			L3000 & L7021 @ Kilgraney	€20,700
				€75,200
SECTION	Bridge Repair Projects (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD			L7007 Coolnacopogue	€61,000
				€61,000
SECTION	Drainage Improvement Grant (DTTAS)			Allocation
MMD			R703 Ballyhegan	€30,000
MMD			L7050 Kilmissan	€22,050
MMD			L30031 Jeannies Lane, Fenagh	€6,000

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MMD		L7000 Fenniscourt Road	€33,000
MMD		L70476 Hayes Lane	€7,000
MMD		L3009 Bahanna	€7,000
		L7133 Clogrennane Wood	€10,000
		L71302 Craan Lane	€8,000
MMD			
		Overall Allocation = €123,050	€123,050
SECTION	Community Involvement Schemes (DTTAS)		Allocation
MMD		CIS 2023 - L30086 @ Ballywilliamroe	€52,747
MMD		CIS 2023 - L70605 @ Tinnacarrig	€37,478
MMD		Overall Allocation = €81,203 (plus contribution)	€0
			€90,225
SECTION	Cyclists Safe Overtaking Signage (DTTAS)		Allocation
MMD		Cycling Signage - MMD	€1,750
			€1,750
SECTION	Rural Speed Limit Signage (DTTAS)		Allocation
MMD		Speed Limit in Housing Developments - MMD	€2,000
MMD		Rural Speed Limit Signage - MMD	€1,300
			€3,300
SECTION	Climate Change & Adaptation Grant (DTTAS)		Allocation
MMD		R724 @ Fenagh Rd (Culvert Replacement)	€23,000
MMD		L3006 @ Rosdellig (Road Edge support)	€36,200
			€59,200

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr M Doran, seconded by Cllr W Quinn, following a show of hands, that the 2023 Muinebheag District Roadworks Programme be agreed as presented.

All agreed.

6. Section 38 – Proposed Road Safety Improvement Works for Northern Environs Bagenalstown

Mr J Crowley outlined that the Section 38 function of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46) was one for adoption at Municipal District level. Mr J Crowley referred to the circulated explanatory booklet which gave details on a proposed road safety improvement works on the Northern Environs of Bagenalstown to address the safety issues that exist at present and asked for the members support to progress the proposal out for public consultation.

The members clarified that they could make submissions during the public consultation period and that a report with drawings will be brought back to the members when complete.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Kinsella, seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands, agreed by all the members that the Section 38 process for the proposed road safety improvement works on the Northern Environs of Bagenalstown commence.

All agreed.

7. Local Improvement Schemes 2023 Muinebheag MD

Mr J Crowley circulated a list of all the eligible schemes that qualified under the Local Improvement Scheme, with a priority list and a secondary list which is subject to more money being made available later in the year.

Priority List

	Location	Initials	Value
1	Ratheadon, Bagenalstown	SMcD	1,330
2	Cloneen, Nurney	PB	840
3	Ballycormac House, Bagenalstown	HR	648
4	Coonogue, Ballymurphy, Borris	JB	945
5	Rathgeran, Ballymurphy, Borris	PB	1,313
6	Rathgeran, Ballymurphy, Borris	RC	980
7	Garryhundon, Milford	TW	1,225

Secondary List

	Location	Initials	Value
1	Glenaharry, Bagenalstown	FB	2,275
2	Gormona, Bagenalstown	KO'R	700
3	Newtown, Nurney	PB	805
4	Tinnecarrig, Borris	BC	2,310
5	Dranagh, St Mullin's	JK	1,155
6	Ballywilliamroe, Fenagh	JR	1,435
7	Knockhullard, Borris	DA	1,050

Resolved On the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Doran, following a show of hands that the priority list for the Local Improvement Schemes as circulated above proceed.

All agreed.

Resolved On the proposal of Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Quinn, following a show of hands that number 6 and 7 be prioritised if funding is made available later in the year from the secondary list for the Local Improvement Schemes as circulated above.

All agreed.

Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

8. Roads MD Report

Mr J Crowley referred to the added challenge of increased costs for concrete and hire of equipment noting that the same money will do a lot less currently and went through the circulated roads report, addressing any questions raised by the members including;

- An update on the safe routes to school in Borris
- Concerns regarding parking on double yellow lines near the school in Borris, adding that this is a matter for the Gardaí
- An update on the active travel walkway at Fr Cummin's Park

9. Correspondence

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No correspondence to note.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Quinn asked if there are any grants available for the installation of electric vehicle charging points at GAA grounds.

Cllr Gladney asked for an update from Office Public Works regarding Ballymoon Castle be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr McDonald asked that roads are inspected and repaired to the proper standard after Irish Water works are complete in the town.

Cllr McDonald asked that an update regarding the casual trading byelaws be brought to the next meeting.

The Cathaoirleach wished all the members, officials and their families a happy St Patrick's Day adding that they were all welcome to attend the parade in Bagenalstown.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 April 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator