

**Minutes of the Special Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting
held on Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 4.30 pm
in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag**

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

Attended Virtually: Cllr Andy Gladney

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

Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions

1. Part 8 Process – Presentation House, Bagenalstown

Mr K Comerford presented the details regarding proposed development of the former Presentation Convent, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, for use as a Community & Enterprise Centre, to be called Presentation House to the members.

Under the Town & Village Building Acquisition Fund the presentation convent is in the process of acquisition. It is proposed to use the property as a Community & Enterprise Centre, to be called Presentation House, located in the Bagenalstown Urban area.

The property (subject to agree or licence/lease) will be operated by Carlow Community Enterprise Centres CLG.

The property will contain meeting rooms, office suites, community spaces and a new community hall.

The development will comprise of:

- Retaining as much of the existing building fabric and building interior layout as possible
- Minimal work to the building exterior
- A 30 sq. m. section of the building at the South-East corner is proposed to be demolished to facilitate traffic movements to the rear parking area,
- Existing exterior finishes to be retained; however, the windows and doors will be replaced for improved energy performance. We propose to match the new window design with existing design,
- The interior spaces are also to be maintained with minimal intervention except where the new functions require alterations,
- And include proposal for new raised letter signage to identify the main entrance and the secondary entrance to the new community hall for which a name will be agreed at a later stage,

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- and associated services including landscaping and boundary treatment.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening, Architect Design Statement, Asbestos Survey, and Condition Report for the proposed development have been completed. A business case on the financial model of the operation of the property has been developed and it is important to note that the capital development of this property will not go ahead without funding from a National Source. Subject to successful completion of the Part 8 process it is intended that the project will be submitted to the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund.

Members permission is now sought to commence the public consultation process of the Part 8 process.

The members thanked Mr K Comerford & his team for all the work gone into this large-scale project and Mr P O’Gorman agreed that the building is a perfect fit and that it is an exciting project for Bagenalstown that will require match funding as it progresses.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr T Kinsella, seconded by Cllr M Doran, following a show of hands, the members agreed to commence the public consultation process of the Part 8 process regarding the proposed development of the former Presentation Convent, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow, for use as a Community & Enterprise Centre, to be called Presentation House.

All agreed.

2. Section 38 for Northern Environs Footpath

Mr J Crowley presented a report on the proposed road safety improvement works on the Northern environs of Bagenalstown.

Carlow County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 as amended by the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46), has given notice of proposals pertaining to this development.

The works proposed were designed to address the safety issues that exist at present and include the following:-

- Traffic Calming measures on the Regional Road R-705 at Dunleckney on northern outskirts of Bagenalstown.
- Construction of new footpaths to enhance the safety of pedestrians in this area,
- To create a safer environment for pedestrians along this section of Public Road
- To encourage greater pedestrian usage on this section of road.
- To promote and facilitate outdoor activities such as walking,
- To improve road safety at junction between the R-705 and L-3030, junction between L-3030 and L-7143 and junction between L-7143 and L-3044
- Provision of a pedestrian crossing at junction between the R-705 and the L-3030
- Installation of signage and road markings along the R-705, L-3030, L-7143 and L-3044
- Landscaping works and biodiversity enhancement.

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Mr J Crowley went through the reasons for the scheme, outlining key enhancements regarding the safety of pedestrians in the area and the promotion of outdoor activities such as walking. The scheme shall be designed in accordance with the NRA Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and the DTTAS Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. Funding for the project was secured via ORIS with matching funding from Carlow Co Council. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken by Sweeney Consultancy Ltd.

Mr J Crowley went through the submissions process adding that plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection from Wednesday 22nd March 2023 until Wednesday 12th April 2023, with a closing date for submissions on Wednesday April 19th, 2023.

One submission was received from the Committee at Bagenalstown Swimming Pool. Their concerns were taken on board and the issues can be addressed. No other submissions were received. Mr J Crowley recommended to the Elected Members of the Muinebheag MD is that the proposed works contained within the project titled Proposed Road Safety Improvement Works on the Northern Environs of Bagenalstown be approved by the Elected Members of the Muinebheag Municipal District Council.

The members thanked Mr Crowley and team and welcomed these works.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr T Kinsella, seconded by Cllr W Quinn, following a show of hands, that the proposed works, as presented, contained within the project titled Proposed Road Safety Improvement Works on the Northern Environs of Bagenalstown be agreed.

All agreed.

3. Community Involvement Schemes Muinebheag MD 2023

Mr J Crowley presented the Community Involvement Scheme list of applications on file for approval and addressed any questions raised by the members.

Ref Number	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name
1	L-71093-0	Ballywilliamroe
2	L-70605-0	Tinnacarrig
3	L-30081-0	Bahana, St Mullins
4	L-30461-0	Rathedon / Cloneen
5	L-70520	Bog Lane Borris
6	L-70651-0	Dranagh, St Mullins
7	R-702-77	Ballycoppigan, Borris
8	L-30037-91	St Lazerians St., Leighlinbridge
9	L-30036-0	Kilcoltrim, Borris
10	L-70031-0	The Rocks, Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown

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Mr J Crowley stated that subject to the funding received the jobs would go ahead in order as above. The members asked that job reference number 1 and 2 remain on the priority list and that Reference Number 4 be 1st reserve, with Reference Number 3 being 2nd reserve.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr T Kinsella, seconded by Cllr W Quinn, following a show of hands, that the community involvement schemes listed under Reference Number 1 (Ballywilliamroe) and 2 (Tinnacarrig) remain on the priority list for works to proceed.

All agreed.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr M Doran, seconded by Cllr A McDonald, following a show of hands, that the community involvement schemes listed under Reference Number 4 (Rathedon/Cloneen) be listed as 1st reserve subject to funding becoming available for works to proceed.

All agreed.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr W Quinn, seconded by Cllr T Kinsella, following a show of hands, that the community involvement schemes listed under Reference Number 3 (Bahana, St Mullin's) be listed as 2nd reserve subject to funding becoming available for works to proceed.

All agreed.

4. Any Other Business

Nothing to note.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 June 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator