

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting
held on Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 4.00 pm
in the Community Hall, McGrath Memorial Hall, Muinebheag**

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

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services,
Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer,
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer,
Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer
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 to keep within 2 hours for the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting held on 1 September 2021.

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 on 1 September 2021 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.
All agreed

3. Matters Arising

Nothing to note.

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

a) Draft Burial Ground Byelaws 2021

Ms Barrett informed the members that the Carlow County Council Draft Burial Ground byelaws were on public display between 28 July and 25 August 2021 and that 6 valid submissions were received by the 3 September 2021 deadline. Ms Barrett answered any questions raised by the members and advised that the next step in the process was for the byelaws to be presented to full council, subject to the approval of the Municipal District members. The members thanked Ms Barrett for the byelaws.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Gladney seconded by Cllr Quinn, followed by a show of hands that the members agreed that the Draft Burial Ground byelaws as presented proceed to full council.
All agreed.

b) 3 year Roads Programme

Mr Crowley presented the 3 year Roads Programme 2022-2024 with an allocation of €1,585,670, 1,581,700 & 1,588,580 for 2022, 2023 and 2024 respectively and addressed any questions the members raised. The members thanked Mr Crowley for the programme.

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Kinsella, followed by a show of hands that the members agreed the 3 year Roads Programme 2022 - 2024 as presented.
All agreed

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(a) Housing Report

Mr O'Donovan presented the Housing Report and addressed any questions. The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- The type and standard of insulation in the Council housing stock in Muinebheag MD

Mr O'Donovan agreed to bring a report to the next council meeting outlining the standard of the housing stock.

The members thanked Mr O'Donovan for his report.

(b) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads Report outlining the ongoing and planned works for the District;

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

- Traffic congestion at the Post Office, Borris
- Poor condition of footpath in Old Leighlin
- Hedgecutting notices to issue to all landowners, especially on bus routes
- Parking at the Vocational School Borris
- Public Lighting at Ballymurphy
- Ballyellen carpark update
- Speed of traffic at O'Dwyer's Corner
- Speed concerns on the Fenagh Road over the bridge

The members thanked Mr Crowley for all the work outlined on his report.

(i) Ballygowan Safety Measures

Mr Crowley advised that he will submit an application under the low cost accident improvement scheme.

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- (ii) Connection times – New Public Lighting
Mr Crowley outlined that the ESB resources were focusing on upgrading supply, particularly in Bagenalstown. The members highlighted the danger of lights not working and asked that a letter issue to highlight the importance of lights being connected urgently.
- (iii) Parking at Station Road, Bagenalstown
The members agreed that the all-day parking was due to people not wanting to pay for parking as is the case in the Iarnród Éireann carpark and asked if this carpark was liable for rates. Mr O’Gorman agreed to check this out with the Finance Department and update the members. It was agreed that there was no quick fix easy solution to this issue.
- (iv) Maintenance/Upgrading of Leighlinbridge Graveyard
Mr Crowley informed the members that he was assessing options at the moment.

6. Correspondence

Ms Ahearne asked if the members were agreeable to having a special October monthly meeting after the agreed Budget meeting on Wednesday 27 October as there are a number of items that will need resolution to progress:

- Housing – Part 8 Bahana, Glynn, Brian O’Donovan
- Housing – Part 8 Drumphea, Brian O’Donovan
- Roads – Winter Maintenance Plan, Ray Wickham

The members agreed to hold a special meeting at 4.00pm on Wednesday 27 October after the budget meeting which will take place at 3.30pm on that date.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Quinn asked if the carpark at St Mullins beside the blessed well could be fenced off. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the news that funding of €1.3ml was approved for the Ballinabranna Wastewater treatment Plant allowing for the planning process to commence.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator