

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 25 October at 4.00 pm**  
**in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag**

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

**In attendance:** Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transport & Infrastructure  
Mr Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag MD,  
Ms Alison Scanlon, Administrative Officer, Roads  
Mr Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel  
Mr Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing  
Ms Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

**Apologies:** Cllr Michael Doran

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**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 4 October 2023**

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr A McDonald seconded by Cllr W Quinn, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting held on 4 October 2023 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

**All agreed**

**2. Matters Arising**

No matters raised.

**3. Votes of Sympathy**

Cllr A McDonald extended sympathy to the Watkins family on the death of Mr Victor Watkins, Philip Street, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions**

**4. Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/2024**

Mr J Crowley presented the Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/2024 and asked for the members to consider same, addressing any questions raised.

On the proposal of Cllr A McDonald, seconded by Cllr W Quinn, followed by a show of hands that the Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/2024 be agreed as presented.

**All agreed.**

## Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

### 5. Housing MD Report

Mr B O'Donovan presented the housing report speaking positively about the number of units complete and underway in the Muinebheag Municipal District, answering any questions raised including;

- progress of units at Ballyknockan, Leiglinbridge
- progress at Bilboa
- details regarding the various housing grants available

The members thanked Mr B O'Donovan and the housing team for their commitment and work.

### 6. Roads MD Report

Ms J Crowley circulated the roads report and addressed any questions raised including;

- Mr J Crowley noted challenges regarding the recent heavy rainfall,
- Mr J Crowley to remind Uisce Éireann to reinstate the roads to a high standard after works are completed,
- request for more improvement works to the road between Bagenalstown and Powerstown via the Harrow Cross to which Mr J Crowley replied this was being addressed section by section in the annual road works programme,
- request to check road markings on the Longmile on the road to Garryhill Cross,
- request for engineer to look at improving road markings at Royal Oak,
- request to assess entry and exit access from petrol filling station, Royal Oak Road in Bagenalstown,
- To follow up on getting public lights turned on at Borris car park
- To improve signage at Harrow's Cross,
- The installation of rumble strips at some locations, including Newtown School, to reduce speed,
- The installation of a pedestrian crossing on Upper Main Street, Borris.

Mr P O'Gorman informed the members that ESB are to connect the EV chargers in the coming days, and a fast charger will be installed in Borris.

The members thanked Mr J Crowley and the team for their continued work for the District.

### 7. Road Safety Scheme for SRTS St Brigid's National School, Bagenalstown, Section 38

Mr P O'Gorman acknowledged that the existing parking arrangements are not working at this location, noting that the safety of school children is a priority and reminded the members that schools made submissions nationally, with 3 successful applications for Carlow, St Brigid's National School, Bagenalstown being one of them as selected by An Taisce. Active travel put a report together based on the application findings for this school which was then put out for public consultation. A

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report will be finalised in the coming week taking all the submissions into account and will be brought back to the members at the next meeting. The members expressed concern as to where the businesspeople and customers visiting the town were going to park if the parking capacity was reduced and agreed to await the report based on the submissions made.

**8. Active Travel – Pedestrian Improvement Proposals at Kilree Railway Bridge**

This matter was deferred to the December meeting.

**9. Correspondence**

No correspondence to note.

**10. Any Other Business**

No items raised.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 December 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meetings Administrator**