

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD  
IN THE McGRATH HALL, MUINEBHEAG, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY, 2016 AT 4.30P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Cllrs. Denis Foley: Chairperson, John Murphy, Andy Gladney, Michael Doran, Tommy Kinsella, William Quinn and Arthur McDonald.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Charlie Murphy

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Seamus O'Connor: Director of Services, Tim Butler: Senior Executive Officer and Ray Wickham: Area Engineer.

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016.**

Proposed by Cllr. Michael Doran

Seconded by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

**ITEM NO. 2: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Carlow Camogie team who won the first round of the Leinster Intermediate Camogie.
- Organisers of Fr. Bibby and Nurse Kehoe Memorials on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.  
(It was suggested to perhaps call a road after Fr. Bibby; or to have other memorials for Fr. Bibby in Bagenalstown).
- Congratulations to Jennifer Murnane O'Connor on her recent election to the Senate.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Nolan, Fairgreen who is celebrating her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday in May. Members asked if a similar acknowledgement could be made as those reaching 100 years of age in 2016

**ITEM NO. 3: VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Dunphy family on the death of Patricia Dunphy, Dunmore, Durrow, Co. Laois.
- The McCartney family on the death of Michael McCartney, Raheendoran, Co. Carlow.
- The Doyle family on the death of William Doyle, Kilcoltrim, Borris, Co. Carlow.

**ITEM NO. 4: CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ITEM NO. 5: STATUTORY BUSINESS**

The 2015 AGM was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and the 2016 AGM must therefore be held 14 days either side of this date. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, time to be confirmed prior to the monthly meeting

**ITEM NO. 6: CORPORATE**

None

## **ITEM NO. 7: HOUSING AND RECREATION & AMENITY**

- a). Two no. infill houses at Bilboa – permission to proceed to Part VIII was approved to proceed on the proposal of Cllr. Michael Doran I seconded by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella
- b). Members were informed that it is hoped that the 24 houses in Bagenalstown would commence in the coming months
- c). Members were informed of the proposed lease of 5 apartments at the Manor and 10 houses at Barrett Street which would proceed in the coming months.
- d). A wall at house No. 90, St. Brigid's Place was recently damaged– Ray Wickham to examine.
- e). Members welcomed the new Tenant Purchase Scheme and in particular the claw-back in the event of future sale.

A question was raised in relation to second sales of private houses where the developer is no longer in business – home owners were having difficulties selling due to leasehold on the properties.

## **ITEM NO. 8: TRANSPORTATION**

- a). Ray Wickham detailed progress to date on the Muinebheag Municipal District Roadworks Programme. Members were informed that additional funds had been applied for in respect of roads damage by the storms in late 2015/early 2016.
- b). Cllr. McDonald raised concerns in relation to parking at Ballymoon Castle and stated that it was an enormous benefit to the area which should be capitalized on. Members were informed that works would require agreement with the OPW and works to be carried out by them.
- c). Cllr. Gladney enquired in relation to the funding for improvements to the Royal Oak Road and if development contributions from the Whisky Distillery. The Manager agreed to have the matter examined.
- d). Cllr. Quinn enquired in relation to funding for Class 3 roads and the general poor repair of same.
- e). Members raised concerns in relation to the existing junction at the Royal Oak Road/former N9. The Manager agreed to request a report in relation to the junction and any potential works in the future, having regard to the traffic volumes.

## **ITEM NO. 9: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES**

- a). A question was raised in relation to alleged leaks at 40 water meters around Bagenalstown and asked who was picking up the cost for same. Tim Butler agreed to contact Water Services to find out the position.
- b). A question was raised in relation to who would be responsible for repairs to water networks during the period of the suspension of water charges – Members were informed that the Service Level Agreement between County Council and Irish Water would remain and there would be no additional cost on Carlow County Council.

## **ITEM NO. 10: PLANNING**

- a). The Town Manager raised the matter of flood plain maps issued by the CFRAM and the possible impact on future development. A representative from the OPW should be requested to attend a future meeting of Carlow County Council to explain the basis of their findings; Cllr. Doran noted that these maps may be used by insurances companies to implement a levy on properties at risk.

b). In response to a question, Members were informed that it is likely that the Borris LAP would be reviewed towards the end of 2016.

**ITEM NO. 10: COMMUNITY**

a). Members enquired in relation to what actions could be taken in relation to increased dog fouling in Bagenalstown and other areas. Members suggested that signs and perhaps mobile CCTV could be used as a preventative measure.

b). Borris has been chosen to represent Carlow in Pride of Place and Cllr. Quinn asked if the Council could provide assistance with preparations for same.

**ITEM NO. 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members queries were answered in relation to the condition of the wall at Font Hill and Kilcarrig Bridge.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Date**

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**Meetings Administrator**

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**Date**