

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN BORRIS LIBRARY, BORRIS, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH,
2015 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllrs. Willie Quinn: Chairman, John Murphy, Arthur McDonald, Andy Gladney, Tommy Kinsella, Charlie Murphy, Michael Doran and Denis Foley.

IN ATTENDANCE

Seamus O'Connor: Director of Services (Municipal District Manager), Tim Butler: Senior Executive Officer, Eamonn Brophy: Senior Executive Officer and Ray Wickham, Area Engineer.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 12TH FEBRUARY, 2015.

Proposed by Cllr. Denis Foley

Seconded by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th February, 2015, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

O'Brien family on the death of William O'Brien, Pairc Mhuire, Bagenalstown, Carlow.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were expressed to Cllr. William Quinn on his selection to run in the Bye-election.

MATTERS ARISING

Ray Wickham, Area Engineer indicated that the wall at Fr. Cummins Park would be re-built in the coming weeks. Members requested that Airtricity be requested to attend a Council Meeting to explain the process of repairs to public lighting.

ITEM NO. 2: CORRESPONDENCE

Tender for Dog Pound

The Chairman requested that the matter of the Dog Pound be considered at this stage. Eamonn Brophy, Senior Executive Officer set out that under the Section 85 Agreement, Kilkenny County Council managed the Dog Pound on behalf of themselves and Carlow County Council. This service is currently being tendered by Kilkenny County Council. The process is currently on hold and Kilkenny County Council has set up a sub-committee to consider issues. This Committee consists of 4 Elected Representatives, 2 Local Authority Officials (Kilkenny County Council), 2 representatives from dog care organisations and 2 I.F.A. representatives. It was agreed that Eamonn Brophy would represent Carlow on the Committee.

Councillors enquired in relation to the proposed micro-chipping of dogs and whether it would be linked to licensing. In reply, Mr. Brophy set out that correspondence had been received and would be presented to the April meeting. Councillors also raised questions regarding the

availability of space at the Dog Pound for dangerous animals and also that animals which are considered dangerous would not be released – quoting about a specific recent incident, Eamonn Brophy promised to follow up on these issues at the Committee meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Correspondence had been received in relation to the Bagenalstown Parade. Times for other events/parades were set out as follows:

Bagenalstown	1pm
Borris	2pm
Ballon	3pm
Myshall	Festival start time to be notified
Fenagh	Festival start time to be notified

1916 Rising Commemoration

Correspondence in respect of the 1916 Rising was discussed. Members asked if this was at odds with the Committee that had been set up for a similar purpose. Members were asked if they wished that the Municipal District of Muinebheag would have a Commemoration – if so, they could contact Tim Butler. Also, Members were requested to ensure that local committees were aware of the deadline on the advert.

ITEM NO. 3: STATUTORY BUSINESS

None

ITEM NO. 4: HOUSING

The Municipal District Manager set out that the construction of the 6 houses at Borris were continuing. Part VIII permission is awaited on development at Bagenalstown (24), Borris (4) and Mount Leinster Park (4). Other Part VIII's are in place throughout the County. The Housing Strategy 2020 does not allow for extreme construction, but Carlow will be well positioned, should funds become available. The Strategy may lead to a general move from smaller towns and villages towards Carlow Town.

General queries raised were answered, as follows:

- Eligibility to be put on the Housing List is governed by the Allocation Scheme – adopted by the Members.
- Housing loans are provided to individuals and couples in accordance with the Credit Policy and on the recommendation of the Credit Control Committee.

Property tax is payable by home owners in respect of Shared Ownership and Affordable Loans.

ITEM NO. 4: TRANSPORTATION

The traffic hazard at Ballymoon House was raised as buses stop on the roadside to let off visitors. It was agreed to contact the OPW to see if remedial works could be carried out in consultation with the adjoining landowner.

Questions were raised in relation to the cost of parking at Bagenalstown Railway Station at €4.00 per day, which is leading to street parking on adjoining roads. It was agreed to write to Iarnrod Eireann in relation to same.

It was also agreed to write to Bus Eireann with regard to the proposal in relation to Routes 5 and 7 and how it is proposed to alter these routes, both by stops and frequency.

Roads Programme

Tenders are currently being prepared for road materials. Works are underway in relation to footpaths at Ballon and Borris. In addition, discretionary works are also underway.

ITEM NO. 5: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

The Chairman announced that funding had been announced in respect of pipe replacement on Borris Water Network. Consultants had been appointed to do a site investigation, to enable the preparation of tender documentation.

ITEM NO. 6: COMMUNITY

Members enquired about the future Community Grants and were advised that the Community Section would prepare guidelines in relation to same.

ITEM NO. 7: RECREATION AND AMENITY

The increased budget for amenities was welcomed by the Members and will be of great assistance to community groups.

ITEM NO. 8: PLANNING

The proposed application in relation to the Barrow Cycle Track was discussed and members asked if Waterways Ireland could meet with the Municipal District Members prior to the application.

ITEM NO. 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A general discussion took place in relation to the future of the Fire Service for Carlow.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date