

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN BORRIS LIBRARY, BORRIS, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 6TH
NOVEMBER, 2014 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ITEM NO. 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2014.

Proposed by Cllr. Denis Foley

Seconded by Cllr. John Murphy

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th October, 2014, be and the same are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Paul Monaghan, Ballinabooly, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.
- Jackie Rae, The Parade, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- St. Mullins on winning the Senior Hurling Championship – Cllr. A. Gladney and Cllr. D. Foley.
- Mount Leinster Rangers U18 & U16 hurling and the U21's football – Cllr. W. Quinn.
- To the Fire Service on their recently international success – Cllr. D. Foley.

ITEM NO. 2 CORRESPONDENCE

Ray Wickham advised members that following their request earlier this year, funding was provided from Development Contributions for improvement to footpaths and the upgrading of public lighting throughout the County. An amount of €500,000 was made available, divided equally between Carlow and Muinebheag L.E.A.'s. The proposed works were circulated as attached. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. D. Foley to proceed.

The Manager stated that contributions will be examined with a view to providing funding for amenity works in the future - Members welcomed the news. They suggested other works could be examined in the future in relation to footpaths and improved works for wheelchair users and walking access to new schools in Muinebheag.

ITEM NO. 3 STATUTORY BUSINESS - None

ITEM NO. 4 **HOUSING**

A general discussion took place in relation to Housing. Concerns were raised for the prospects for single men on the list securing LA tenancies. Members were updated on the current status of the Manor House Apartments and all hoped that ownership would transfer to the Council in the future.

The additional funding for housing grants was welcomed.

ITEM NO. 5 **TRANSPORTATION**

The initial item of upgrading footpaths and public lighting had already been dealt with. Ray Wickham, Area Engineer informed the meeting that the last three remaining items on the Roads Programme were underway.

The need for upgrade to the N80 was raised by the Manager. Ray Wickham to do a letter to the NRA to seek improvement works be carried out.

In relation to the Bagenalstown to Leighlinbridge road, this will be examined for the 2015 Roads Programme.

Cllr. M. Doran requested specific works to be carried out on the old N9 in relation to cats eyes and debris – the Area Engineer agreed to examine same.

The restoration of the amenity area on the Dunleckney Road following accommodation works for the school was raised by the Members. Members were informed that these works are to be carried out by the contractor.

Ray Wickham informed Members that Carlow County Council are awaiting details of reduced speed limit for housing estates and traffic calming measures.

It was agreed to revert to the Planning Section in relation to the signage for houses in Ashfield, Royal Oak Road.

ITEM NO. 6 **ENVIRONMENT**

The matter of availability of a water supply to McGrath Park was raised. Members were informed that this matter will now need to be addressed to Irish Water. The Council agreed to write to Irish Water in relation to this matter.

The matter of the proposed cycle track along the Barrow Track was raised. Some Members expressed reservations in relation to same. Any works will require planning permission and Members will have an opportunity to address Waterways Ireland, who is making a presentation to the Council at its meeting on Monday, 10th November, 2014. Concerns were also raised in relation to access along the navigation channel.

ITEM NO. 7 **COMMUNITY** - None

ITEM NO. 8 **RECREATION & AMENITY**

Members were advised to be conscious of the fact that the LCDC funding will be returning in the future.

The current position with regard to the walkway across the viaduct was set out to the Members.

The matter of lands adjoining the Resource Centre was raised with the Resource Centre seeking to use the fenced lands as a recreational area and other adjoining lands for a Mens-shed. It was explained that the first portion of land contains a recorded monument. In addition, the initial lands were provided free and any further proposal would need to be addressed having due regard to future use for the lands.

ITEM NO. 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Quinn notified the meeting that a Committee has been set up in relation to 75th Anniversary of the bombing of a house on Knockroe Hill, Borris on 11th January, 1941. The committee would welcome any support for this Commemoration.

Cllr. A. McDonald and Cllr. A. Gladney asked if any funds are available for 1916 Commemoration -.

Ray Wickham will link with Cllr. D. Foley with regard to a bus shelter opposite the by-pass stores in Leighlinbridge.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach
Date: **6th November, 2014**

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Meetings Administrator
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