

**Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 1 December at 4.00 pm**  
**in the Community Hall, McGrath Memorial Hall, Muinebheag & on MS Teams**

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

**Remotely :** Cllr Willie Quinn

**In attendance:** Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services,  
Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer,  
Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Niall Carroll, Executive Engineer,  
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

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1. The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting with a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the deaths of:
  - Mrs Mary O'Brien (née) Kearney, formerly of Mary's Hair Salon, Regent Street, Bagenalstown and Ballinaboley, mother of David, former Town Councillor for Muinebheag and County Councillor, Carlow.
  - Mrs Annie Delaney (née Murphy), Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown, mother of Martin Delaney, General Services Supervisor of the Tullow Municipal District.
2. **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 asking that the meeting not exceed 2 hours.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Draft Budgetary Plan 2022 held on 27 October 2021.**  
**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr McDonald seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Draft Budgetary Plan 2022 held on 27 October 2021 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.  
All agreed.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Special Monthly meeting held on 27 October 2021.**

**Resolved** on the proposal of Cllr Gladney seconded by Cllr McDonald, following a show of hands that the Minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag on 27 October 2021 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.  
All agreed

## 5. Matters Arising

There was nothing to note.

## 6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

### (a) Housing Report

Mr O'Donovan thanked the members and Irish Water for their co-operation by providing clarification to allow the Part 8 for Bahana, Glynn proceed to full council for the 5 units.

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

- Progress made regarding Manor House adding that a list is to be submitted to the owner
- A demo/more information regarding choice-based letting to be arranged for 2022.

Mr O'Donovan also informed the members that Carlow County Council were successful under 3 measures in securing funding under the ORIS (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme), 2 in the Muinebheag District.

Under Measure 2 Clashganny Amenity Improvements secured €180,000 for amenity improvements at Clashganny and the completion of a looped walk to and from Clashganny Viewing Point.

Under Measure 3 Borris Village Link (South Leinster and the Barrow Way) secured €246,600 for the installation of a safe, fit for purpose dedicated walkway from the Factory Cross to Ballytiglia Bridge, a key access point for both the Barrow Way and the South Leinster Way.

Mr O'Donovan informed the members that feedback was requested to establish the reason for the unsuccessful projects.

The members thanked Mr O'Donovan for the housing report and for all the work the team had put in to secure the funding under the ORIS.

### (b) Active Travel

Mr O'Gorman introduced Seamus Loughlin, Senior Executive Engineer and Niall Carroll, Executive Engineer from the Active Travel team to the meeting, welcoming views and suggestions from the members for submitting applications in 2022.

Mr Loughlin reminded the members that Active Travel is 'travelling with a purpose using your own energy' outlining that the Active Travel Investment Programme aims to develop high quality facilities to connect communities and make walking and cycling attractive, safe and accessible to everyone whilst also contributing to tackling climate change. Carlow County Council received an initial allocation of

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€2.4ml for 15 projects as part of a rolling programme beginning in 2021. Mr Loughlin addressed any questions the members raised and asked for proposals for consideration in respect of the relevant categories for projects to be emailed to [activetravel@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:activetravel@carlowcoco.ie).

### (c) Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads Report outlining

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

- Welcoming the Driver Information Boards asking if further locations can be considered for 2022
- Requesting that the bollards at the Royal Oak Road be cleaned

Mr Crowley addressed the questions submitted and agreed to follow up on a resolution to alleviate assess concerns raised for residents in Borris and to assess the traffic light and public lighting options available in Borris.

The members thanked Mr Crowley for all the works carried out and for his comprehensive report.

### (d) Graiquenamanagh/Tinnahinch Tourism & Recreational Project Update

Mr O’Gorman updated the members, stating that this project was divided over a number of areas, the Joint Local Area Plan, Flood Relief Plan, Active Travel with Kilkenny County Council running a mobility study and the ORIS application regarding 2 new pedestrian bridges. Mr O’Gorman informed the members that Kilkenny County Council were in contact with him and agreed to attend the Muinebheag meeting when more information was available regarding the Tourism Study. The members thanked Mr O’Gorman for the update and asked to be kept informed of any further progress.

## 7. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for noting.

## 8. **Any Other Business**

Cllr McDonald asked that the engineer consider the need for a budget for improvement works at the road to Eastwood Bridge. Mr Crowley agreed to add this to a list for consideration in Budget 2023.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2 February at 4.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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

**Cathaoirleach**

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

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

**Meetings Administrator**