

Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag held in McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown, 9th May, 2019

Present: Councillor Michael Doran, Councillor Arthur McDonald, Councillor William Quinn, Councillor Tommy Kinsella, Councillor John Murphy, Councillor Charlie Murphy.

In Attendance: Michael Brennan, A/Director of Services, Jerry Crowley, Area Engineer, Josephine Kavanagh,

Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 3rd April, 2019

Proposed By: Councillor Michael Doran

Seconded By: Councillor John Murphy

AND RESOLVED

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February, 2019, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach and agreed.”

Item No. 2: Votes of Sympathy and Prayer

- Kinsella Family, Currane, Borris, Co. Carlow on the death of Kitty (Kathleen) Kinsella mother of Cllr. Tommy Kinsella.
- Dermody Family, on the death of Mary Dermody, Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge, Carlow/ Beaufort, Kerry.
- Lennon Family, on the death of John Lennon, Cummins Park, Bagenalstown.
- Barron Family, on the death of Paddy Barron, Barronville, Bagenalstown.
- Lennon Family, on the death of Joseph (Joe) Lennon, Cournellan, Borris,

Item No. 3: Congratulations

The following congratulations were noted:-

- Borris National School – representing Ireland at Show Jumping Competition in Scotland.
- Kilree Celtic on reaching final of recent soccer competition, unfortunately they were beaten 2 – 0 by Slaney Rovers
- Carlow County Council Staff for all their assistance to the members over the last 5 years
- Bernie O’Brien, Director of Services on her recent retirement
- Ballymurphy Ladies Soccer Team on reaching Carlow Ladies Cup Semi-Final against Mill Celtic.

Item No. 4 : Correspondence

Email received from Irish Water which was discussed. The members welcomed the statement.

The following issues were raised:

- Concern about Tinnahinch – the watermain was to start last September – can funding be lost if work not started?
- When will works be complete in Bagenalstown
- Reinstatement of Royal Oak Road
- School Crossing needs proper marking
- Will works involve where road has sank?
- Will there be resurfacing at locations dug up?
- Reinstatement of wall damaged

Members queried if correspondence had been received from Iarnrod Eireann re: dismantling of Bagenalstown Railway Station which was recently announced. This would lead to disability access issues. The members were not happy with the proposal and are not clear about what is being proposed, and it was agreed to write to Minister Shane Ross to express same.

Item No. 5: Planning and Development

Members requested that staff from Planning Department should attend to give an update at each meeting and to address any queries raised.

Query raised regarding the “last minute” request for an Environmental Impact Study for a current proposed development.

Item No. 6: Housing

Members were circulated with up to date Housing Report.

Issues discussed included:-

- Proposed development at Laragh Beg
- Houses purchased to be included on update reports
- Manor Apartments
- 2 proposed houses at Fourteen Acres
- Taking in Charge of housing estate at Ballinabrannagh
- School House Gate, Ballinkillen
- Unfinished estate at Gort na Greine.

Item No. 7: Infrastructural Services

- Mr. Jerry Crowley, Area Engineer, detailed the current update on the progress of the Road Works Programme for 2019. Members congratulated all the Staff in Bagenalstown on the work carried out to date.

Item No. 8 Community

Members were circulated with details of applications received for CLÁR Funding for 2019 under Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measure (per 2018) and Measure 2: Play Areas (including MUGAs).

Any Other Business

- Village Enhancement Application Forms – Members advised to contact Ms. Ann Scully. It was clarified that Schools and Graveyards were not included. There is funding of €134,000 available and we are hopeful of a second tranche of funding becoming available later in the year.

- Fairgreen, Bagenalstown – not enough play equipment for children – a funding application has been submitted for consideration.
- Need for public toilets at cemeteries – it was agreed to included in budget for 2020.
- Tap needs to be extended down to bottom of graveyard in Bagenalstown Graveyard.

Members thanked Staff in Bagenalstown for their courtesy over the last 5 years. Members were wished well for the forthcoming Local Election on 24th May.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Meetings Administrator