

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN THE McGRATH HALL, MUINEBHEAG, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 3RD
MARCH, 2016 AT 4.30P.M.**

PRESENT

Cllrs. Tommy Kinsella: Chairperson, Michael Doran, Andy Gladney, Arthur McDonald, William Quinn, Charlie Murphy, Denis Foley and John 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 4th FEBRUARY, 2016.

Proposed by Cllr. Andy Gladney

Seconded by Cllr. Michael Doran

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th February, 2016, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

ITEM NO. 2: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

None

ITEM NO. 3: VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Canavan family on the death of Patrick Canavan, Castle Park, Ballybane, Galway and formerly of Killane, Ballon, Co. Carlow.

Grey family on the death of Teresa Grey, Borris Road, Kilree, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

Jordan family on the death of Peadar Jordan, Ballaghmore, Myshall, Co. Carlow.

Brown family on the death of William Brown, Ballintemple, Ardattin, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

Murphy family on the death of Jimmy Murphy, Ardoyne, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

ITEM NO. 4: CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEM NO. 5: CORPORATE

None

ITEM NO. 6: HOUSING AND RECREATION & AMENITY

- 24 houses at Bagenalstown is at tender evaluation stage.
- Council has purchased a house in Leighlinbridge and will be looking for funding for future purchases in 2016.
- Houses in Myshall (4) and Borris (4) are at planning stage.

Questions raised in relation to rent supplement, HAP and social housing applicants' income limits were answered. Tim Butler to contact the Department again in relation to rent caps and income limits for qualification for social housing.

ITEM NO. 7: TRANSPORTATION

Queries were raised in relation to the following:-

- Water/pothole on road in Rathellen – drainage works will be considered once water resides.
- Need to reconsider repairing potholes on class 3 roads – County Agreement needs to be in place for this.
- Similarly, roads at Rathrush need to be examined.
- Improvements to footpaths throughout the County were raised and Councillors asked that an Improvement Plan be put in place for delivery of a programme.
- Queries raised in relation to a flooded house in St. Mullins were answered. The matter is currently under the consideration of Social Welfare.
- Finally, Muinebheag staff were complimented on their work over the very difficult Christmas storms, which caused a lot of damage to the roads network.

ITEM NO. 8: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

A query was raised in relation to the connection fee for a private house.

ITEM NO. 9: PLANNING

A workshop will be held for Members prior to the Draft LAP being put on display. Members were advised that population projections and future lands required for housing will need careful consideration.

ITEM NO. 10: COMMUNITY

None

ITEM NO. 11: STATUTORY BUSINESS

Consideration of Draft Annual Service Plan 2016 – proposals to increase Tidy Towns grants by €1,000 to €10,700 and decrease Community Grants by €1,000 to €8,000 were proposed by Cllr. Michael Doran, seconded by Cllr. William Quinn and the Annual Service Plan was adopted as amended.

Consideration of the Roads Programme was proposed by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella, seconded by Cllr. Charlie Murphy and adopted by all the members.

A general discussion was undertaken on the proposed Trial Street Sweeping Schedule 2016.

ITEM NO. 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The proposed site for the Fr. Albert Bibby monument (1916) was discussed. On the proposal of Cllr. Arthur McDonald and Cllr. Andy Gladney, the original site suggested for the monument was recommended.

Congratulations to Bagenalstown Gardai who successfully apprehended thieves following the Bagenalstown Post Office robbery.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Date