

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD  
IN THE McGRATH HALL, MUINEBHEAG, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 4.30P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Cllrs. Tommy Kinsella: Chairperson, Michael Doran, Andy Gladney, Arthur McDonald, William Quinn and Charlie Murphy.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Seamus O'Connor: Director of Services, Tim Butler: Senior Executive Officer and Fiona O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Denis Foley and John Murphy.

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**

Proposed by Cllr. William Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. Charlie Murphy

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

**ITEM NO. 2: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

To Borris Vocational School Choir singing at the 1916 Commemoration.

**ITEM NO. 3: VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Carey family on the death of Matt Carey, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow.

**ITEM NO. 4: CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ITEM NO. 5: CORPORATE**

None

**ITEM NO. 6: HOUSING AND RECREATION & AMENITY**

- The allocation for private housing grants for 2016 was received in the amount of - €1,484,000
- Tenders for 24 houses at Bagenalstown have been received and it is hoped to commence construction in the first quarter of 2016.
- Borris Viaduct – Seamus O'Connor detailed the Part VIII proposal for the Borris Viaduct and access road which was due for consideration of Members at the Council meeting to be held in February 2016. Mr. O Connor detailed the extended engagement process undertaken to arrive at this point and also the necessity to source funding for the project. The project could proceed to tender immediately should planning be approved and funding be provided. The estimated cost of the project is in the region of €250,000-€270,000.

## **ITEM NO. 7: TRANSPORTATION**

Matters raised under transportation included:

- Parking of cars on footpath outside the new Post Office, Borris forcing people to walk out on the road.
- Footpaths in general need an overhaul in towns and villages - Bagenalstown, Borris, Myshall, Leighlinbridge etc. Members requested that a general review of footpaths be carried out and funding for a future programme be examined.
- Cllr. McDonald requested that the pothole filling machine be allocated to Bagenalstown to carry out necessary repairs in the area.
- A number of Councillors asked for a report in relation to the Members Discretionary Fund, where works were to be carried out in 2015.
- Cllr. Quinn is requesting consideration of a School Warden be at Borris National School.
- Cllr. Doran requested details of dates for hedge-cutting and asked how land-owners were permitted to dispose of the cuttings.

## **ITEM NO. 8: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES**

Members enquired about land on right hand side of the Family Resource Centre and if this could this be tidied. Tim Butler agreed to examine the matter.

## **ITEM NO. 9: PLANNING**

### **1. Update on Taking-in-Charge and Unfinished Estates**

Fiona O'Neill presented a report on unfinished/taking-in-charge of estates to the Members. A number of queries were raised and answers provided in relation to where available-

- a. The number of vacant properties – Planning will revert.
- b. Part V outstanding unfinished estates – none.
- c. Taking-in-charge of Inis Gardens – this is under discussion with the Developer.
- d. In relation to costs for taking-in-charge of uncompleted estates, Members were informed that the Department are making €10m available nationally to fund same.
- e. Cllr. Murphy expressed disappointment in relation to the non-completion of works by the Developer in relation to the Sliabh Bán estate in Myshall.
- f. Progress on the two estates in St. Mullins was discussed.

### **2. Local Area Plans, Tullow & Muinebheag/Royal Oak Road**

Fiona O'Neill detailed the process involved in the preparation of the Local Area Plans to include:

- a. Issues Papers – where interested parties can make submissions that could be considered in the draft.
- b. Draft plans – where the draft plan will be placed on public display
- c. Adoption of the plan by the members

A general discussion took place in relation to Development Contributions.

## **ITEM NO. 10: COMMUNITY**

None

**ITEM NO. 11: STATUTORY BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM NO. 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

In reply to a query from Cllr. McDonald, Members were informed that the last date for submissions in relation to the Boundary Commission is the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Date**

**Signed:**

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**Meetings Administrator**

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**Date**