

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN THE McGRATH HALL, MUINEBHEAG, CO. CARLOW ON FRIDAY, 8TH
APRIL, 2016 AT 3.30P.M.**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. John Murphy

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 3RD MARCH, 2016.

Proposed by Cllr. William Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. Charlie Murphy

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd March, 2016, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

ITEM NO. 2: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Patrick's Day Committee on organising the Parade in Bagenalstown.
- Acknowledge Local Authority contribution in ceremonies for 1916 including John Shortall, Carlow Library and Myles Kavanagh's lecture on Fr. Albert Bibby.
- FAS, TUS and Carlow County Council on work done at ceremonies.
- Congratulations to Carlow GAA on 1916 commemoration hurling and football games held and T. Murphy for his commentary.

ITEM NO. 3: VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Kelly family on the death of Michael Kelly, High Street, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.

ITEM NO. 4: CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEM NO. 5: STATUTORY BUSINESS

Seamus O Connor informed Members that in addition to the construction approvals already announced by the Department, Carlow have received a further approval for 26 houses at Sleaty Street, Carlow. Also, approval is expected for the additional 5 apartments in the Manor House Bagenalstown.

ITEM NO. 6: CORPORATE

None

ITEM NO. 7: HOUSING AND RECREATION & AMENITY

Tim Butler set out the details of the housing programme for the District and the County to include housing supply, housing loans, housing grants and the energy efficiency programme.

Queries raised in relation to disability and elderly grants were answered.

Cllr. Quinn also asked if the suggested proposal in relation to vacant private houses throughout the County could be progressed. In reply to a query, Tim Butler advised that the allocation scheme would be circulated to Members in response to a question raised on the criteria for the allocation of Local Authority houses.

ITEM NO. 8: TRANSPORTATION

Matters raised and answered by Ray Wickham included:

- Parking at Barrett Street which was a disruption to the adjacent school.
- The position with regard to works at Rathduff.
- Progress to date on the Roadworks Scheme.
- Roundabout at Doyle's Corner.

ITEM NO. 9: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

Members were informed that upgrade of Borris Water Scheme had been approved to proceed to tender. It was requested that the Environment Section issue a letter in relation to take-aways and the issue of litter in the Town Centre at the weekend.

ITEM NO. 10: PLANNING

Update was requested in relation to development levies for the Whiskey Factory in Bagenalstown – Members will be updated at the next meeting.

A report prepared by the Planning Department regarding the taken-in-charge of Estates in the District was circulated to Members.

ITEM NO. 10: COMMUNITY

- a. Environmental/Amenity Grants
- b. Community Grants
Proposed by Cllr. Michael Doran
Seconded by Cllr. Arthur McDonald

That the proposed grants for the above two schemes, having been circulated to the members, be approved.

ITEM NO. 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach **Date**

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator **Date**