

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD  
IN BORRIS LIBRARY, BORRIS, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER,  
2015 AT 4.00PM**

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**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Charlie Murphy

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Murphy

Seconded by Cllr. W. Quinn

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- Clarke family on the death of Andy Clarke, Rathellen, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.
- McAssey family on the death of Michael McAssey, Seskin Road, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.
- Murphy family on the death of Simon Murphy, Knock, Ballymurphy, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- McDonald family on the death of Madeline McDonald (née Brophy), Slyguff, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- Coady family on the death of Rose Coady, Rathgeran, Ballymurphy, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- Walsh family on the death of Mary Walsh (née Furlong), Crannagh, Rathanna, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- Coady family on the death of Pierce Coady, Moyvalley, Rathanna, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- Burke family on the death of Kay Burke, Killedmond, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- Hayes family on the death of Bridget Hayes, Ballinagree, Borris, Co. Carlow.
- Byrne family on the death of Elsie Byrne (née Moran), The Haven, Ballytiglea, Borris, Co. Carlow.

**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Mount Leinster Rangers on winning the Intermediate Hurling Final 2015.
- Eamon Treacy on winning the National Ploughing Championships 2015.
- Clonegal for winning Tidiest Village in Ireland for the second time in succession
- Deputy Pat Deering and Deputy Ann Phelan for their support in securing Sports Capital Grant 2015

Members requested that a civic reception be organized John Rossiter - Handball, Ladies Rounders and Eamon Treacy, National (2015) and World (2014) Ploughing Champion in McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown.

**ITEM 2: CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

**ITEM NO. 3: STATUTORY BUSINESS**

- a. 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 was the date set for the Budget Meeting. The November meeting will be held on that date at 3.00pm, followed by the Budget meeting at 4.00pm in McGrath Hall, Muinebheag.
- b. Borris Viaduct – Seamus O’Connor set out the details of the proposed works at the Viaduct to include 11 carpark spaces and a stairs to access the site. The proposal will also include for the provision of a lift, into the future. Funding will be sought via the social aspect of the LCDC process – Members welcomed the project and supported the proposal to proceed to Planning.

**ITEM NO. 4: CORPORATE** - None.

**ITEM NO. 5: HOUSING**

In relation to capital projects, additional to the Local Authority houses, Voluntary project approved included one project in the District:

- a. 6 units at Gleann na Bearu, Bagenalstown

A general discussion took place in relation to the allocation process and when the allocations in respect of the Manor House would take place – it is expected that the apartments will be tenanted in early November, 2015.

The purchase of houses in regard to “Air B&B” was discussed. The matter of a private house in Bagenalstown which was boarded recently and subsequently the boards were removed was discussed – the matter will be pursued by the Town Manager to see what action, if any, can be taken.

HAP commenced in Carlow on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 and to date 30 applicants have been transferred from rent supplement.

SEAI grant aided works carried out by Carlow County Council in 2015 has been shortlisted for an Engineers Ireland Excellence Award.

**ITEM NO. 6: TRANSPORTATION**

Parking in Bagenalstown – the Chairperson read out a letter received from St. Brigid’s School enquiring about the alleged dangers, having regard to parking in the vicinity of the Railway Station. Ray Wickham explained that upgrade of road markings would be carried out in the coming weeks, to help to alleviate the problem. Ray Wickham distributed an update of the Roadworks Programme. Councillors were request to submit any requests for works to the Area Engineer in writing and he will revert to them with an update.

**ITEM NO. 7: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES**

The matter of the Bye-laws in respect of cemeteries had been raised at the previous meeting. Current Bye-laws were distributed – according to the bye-laws, no dogs, apart from guide dogs, are not permitted into cemeteries.

The matter of Bye-laws in respect of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in public was discussed. Bye-laws are in place in Tinnahinch/St. Mullins, Carlow Town and Tullow. Copies of these Bye-laws were distributed. It was suggested that if members required amendments to any of these Bye-laws, that it would be best addressed through the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee.

Reports that the sewer in Leighlinbridge has to be cleared every 2-3 weeks was discussed – Tim Butler to email Water Services to see what the issue is.

**ITEM NO. 8: COMMUNITY**

- a. Tourism – Brownshill Dolmen, Carlow Town and Altamount are the three destinations highlighted in Irelands Ancient East. In relation to funding for other projects, an application has been made for further works on the South Leinster Way €40k - No notification has yet been received. O’Hara’s Distillery was successful in securing funding of €200k for a Visitors’ Centre.
- b. Amenity Areas - Playground in Muinebheag – an issue in relation to some of the playground equipment was raised - Ray Wickham to investigate.  
The matter of the plaque at the Town Park was also raised. This is currently a matter under investigation by the Gardaí. A number of matters raised in relation to playgrounds were answered.
- c. Draft LECP – Michael Brennan and Anna Byrne attended the meeting. Michael Brennan set out the details of the draft LECP 2016 – 2021 as circulated to the Members. The Plan will be the basis for SICAP/Leader Funding for the period 2016 – 2021 and also for how the County will develop economically and from a community perspective.
- d. Particular mention was made of the SWOT analysis. The document will be on public display from 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 to 21 November, 2015 and proposes to be adopted at the December meeting. Members requested a further update on the Plan during the public display period.

**ITEM NO. 9: PLANNING**

Planning had informed the meeting that the revised Local Area Plan for Bagenalstown is due to be adopted by May, 2016. Members requested that a workshop be held for specifically for them prior to the commencement of the public consultation process for Muinebheag and also to include any other LAP’s due for adoption.

**ITEM NO. 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The €50,000 fund for REDZ Scheme in Borris and Carrickduff (total €100,000) was welcomed by the Members.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Meetings Administrator** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**