

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN THE LORD BAGENAL HOTEL, LEIGHLINBRIDGE, CO. CARLOW ON
THURSDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 2015 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Butler: Senior Executive Officer and Ray Wickham: Area Engineer.

APOLOGIES

Cllr. William Quinn, Cllr. Charlie Murphy and Seamus O'Connor: Director of Services.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 21st OCTOBER, 2015.

Proposed by Cllr. John Murphy

Seconded by Cllr. Andy Gladney

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st October, 2015, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Kane family on the death of Mary Kane, Easter Bush, Station Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

None

ITEM 2: CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEM NO. 3: STATUTORY BUSINESS - None

ITEM NO. 4: CORPORATE - None

ITEM NO. 5: HOUSING

Members were informed of the following developments in 2015 to date:

- 19 houses purchased
- Completion of 6 houses in Borris
- Upgrade of attic and wall insulation on 290 houses
- Renovation and allocation of 28 houses under the Voids programme
- Funding of €1,273,000 in respect of private disability and elderly grants

Note: Members sought clarification in respect of estates and it was requested that the Planning Section be asked if an estate is taken-in-charge, what happens to the green area? In particular, if there are additional lands in the estate, does this fall unto the ownership of the Local Authority – Woodglade, Fenagh refers.

The members requested that the Council consider the purchase of houses in areas such as Leighlinbridge, Ballinabrannagh etc. that have no construction proposals in the current programme.

Members were advised that the Council had expressed an interest in leasing 10 houses in Barrett Street, Bagenalstown and it is hoped that these will be delivered in 2016.

ITEM NO. 6: TRANSPORTATION

Members asked in relation to flooding in the following particular locations:

- Corries
- Leighlinbridge/Old Leighlin near the motorway
- Royal Oak Road
- Heath
- Ballyellen

Ray Wickham explained that the difficulty is the volume of rain being experienced in a short period of time. Cllr. Gladney asked for traffic calming measures at the Fairgreen, Bagenalstown. The Area Engineer agreed to do a priority list of flood assessment and traffic calming works required within the Muinebheag Municipal District.

ITEM NO. 7: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

The matter of rodents in Ashfield Estate in the vicinity of the pumping station was raised and it was agreed to report the matter to Water Services.

ITEM NO. 8: COMMUNITY

None

ITEM NO. 9: PLANNING

A proposal for a plaque recognising the contribution of an amenity area in Clonegal was discussed. Area Engineer to discuss with family and revert to the next meeting.

The matter of a container deposited in a public area in Tinnahinch was discussed and it was agreed to examine the matter and revert to Members.

Members enquired in relation to the proposed filling stations at Junction 7 & 8 in Carlow, planning for which is currently being considered by An Bord Pleanala.

ITEM NO. 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Doran and all Members appealed to residents to support local businesses in the area at Christmas and throughout the year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach **Date** _____

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator **Date** _____