

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN MCGRATH HALL, BAGENALSTOWN, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 9th
JULY, 2015 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllrs. Denis Foley (Chairperson), Michael Doran, Andy Gladney, Arthur McDonald, Willie Quinn, Charlie Murphy and Tommy Kinsella.

IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Butler: Senior Executive Officer, Ray Wickham: Area Engineer, Fiona O'Neill: Senior Executive Officer and Emer Connors: Clerical Officer.

APOLOGIES

Seamus O'Connor: Director of Services and Cllr. John Murphy

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 4th June, 2015.

Proposed by Cllr. Michael Doran

Seconded by Cllr. Arthur McDonald

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th June, 2015, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Tallon family on the death of Sean Tallon, Knockrigg House, Wells, Royal Oak, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- McDonald family on the death of Martin McDonald, Slyguff, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- Kennedy family of the death of Margaret Kennedy, Oak Grove, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- Byrne family on the death of Kevin Byrne, Ballyloughlan, Corries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ITEM NO. 2: CORRESPONDENCE

Tim Butler informed Members of letter received from Wexford County Council in relation to Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ) Pilot Initiative. Cllrs. John Murphy, Charlie Murphy and Willie Quinn were nominated to go onto said Committee.

ITEM NO. 3: STATUTORY BUSINESS

In relation to Borris Viaduct, Tim Butler advised that full design and agreement should be completed by the September meeting.

ITEM NO. 4: HOUSING

Tim Butler advised that all Part 8's are now in place and that all 62 houses have planning permission. Schemes at Bagenalstown and Rathvilly will be the first to start.

ITEM NO. 5: TRANSPORTATION

Ray Wickham circulated updated Roadworks Programme. Members congratulated Ray Wickham on the speed at which roadworks have been completed.

The following items were also discussed:

- Traffic/parking at Fire Station, Train Station and Royal Oak Road
- Design of bridge for By-pass – Ray Wickham to raise issue and Tim Butler to do email to Senior Engineer. Cllr. McDonald requested that said item be put on agenda for September meeting.
- Ramp in Ballinabranna
- ESB - lights at Ballyknockan
- School safety light at Old Leighlin (out of action)
- Yellow boxes outside chemist and school at Borris
- Borris House Wall – (sections not safe)
- Disability bay at Garage and Doctors Surgery, Batchelors Walk
- Revised speed limit for housing estates from 50km/h to 30km/h

ITEM NO. 6: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

Cllr. Arthur McDonald requested that a member of staff from the Environment Section come to the September meeting to discuss litter bins and street litter.

ITEM NO. 7: PLANNING

Fiona O’Neill updated Members regarding Local Area Plans and circulated report. She advised that Tinnahinch and Carrickduff Local Area Plans were not being renewed. She stated that planning application numbers are down on last year. In relation to unfinished estates, the following estates were discussed: Ballyknockan, Inis Gardens and Milford Park. Fiona to circulate list of estates taken in charge and estates not taken in charge to Members.

Jordan’s field and the lease of the Manor House were also discussed.

Fiona O’Neill is to circulate Councillors with a list of housing estates exempt from the household charge.

ITEM NO. 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Arthur McDonald advised that this year is the 19th Bagenalstown Festival. He advised that there is an allocation of €1,000 for this festival in the budget but that this is not enough. It was suggested that more funding be sought for this festival in the Budget for 2016.

It was suggested that a future meeting might be held in the Step House in Borris.

It was agreed that the meeting be held on first Thursday of each month apart from when it coincides with the HSE meeting. List of HSE meetings to be brought to next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date