

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN MCGRATH HALL, BAGENALSTOWN, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 4th
JUNE, 2015 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Seamus O'Connor: Director of Services, Ray Wickham: Area Engineer and Emer Connors: Clerical Officer.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 7th May, 2015.

Proposed by Cllr. Willie Quinn

Seconded by Cllr. Michael Doran

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th May, 2015, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Mary ‘Moll’ Nolan, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow on her 100th birthday.

Mr. Bobby Aylward on his success in the recent Carlow/Kilkenny by-election.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Michael Doyle of 20th May, 2015, regarding Right of Way/mass path at Bagenalstown.

MATTERS ARISING

The 1916 Commemoration was discussed and in particular the commemoration of Nurse Keogh. Cllr. Willie Quinn requested that money allocated to 1916 Commemoration be split 50/50 within the County.

ITEM NO. 2: STATUTORY BUSINESS

Seamus O'Connor advised that the proposed Part VIII for Borris and Bagenalstown would be brought to the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 4: HOUSING

Seamus O'Connor advised that approval has been received, in principle, for the following developments:

- 24 houses at Royal Oak Road
- 10 houses at Rathvilly
- 4 houses at Borris

He also advised the 13 apartments at Manor House, Bagenalstown are in the final stages of completion.

The following items were also discussed:

- Criteria for occupancy of rural houses – Cllr. Michael Doran

- Mortgage to Rent Scheme – Cllr. Charlie Murphy. Seamus O’Connor advised that there were 40 applications approved nationally. Four applications were received in Co. Carlow and are working well.

ITEM NO. 5: TRANSPORTATION

Correspondence from Michael Doyle of 20th May, 2015, regarding closing of right of way/mass path was discussed. Ray Wickham circulated a map regarding same and advised that there is no registered right of way on these lands. He noted that it is an old mass path from Church Street to Fr. Cummins Park. Seamus O’Connor advised that the land owner should be advised by his solicitor as to how he would go about closing off this mass path and stated that Carlow County Council have no role in this process.

Ray Wickham circulated an update of the Roadworks Programme for 2015.

Cllr. Andy Gladney discussed public lighting request at the bridge in Dunleckney.

Cllr. Denis Foley raised the issue of parking on the bend outside the Train Station at Bagenalstown and the dangers of same. Ray Wickham advised that he intends to remark the road to remove parking. Ray Wickham has also requested the Gardai to tend to people parking dangerously.

Cllr. Andy Gladney suggested that a speed ramp and lights be placed on the Royal Oak Road junction.

ITEM NO. 6: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

Cllr. Michael Doran sought an update on issues regarding the Distillery on the Royal Oak Road. Seamus O’Connor advised that negotiations were taking place and he would report back at a later stage.

Cllr. Tommie Kinsella discussed dog fouling in local cemetery and asked if dogs could be banned from the cemetery – Ray Wickham to check and revert back. Ray Wickham advised that he has put up extra signage in relation to this matter.

Sewerage connection for St. Mary’s School was also discussed - Cllr. Arthur McDonald.

ITEM NO. 7: COMMUNITY

Cllr. Arthur McDonald enquired as to the whereabouts of the plaques from the wall at the Fairgreen. Ray Wickham advised that on foot of the plaques being vandalised, the Gardai now have them and are investigating the incident.

Cllr. Arthur McDonald complimented everyone involved in the maintenance of the Town Park in Bagenalstown.

Cllr. Arthur McDonald congratulated everyone involved in Mary ‘Moll’ Nolan’s birthday celebration. He suggested that we should honour everyone who turns 100 in the County. Seamus O’Connor congratulated Ray Wickham and his staff for arranging traffic management on that evening.

Seamus O’Connor informed the meeting that the delegation from Kent County Council remarked on the community element of the works in relation to the Better Energy

Communities Projects. He noted that an application has been made for the current year. He asked that the Scheme be extended to private houses.

Seamus O'Connor congratulated Myshall on the St. Columbanus Memorial.

ITEM NO. 8: PLANNING

Seamus O'Connor suggested that an official from the Planning Department attend the next meeting to advise as to the current status of the Development Plan and Local Area Plans.

Cllr. Michael Doran complimented Ray Wickham and the Planning Department in relation to works at Ballyknockan Manor and asked when lighting would be finished.

Cllr. Michael Doran asked that an official from the Planning Department attend a future meeting to discuss Inis Gardens, Leighlinbridge and Ballinabranna.

ITEM NO. 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Seamus O'Connor advised the meeting that grants for swimming pools for 2015 have been announced regarding energy upgrades.

Cllr. Arthur McDonald enquired about land beside Bagenalstown Resource Centre on Royal Oak Road. Seamus O'Connor advised that he has had requests from Minister Ann Phelan and Ann Shortall, Bagenalstown Resource Centre regarding same. He said that Carlow County Council will be making a submission on the overall position to the Department of Social Protection. Seamus O'Connor informed the meeting that Carlow County Council sought planning permission in the past for a playground on said lands but were turned down by the Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date