

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN MCGRATH HALL, BAGENALSTOWN, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 3rd
SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 4.30PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 9th JULY, 2015.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald

Seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th July, 2015, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Burke family on the death of Richard Burke, Molaise Estate, Old Leighlin, Carlow.
- Dermody family on the death of Margaret Dermody, Ballinaboley, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.
- English-Hayden family on the death of Dónal English-Hayden, Rathrush, Rathoe, Co. Carlow.
- Treacy family on the death of Tom Treacy, Conway Park, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- Kelly family on the death of Joseph Kelly, Gormona, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- Byrne family on the death of Aaron Byrne, 6 Carraigduff, Co. Carlow.
- Fagan family on the death of Margaret Fagan, Lackabeg, Kildavin, Co. Carlow.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- John Rossiter on winning the World Masters Handball.
- Bagenalstown Ladies Rounders on winning the All Ireland Ladies Rounders.
- Cuchulainn Ladies Minor and Mixed Minor Teams on winning the All Ireland Rounders.
- Carlow Camogie Team on winning the Junior All Ireland final.

ITEM 2: CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received on 28th August requesting a meeting of the Municipal Districts of Muinebheag and Carlow on 15th October to consider the Draft LECP. Members asked if the Draft could be considered at the next monthly meeting, otherwise it would appear that a joint meeting/Council Meeting may be more appropriate.

ITEM NO. 3: STATUTORY BUSINESS

Seamus O Connor set out the up-to date position with regard to the Viaduct project in Borris. Members were advised that it is proposed that the facility would be wheelchair accessible.

The importance of pursuing the Part VIII and securing SICAP funding for the project was stressed.

ITEM NO. 4: CORPORATE

(a) Bilboa Post Office

At the request of the members, a letter is to be issued to An Post on behalf of the Muinebheag Municipal District to request that the Post Office in Bilboa, which is viable and essential to the area, remain open.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran

Seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald

All present commended the enormous turn out of locals at a recent meeting held in Bilboa in support of maintaining the Post Office service – final date for submissions is 9th September, 2015.

(b) Bye-Laws for Alcohol Consumption near River Barrow

Cllr. Doran raised the possibility of implementing Bye-Laws with regard to the consumption of alcohol at specific areas on the bank of the river Barrow. Members were broadly supportive of the proposal and asked the Municipal District Manager to:

- Investigate if Bye-Laws already exist at other areas on the Barrow,
- Highlight areas along the River requiring consideration, and,
- Examine extending any such Bye-laws to include public also.

ITEM NO. 5: HOUSING

Members were informed that it is expected that the Manor House will be ready by the end of September / October, 2015. Members were requested to submit representations on behalf of applicants that they would like to be considered for the accommodation. Members also asked if the Council would consider the purchase of no. 17 Parc Mhuire which is boarded up at present.

Other matters discussed included housing grants, homelessness, vacant local authority and voluntary units.

ITEM NO. 6: TRANSPORTATION

(a) Bridge Design/Bagenalstown Bye-pass

Tim Butler set out the response received from the Senior Engineer, Roads Section with regard to any proposal for a relief road in Bagenalstown stating that at present there is no funding available for the design or investigation of a bye-pass proposal.

Members expressed disappointment that design is not seen as a priority and that contact should be made with Iarnrod Eireann to see what conditions would be imposed on an under-bridge for the railway line.

The Municipal District Manager stated that the matter will be addressed to the Manager and be left on the agenda for future meetings.

(b) Reduction of Speed Limits in Housing Estates

Members supported the list of estates proposed for reduced speed limits and it is proposed to have the bye-laws on public display and adopted prior to the year end.

(c) Additional Funding under the Restoration Improvement Programme €154,850

Ray Wickham set out a number of projects for consideration by members having regard to additional funding received under Restoration Improvement Scheme (to include CIR and LIS proposals) in the amount of €154,850. It was noted that amounts of €30,000 were set aside for CIR and LIS schemes. The proposal set out in the report dated 26th August, 2015 for the allocation of the €154,850 was

Proposed by Cllr. T. Kinsella

Seconded by Cllr. J. Murphy, and adopted

1) R707 Ballymurphy to Killealy at Spearpoint	€44,850
2) R724 Bagenalstown/Royal Oak	€20,000
3) L3037 – The Ridge Old Leighlin	€30,000
4) CIR – 2 No. Schemes	€30,000
5) LIS – 1, possibly 2 schemes	€30,000
Total	€154,850

LIS

In relation to LIS the following was adopted

1. Map ID E - Aughabeg, Corries,
2. Map ID A – Craanlusky, Bilboa, and any balance to
3. Map ID H - Kilclooney, Borris

Substitute projects proposed were

4. Map ID C - Ballyfennan, Borris,
5. Map ID D – The Long Lane, Harristown
6. Map ID N – Milltown, Garyhill
7. Map ID G – Linkardstown, Ballyloo, Tinryland. .

CIR

In relation to LIS the following was adopted

1. Map ID 23 - “Jenneys Lane”, Fenagh
2. Map ID 3 – Back Lane, Eastwood, Bagenalstown

Substitutes agreed were

3. Map ID 8 – Killinane Lane, Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown,
4. Map ID 4 – Kilcarrig Lane, Kilcarrig, Bagenalstown,
5. Map ID 25 – Hollow, Ballyteiglea, Borris

(d) Other Roads Matters

Matters raised included signage, traffic speeds, public lights and traffic markings.

Members expressed concerns with regard to dog fouling in graveyard. Members requested that this matter be referred to the Environment SPC for consideration. They also requested that Graveyard Bye-laws be re-examined to ensure they adequate space is left between graves and that headstone sizes are restricted.

ITEM NO. 7: ENVIRONMENT/WATER SERVICES

Ray Wickham set out the current position with regard to litter collection, street sweeping and tidy towns and the future of the landfill.

It was suggested that the Environment Section be requested to provide a report on the impact of the closure of Powerstown and for this to be further considered by the SPC.

ITEM NO. 8: COMMUNITY

N/a

ITEM NO. 9: PLANNING

A revised Local Area Plan for Bagenalstown is required in 2016. Members requested an update be provided to the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The matter of the future contribution towards water and waste water for business in Bagenalstown was raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Date