

**Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag held in
McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow, Thursday 1st September 2016
at 4pm.**

Present: Councillor Tom Kinsella (Chairperson), Councillor Arthur McDonald, Councillor Denis Foley, Councillor William Quinn, Councillor Andy Gladney, Councillor Michael Doran, Councillor Charlie Murphy

In Attendance: Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services, Lena Smith, Administrative Officer, Ray Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer

ITEM NO. 1: Confirmation of minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 7th July, 2016

Proposed by J Murphy

Seconded by A McDonald

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th July, 2016, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach and agreed subject to the following amendment – The inclusion of Councillor Michael Doran in the attendance schedule”

Matters arising: None

ITEM NO. 2: Votes of Congratulations

- Borris St. Mullins Under 11 Hurling All Ireland Community Games Champions
- Carlow Junior Camogie on reaching the All Ireland Final
- Carlow Minor Camogie on winning the Leinster Shield Final
- Tidy Towns Committees in the area on their work in the villages and towns, which are looking very well and wishing them all well in the Tidy Towns Competition.

ITEM NO. 3: Votes of Sympathy and Prayer

- To the Kehoe Family, Myshall
- To the Walsh family on the death of Billy Walsh
- To the McGuinn family on the death of Charlie McGuinn, Carlow Road, Leiglinbridge
- To the Byrne family on the death of Charlie Byrne, Kildavin
- To the Brophy Family on the death of Maureen (Mary) Brophy, Fighting Cocks
- To the Hawe Family on the tragic death of Alan, Clodagh, Liam, Niall and Ryan Hawe, Cavan.

- **ITEM NO. 4: Correspondence**

It was noted by the Members that the Voluntary Board of Directors of Bagenalstown Family Resources Centre would like the opportunity to host the October Muinebheag Municipal Meeting in Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre. It would give them an opportunity to show the members the different amenities, activities and programs that are available to the community, and to give a short presentation on the work that the centre provides.

Proposed by A McDonald

Seconded by D Foley

And agreed

“That the October meeting of the Muinebheag Municipal District be held in the Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre”.

ITEM NO. 5: Statutory Business

None

ITEM NO. 6: Corporate Business

None

ITEM NO. 7: Planning

None

ITEM NO. 8: Housing

Proposals for the provision of houses at the following locations were considered by Members.

- (a) 56 Houses and 3 Private Sites at Bagenalstown
- (b) 1 House at Drummin
- (c) 2 Houses at Bilboa

Proposed By W Quinn

Seconded By A. McDonald

and agreed

“That the proposal for the provision of 56 Houses and 3 Private Sites at Bagenalstown, 1 House at Drummin and 2 Houses at Bilboa proceed to planning in accordance with the Planning & Development Acts, 2000 – 2013 and Part V111 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2013.

Members were updated on the status of the various projects in the current housing construction programme and future proposed developments.

Concern was expressed by Members regarding the current income threshold for eligibility for inclusion on the Councils Housing List and the higher thresholds in neighbouring counties given the current housing crisis.

It was Proposed By A. McDonald
Seconded By T. Kinsella
And agreed

“That a request be made to Carlow County Council to send a delegation to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to seek an increase in the income thresholds for Carlow”.

Proposed by A McDonald
Seconded by T Kinsella
And agreed

“That the 10 House development currently under construction at Barrett Street, Bagenalstown be named “Presentation Place”.

It was further agreed that consideration be given to the naming of appropriate project to be carried out in the District in memory of the late Father Albert Bidy.

ITEM NO. 9: Infrastructural Services

Mr. Ray Wickham, Senior Engineer, updated Members on the status of the road works being undertaken in the District. He indicated that 90% of programme had been completed to date with the full surface dressing programme nearing completion.

The lands adjacent to McGrath Park which has flooded in the past, has been investigated. It was noted that the flooding was due to a blockage and this has been resolved.

Members congratulated Mr. Wickham and the staff on the works done on drainage, footpath works in the area during the year.

A report on submissions received relating the Muinebheag Local Area Plan was currently being prepared for consideration by Members at a future meeting.

ITEM NO. 11: Community

Kieran Comerford gave a presentation to the members regarding objectives, focus and type of activities which will qualify for funding in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. An allocation of €380,000 had been received for 2016. A workshop to consider proposals for inclusion was scheduled to be held on the 5th September 2016.

ITEM NO. 12: Any Other Business

Members expressed concern regarding the practice of dogs being exercised uncontrolled which resulted in sheep worrying on Mount Leinster. They requested that the matter be examined with a view to possible introduction of Byelaws/Regulations to safeguard stock on the mountain.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Date