

Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag held in McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow, Thursday 7th July 2016 at 4pm.

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

Apologies: Charlie Murphy,

In Attendance: Seamus O'Connor, Director of Services, Tim Butler, Senior Executive Officer

Apologies: Ray Wickham, Senior Executive Engineer

ITEM NO. 1: Confirmation of minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Muinebheag held on 2nd June, 2016

Proposed by J Murphy

Seconded by W Quinn

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd June, 2016, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

Matters arising: None

ITEM NO. 2: Votes of Congratulations

- All involved in Pride of Place Bagenalstown
- Fr Kennedy on teaching at 100 years of age

ITEM NO. 3: Votes of Sympathy and Prayer

- To the Lawlor family on the death of Joan Lawlor, St Bridgets Place
- To the Nolan family on the death of Mrs Nolan, Ballydarton (formerly Grassyard)
- To the Redmond family on the death of Anna Redmond formerly, Ballymartin

ITEM NO. 4: Correspondence

None

ITEM NO. 5: Statutory Business

None

ITEM NO. 6: Corporate Business

None

ITEM NO. 7: Housing

Tim Butler updated members in relation to the following:

- The construction of 24 houses in Bagnealstown is due to commence on 8th of July, 2016
- A further 5 apartments in Manor House have now been allocated to tenants
- Approval has been sought from the Department to proceed to tender on the 4 houses in Borris
- The 4 houses in Myshall are at design stage
- To date in 2016, 104 disability and elderly grants have been paid amounting to €620,000
- The housing needs assessment will be undertaken in the coming months. Applicants are advised to reply accordingly to any correspondence received.

Members enquires of the possibility of introducing subsidised sites/private sites in towns and villages in Carlow.

Members also queried the electricity charges for the Manor house apartments when some tenants had high bills for the first few months.

ITEM NO. 8: Transportation

The following items were raised at the meeting:

- Rathellen Road, Leighlinbridge towards railway line – Cllr. Doran enquired if the surface of the road could be examined and upgraded.
- Road markings at the Bank of Ireland and McCullagh's garage are no longer visible and are dangerous for elderly people wishing to cross the road – Cllr. Gladney asked if this could be examined
- Road Markings at St Mary's Church also need to be examined – Cllr. Foley.
- Also marking beyond McGrath Park heading towards road needs to be re-done - Councillor Denis Foley
- Signs at the swimming pool were to be erected in 2015 – Cllr. Gladney
- Trees in St Bridget's Crescent are obstructing the public lights and require to be cut.

Members congratulated the Area Engineer and staff on the amount of work being undertaken to-date this year.

ITEM NO. 9: Environment/Water Services

None

ITEM NO. 10: Planning

- Water services are examining the flood plains in the CFRAM Reports which may have been included in error and will correspond with the OPW accordingly

- Members were advised that the LAP for Muinebheag is on public display and submissions can be requesting amendments during the display period
- Questions raised on unfinished estates were answered

ITEM NO. 11: Community

None

ITEM NO. 12: Any Other Business

- Members were informed that an anti-social behaviour strategy exists whereby the LA can take action against tenants causing a nuisance to neighbours
- Members sought additional lifebuoys (2) between swimming pool Bagenalstown and Rudkin's Mill
- In relation to the tag a bag system for domestic refuse members enquired if Carlow could extend the tag a bag for a further year to September 2017, similar to other Local Authority's. Clarification will be sought at the July meeting.
- In reply to a query members were informed that a planning applications has been lodged with the four Counties adjoining the Barrow in relation to the Barrow Corridor
- The Gardaí had requested tickets in order to serve notice on individuals drinking in the restricted area along the Barrow – this matter will be followed up with Corporate
- A general query in relation to leasing of social properties was answered.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date

Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Date