

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG HELD
IN BORRIS LIBRARY, BORRIS, CO. CARLOW ON THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY,
2015 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

Cllrs. Willie Quinn: Chairperson, John Murphy, Tommy Kinsella, Arthur McDonald, Andy Gladney & Michael Doran.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Denis Foley and Charlie Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Wickham: Area Engineer, Tim Butler: Senior Executive Officer, Michael Brennan: Senior Executive Officer & Kieran Cullinane: Senior Engineer.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MUINEBHEAG OF 4TH DECEMBER, 2014.

Proposed by Cllr. Tommy Kinsella

Seconded by Cllr. Andy Gladney

AND RESOLVED

“That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th December, 2014, as circulated, are hereby confirmed as to accuracy and, accordingly, signed by the Cathaoirleach.”

Cllr. A. McDonald asked for consideration to be given to holding all Municipal District meetings in Bagenalstown. It was generally agreed by those present to continue to alternate meetings between Bagenalstown and Borris.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations were expressed to Ronan Townsend on the birth of his daughter, Anna.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Michael Brennan on the death of his mother - Elizabeth Brennan, Ardough, Bilboa, Carlow.
- O’Riordan family on the death of their father – John O’Riordan, Regent Street, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ITEM NO. 2: CORRESPONDENCE

Two items of correspondence were presented to the meeting as follows;

- a. Nomination of BEAM for a Community Award at the LAMA Awards.
- b. Nomination of Leighlinbridge in Ireland’s Best Kept Towns Competition 2015, as a result of their achievements in the Tidy Towns Awards.

ITEM NO. 3: STATUTORY BUSINESS

There was no statutory business for consideration at this meeting. Members were advised that at the February/March meeting, a schedule of Municipal District Service Plan (works) will be required to be adopted by the Members, detailing district works budgeted in the areas of:

- Roads
- Street Cleaning
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Housing Maintenance
- Community Grant

A draft will be put forward in-committee for consideration before adoption.

ITEM NO. 4: HOUSING REPORT

Tim Butler updated Members on the Part VIII process in respect of proposed future developments, housing loans, extensions and SEAI grant works.

On a specific enquiry in relation to the Warmer Homes Scheme (SEAI), Members were informed that although the partnership company carrying out works locally is no longer in existence, the Warmer Homes Scheme is still in existence. Details will be sought for the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 5: TRANSPORTATION

Ray Wickham informed the Members that the Council's Road Block Grant Allocation for 2015 is awaited. Members agreed to put back the February meeting to the second or third week in February until grant notification is received and the draft Roads Programme could be considered.

A number of queries were raised and replied to, including;

- Works at Ballyknockan, Leighlinbridge - unfinished estate would be complete in the next 6 weeks.
- A programme of improvement works (including cats-eyes) will be considered for the former N9 Carlow to Kilkenny.
- Cllr. Gladney to contact Ray Wickham in relation to traffic calming measures and signage in Ashfield, Bagenalstown.
- Kieran Cullinane to consult with Planning in relation to taking-in-charge of Woodglade, Fenagh and revert to next meeting.
- Council should consider bridge in Bagenalstown to facilitate any future by-pass.
- The matter of providing water services to McGrath Park was raised by Cllr. A. McDonald.
- Ray Wickham to follow up on funding for proposed works on Bridge at Spearpoint.

Consideration to the following items will be given on the Road Works Programme.

- Sweeping of cycle track on former N9.
- Winter maintenance/gritting of road to Drumpeha School.
- Works at Newtown Bridge to alleviate flooding.

ITEM NO. 6: ENVIRONMENT

In reply to a query from Cllr. Quinn, Kieran Cullinane pointed out that the water pressure in Borris is reduced at night due to the poor condition of the pipe-work and which needs to be replaced. A funding application for works is currently with Irish Water.

Members complimented the quality of water provided by Carlow County Council throughout the years.

The matter of the condition of the old meat factory site was raised by the Members with debris and rubbish being dumped on site. Tim Butler to refer to Environment to identify owners/take action.

Cllr. A. McDonald again raised the matter of the archeology site at Gleann na Bearu and was informed of the restrictions on the site. He requested that the Department be contacted again regarding the matter.

ITEM NO. 7: COMMUNITY

Members were informed of the community grant budget provided for the Municipal District of Muinebheag for 2015. Members were advised that they will need to agree an appropriate divide between the various grant types when considering the Municipal District Service Plan.

ITEM NO. 8: RECREATION & AMENITY

Similar to the Community Grants, the open spaces works will be detailed in the Municipal District Service Plan.

ITEM NO. 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The matter of the provision of a Chain of Office for the Municipal District of Muinebheag was agreed by the Members - proposed by Cllr. A. Gladney and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach **Date** _____

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator **Date** _____