

Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting
held on Wednesday 6 April at 4.00 pm
in the Meeting Room & MS Teams, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag

Members present : Cllr Andy Gladney
Cllr Tommy Kinsella
Cllr Willie Quinn

In attendance: Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services, Transport & Infrastructure
Jerry Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Muinebheag
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.

In attendance Virtually: Cllr Michael Doran (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Arthur McDonald
Margaret Moore, Administrative Officer, Community

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 2 February 2022

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 2 February 2022 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.
All agreed

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 2 March 2022

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr McDonald seconded by Cllr Kinsella, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 2 March 2022 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.
All agreed

3. Housing

Housing Report

Mr O’Donovan presented the Housing Report and addressed any questions raised. The Councillors welcomed the works underway for units in the district acknowledging that the demand for housing was not static. Mr O’Donovan informed the members that affordable housing will also play a part of the delivery programme under the Housing for All.

Mr O’Donovan informed the members that the units at Upper Main Street, Borris were on hold pending receipt of a traffic study report.

The members thanked Mr O’Donovan for the housing report.

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Councillor Kinsella took on the role as Cathaoirleach as he was present in the meeting room.

4. Community

Draft Muinebheag MD Environmental Grants

Ms Moore thanked the members for their continued support adding that they play an essential role by supporting the groups with the delivery of great value projects for the funds received.

Ms Moore asked that the following list of grants totalling €10k for the Environmental Grant Scheme 2022 and €11k regarding Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2022 be considered by the members.

Environmental Grant Scheme 2022		
	Residents Association / Community Groups	Recommended Grant
1	Ashgrove	€300
2	Bagenalstown Area Steering Group Garden	€400
3	Ballinkillen Village Group	€400
4	Ballydarton Mews	€300
5	Ballyellen Development Group	€300
6	Barrow Lough Residents Association	€350
7	Beechwood Close	€350
8	Borris Community Garden	€200
9	Borris Town Hall Committee	€300
10	Bushfield Estate Residents	€400
11	Chestnut Court	€250
12	Clonagoose Residents Association	€250
13	Drummond Residents Association	€400
14	Eastwood Residents	€350
15	Fr Cummins Park	€400
16	Gort na Greine Residents Association	€400
17	Harrows Cross Oldtown	€400
18	Inchaphooka Residents Association	€300
19	Kilcoltrim/Ballycoppigan Residents	€300
20	Kilcumney Residents Association	€200
21	Lodge Court Community Group	€300
22	Maple Drive	€300
23	Milford Park, Ballinnabrannagh	€300
24	Newtown Residents Association	€300
25	Oaktree Court	€300
26	Pound Lane Residents Association	€300
27	Queen of the Universe National School (Green School project)	€300
28	Royal Oak Development	€450
29	Scrothreen Residents Association	€200

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30	Station Road	€200
31	The Plots Association	€300
32	Upper Cottages Residents Group	€200

Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2022		
	Tidy Towns	Recommended Grant
1	Bagenalstown Improvement Group	€2,300
2	Ballinabranna/Milford/Raheendoran Development Group	€900
3	Ballymurphy Tidy Towns (Ballymurphy Hall Ltd.)	€900
4	Borris Tidy Towns	€2,300
5	Leighlinbridge Improvement Group	€2,300
6	Rathanna Community Group	€900
7	St. Mullins Amenity & Recreational Tourism Ltd.	€900
8	County Carlow Tidy Towns Network	€500

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Quinn seconded by Cllr Doran, following a show of hands that the Environmental Grant Schemes for Residents Associations/Community Groups and Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2022 be agreed as circulated by Ms Moore, Administrative Officer, Community.

All agreed

5. Roads

Roads Service Plan Report

Mr Crowley presented the Roads Report, informing the members that he was hopeful to have confirmation regarding funding for the LIS (Local Improvement Scheme) to bring to the members in the coming month, stating that the scheme will be for recycling this year unless the applicants choose to pay the difference to upgrade to tarmac.

The Councillors raised a number of items to be addressed, including:

- To investigate if funding is available for bicycle parking, areas to be identified & submitted by the members.
- An upgrade of public lighting in all areas to reduce running costs
- To consider options to improve the condition of the road at Eastwood to WWTP
- To upgrade the steps at Leighlinbridge to the River Barrow
- The upgrade of cats eyes on the Old N9 from Paulstown to Milford Crossroads
- To establish if lights being removed on the M9 can be relocated to Paulstown Junction
- To provide an update regarding the Greenway Feasibility Study
- The re-location of a telephone/ESB pole recently moved in Killoughternane carpark causing issues
- The poor condition of the roads in Bagenalstown
- To look at issues on the newly surfaced section of the R-705 road Leighlinbridge to Bagenalstown

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Mr Crowley addressed the questions submitted.

The members thanked Mr Crowley for all the works, especially at Clongoose, the new bus park & playground in Borris and for all the works carried out, and the comprehensive report.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence to note.

7. Any Other Business

Mr O’Gorman informed the members that work was underway for a substantial application under Town & Village Renewal to enhance the public realm area. The members were also advised that the 3 projects having received approval under ORIS – Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme were submitted to the department.

Cllr Gladney asked for an update regarding the cemetery report. Mr O’Gorman advised that a County Report is well underway and would be brought to the district meeting when finalised.

Cllr McDonald asked if funding could be made available for an Astroturf or running pitch in Bagenalstown. Mr O’Gorman agreed that this would be a popular facility to have and advised that this initiative would need to be lead and driven from the Community for the operation and management of same.

Cllr Doran asked for an update regarding the use of CCTV footage to follow up on illegal dumping. Mr O’Gorman informed the members that the legislation was not yet ratified.

The next meeting, including AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 15 June. Mr Crowley informed the members that he may need to hold a meeting in May to sign off on the Local Improvement Schemes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator