

Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Meeting

held on Wednesday 7 September at 4.00 pm

in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag

Members present : Cllr Arthur McDonald (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Michael Doran
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 MD,
Kieran Comerford, Head of Economic Development & Enterprise
Maria Ahearne, Meeting Administrator, S/Staff Officer.
Brian O’Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 18 July 2022

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr Doran seconded by Cllr Gladney, following a show of hands that the minutes for the meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag Monthly Meeting 18 July 2022 be confirmed as accurate and taken as read.

All agreed

Consideration of Reports & Recommendations

2. Roads Service Plan Report

Roads Service Plan Report

Mr J Crowley went through the roads report in detail.

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

- An update or follow up regarding Clongoose
- Confirmation that the mirror at Milford Bridge was listed for repair
- A request to meet on site at Old Leighlin School to discuss various safety proposals
- Car park markings for Borris
- An update on the public lighting at the Viaduct
- To issue notices to landowners regarding the cutting of hedges, especially on school routes
- An update regarding car park at Ballyellen
- An update to confirm a yield system at Goresbridge with no mention of a footbridge.
- An update regarding the Greenway report. Mr P O’Gorman confirmed that the report is to be finalised by the Recreation & Community Department adding that a report will follow.

The members thanked Mr Crowley for the programme of works and for the 3 successful CLÁR projects.

3. Royal Oak Safety Plan – Update

Mr J Crowley brought the councillors through the process to date outlining that the temporary speed limit was brought in for 12 months with the results of the study showing the reduced speed limit was a success. The members agreed and asked that the temporary bollards be removed as they are an eyesore. Mr J Crowley agreed to replace the bollards with new de-lineator posts.

A recommendation will now be sent to the Senior Engineer and a report will follow. The members also added that speed was a major issue on our roads and suggested that more flashing light signs be budgeted for to make the road user more aware and asked that the matter of speed on our roads be raised at SPC level.

4. Housing Report

Mr O'Donovan presented the Housing Report and addressed a number of questions including:

- Noting that the self help grant applications had reduced this year
- The launch of the Croí Conaithe being carried out under the Planning Department, noting that there are a number of new schemes and a workshop will be arranged to update the members in the coming months.
- An update regarding trees at the Respond housing scheme at Royal Oak Road.

Mr B O'Donovan asked that the retrofitting update be deferred to the next meeting.

The members thanked Mr O'Donovan for the updates and for the works underway in the housing department and asked that Ballymoon Castle be added to the next agenda for an update.

5. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

Mr O'Gorman welcomed the announcement under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for approval of:

€49,500 – Bagenalstown Hub for the preparation of a plan for development.

€27,000 – John's Hill Drainage Upgrades, outdoor furniture & infrastructure

€27,000 – Kilbrannish Forest Upgrade – North, Recreation Area

€27,000 – Kilbrannish Forest Upgrade – South, Re-route through Coillte Forest.

The members welcomed this news.

Mr P O'Gorman also expanded on the mention of CLÁR funding earlier informing the members that the District was successful in securing funding for three projects as an investment programme for rural areas that provide funding for small infrastructural projects:

€44,000 – Development of a play area at Scoil Moling in Glynn

€27,000 – New Roof at Killoughternane Hall

€15,000 – Works at Drumpea Community Centre

6. Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022

Mr K Comerford, Head of Economic Development informed the members that applications open on line tomorrow for this measure with a potential €8k available

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per premises. Flyers will be distributed and the office are available to assist with filling out the applications.

The members welcomed more funding being made available to the district and thanked Mr Comerford & his team for the support to date.

7. Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) 2023 Meeting Date

Ms Ahearne read out the correspondence from Mr P Delaney, Head of Finance with the suggested date for the Draft Budgetary Plan (General Municipal District) Allocation 2023 as Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 3.30pm.

The members agreed to this time and date for the Draft Budgetary Plan meeting to be held prior to the October Monthly meeting.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence to note.

9. Any Other Business

The members noted their concern about the limited capacity on the school buses due to the demand for bus passes following the recent announcement regarding free bus transport and asked for the matter to be monitored.

The members asked that consideration be given to the installation of a pipe and a pump to be installed at Royal Oak Bridge to address the need to empty sewage twice a week. Mr P O’Gorman agreed to get more information for the next meeting.

The members asked that consideration be given for the District Engineer to compile a report on surface water in the area noting especially the Parade – Regent Street to New Factory. This is as a result of the recent floods proving the system being not fit for purpose. Mr P O’Gorman agreed to arrange the report adding that the rainfall of 40ml in one hour was what usually fell over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the month in August.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26 October 2022

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator