

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF  
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016  
AT 9.30AM IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

- Councillor Martin Baker
- Councillor Michael Clarke
- Councillor Margaret Gormley
- Councillor Keith Henry
- Councillor Dara Mulvey (Chair)
- Councillor Paul Taylor

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Ms. Patricia Guckian, Head of Finance
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer
- Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr. Nigel Carter, Broadband Officer
- Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
- Ms. Lorraine Fitzgerald, Meeting Administrator

**APOLOGIES:**

- Councillor Jerry Lundy
- Councillor Joe Queenan

The Chief Executive wished to acknowledge the significant achievement of Tubbercurry in receiving the runner up place in the Pride of Place event and to recognise the effort that the locals put in. Members also commended the work of the Tidy Towns and Chamber of Commerce in this regard.

The Members agreed to hear the presentation by the Model as the first item of business

**3. PRESENTATION BY THE  
MODEL, HOME OF THE  
NILAND COLLECTION ON NEW  
OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

The meeting received a presentation by The Model, home of the Niland Collection on their new outreach initiative engaging National Schools in County Sligo. Blaithean Gallagher introduced the presentation.

This Pilot Programme called Punc 1x1 (Pop Up Niland Collection) is a unique initiative which includes schools in Deis and Rapid areas. 11 pieces of art rotate between ten schools during the academic year and the children are given journals in which to document their thoughts on the pieces at their own pace. The initiative encourages creativity and opens up the Collection to a new audience. The benefits to the children are already being seen by teachers in the schools involved.

There was a discussion in relation to how the schools were chosen and Members added their support to this initiative going forward. The Members thanked the Model for their presentation and wished to acknowledge the tremendous work this is doing in fostering a love of art in the children involved and opening up this world to them in such a unique way

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HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016.**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley  
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

*"To confirm the minutes of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry*

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*dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016*

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**4. SPEED LIMITS REVIEW**

Mr. Tom Brennan, SEE gave the background to the current Speed Limit Review being carried out and delivered a comprehensive report which had been circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting.

There was a discussion in relation to various aspects of the proposals and Mr. Brennan answered all questions put to him by the Members. This Speed Limit Review will require a change to the Bye-Laws and public consultation will be part of the process. Mr. Brennan also mentioned that there may well be some proposals that would be disagreed with, e.g. the proposed limit for Castlebaldwin, and that all comments and submissions would be dealt with.

This item will be brought back before the Municipal Districts again and then brought to the full Council Meeting for decision. The Department of Transport have asked for this to be complete by April 2017.

All welcomed the review and thanked Mr. Brennan for his report.

**5. UPDATE ON NATIONAL BROADBAND ROLLOUT**

Mr. Nigel Carter gave the meeting an update in relation to the National Broadband Rollout whereby he outlined the background and objectives of the Plan. Mr. Carter spoke about the benefits, capacity requirements and implementation strategy of this 5 year plan. It is intended that local implementation will be in 2 stages, with stage 1 being the creation of 20 wifi hotspots around the county strategically located where high speed broadband does not currently exist and stage 2 the availability of broadband connection to all premises.

A discussion ensued in relation to the viability of these hotspots and the requirement of fiber to the home being the desired solution for County Sligo. As the tender for this has not yet been awarded, there are still many aspects that cannot yet be answered.

Sligo County Council have appointed Mr. Carter as Broadband Officer and two steering groups are to be set up. This is a very ambitious plan which will result in high speed connectivity for all.

The Members thanked Mr. Carter for his update and look forward to hearing more specific details once the tender has been awarded.

**6. FLOODING AT TANRIGO ENTAKE, BELTRA**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

*“to call on Sligo county council to prepare a report on flooding at Tanrigo*

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*entake Beltra, the provision of a new flood gate and drainage”*

Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer delivered his report as follows:

The Tanrego Intake is the name given to some 330 acres of land reclaimed from the sea (Ballysadare Bay) in the eighteenth century. Substantial revetments with masonry seaward protection over 12’ high extend in total over 1.5km in three sections along the bay. Included in the revetments are sluices to allow stream water, etc to escape at low tide. The reclaimed land is below mean sea level.

Sligo County Council does not own this structure (as far as we are aware) and therefore does not have a responsibility to maintain the structures and the various component parts. Repairing any element would imply responsibility and liability for this massive structure that has defects other than the ‘flood gates’. The OPW may have some knowledge of the structure, however it is understood that the maintenance of the structure falls upon the private land owners benefitting from the structures presence.

Sligo County Council did assist recently with very minor intervention works here but we are intending to highlight this problem in a submission to under the CFRAMS Flood Risk Management Consultation Process in December.

Mr. Tom Kilfeather added that the Council are following up in relation to works on at the sluice gates.

Councillor Clarke welcomed the update re the important works on the sluice gates.

**7. REPORT ON WORKS AT  
TEMPLEBOY GRAVEYARD**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

*“To call on Sligo County Council to prepare a report on works at Templeboy graveyard”*

Councillor Clarke commented that this issue has now been resolved. The local community group are carrying out works and are in contact with the Council re same.

**8. INSTALLATION OF SOLAR  
OPERATED SPEED SIGNS ON  
THE R296**

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry  
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley**

AND AGREED

*“to ask Sligo County Council to install solar operated speed signs on the R296 approaching both sides of Bunninadden village”*

Mr. Paddy Hughes advised that there are no funds for the installation and

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maintenance of these signs at present. The existing speed limit within the village is 50km/hr and any violation of the speed limit should be brought to the attention of An Gardaí Síochana.

There was a general discussion in relation to the onus on the public to slow down and the difficulty in encouraging and enforcing this.

**9. EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH  
IN BALLYMOTE.**

It was agreed to take Motion nos. 9 & 15 together

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry  
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley**

AND AGREED

*“To ask for an update on motion submitted earlier this year regarding funding for extension of footpath from Carrownanty out to factories on R296 in Ballymote”.*

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley  
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

*“That footpath and lighting be extended on the Bunninadden/Tubbercurry road 296 out of Ballymote to the two factories Tente and Ophard at Ballybrennan in the interest of safety”*

Mr P Hughes advised that tenders were received for this work and it is intended that works will be carried out at this location in early 2017. Mr. Hughes added that there may be a requirement for some funds from the 2017 Schedule of Municipal Works.

Councillor Henry and Councillor Gormley thanked Mr. Hughes for this welcome news. Councillor Mulvey wished his support be noted.

*As Councillor Gormley had to leave the meeting early to attend a funeral, it was agreed to deal with her other two Motions at this stage.*

**13. SPEED SIGNS IN ARD  
AISLING ESTATE,  
TUBBERCURRY AND  
RESURFACING OF ANTI-SKID  
SURFACE**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley  
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

*“That speed signs be erected in Ard Aisling Estate, Tubbercurry, also that the anti-skid surface at the junction with the N17 be re-surfaced in the interest of safety”*

Mr. P Hughes reported that A Speed limit review is currently being undertaken and if it is approved by this Authority it will result in a 30Km/hr speed limit within this and other housing estates.

With regard to the renewal of the anti skid surfacing at the entrance to the estate, there are no funds at present for this work. This request can be

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considered as part of the Schedule of Municipal Works for the Ballymote / Tubbercurry Municipal District in 2017.

Councillor Gormley thanked Mr. Hughes for his positive report.

**14. WORKS ON R499D,  
SHROOF, MONASTERADEN**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley**

**Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

*“That works be carried out on road in Shroofe, Monasteraden (R499D) to prevent flooding”*

Mr P Hughes informed the Members that the road in question will be examined and any minor works to remove water from the carriageway will be undertaken

**10. COSTING OF FOOTPATH  
WORKS IN GEEVAGH**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Baker**

AND AGREED

*“To ask Sligo County Council If a short section of Footpath in Geevagh can be costed and included in the works plan for 2017 (opposite Paddys Bar Geevagh on the Highwood Road).”*

Councillor Mulvey commented on the good work already done by Geevagh Local Area Development Committee.

Mr P Hughes, reported that this section of footpath will be surveyed and costed by the Ballymote Area Engineer and will be considered for inclusion in the 2017 schedule of municipal works for Ballymote/Tubbercurry Area.

**11. REPLACE OLD  
DIRECTIONAL ARROW AT  
CARRIGANS, BALLYMOTE**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey**

**Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

*“To ask Sligo County Council to replace the old directional arrow for Carrickbanagher located at Carrigans, Ballymote”*

Mr P Hughes informed the meeting that these works will be carried out under the Roads Maintenance Programme shortly.

**12. SOLVE PROBLEM OF  
WATER LODGING AT  
MCCANN’S CROSS,  
KNOCKADOO, COOLANEY**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

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*“To ask Sligo County Council to seek to solve the problem of water lodging at pull-in area for school bus at McCann’s Cross, Knockadoo, Coolaney due to flooding after rainfall”*

Paddy Hughes informed the meeting that the Area Engineer will inspect and if the works are minor they may be done as part of the Roads Maintenance Programme. Councillor Mulvey thanked Mr. Hughes adding that the bay has been working very well.

**15. EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH AND LIGHTING ON R296 OUT OF BALLYMOTE**

Dealt with along with Motion No. 9 above

**16. UPDATE OF SAFETY MEASURES AT THE HOLY FAMILY N.S. TUBBERCURRY AND ON R294**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

**17. SERVICES AT TEACH LAIGHNE**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence received was noted

**19. AOB**

Councillor Clarke referred back to the presentation given under Item 4 for some clarification. Mr. Brennan confirmed that the Bye Laws will have to be changed, that this item will come back to the Municipal District at a date in the future and then before the full Council for determination.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all for attending.

**The meeting concluded at 11.40 am**

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Cathaoirleach

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Meetings Administrator