

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 3.00PM
IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

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

**OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Deputy Chief Executive
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer
- Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr. Joe Devaney, Engineer
- Mr. Declan Noone, Engineer
- Mr. David Golden, Engineer
- Ms. Sinéad Branley, Meetings Administrator

CATHAOIRLEACH

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor D. Mulvey presided and welcomed the Members, Executive and members of the media to the Municipal District meeting.

Before the meeting began, the Cathaoirleach extended a special welcome to Sinéad Branley, Meetings Administrator on her return from maternity leave.

**1. TO CONSIDER DRAFT
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT WORKS 2017
(ROAD WORKS SCHEME)**

Mr. Tom Kilfeather invited Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer to go through the Programme which had been circulated to the Members in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Brennan took the Members through the draft Schedule of Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Works for 2017 for Roads, Transportation & Infrastructure.

The Schedule specified the full allocation of monies received together with a detailed breakdown of all planned expenditure for the year in relation to the specific projects and categorised headings. Mr. Brennan outlined each individual category that related to the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Mulvey thanked Mr. Brennan for the comprehensive update and invited queries and comments from Members. The Members thanked the Executive for the report but expressed disappointment with the funding levels contained therein. Special mention was made of the roads staff that carry out their duties in difficult circumstances.

In response to specific queries from Members, Mr. Brennan responded as follows:

- Sligo County Council is proposing to transfer 20% of the initial Restoration Improvement grant to the initial Discretionary grant allocation in line with Department of Transport Guidelines. This will allow flexibility in attempting to attend to the backlog of general maintenance repairs.

- The Department of Transport has limited funding which in turn impacts on Sligo County Council's budget. However Sligo County Council did receive an extra €4.5m in 2016 due to the severe weather conditions.
- Sligo County Council engaged the services of an independent company to carry out a visual survey of roads within the County over the winter months.
- Approx 65km of road network or 3% of the entire network in the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Area is listed in the 2017 schedule for improvement works.
- Road number L1601 is not listed in the schedule of works but is included on the accompanying map. The roads staff undertook to check the matter and revert to the Members with clarification.
- Public Lighting: No specific funding received. However the Council have a budget of €580,000 from their own resources for maintenance works. The TII provides a contribution to public lighting costs on National Roads. This allocation has yet to be announced.
- Public footpaths/footpath repairs: No specific funding received
- Temporary Outdoor staff: A submission was made to the Department to have the positions regularised. The members were advised that the Chief Executive was meeting with the Department later in the week and it was hoped to have the matter included in the discussions. The current proposal is that one staff member would move to the Parks Department on a 7 month contract, four would move to Irish Water for a further two year period and it was hoped to extend the contracts of the remaining staff until October in order to complete the schedule of Municipal District works outlined.
- Health & Safety: Director of Services Tom Kilfeather said Sligo County Council will not compromise on this area.
- Cashel Gates: Sligo County Council are ready to proceed with works subject to Irish Rail approval. Works to be carried out include improving sightlines and the raising of the road. The actual railway line will not be affected.
- River Moy Drainage Works: The meeting was advised that this was an OPW scheme and the Council has no involvement with these works.
- Timber Extraction from Coillte Lands: The meeting was advised that the matter was being reviewed nationally.
- Clár funding: The meeting was advised that there was no announcement on funding as of yet but it was hopeful of an announcement later in the year.
- LIS: The Council do not retain figures for LIS's in the county.
- Pullaheeney Pier: The Council can consider seeking funding for the works from the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine. However the Council have already submitted 6 schemes for approval under the 2017 programme and the date for further submissions under this programme has passed.
- N17: TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland is undergoing a mid-term view of projects. The Council will raise the N17 with the TII again.

Following a further discussion among the members it was proposed:

"That the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2017 as presented at the Council meeting of Monday 20th February, 2017 is adopted"

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

AND AGREED

In response, the meeting was advised that the Council did work in conjunction with the OPW last year on this scheme and these works would continue in 2017. The meeting was advised that an update would be circulated to members on the matter.

3. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to the family of former staff member Liam Kilgallon”

Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor J. Queenan

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to the Niland family and particularly John Niland on the death of his niece Lisa Niland”

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Nerissa Walsh and family on the death of her father Gerry Walsh”

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Lester Hall and family on the death of Philip Hall”

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

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Ann Ross and family on the death of Brendan Ross”

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

AND AGREED

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm