

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass
held in The Library, Market House, Dunlavin on 27th July 2015 at 10.30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Vincent Blake
Councillor Pat Doran
Councillor Thomas Cullen
Councillor Gerry O'Neill
Councillor James Ruttle
Councillor Edward Timmins

Also Present: Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services
Mr. Declan Geraghty, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Ken Jones, Executive Engineer
Ms. Máire Halvey, District Administrator
Ms. Margaret Hartnett, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Tom O'Leary, Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies:

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor James Ruttle, opened the Ordinary Meeting and invited Mr. Jimmy Whittle and Mr. Jim O'Neill, members of Dunlavin Forum, to address the meeting. Mr. Jimmy Whittle welcomed the members to Dunlavin and stated that it was a historic moment for the town. The members also commented being in Dunlavin for the meetings and that it would be good to have more meetings around the District during the year as well as in Blessington.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 25th May 2015

Councillor Vincent Blake proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 25th May 2015 and Councillor Gerry O'Neill seconded the proposal.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 22nd June 2015

Councillor Gerry O'Neill proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 22nd June 2015 and Councillor Edward Timmins seconded the proposal.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 22nd June 2015

Councillor Edward Timmins proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 22nd June 2015 and Councillor Vincent Blake seconded the proposal.

4. Report on N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

Mr. Tom O'Leary, Senior Executive Engineer, gave an overview of the proposed scheme followed by presentations from members of the Kildare National Roads Office team on the history of the scheme, existing situation and need for the scheme, proposed development, economic justification/cost benefit analysis and land requirements as well as the proposed Part VIII procedure, preparation of the Compulsory Purchase Order, NRA approval and confirmation of funding.

5. Baltinglass Traffic Management Planning Report

Ms. Margaret Hartnett, Senior Executive Engineer, gave a report outlining the details of the proposed development, description of the proposed improvement works, details of submissions and observations received and the responses thereto.

Comments/queries were made by the members including:

Would it be possible to have the proposed works outlined with cones prior to commencement to see how it would affect the traffic in the town? Would it be possible to reserve the right to make changes if problems were found with the works during construction? Baltinglass is one of the best towns in Wicklow in terms of parking and the scheme will enhance the town.

Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services, advised that what is required is a decision to put the proposed scheme forward to full council meeting or not. Ms. Margaret Hartnett advised that minor amendments could be accommodated.

Councillor Edward Timmins proposed the adoption of the Baltinglass Traffic Management Planning report subject to a coning exercise that allows use of discretion to make amendments. This was seconded by Councillor Vincent Blake. A vote was taken as follows:

For: Councillor Vincent Blake
Councillor Thomas Cullen
Councillor Edward Timmins

Against: Councillor Pat Doran
Councillor Gerry O'Neill
Councillor James Ruttle

Casting Vote: Councillor James Ruttle (Against)

The above motion was defeated.

Councillor Gerry O'Neill proposed the adoption of the Baltinglass Traffic Management Planning Report as proposed. This was seconded by Councillor Pat Doran. A vote was taken as follows:

For: Councillor Pat Doran
Councillor Gerry O'Neill
Councillor James Ruttle

Against: Councillor Vincent Blake
Councillor Thomas Cullen
Councillor Edward Timmins

Casting Vote: Councillor James Ruttle (For)

The above motion was carried.

6. Notices of Motion

It was agreed to defer any notices of motion to the next meeting.

7. Roads and Footpaths in Dunlavin

Councillor Edward Timmins enquired if it was possible to look at a programme of works for the roads and footpaths in Dunlavin and see if funding could be obtained for these works. Concerns had been raised by Dunlavin Forum regarding trip hazards, uneven footpaths, reinstatement of water gullies and the provision of a hedge in front of the waste water treatment plant. Councillor Thomas Cullen stated that works were needed on Milltown and Church Terraces as well as Church Lane and that he would like to see funding for these works. Councillor Pat Doran enquired if there was an allocation for footpaths in Dunlavin. Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services, advised that there wasn't nor for anywhere else in the roads allocation but discretionary funds had been used for repairs in some towns. Mr. Declan Geraghty, Senior Executive Engineer has identified one million euros of works and it might be an idea to come up with an overall plan. Councillor Vincent Blake enquired if some of the discretionary funds could be used and he was advised that four of the Councillors have used most of their discretionary fund and two councillors have some funds available. Councillor Thomas Cullen suggested that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive Officer asking that funding be included in Town Enhancement Scheme.

8. Any Other Business

Councillor Pat Doran proposed that the next meeting of the Municipal District be held in Dunlavin and this was seconded by Councillor Gerry O'Neill.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: *Jim Ruttle*
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: *Máire Halvey*
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: 21st September, 2015