

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass
held in Carnew Community Care Centre on 21st December 2015 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

Also Present: Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services
Mr. Declan Geraghty, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Máire Halvey, District Administrator
Mr. Ken Jones, Executive Engineer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor James Ruttle, opened the Ordinary Meeting welcoming everyone to Carnew Community Care Limited's Day Care Centre.

1. Presentation to Sr. Mary Crosbie, Carnew Community Care Limited

A presentation was made to Sr. Mary Crosbie by Councillor Jim Ruttle, Cathaoirleach to mark the Centre's achievement in winning first place in the Age Friendly Community Initiative Category of the 2015 IPB / Co-Operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards which were held in Limerick in November. The Cathaoirleach and all the members congratulated and complimented Sr. Mary and all the staff of Carnew Community Care Centre Limited on their achievement ... "fantastic facilities", "congratulations to everyone involved", "the centre has added years to people's lives", "community effort which has been reflected in the awards", "couldn't run without local community", "acknowledged as one of the best in the country and not just the county".

Sr. Mary Crosbie thanked the councillors on behalf of everyone at the centre and thanked everyone for their kind words and also thanked Councillor Pat Doran for his presentation to the centre.

2. Votes of Sympathy

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy on the death of Councillor Pat Kavanagh, a member of Wicklow Municipal District and Wicklow County Council. All the councillors expressed sympathy to her family on her death and praised her work for the community.

Votes of sympathy were also extended to Councillor Pat Doran on the death of his cousin Nick Murphy and to Noel Doody on the death of his father Billy Doody.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 16th November 2015

Councillor Vincent Blake proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 16th November 2015 and Councillor Tommy Cullen seconded the proposal.

4. Roads Report

The national roads report prepared by Mr. Tom O'Leary, Senior Executive Engineer, was read out to the meeting. The Members commented on same with

Cllr. Cullen stating that if there was another fatality at Hangman's Bend, he would bring a complaint of criminal negligence to the Guards. The Members were also concerned about deer creating a hazard for road users especially on the N81 between Crooksling and Tallaght and requested that a letter be written to South Dublin County Council about the possible of erecting deer proof fencing at Crooksling

5. Non National Roads Plan

The District Engineer, Mr. Declan Geraghty gave a report on the regional roads and stated that a three year programme was in the process of being drawn up for submission to the Department. The Councillors commented on the loss of funding and that it was decreasing steadily since the early 2000's. The Councillors were also concerned with the possible effects of a bad winter on the roads in the district and the loss of staff to work on the roads. Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services, stated that a man can't be sent out on his own to work on a road repair. The Councillors also welcomed the works done in the municipal district to date.

6. Homelessness

The members enquired about a report from the Housing Directorate regarding the provision of homeless services in West Wicklow and it was agreed to request same for the January meeting. The Councillors stated that there were a lot of cases in West Wicklow in recent times due to problems with home loans and rent subsidies and that it was important to get the strategic infrastructure in place to allow houses to be built.

7. Any Other Business

- (i) It was stated that the sign for Baltinglass Town Centre needs to be put up. The District Engineer, Mr. Declan Geraghty said that he would look into this matter.

- (ii) It was agreed to hold the January meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District in the Civic Offices, Blessington.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: Jim Ruttle

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: Máire Halvey

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: 25th January 2016