

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass
held in Civic Offices, Blessington on 25th April 2016 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

In Attendance: Mr. Sean Quirke, Director of Services
Mr. Declan Geraghty, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer
Mr. Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer
Ms. Evelyn Brady, Assistant Staff Officer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor James Ruttle, opened the Ordinary Meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 21st March 2016.

Cllr. Vincent Blake proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 22nd February 2016 and Cllr. Gerry O'Neill seconded the proposal.

2. Roads Reports

The N81 National Road Report submitted by Tom O'Leary, Senior Executive Engineer, was read out to the meeting.

Cllr. Vincent Blake enquired about the Baltinglass Town Works. Mr. Declan Geraghty, District Engineer, informed the members that the area was from the Mart to the Garda Station (approximately 1.2km), with a new signalized junction and footpaths also to be included in the plan. It was hoped works would be completed by end of this year.

Cllr. Vincent Blake queried about white lining on regional roads.

Cllr. Gerry O'Neill enquired if there was any update on Crosschapel. Mr. Declan Geraghty, District Engineer, informed members that the TII were looking at this.

Cllr. Pat Doran queried if anything could be done at the junction at Kennys Pub as a lot of people going through and not stopping.

The Regional Roads Report was delivered by Mr. Declan Geraghty, Senior Executive Engineer.

3. Glór n Cásca

Ms. Evelyn Brady, Assistant Staff Officer distributed report. Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer informed members that monument is due to arrive on 8th May 2016. Cllr. Vincent Blake enquired as to who is unveiling and recommended that the Councillors should speak at this as considerable funding was given from this Committee.

4. Blessington & Lakeside 1916 Committee – Proposed Commemorative Garden

Ms. Evelyn Brady, Assistant Staff Officer distributed report. Members of the Blessington & Lakeside 1916 Committee were in attendance and informed members that the forms had been sent to the National Monument Service and a response was awaited. The Committee complimented Cllr. Jim Ruttle on his help throughout this progress.

5. To consider Burial Ground Policy

A discussion took place in relation to the Burial Ground Policy and following same, Cllr. Cullen proposed Cllr. Pat Doran to go on SPC subcommittee and Cllr. Jim Ruttle seconded this. The major issues to be brought from Baltinglass Municipal District are:

1. Propose to object to policy;
2. Parish Policy should be maintained, and
3. Discretionary objective to be implemented.

Cllr. Cullen also wished to acknowledge and pay tribute to the FAS workers and the excellent work they carry out in maintaining graveyards.

6. Correspondence

Ms. Evelyn Brady, Assistant Staff Officer, read out email received from Stephen Staines in relation to a request for funding for bulbs for to be planted on N81. Cllr. Jim Ruttle stated that this had been submitted to Wicklow County Council's Environment Section and reply had been received stating that the scale was too high.

7. Any Other Business

Special Speed Limits Review

Mr. Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer, gave an updated report on the current process and at what stage it is at. Discussion took place between members and it was advised that members should submit suggestions/comments in relation to same to Mr. Declan O'Brien.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 23rd May 2016 in the Civic Offices, Blessington at 10.30 a.m.

SIGNED: Jim Ruttle

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SIGNED: Máire Halvey

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED: 23 May 2016