

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Municipal District of Baltinglass held in the Seminole Room, Wicklow County Buildings Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 12.00pm.**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Tommy Cullen  
Councillor Pat Doran  
Councillor Gerry O'Neill  
Councillor Vincent Blake

**In Attendance:** Mr. Sean Quirke, District Manager  
Mr. Garvan Hickey, District Administrator  
Ms. Andrea Connolly, A/Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Councillor Jim Ruttle  
Councillor Edward Timmins  
Mr. Declan Geraghty, District Engineer  
Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer

**1. To consider the draft Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Report.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Cullen opened the special meeting by advising the members that the draft Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Report had issued on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and that he was reluctant to discuss details of the report until all elected members of the Assembly had officially received their copies of it. He informed members that the report was due to be adopted on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Cllr. Blake stressed the importance of this draft report and the serious consequences it had for West Wicklow and he also expressed his confidence in the Assembly's four elected Wicklow members – Cllr. Pat Vance, Cllr. Irene Winters, Cllr. Derek Mitchell and Cllr. Tommy Cullen and that he had every confidence in their capability of making decisions in Wicklow's best interest.

Cllr. O'Neill expressed his disappointment at the lack of a report but Cllr. Cullen reiterated the need for confidentiality and ethical responsibility with regard to this draft report. He advised members that minor amendments can be made by the


EMRA Committee members and the draft report then goes to the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government for final ministerial approval. Cllr. Cullen also noted that draft report also had not been sent to the officials of Wicklow County Council by the Assembly and it was important for them to have a chance to read the report and the recommendations contained in it. Cllr. Cullen proposed to adjourn meeting until after Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Cllr. Blake seconded this.

Cllr. Cullen offered his best wishes to all candidates running in the local upcoming elections and commended elected councillors for not erecting posters within the 60km zones in towns as agreed by the members earlier in the year. Mr. Sean Quirke, District Manager, informed members that the final list of candidates would not be known until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr. Garvan Hickey, District Administrator, reminded the members that the presentation of the Community Development Awards would take place in Germaine's, Baltinglass on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Cullen closed the meeting.

Signed:   
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:   
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: 18/06/2019