

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Municipal District of Baltinglass held in the Library in Dunlavin on 21st October 2019, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Cathaoirleach Gerry O’Neill
Councillor Vincent Blake
Councillor Patsy Glennon
Councillor Avril Cronin
Councillor John Mullen

In Attendance: Mr. Sean Quirke, District Manager
Mr. Dermot Graham, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Pat Byrne, Executive Engineer
Mr. Garvan Hickey, District Administrator
Ms. Breege Kilkenny, Senior Engineer
Mr. Marc Devereaux, Executive Engineer
Mr. Benan Clancy, Executive Architect
Ms. Andrea Connolly, A/Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Councillor Edward Timmins

1. To consider the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Baltinglass for the financial year ending 31st December 2020

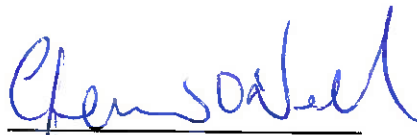
Mr. Quirke highlighted that the budget was up two thousand from last year (€24,000 to €26,000). As outlined in the documentation circulated to members before the meeting, €3,000 was allocated to Town Twinning, €7,000 to Economic Development and Promotion, €14,000 to Festivals and Christmas Lights and €2,000 to Civic Leadership and Local Representation.

Cllr. O’Neill raised concerns at the cost of running the public conveniences, €354,000 to date and questioned what revenue was brought in from the advertising on these. Mr. Sean Quirke explained that figure included the total number of public conveniences in county, two in Greystones, one in Wicklow Town, three in Bray and one in Blessington. Mr. Quirke noted that they are an expensive service to provide but there were issues associated with the way service had been provided previously so it had been agreed to go with the present model. This had resulted in a decrease of anti social behaviour associated with the service.

Cllr. Glennon noted that there was €2,000 in the Local Rep/Civic Leadership fund and asked what it was used for. Mr. Hickey advised that this fund was not spent for this year but would cover events such as commemorations and civic receptions. Cllr. Mullen questioned what the Economic Development Fund was spent on and Mr. Hickey advised that €2,000 of this was ring fenced to support the work of Blessington Town Team and the main expenditure this year would be for the Blessington Health Check. Cllr. Blake enquired how the budget for festivals was spent this year and Mr. Hickey advised that €2,000 was allocated to the West Wicklow Music Festival and €2,000 was allocated to the Coollattin Canadian Connection initiative.

Cllr. Blake proposed the adoption the budget and Cllr. Glennon seconded this.

Signed:


CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:


DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:

18/11/2019