

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Municipal District of Baltinglass held in the Blessington Civic Offices, Blessington on 27th February 2023 at 10.30am

Present: Councillor Edward Timmins
Councillor Vincent Blake
Councillor Gerry O'Neill
Councillor Patsy Glennon
Councillor Avril Cronin

In Attendance: Ms. Breege Kilkenny, District Manager
Mr. Pat Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Dermot Graham, Executive Engineer
Mr. Liam Cullen, District Administrator
Ms. Aideen Russell, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Cathaoirleach John Mullen

Cllr. Edward Timmins, opened the February meeting of Baltinglass Municipal District.

Votes of Sympathy

The members expressed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Mary Kavanagh & her family on the passing of their beloved brother Myles.

A minutes silence was observed.

1. To confirm and sign minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Baltinglass dated 23rd January 2023.

Amendment of January minutes

8. Any other business (23rd January 2023)

Correction : Should have read

- *Mr. Cullen advised the meeting that the friendship pact between Castle Maggiore and Blessington will be signed on Saturday 25th February 2023. The Representatives attending are Cllr. Timmins and Mr. Cullen.*

Cllr. Cronin proposed the minutes of the January meeting and Cllr. Blake seconded them.

2. Matters Arising

New Community Centre in Blessington – Mr. Cullen advised that Wicklow County Council are not involved in the acquisition of a Blessington Community Centre and that it was a community led project. However Town and Village funding to furnish a premises was applied for and granted, this funding cannot progress without a premises being acquired.

Cllr. Blake enquired about the ongoing Town & Village Renewal schemes for the entire District. Mr. Cullen agreed to request a list of same from Caroline Fox.

3. Baltinglass RRDF

Mr. Cullen advised that there was no further update on the RRDF Project or the further funding of same. He will contact Ms. Christine Flood regarding a response from the Department.

Mr. Graham informed the members that the park works are ongoing, significant progress has been made and the contract for the fencing has been awarded.

Cllr. Glennon asked that the study on The Bridges be progressed and that the urgency of same be emphasised.

4. To consider Roads Reports (national and non-national roads)

The District Engineers updated the members on the Baltinglass MD national and non-national roads reports, both of which were circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

Members Comments and Observations:

- Cllr. O'Neill enquired once again about the situation regarding the condition of the bridge at Knockieran. Mr. Byrne advised that we are awaiting a response from our Legal Department regarding same.
- Cllr. Timmins enquired about footpath extensions within the Bawnogue area.
- Discussions were held regarding all planned and on-going works being carried out in the district.
- It was agreed to request a Representative from the Roads Department to attend a future meeting to give an update on the Inner Relief Road.

5. To discuss the establishment of a new Baltinglass MD crest (copy attached)

The members unanimously agreed to the design of the crest presented to them, Crest D, incorporating Hollywood Labyrinth Stone / Rathgall Ringfort / Baltinglass Abbey, Oak Leaf (to symbolise Tomnafinnogue & Coolattin woodlands, Blessington Lakes & River Slaney identifies.

6. Correspondence

- Correspondence was received regarding The West Wicklow Pool Campaign requesting to be added to one of the Baltinglass MD Agendas, to present the members with an update on the progress of the campaign. It was agreed that it would be added to the Agenda of the March meeting, Cllr. O'Neill proposed the addition to the Agenda which was seconded by Cllr. Glennon.

7. Any other business

- The two new signs for The Wicklow Gap have been ordered.
- The Minister's Order has been received on the New Co. Development Plan. This Minister's Order will be discussed further at a full Council meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

The next Baltinglass Municipal District meeting will be held on the 27th March 2023.

There being no other business the, Cllr. Timmins, concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____