

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SLIGO
HELD ON MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2018 AT 10.00AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, QUAY STREET, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Declan Bree
- Councillor Marie Casserly
- Councillor Thomas Healy
- Councillor Hubert Keaney (Mayor)
- Councillor Seamus Kilgannon
- Councillor Chris MacManus
- Councillor Rosaleen O'Grady

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Deputy Chief Executive
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer
- Mr. Brian Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer
- Ms. Caroline Conmy, IS Project Leader
- Mr. Damien Henry, Executive Engineer
- Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

APOLOGIES:

- Councillor Sinead Maguire
- Councillor Tom MacSharry
- Councillor Gino O'Boyle

MAYOR:

The Mayor, Councillor Hubert Keaney presided and welcomed all to the meeting. Councillor Keaney then invited Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services to give a brief overview of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2018.

1. SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2018 – INCLUDING ROADS, TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE:

Mr. Tom Kilfeather advised the Members that a total of €29m in funding has been allocated for the public road network in County Sligo for 2018. This funding comes from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport and the Council's own resources and represents an increase of 54% on 2017.

Mr. Kilfeather then invited Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer to go through the Programme which had been circulated to the Members in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Brennan took the Members through the draft Schedule of Sligo Municipal District Works for 2018 for Roads, Transportation & Infrastructure which specified the allocation of funding received together with a detailed breakdown of all planned expenditure for the year in relation to specific projects and categorised headings. Mr. Brennan outlined each individual category that related to the Sligo Municipal District and brought Members' attention to a typographical error on Page 12 of the report which should read "The Restoration Improvement Grant allocated to Sligo Municipal District is €1,435,435..." instead of the figure printed.

The Mayor, Councillor Hubert Keaney thanked Mr. Brennan for the comprehensive report and complimented the work of the staff in producing the report and for all works carried out in 2017. He then invited queries and comments from Members. All Members present

echoed Councillor Keaney's appreciation to staff and welcomed the increase in funding received.

In response to specific queries from Members, Mr. Kilfeather, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Flynn responded as follows:

- **Western Distributor Road:**
The Council will be looking for Dept. approval to award a contract following a tender process.
- **O'Connell Street:**
First phase completed, now in detailed tender phase. Going to construction in Qtr 2 subject to work programme being agreed with traders.
- **Ramps:**
An overall review of ramps in the Municipal District is warranted.
- **Pedestrian Crossing at Avondale:**
Issue will be raised with TII to try and facilitate a crossing at the location.
- **Pavements:**
Restoration Improvement Grants to be used on roads with a grading of between 6 and 8.
- **Quality of reinstatement works:**
The Roads Dept. are liaising with contractors to ensure roads are re-instated to a satisfactory condition.
- **Drainage Schemes:**
Over €200,000 received from the Dept. for road drainage works. Drainage works in relation to the Owenmore and Owenbeg rivers to come from Council resources.
- **Wine Street Car-park:**
The Roads Dept. are looking at the possibility of development levies/parking contributions/ fees etc funding improvements to the car-park and proposals for re-surfacing are being prepared.
- **Clár Schemes:**
Clár funding of €274,650 was received in 2017 – scheme for 2018 to be announced in March.
- **N16 Lugatober Realignment:**
2.5 km of road to go through the planning process and be included in the new County Development Plan. Scheme to be developed and handled by the TII Sligo Project Office.
- **Potholes:**
Difficult to repair with the current weather conditions but it is envisaged repairs will be carried out when the weather improves.
- **Mullaghmore Harbour:**
No current grant aid available.
- **Signage for Parks:**

A signage strategy will be designed to make the public aware of the facilities.

- **R290:**
€33,000 in budget for maintenance of the regional road which will be used in areas where flooding is problematic.
- **Area between bridge at Cedar Drive and Oakfield Roundabout:**
The location will be looked at in terms of making possible provisions for a pedestrian crossing in the area.
- **Navigational Aids:**
29 no. aids in the harbour, each of which can cost approximately €500 to maintain.
- **Staffing:**
There is currently a panel of outdoor staff which will be in existence for 2 no. years and vacancies will be filled subject to Dept. approval. Staffing levels to be reviewed now Roads Programme is completed.
- Sligo Municipal District account for 25% of the road network in County Sligo and receive 34% of the allocated funding.

Following further discussion it was then:

Proposed by Councillor R. O’Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

AND AGREED

“To approve the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018 – including Roads, Transportation & Infrastructure”.

The business of the meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.

SIGNED:

Mayor

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____