

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF  
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017  
AT 3.00PM IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

- Councillor Martin Baker
- Councillor Michael Clarke
- Councillor Margaret Gormley
- Councillor Keith Henry
- Councillor Jerry Lundy
- Councillor Dara Mulvey (Chair)
- Councillor Joe Queenan
- Councillor Paul Taylor

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. John Reilly, Head of LEO
- Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
- Ms. Sinéad Branley, Meetings Administrator

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Mulvey presided and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF  
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD  
ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017:**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy  
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

AND AGREED

*“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017”*

**2. MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillor Gormley queried the position with regards to the vacant litter warden post. In response Mr. Kilfeather advised the meeting that interviews had taken place and a letter of offer had issued to the successful candidate.

Councillor Michael Clarke queried if a response had been forthcoming from the Department of Education and Skills in relation to his motion from the March Municipal Meeting regarding the removal of Rathlee National School from the new Rural DEIS schools list. The Cathaoirleach Councillor Mulvey stated that a letter had been received from the Department acknowledging the matter and enquiries were being made and a further letter would issue in due course.

**3. POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
FOOD CENTRE AT ACHONRY:**

Mr. John Reilly took the members through a report on the development of a food hub at Achonry which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report included information on the facilities available at the Aurivo Site and the key advantages for businesses in locating there. He also outlined the supports available to interested parties. Mr. Reilly advised that the promotion of the facility is ongoing and LEO is speaking with a number of interested parties.

The members thanked Mr. Reilly for the update and complimented him and the LEO team for their efforts in trying to attract businesses to the Achonry site. Following a query from Councillor Clarke regarding the suitability of the Aurivo

site for an abattoir, Mr. Reilly advised that he had not been approached with such a proposal but it could be considered once planning guidelines could be adhered to. Following a query from Councillor Queenan regarding the arrangement with Aurivo, Mr Reilly informed the meeting that Aurivo were providing the facility at Achonry on favourable terms, the final details of which still had to be agreed. Mr. Reilly also added that the LEO team were also looking at how the facility would be managed once businesses were in place. It is likely that a community group arrangement may be put in place to manage the facility but demand has to be established first.

**4. DRAINAGE AT ROCKFIELD CEMETERY IN COOLANEY:**

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry**  
**Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council investigate into solutions to address the need for additional drainage at Rockfield Cemetery in Coolaney”.

Mr. Tom Kilfeather advised the meeting that the Tubbercurry Area Engineer will investigate the ground water problem to see if a solution can be found.

**5. WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT LOUGH TALT:**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley**  
**Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

“That we the members of the Ballymote/Tubbercurry Municipal District express our major concern with regard to the refusal by An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission for a new water treatment plant at Lough Talt and we call on the MEP’S to make representations to the EU Environment Commission to have proposals put in place to enable the water treatment plant be constructed in the interest of peoples health which is more important than snails”

**6. SAFETY CONCERNS AT COLAISTE MHUIRE BALLYMOTE:**

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Mulvey added that he has been in contact with Seán Corrigan from Irish Water on the matter and Irish Water is eager to put a solution in place even on a temporary basis. Councillor Taylor added that he had a similar response from Irish Water. Mr. Tom Kilfeather stated that the matter would have to be sorted at an EU level.

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry**  
**Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council address the safety concerns at the entrance to Colaiste Mhuire, Ballymote”.

Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that this is a busy location during school opening and closing times. The traffic management/parking etc is primarily the responsibility of the school management rather than Sligo County Council. An application for a grant from Clár Funding 2017 has been made under Measure 1 (Support for schools/Community safety measures) recently by Colaiste Mhuire, Ballymote. The amount requested is €30,000 and would be

used for parking and access facilities at the school if the funding was granted.

**7. REGIONAL ROAD 296 AT  
CLOONAHINSHIN AND ROAD 474  
AT WOODHILL:**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley**

**Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

“Call on the Council to have works carried out on Regional Road 296 at Cloonahinshin and Road 474 at Woodhill where the roads have subsided causing a danger to the travelling public”

Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that this work cannot be scheduled at this time as the jobs for funding in 2017 is agreed and in progress. The works can be considered for funding as part of the 2018 Schedule of Municipal Works for Ballymote / Tubbercurry Municipal District. Sligo County Council will maintain the road in a reasonable condition in the meantime.

**8. GALLAGHER ROAD  
TUBBERCERRY:**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy**

**Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“To ask if the public footpaths can be repaired and public lighting installed on Gallagher Road (factory road) off the R294 Ballina Rd, Tubbercurry, in the interest of safety for people and residents using this very busy road”

Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that this road is a private road thus the requested works cannot be undertaken by Sligo County Council.

**9. CASHEL GATES JUNCTION:**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy**

**Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“I will ask when works will start on the 430/N17 junction known locally as Cashel Gates, Cashel, Curry, as this is the most dangerous junction on the N17 between Galway and Sligo”

In response Mr. Tom Kilfeather advised negotiations are ongoing with CIE property with regard to the obtaining of a licence to carry out construction on the existing disused railway at Cashel Gates. Sligo County Council is now waiting on approval for this licence. On receipt of the licence, it will take a number of weeks for the contractor to mobilise as the tender process was carried out in late 2016.

**10. BUS SHELTERS ON THE N17  
AT CURRY VILLAGE:**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy**

**Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“Can the Clár funding for 2017 be used for the provision of 2 bus shelters on the N17 at Curry Village, under the “Community Safety Measures”

Mr. Tom Kilfeather stated the closing date for the 2017 scheme applications had passed. This proposal can be considered in 2018 if Clár grants are provided for this type of scheme.

**11. WORKS ALONG ROAD 441 AT  
"STIRABOUT BRIDGE",  
CLOONACOOLOO:**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley  
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy**

AND AGREED

"That works be carried out along Road 441 at "Stirabout Bridge", Cloonacool, in the interest of road safety where there is no protection for approximately 25 meters"

Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that the area had been inspected and works are programmed for the coming weeks.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Department of Education and Skill was discussed under item 2.

**18. AOB:**

- Councillor Baker raised the matter of An Bord Pleanála's decision to overturn the Council's decision to grant permission to Joe Kelly in Dromard and asked if there was any update on the matter. Mr. Tom Kilfeather stated there was no update.
- Councillor Clarke stated that a number of rural businesses were concerned after the Joe Kelly case. Councillor Clarke asked members to reflect on their decisions surrounding the County Development Plan. Cllr's Baker, Gormley and Queenan also concurred with Councillor Clarke's comments.
- Councillor Queenan queried if Irish Water had taken in charge all assets, services etc. from Sligo County Council. Mr. Tom Kilfeather stated that it was a long complex process involving multiple folios and could take a while.
- Councillor Clarke had a query regarding an allocation of €7,800 to the Skreen Dromard Community Centre. Mr. Kilfeather asked him to contact the office on the matter after the meeting.
- Councillor Clarke also queried the position with regards an allocation of €100,000 for a pathway in Easkey in 2016. Tom Kilfeather stated he would revert with an update.
- Councillor Lundy raised the All-Ireland Drama Finals which were held in Tubbercurry in April. He passed on his good wishes from the St. Brigid's Hall Committee to the Council for the works carried out in advance of the event.
- Councillor Gormley sought an update with regards to the review of speed limits within the county. Mr. Kilfeather stated that it had been hoped to bring a report to the Council for the April meeting. However the matter was delayed due to the TII making a decision regarding the national roads. The Council would decide in the coming weeks whether they would progress the review and exclude the national roads for the moment.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all present for attending. It was stated that the AGM would take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am.

The meeting concluded at 4.10pm

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**Cathairleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**