

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 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 Joe Queenan
- Councillor Jerry Lundy
- Councillor Dara Mulvey (Chair)
- Councillor Paul Taylor

**OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

- Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. John Reilly, LEO
- Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Executive Planner
- Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
- Ms. Lorraine Fitzgerald, Meeting Administrator

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the first Municipal District Meeting of 2017

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF BALLYMOTE-
TOBERCURRY TO
CONSIDER DRAFT
BUDGETARY PLAN, HELD
ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2016.**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan held on 9th November, 2016”

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF BALLYMOTE-
TOBERCURRY HELD ON
28TH NOVEMBER, 2016.**

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

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 28th November, 2016.”

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

**4. APPOINTMENT TO SIT
ON THE BOARD OF THE
ENTERPRISE CENTRE,
TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO.**

It was agreed that Cllrs. Gormley, Lundy, Mulvey and Taylor would be nominated as the Members to sit on the Board of the Enterprise Centre, Tubbercurry and that Ray O’Grady be nominated from the Executive side

**5. UPDATE ON SOME
ACTIVITIES OF THE LEO IN
2016**

Mr. John Reilly gave a detailed update to the Members on some of the activities the Local Enterprise Office was involved in during 2016, outlining the type of projects undertaken such as online trading vouchers, grants provided, IBYE awards, Rhode Island project, funding for female entrepreneurs, works under the REDZ Programme, town and Village Renewal works, works with BIDs, etc.

Councillor Mulvey thanked Mr. Reilly for his in-depth update and extended this thanks to the staff in the LEO for all of the good work they are carrying out in the background. All members present wished to be associated with the sentiments and appreciate the work being done.

6. UPDATE OF SAFETY MEASURES AT HOLY FAMILY N.S. AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE R294.

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

AND AGREED

“I will ask for update of safety measures at the Holy Family N.S. Tubbercurry and if a pedestrian crossing can be installed between the Church and the School /Sofia/Convent on this road R294 Ballymote Road Tubbercurry in the interest of safety”

Mr. Paddy Hughes informed the meeting that Safety measures have been submitted for funding under Low cost Accident scheme 2017 and Clar 2016. Funding has not been approved to date. With regard to the installation of a pedestrian crossing on the R294, this works cannot occur until a set down area is developed at the Holy Family N.S as the installation of a crossing would reduce parking along this section of the R294 thus effecting vehicle movements and pedestrian safety.

7. SERVICES AT TEACH LAIGHNE

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

AND AGREED

“That this Council looks at all areas where services can be expanded and enhanced at Teach Laighne in Tubbercurry including the Library and the Motor Tax Office”

The Head of Finance delivered her report and informed the Members that this issue will be kept under regular review.

8. OUTLINE OF PROPOSED FUNDING ON N59

It was agreed to take motion 8 and motion 15 together.

Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke

AND AGREED

“To ask the Director of services to outline how the proposed future funding on N59 from Dromore West to the Mayo border will be spent”

15. PROGRESS REPORT ON N59

Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor J. Queenan

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to prepare a progress report on the N59”

Mr. Paddy Hughes delivered his detailed report and added that it is unlikely that the funding will be received in 2017.

Councillor Queenan thanked Mr. Hughes and suggested reducing the speed limit in the short term and using solar speed indicators. There was a general conversation in relation to the quality of the land and Councillor Clarke stated that perhaps there could be discussion in relation to alternative realignment from Doonbeg to the Workhouse.

9. INDICATION OF HOW MANY MILES OF CLASS 2 AND 3 ROADS NEED UPGRADING

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

AND AGREED

“To ask the Director of Service to indicate how many miles of class 2 and 3 roads need to be upgraded”

Mr. Hughes gave his report which stated that a Pavement Surface Condition Index survey of our non national roads is being carried out at present. He acknowledged the views presented by the Members that much work is needed on the class 3 roads.

Members suggested that our elected representatives in Daíl Éireann should all work together to seek resolution to this need and that once the survey has been completed, letters should also be written to Minister Ross and Minister Ring.

10. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT GURTEEN/CREAMERY ROAD, BALLYMOTE.

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council if additional lighting can be installed out the Gurteen / Creamery Road, Ballymote. An additional one or two lights would greatly improve the current situation.”

Mr. Hughes informed the meeting that the Area Engineer will get an estimate to upgrade the public lighting at this location and the scheme can be considered under a future Schedule of Municipal Works for Ballymote/Tubbercurry Municipal District.

11. CALL ON MINISTER AND DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING A PASSPORT OFFICE IN TUBBERCURRY.

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“That this Council calls on the Minister and the Department of Foreign Affairs to again explore the possibility of opening a passport office in Tubbercurry to serve the people of the West and Northwest of Ireland”

Councillor Lundy added that the office accommodation is in place and with the upcoming Brexit, more applications will be processed. All agreed with this motion.

With the agreement of the Members, Councillor Mulvey’s Motions were taken at this stage as he had to leave the meeting to attend a funeral.

13. REPAIR OF DAMAGED WALL ON ROAD L2101 AT

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

ARDCOTTON.

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to repair the old damaged wall on road L2101 at Ardcotton on the Coolaney to Collooney road as there are large loose stones falling out onto the road.”

Mr. Hughes informed the meeting that the wall along the property appears to have been hit by passing traffic and the Enniscrone Area Engineer will discuss the matter with the property owners to keep the road free of stones falling from the wall.

14. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE KEENAGHAN ROAD

It was agreed to deal with items 14 and 22 together

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey

Seconded by Councillor K. Henry

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to see if traffic calming measures can be put in place on the Keenaghan road in Ballymote due to large volume of traffic on this road as there are 2 large housing estates in this area and concerns have been expressed by some residents that exiting their homes has become more dangerous”

Mr. Hughes reported that the Area Engineer will arrange for a speed survey to be carried along this section of road to assess the problem before any determination of appropriate Traffic Calming measures can be made however, there is no funding available to date for this scheme.

22. FOOTPATH WORKS AT KEENAGHAN, BALLYMOTE

Proposed by Councillor K. Henry

Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to continue the footpath at Keenaghan, Ballymote to meet the existing footpath at Bothair an Corran and carry out associated works”

In relation to the footpath, the Area Engineer will survey this location and prepare a cost estimate for constructing the footpath. This scheme can be considered for funding under a future Schedule of Municipal Works for the Ballymote/Tubbercurry Municipal District.

20. TAKING IN CHARGE OF TEMPLE MANOR ESTATE, BALLINACARROW.

Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey

Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council for an update on the taking in charge of Temple Manor estate Ballinacarrow co Sligo”

Mr. Frank Moylan delivered his report which noted that minor outstanding issues need to be resolved. My Moylan mentioned that there is no application in for the estate to be taken in charge. Councillor Mulvey queried whether the residents can apply for Taking in Charge and was informed that they can.

With the agreement of the Members, Councillor Taylor took over as Chairperson.

**12. ADDRESS ILLEGAL
DUMPING ALONG ROAD
NO.445.**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask the Environment Section of Sligo County Council to address the ongoing problem of illegal dumping along road no. 445 between Corsallagh and Sessuecommon, in the interest of health, and the promotion of tourism in South Sligo”

Mr. Kilfeather informed that meeting that dumping and burning issues will be investigated by the Environment Section as soon as resources allow and he also advised that they would review the option of covert cameras.

**16. (A) MEASURES TO
IMPROVE SAFETY ON R294
(B) RESOLVE FLOODING
ON R294 AT BALLYARA,
TUBBERCURRY.**

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

AND AGREED

“(A) That the council put measures in place on R294 at St Attracta’s Community School to improve safety for those exiting from the carpark”

“(B) To resolve flooding problem on R294 at Ballyara, Tubbercurry”

Mr. Hughes delivered his report to the Members. It was noted that the maintenance of the channel is a matter for the householder.

**17. DUMPING AND
BURNING OF RUBBISH AT
VACANT HOUSES IN
CONNOLLY PARK,
TUBBERCURRY.**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

“That action be taken on the dumping and burning of rubbish which is taking place at a number of vacant houses in Connolly Park”

Mr. Kilfeather informed that meeting that The Housing Team will remove all waste and material dumped on the sites in the Council’s ownership and the dumping and burning issues will be investigated by the Environment Section as soon as resources allow. Councillor Gormley thanked Mr. Kilfeather and acknowledged the work being done by the Environmental Services staff.

**18. REMOVAL OF
UNDULATIONS ON RD 474
AND ON R296.**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

“That the removal of undulations on RD 474 at Woodhill and at Cloonahinshin on R296 be included in the road work scheme 2017”

Mr. Hughes reported that the locations can be considered for funding as part of the

schedule of municipal works for the Ballymote / Tobercurry M.D in 2017/2018.

**19. WALL ON BRIDGE
ALONG ROAD NO. 513 IN
CLOONACOOOL.**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“To ask if the wall on the bridge along Road No.513 in Cloonacool could be lowered in the interest of road safety, as cars exiting the Church cannot see traffic coming from the right (Coolaney road)”

Mr. Hughes in his report stated that the lowering of this wall is not advised as this will not improve vision from this entrance due to the alignment of the existing road / bridge adding that it will be difficult to resolve.

**21. UPGRADE SECTION OF
ROAD FROM HEAPSTOWN
TO KNOCKNACROSS,
RIVERSTOWN.**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Baker
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to upgrade the section of road from Heapstown to Knocknacross, Riverstown”.

Mr Hughes informed the Members that the Ballymote Area Engineer will survey the road and it can be considered for funding under the 2017/2018 Restoration Improvement Programme for Ballymote/Tubbercurry Municipal District.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

The correspondence received was noted. Councillor Lundy thanked Ms. Clarke, Director of Service for same and added that pressure must continue to keep this project moving forward.

24. AOB

- Councillor Clarke raised the proposed relocation of Agricultural Laboratories to Kildare, stating that people will not want to bring animals on that journey and asked that Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Agriculture in relation to this. Councillor Gormley added that this should be brought to the attention of the Dáil Deputies and that it be raised at the next meeting of Sligo County Council.
- Councillor Clarke paid tribute to the two Jesus & Mary Secondary School students Matthew Blakeney and Mark McDermott who were runners up in the BT Young Scientist 2017 and suggested that a civic reception be held for them.

**Proposed by Councillor M. Baker
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to Joe Gethin and family on the death of his

Uncle Paraic Brehony.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all for attending.

The meeting concluded at 11.40 am

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Cathaoirleach

_____ **Date** _____
Meetings Administrator