

**Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Budget Meeting
held on Wednesday October 31st, 2018, at 2.30 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present:

Councillors: J. Breen, C. Colleran Molloy, P. Daly, J. Flynn, M. Howard, T. Mc Namara, P. Murphy & A. Norton

Officials: Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Eamon O’Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance, Bernie Haugh, Meetings Administrator and Fiona Whelan, Staff Officer.

Mayor of Ennis, Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy welcomed everyone to the budget meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis and outlined the purpose of the budget meeting - to consider the proposed budget of €199,400 for 2019 for the Municipal District of Ennis.

Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance, outlined the GMA for 2019 in line with the overall income available to the Council and the budget strategy discussions to date with the Corporate Policy Group. The primary focus in balancing the 2019 budget has been to maintain the existing levels of services while addressing cost pressures and reduced income. To address these pressures, a reduction in the GMA for 2019 in the amount of €75,000 is required.

Members raised concern over the decrease in the budget on the previous year but generally agreed that it was their duty to agree and adopt the budget for 2019.

Noeleen Fitzgerald further clarified that the General Municipal Allocation provides discretionary spend for the Municipal District and is not the only source of funding for Ennis. The full Statutory Budget will be before members on 6th November, 2018, which deals with revenue expenditure across the County and the Capital programme provides funding for capital projects.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Flynn, seconded by Cllr. M. Howard a vote took place on the adoption of the draft budget as set out by the Chief Executive.

Cllr. J. Flynn and Cllr. M. Howard did not support the budget and Cllr. J. Breen abstained.

The GMA Budget for 2019 was adopted on a vote of 5 in favour of the adoption of the budget, 2 against and 1 abstention.

The meeting then concluded.

***Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy,
Mayor of Ennis.***

***Bernadette Haugh,
Meetings Administrator.***

Date