

**Minutes of Budget Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the offices of the Municipal District at Mountshannon Road, Scarriff.**

**In attendance:** Cllr. Joe Cooney  
Cllr. Pat Hayes  
Cllr. Michael Begley  
Cllr. Pat Burke  
Cllr. Tony O'Brien  
Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan

**Officials:** Mr. Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms Caroline O'Connor, Financial Accountant  
Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney chaired the meeting.

At the outset Michael McNamara, Senior Executive Officer advised the members that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the General Municipal Allocation, which is the discretionary funding being made available to municipal district members in the draft budgetary plan. He explained that the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides that the municipal district members shall by resolution adopt the draft budgetary plan with or without amendment; and that the Chief Executive shall take account of any budgetary plan adopted by the municipal district members. He referred to the letter from the Chief Executive dated 29<sup>th</sup> September which had been circulated with the Agenda advising the members that the total General Municipal Allocation (G.M.A.) was €23,000. In addition, he referred to further correspondence from the Chief Executive dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 which updated the members on the Council's claim for recoupment arising from the February storm damage. This had the effect of increasing the proposed G.M.A. for Killaloe Municipal District for 2015 to €37,700.

Following a query from the members, Caroline O'Connor clarified that this budget sum was being provided under the Service Division for Development Management as this covers a wide range of services and this would allow the members flexibility in how they chose to spend the money next year.

Members expressed concerns that the Chief Executive did not have to accept a decision of the members if they chose not to accept the proposed allocation. They also noted that there was no provision in the legislation to adjourn the meeting. They queried whether basing the allocations on population was the fairest means and whether alternative ways should be considered in the future. They expressed their disappointment that the figure for the G.M.A. could not be greater.

The members welcomed the additional monies which were being made available to Playground Groups and to Municipal Districts for expenditure in the remainder of 2014.

The following resolution was proposed by Cllr. Tony O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes and adopted by the members:-

“That pursuant to Section 102 (4A) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 58 (e) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Draft Budgetary Plan 2015 dated the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 as presented by the Chief Executive and as amended to the figure of €37,700 for the Killaloe Municipal District is hereby adopted”

The meeting then concluded.

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**Kieran O'Donnell**  
**Meetings Administrator**

**10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.**