

**Minutes of the meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan of the Shannon Municipal District held on Wednesday , 8<sup>th</sup> October , 2014 at 9:30 am at the offices of the Municipal District , Civic Offices , Town Hall Shannon Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Councillors PJ Ryan (Leas Cathaoirleach), Pat McMahon, Gerard Flynn, Mike McKee and John Crowe **Apologies:** Councillor Cathal Crowe

Mr Niall Barrett, Head of Finance, IT and HR, Mr Eugene O' Shea Senior Executive Engineer, Shannon Municipal District, Seamus Halpin, Meetings Administrator, Shannon Municipal District & Pádraig Malone, Shannon Municipal District.

**1. Consideration of the draft Budget - GMA allocation for Shannon Municipal District**

Cllr PJ Ryan welcomed everyone and asked Niall Barrett to briefly outline the main elements of the General Municipal Allocation. N Barrett stated that there were budget process changes under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 which includes a General Municipal Allocation (GMA) which is discretionary funding made available to the Municipal District.

N Barrett confirmed there were further developments in talks with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and the Executive since the notification of the allocation of €27,000. These developments mean that the amendment of the GMA to a higher figure of €44,200 could be accommodated if the members decide to make such an amendment. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the General Municipal Allocation proposed. N Barrett stated that the allocation currently lies with Division D in the subservice Economic Development and Promotion which allows reasonable flexibility for the members in considering in due course areas of expenditure for the GMA.

Cllr G Flynn asked if N Barrett could give an update on provisional figures and proposals coming out of the CPG recently so the public could see how the money is spent in their community. N Barrett stated that the Council meeting next week will consider items for additional funding within the current financial year in relation to playgrounds and roads. If the proposals are adopted by the Council there would be additional funding of €50,000 in 2014 for Roads in the municipal district.

Cllr M McKee welcomed the increased amounts available and commended the CPG and officials.

Following a general discussion Cllr PJ Ryan asked those present were they happy with the amended amount of €44,200. Cllr G Flynn proposed the adoption of the increased amount of €44,200 in respect of the GMA, Cllr M McKee seconded it and it was agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr PJ Ryan  
Leas Cathaoirleach

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seamus Halpin  
Meeting Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_