

**Minutes of the Shannon Municipal District Meeting to consider the Draft  
Budgetary Plan held on  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 3.30pm at the office of the Municipal District, Shannon, Co. Clare**

**Present:** Councillors John Crowe (Cathaoirleach), Pat McMahon, PJ Ryan, Cathal Crowe, Mike McKee, Gerard Flynn  
Liam Conneally Director of Service, Eugene O'Shea Senior Executive Engineer, Fiona Mooney Meetings Administrator, Deirdre Ryan Staff Officer.

**1. Consideration of the Draft Budget – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Shannon Municipal District**

Cllr J. Crowe opened the meeting, welcomed Liam Conneally, Deirdre Ryan and congratulated Cllr. C. Crowe on the recent birth of his son. He referred to the increase in funding in the GMA for 2017 and then called on Liam Conneally to address the meeting.

L. Conneally expressed his delight in being appointed director of service and to be co-ordinator of the Shannon Municipal District. He referred to the infrastructure in the Shannon MD, including the airport and the industrial zone and expressed his commitment to furthering the economic development of the district in partnership with the elected members and staff. He acknowledged the substantial increase in the GMA from €44,100 for 2016 to €264,100 for 2017. He referred to the need to balance achieving higher added value through a smaller number of high-impact strategic projects with focussing on a large number of smaller projects. He referred also to the expenditure context of the Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW). He referred to the district having an extensive area and asked the cathaoirleach and members for their input with regard to the allocation of funding.

The members welcomed the additional funding for 2017, but expressed the view that there had been an expectation of much higher return being invested locally as a result of county collection of local property tax (LPT). Members supported E. O'Shea and his team in proposing the allocation of funding on identified projects for 2017.

Following discussion by all the members, the draft budget plan was proposed by Cllr G. Flynn, seconded by Cllr P. McMahon and adopted.

After discussion by all the members supporting another community grants scheme, Cllr C. Crowe proposed that €50K from the GMA be ring-fenced for another scheme and this was seconded by Cllr. PJ Ryan. A draft scheme, with amended criteria, is to be brought for consideration to the next meeting.

A proposal was made by Cllr Flynn and seconded by Cllr Crowe, that standing orders be amended such that meetings would commence at 9.45am and continue until 11.30am.

Cllr C. Crowe requested a briefing regarding the issues at Moneen and Kilquane burial grounds at the November meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Clr John Crowe  
Cathaoirleach

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Fiona Mooney  
Meeting Administrator

Date:

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