

ATHLONE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Civic Centre,
Church Street
Athlone

30th August 2017

To Mayor & Each Member:

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You are requested to attend the September Monthly Meeting of Athlone Municipal District which will be held in the Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone at **3.00p.m.** Monday, 4th September 2017.

AGENDA

1. Votes of congratulations/sympathy.
2. To approve the Minutes of:
 - July Monthly Meeting held on 3rd July 2017.
 - In Committee Meeting held on 22nd June 2017
 - In Committee Meeting held on 9th August 2017
 - In Committee Meeting held on 28th August 2017
3. Matters arising.
4. To receive a presentation on SIRO (National Telecoms Infrastructure)
5. To receive a presentation on Athlone Flood Alleviation Scheme
6. To note proposed Flood Defence works at Iona Park.
7. To consider Chief Executive's Report on the Review of the Speed Limit Bye Laws
8. To receive a report on the taking in charge of housing estates in the Athlone Municipal District.
9. To note design drawings for schemes included in the Annual Roads Programme, Clar Programme, Regional & Local Roads Safety Improvement Works Programme and National Road Low Cost Safety Works Programme.
10. To receive an update of Church St enhancement.
11. To receive an update on the Acquisition of Lands for the Railway Field Road.
12. Questions: The answers to questions raised will be circulated to each Member.

13. Correspondence.

14. Motions:

- A. Cllr A. McManus: That this Municipal District write to the organisers of RAS Tailteann inviting them to host a stage of their race in 2018 in Athlone.
- B. Cllr A. McManus: That this Municipal District provide for Disabled Parking Spaces adjacent to the playground at Athlone Regional Sports Centre.
- C. Cllr A. McManus: That this Municipal District upgrade and repair the footpaths from 73-78 Cartron Drive.
- D. Cllr M. O'Brien: That Athlone Municipal District write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris TD, calling for urgent legislation to be put in place for the legalisation of medicinal cannabis oil, and that he takes swift action to ensure that all Irish seeking this treatment abroad are allowed to return home and legally continue with their treatment.
- E. Cllr M O' Brien: That Athlone Municipal District provide disabled parking bays outside of the library, bank, post office and medical centre in Moate.
- F. Cllr F. Keena: That this Municipal District examine the condition of the carparks at Tubberclair Church with the intent of surfacing them.
- G. Cllr F. Keena: That this Municipal District seek funding from the relevant Department to install a 'Changing Places' unit in Athlone Civic Building in order to provide facilities that are inclusive of the needs of all citizens of Ireland.
- H. Cllr F. Keena: That this Municipal District discuss the dangerous state of the old Athlone Glass site on the Clonown Road.
- I. Cllr T. Farrell: That Athlone Municipal District would write to the Minister for Communications and Natural Resources requesting an exemption for Resident Associations and Community Groups from the Standing Charge for power who only use power for lighting on festive occasions eg Christmas lights.
- J. Cllr T. Farrell: That Athlone Municipal District would request the Minister for Housing and Local Government to change the eligibility criteria for improvement Grants for upgrading septic tanks .
- K. Cllr T. Farrell: That in view of the proliferation of Pine Marten nationally and in consequence of the damage and upset this species is known to cause, that Athlone Municipal District formally requests the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Culture, Ms. Heather Humphreys TD, in conjunction with the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), to remove this species from the Protected List so that it's population can be controlled in keeping with good practice and in the best interests of other wildlife species and society generally.

- L. Cllr. A. O'Rourke: For this Municipal District to support and encourage the 'Living Environment' group (part of Destination Athlone) in their preparation for a workshop event on 28th September at 6pm in the Sheraton Hotel, aimed at engaging with all stakeholders in the greater Athlone area to maximise the potential of this town and region and to invite them to present the outcomes to a future District meeting.
- M. Cllr. A. O'Rourke: For this Municipal District to expedite the work necessary to enable us to remove the barriers and covers from the section of the Old Athlone Wall at the Civic Square before the end of this year.
- N. Cllr. A. O'Rourke: For this Municipal District to repeat the Christmas 'free car parking week' initiative of last year - which was a great success during Christmas week 2016. So, public car parks would be free to park in, from Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd December 2017.

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