

To Mayor and Members of Athlone Municipal District

1st June 2016.

Re: Memorial Plaque to Michael Burke on Church Street, Athlone

Dear Mayor and Members,

In 1920, during the war of Independence Michael Burke, an Urban District Councillor was shot and killed on Church St Athlone outside his residence. His death resulted from indiscriminate shooting by the Black and Tans following earlier action outside of Athlone.

The Council received a request from the family of Michael Burke to provide a Memorial Plaque and this was discussed at a meeting of the Civic Honours/Plaques & Memorials Sub-Committee 1st September. It was agreed that the Executive would explore the matter further with the Family.

The attached wording and location have since been agreed with the Family and I recommend your approval to proceed with the placing of the Plaque.

Pat Keating
District Manager
Athlone Municipal District