

**Minutes of the Meeting of Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District Budgetary Plan meeting held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 9.30am, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork.**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Cllr. Pat Hayes, Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Cllr. Ian Doyle, Cllr. Liam Madden and Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Cllr. James Kennedy.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mary P. Hayes, SEO North Cork, Jim Moloney, Snr. Executive Engineer, Jennifer Murphy, Staff Officer and Anita Leader Meetings Administrator.

**1. Overview**

Mary Hayes SEO outlined the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Kanturk / Mallow, setting out the level of funding which is expected to be assigned to the Municipal District in respect of the services that come within the remit of the Municipal District. She highlighted that this was a draft Budget and stated that the CE has asked that this budget is presented to members noting that this is a work in progress, and he is reasonably confident finances will improve by way of additional funding from Central Government. A letter from the CE was circulated to members. The SEO highlighted that the CE states that CCC will support Local services on the ground and one of the first departments to benefit from any additional support will be the Municipal Districts.

The Senior Executive Officer highlighted the following changes in expenditure in the budget programmes from the year 2020:-

- Overall KMMD Budget down by 2.272381m
- GMA – No Change
- Village Renewal Fund – No Change
- Presentation of Town, Village Development Fund reduced from €149,039 to €110,988.

The Senior Executive Engineer Jim Moloney told members in his presentation that the Roads Budget does not take into account Roads Grants until the figures are announced from Central Government in early 2021. The Senior Executive Engineer said that while the roads budget for 2021 had been reduced from 10 to €8.8 million, this was a result of boundary changes introduced last year.

- Road Transport and Safety – Reduced by €5,817.
- Litter Management – Reduced by €3,341.
- Street Cleaning – Reduced by €12,719.
- Maintenance of burial grounds - Reduced by €29,869.
- Maintenance of Public Conveniences - Reduced by €3,341.
- Pool Budget - Reduced by €42,467.
- Maintenance of Open Spaces, Parks and playgrounds – Reduced by 13,039.

The members made the following comments and observations

**Cllr Pat Hayes** welcomed that the Village Renewal Fund and the GMA remain intact and no reduction in budget from last year.

**Cllr James Kennedy** agreed that with Cllr. P Hayes

**Cllr J.P O'Shea** Stated that the governments National Government Stimulus Packages have to be paid for therefore budget cuts were inevitable. He voiced his concerns that the timeline for Budget meetings are wrong. Discussion on the draft Budget should be discussing this closer to the overall county draft budget on November 23. Without a full picture of total funding he could not support the Budget. He stated the importance of all members working together for the good of the area regardless of Party.

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** agreed with Cllr. O'Shea in terms of timelines for Budget meetings and the importance of working together putting party differences aside.

**Cllr. James Kennedy** stated that he didn't feel it was right to vote on a draft budget without clarity on funding.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** stated discussing a budget without a true picture was a hard task.

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy** without a full picture he could not vote to agree the Budget for 2021.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** also voted to reject the Draft Budget until such time as further clarity on additional Government funding was announced.

**Decision**

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea proposed the rejection of the Draft Budget and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gerard Murphy. All members were in agreement.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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