

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Draft Budgetary Meeting of Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday 21st October, 2018 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Seamus McGrath (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Marcia D'Alton, Ben Dalton O'Sullivan, Audrey Buckley, Aidan Lombard, Liam O'Connor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Nicola Radley, SEO, Madeleine Healy, Exec Engineer, Alan O'Callaghan, Clerical Officer.

APOLOGIES: Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer.

1. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN FOR THE CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Nicola Radley advised that the figures are as set out in the Draft Budgetary Plan circulated to Members prior to the meeting. The new Draft Budget takes into consideration the fact there the Carrigaline MD is now a completely new district which consists of a new geographical area and a new population size in comparison to the old Ballincollig/Carrigaline MD.

Nicola gave a run through of the various parts of the Budget plan and the various allocations in each. Nicola advised members that they have to consider the plan and they can then adopt or reject it. Each of the 8MD's decisions are then relayed to the Chief Executive and the Finance Dept and then discussed at Full Council in conjunction with the Corporate Policy Group.

Nicola also advised members that the CPG had recommended that the Village Enhancement Scheme should include all villages within an MD and not just the Key villages as it was previously.

A discussion followed and Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- How was the figure allocated to Litter Management & Street Cleaning arrived at and do the Area Offices have any input into this? Is this for Machinery?
- Can the Litter Management funding be changed through representations to the Area office in regard to frequency?
- Even though total funding is down compared to the old Ballincollig/Carrigaline MD it has actually increased per head of population which is good to see.
- What is included under code B08?
- What are the extra Public Conveniences that are now part of this MD?
- Some concerns about funding for Burial Grounds and how funds are allocated to each. Disparity in service and condition of Burial Grounds across the MD.
- Will the level of funding for Recreation & Leisure be enough to cover the extra beaches and walkways within the new MD? Already reports that the Carrigaline/ Crosshaven walkway is poorly maintained.
- Amount allocated to Piers & Harbours seems very small. Ongoing issue in Roberts Cove with Seal Lettuce. Looks like there will be insufficient funding to deal with this.
- What is associated with Land Drainage?
- A message needs to be sent back that we need to do more at local level.

Nicola Radley advised the following in response:

- The Head of Finance would consult with each MD to come up with a figure for each area including Litter Management.
- The GMA calculation has now changed to a more robust calculation based on population.
- B08 would include the payment for Safety Wardens at schools.
- Extra Public Conveniences in Fountainstown.

- Reduction in Burial Ground funding due to loss of some in boundary transition. Inspection of burial rounds is underway and funds will be allocated to each.
- With regard to maintenance of Greenways and Walkways the MD plans to be more proactive rather than reactive going forward.
- GMA and TDF are discretionary funds that members can decide on after adoption of budget by full council. The issue of the sea lettuce could be funded from the GMA if members agree for example.

Madeleine Healy advised the following in response:

- Land Drainage is the maintenance of catchment areas of streams and rivers at flood risk.
- The main Street Cleaning costs would be emptying of bins, street cleaning machinery and physically cleaning streets.
- With regard to the frequency of Litter Management in different areas, the frequency is done as fairly as possible and if one area is increased it means that another area will be decreased.

Following this discussion, Members resolved not to agree the Draft Budget as submitted and asked that their views be forwarded for consideration -

- *Members expressed the view that the level of funding provided was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the District.*
- *Members were particularly dissatisfied with the level of discretionary spending provided.*
- *Members also wanted to reference that funding for beaches, piers and harbours, etc was insufficient given that the Carrigaline MD has the most accessible beaches with the Greater Cork area and extra funds is needed for their upkeep.*

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: 
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Date: 18/11/2019