

**Minutes of the meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan of the
Shannon Municipal District held on Wednesday , 28th October ,
2015 at 4:00pm at the offices of the Municipal District , Town Hall
Shannon Co. Clare.**

Present: Councillors P.J. Ryan (Cathaoirleach), Cathal Crowe, John Crowe, Gerry Flynn & Pat McMahon.
Mr Niall Barrett, Area Co Ordinator, Fiona Mooney, Meetings Administrator,
Shannon Municipal District & May Finucane, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr Mike McKee

1. *Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation*

Cllr PJ Ryan welcomed everyone and asked Niall Barrett to briefly outline the main elements of the letter dated 20th October 2015 from Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive. N Barrett mentioned the difficult Council budget process underway and confirmed that €44,100.00 is the proposed allocation under the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2016 for the Shannon Municipal District. It was considered important to maintain the allocation at least at the level of the 2015 allocation.

Cllr G Flynn proposed the adoption of the amount of €44,100 in respect of the GMA, Cllr J Crowe seconded it and it was agreed.

Cllr Cathal Crowe expressed the view that the restrictive budget process for local authorities contrasted with the recent central government budget, and felt that the role of the corporate policy group in drafting the local authority budget was not the right framework.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cllr PJ Ryan
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Fiona Mooney
Meeting Administrator

Date: _____