

Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District to consider Draft Budgetary Plan held on the 6th November , 2015 at 11.a.m. in Community Centre, Miltown Malbay

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. C. Curtin

I Láthair:

Cllr. R. Nagle, Cllr. B. Slattery, Cllr. B. Chambers, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. P.J. Kelly, Cllr.I. Lynch, Cllr. M. Hillery.

Officials present:

Mr. T. Coughlan, Chief Executive

Ms. A. Haugh, Area Co-Ordinator & Director of Service,

Mr. N. Barrett, Head of Finance

Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

1. Draft Budgetary Plan for 2015

At the outset of the meeting Cllr. Curtin welcomed everyone & he thanked the Chief Executive for attending.

T. Coughlan referred to the notification which had issued to the Members advising that the draft GMA for the County had been set at €193,000 for 2016 & that same was being split between the Municipal Districts on the basis of population as had occurred in 2015. He added that on this basis it was proposed that the West Clare MD would be allocated €56,700 for 2016. He advised that in determining the General Municipal Allocation for the MDs that he had to consider the overall income available to the Council & the Budget strategy discussions with the CPG. He further advised that the Council had agreed on the income to be generated by the LPT & that it was not possible to increase commercial rates while you are in the process of rates harmonisation.

Cllr. Curtin added that there had been a gross underfunding of Local Government & in particular the West Clare MD area .He then welcomed feedback from the members.

Cllr. Lynch suggested that the division of the GMA on the basis of land mass would have been fairer. He also enquired re development contributions. T. Coughlan clarified that development contributions would not be a source of revenue income & would not be considered as part of the allocation of the GMA. Cllr. Kelly indicated that you couldn't do anything with the amount of GMA funding being allocated to the West Clare MD & he suggested that they needed to intervene at local level.

Cllr. Keating proposed that the GMA allocated for the West Clare MD be accepted. Cllr. Nagle seconded this on the basis that the GMAs for each of the other MDs had been adopted.

Cllr. Slattery queried as to whether any extra funding re NPPR had been received by Clare Co Council since the meeting to agree on the LPT had taken place in September. N. Barrett indicated that in 2015 that there was a positive buoyancy regarding NPPR & that the total income recd in 2015 would be dealt with as part of the AFS for 2015. T. Coughlan cautioned that you couldn't balance a Budget on the basis of income received in a prior year.

Cllr. Curtin asked if there was any counter proposal to the adoption of the GMA.

Cllr. Kelly indicated that he was not proposing a counter proposal but that he wanted it recorded that he was not satisfied with the allocation.

2. A.O.B.

Cllr. Keating acknowledged the fact that works had re commenced at the Sea Wall in Kilkee. He also commended Loop Head on their recent award for the Loop Head Trail.

Votes of sympathy were passed for the following families owing to recent tragic deaths;

Mungovan, Devitt, O' Driscoll & Walsh families

The meeting then concluded

Signed :

Cllr. C. Curtin
Cathaoirleach

Signed :

J. Corry
Meetings Administrator

Dated this the 21st day of January 2016.