

Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District to consider Draft Budgetary Plan held on the 19th October, 2016 at 11.a.m. in Conference Room 316, Aras Contae an Chlair

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. B. Slattery

I Láthair:

Cllr. R. Nagle, Cllr. B. Chambers, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. P.J. Kelly, Cllr.I. Lynch, Cllr. C. Curtin.

Apologies:

Cllr. M. Hillery.

Officials present:

Mr. L. Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & A/Director of Service,
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.
Ms. Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

1. Draft Budgetary Plan for 2016

At the outset of the meeting Cllr. Slattery welcomed Mr. L. Cleary to the position of Area Co-Ordinator for the West Clare MD and wished him well in his new role.

L. Cleary thanked the Cathaoirleach and invited J. Corry to update the Members on the Draft Budgetary Plan. J. Corry referred to the Budgetary Plan which had been issued by the Chief Executive to each of the Members dated 7th October 2016. He advised the Members that the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for the West Clare MD for 2016 was €56,700. He reminded the Members that at the Special Meeting of Clare Co Council which had taken place in September that a decision was made by the Council to allocate an additional €80k to the GMA for 2017 and that such additional allocation would be split equally amongst the four MDs making an additional €20k available to each MD. Consequently as a result of this the proposed GMA for the West Clare MD for 2017 was €76,700. He added that the Budgetary Plan was a single line item referring to Miscellaneous Services. He further clarified that the Budgetary Plan needed to be adopted by each MD before the Full Council considered the Budget. He added that once the Budget was adopted by the Full Council and road grant allocations had been made available that the Schedule of Municipal District Works would be prepared and presented to each MD to decide on the specific projects that they wanted undertaken in each MD area. He added that due recognition would be made of the length of road network , housing services etc as part of the Budget of the Full Council & the preparation of Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Cllr Kelly suggested that the allocation that was made available to the West Clare MD and indeed the process of allocating same and the lack of consultation with the members was most unsatisfactory. Cllr Curtin agreed and indicated that the GMA should be allocated on the basis of needs. Cllr Lynch queried regarding contributions paid by the developer undertaking the Slieve Callan cable route connection & where this income was reflected in the Budget. J. Corry indicated that this funding was capital and would not be considered as part of the Budget. He added that part of this funding was a development contribution & that part of it was funding to reinstate the roads that were being opened to a satisfactory standard. Cllr Nagle explained the role of the CPG in preparing the Budget. He explained that the CEO allocates the GMA based on the resources that are available to him. He explained also that when a decision was made by the Full Council to increase the LPT that a clear decision was made as to what this extra funding would be used for .Cllr Slattery expressed disappointment that the allocation of €56,700, before you add the extra €220k, was not increased from 2016.

Cllr. Nagle proposed that the GMA allocated for the West Clare MD be accepted and that if any member had reservations on same that same would be articulated at the Budget meeting of Clare Co. Council. Cllr. Chambers seconded this proposal.

Cllr Curtin requested that his concerns on the allocation of the GMA to the West Clare MD would be articulated to the CEO in advance of the Full Council Budget meeting & L. Cleary committed to doing this.

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.

The meeting then concluded

Signed :

Cllr. B. Slattery
Cathaoirleach

Signed :

J. Corry
Meetings Administrator

Dated this the 17th day of November 2016.