

Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District to consider Draft Budgetary Plan held on the 30th October, 2018 at 2pm. in West Clare MD Offices, Kilrush, Co. Clare

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. I. Lynch,

I Láthair:

Cllr. B. Chambers, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. P.J. Kelly, Cllr. C. Curtin, Cllr. M. Hillery, Cllr. B. Slattery ,

Apologies:

Cllr. R. Nagle,

Officials present:

Mr. L. Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & Director of Service,
Ms. Noeleen Fitzgerald, A/Head of Finance
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

1. Draft Budgetary Plan for 2019

At the outset of the meeting Cllr. Lynch welcomed the A/ Head of Finance to the meeting & invited her to say a few words on the Budget.

N. Fitzgerald indicated that the balancing of the Budget was extremely challenging. She indicated that a decision had been taken by the Elected Members not to vary the LPT for 2019. She added that the elected members had been kept briefed on progress on the preparation of the Budget. She added that the members had been advised that at 31/8 that there was a shortfall of €2m to balance the Budget. She indicated that it was intended to reduce the GMA for the West Clare MD by €75k from 2018 to €201,700 to help reconcile the Budget. She also added that the Council would be getting a reduced Dividend from IPB for 2019. She also added that the Council were expecting additional Rates valuations however same had not yet been received.

The elected members indicated that they were not happy with the proposed reduction of the GMA. Cllr. Kelly further added that he felt that S58 of the Local Government Reform Act was not being complied with regarding the preparation of the Budgetary Plan.

Cllr. Slattery proposed that the Budgetary Plan be adopted & this was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

Cllr. Kelly proposed a counter Motion that the Budgetary Plan not be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

It was agreed to then take a vote. The following Cllrs voted in favour of Cllr Kelly's proposal not to adopt the Budgetary Plan:

Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. Curtin, Cllr. Hillery & Cllr. Lynch

The following Cllrs voted against Cllr. Kelly's motion:

Cllr. Slattery, Cllr. Chambers & Cllr. Keating.

Cllr. Kelly's motion not to adopt the Budgetary Plan was carried by 4 votes to 3.

2. Set date for November MD meeting

It was agreed that the November MD meeting would take place at 3pm in the West Clare MD Offices in Kiltrush. It was also agreed that this meeting would be preceded by lunch and a no of Briefings.

The meeting then concluded

Signed :

Cllr. I. Lynch
Cathaoirleach

Signed :

J. Corry
Meetings Administrator

Dated this the 30th day of November 2018.