

Minutes of Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District, re Rural Post Office closures, held on 27th August, 2018 at 12 p.m. in Kilrush MD offices

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr.I. Lynch,

I Láthair:

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

Officials present:

Mr. L. Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & A/Director of Service,
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.
Ms. Margaret Cotter, Rural & Community Development Officer

1. The future of rural Post Offices

Cllr. Lynch convened the meeting.

Cllr Chambers emphasised his concern at the proposed closure of Post Offices in Lisseycasey, Cree, Doonbeg, Cooraclare, Fanore & Kilfenora. He referred to the Motion that had been passed in the Dail in 2016 to retain rural Post Offices and he called for same to be acted upon. There was unanimous support for the retention of Post Offices at these locations & each of the Members in turn spoke of the importance of retaining such services in rural areas.

The Following resolution was then proposed and unanimously agreed:

“We the West Clare Municipal District Councillors Ian Lynch, Gabriel Keating, Christy Curtin, Richard Nagle, Bill Slattery, Bill Chambers, PJ Kelly and Michael Hillary unanimously agreed at a Special Meeting of the Municipal District Council held on 27th August 2018 to call on ,

The Government to enact the Dáil motion passed in November 2016 in support of protecting and developing the Post Office network and its services.

In doing so we ask that they,

- 1. Postpone the closures of post offices for a 3 year period, to facilitate a restructure of the post office services.*
- 2. Ensure that the necessary budget provision is included in Budget 2019 and thereafter to subsidise the Post Office Network while it is being developed. “*

It was agreed that this Motion be circulated to the Local Oireachtas members & to all Councils seeking national support for the motion.

This then concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed :

Cllr. I. Lynch
Cathaoirleach

Signed :

J. Corry
Meetings Administrator

Dated this the 21st day of September 2018.