**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 11am**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Pat O’Toole, Mark Casey, Gerard Farrell

and Mick Cahill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services

 Mr. Brian Mc Neela, A/Senior Executive Engineer

 Ms. Fema Flanagan, A/Head of Finance

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Colm Murray,

Mr. John McKeon, Director of Services

Ms. Claire Mc Dermott, Administrative Officer

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Ann Marie Mc Keon

**CONSIDERATION OF THE 2023 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION**

Fema Flanagan, A/Head of Finance gave a comprehensive presentation regarding the General Municipal Allocation 2023 under the following headings and replied to queries raised –

* Budgetary Process – under Local Government Reform Act 2014
* Local Property Tax Variation – retain rates for 2023 and 2024
* Source of Funding for Municipal District
* Acute Financial Challenges for 2023
* Delivery of Services with decreasing resources
* Lowest valued LPT base in Country
* Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis
* Increased Inflationary Pressure
* Financing Payroll requirements and additional pay increases
* Ability to provide ‘match-funding’ for a range of schemes
* Decrease in NPPR income stream
* Loss of rates from Lough Ree Power Station
* Low Rates Base/High Vacancy Rate
* General Municipal Allocation 2023 Recommendation - €90,000 to be distributed as follows – Tidy Town Grants - Town Twinning - Voluntary Bodies Grants – Arts Activities – Special Project Grants
* Ballymahon MD 2022 GMA Committed to date – 46 Groups received funding in 2022
* Governance

**Ballymahon GMA Sub-Service Allocation 2023**

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| **Service Division** | **Sub-Service** | **Allocation 2022** | **Suggested Allocation 2023** | **Increase/Decrease** |
| **Development Management** | **Town Twinning** | **€2,000** | **€3,000** | **€1,000** |
| **Recreation & Amenity** | **Voluntary Bodies Grants** | **€64,429** | **€53,500** | **-€10,929** |
| **Recreation & Amenity** | **Tidy Town Grants** | **€12,896** | **13,000** | **€104** |
| **Recreation & Amenity** | **Art Activities** | **€10,675** | **€10,500** | **-€175** |
| **Recreation & Amenity** | **Special Project Grants** | **0** | **€10,000** | **€10,000** |
| **Grand Total** |  | **€90,000** | **€90,000** | **€0** |

The members discussed Christmas lights and special projects. Fema provided detailed responses to all the questions raised.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, the members unanimously approved the 2023 General Municipal Allocation as presented.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Ann Marie Mc Keon**

 **Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 6 December 2022.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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