**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Ennis Committee,**

**held on Tuesday 22nd June 2021, at 11.30am,**

**on-line on MS Teams**

**Councillors:** A. Norton, M. Nestor, C. Colleran-Molloy, J. Flynn, M. Howard, P. Murphy

**Officials:** Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Leonore O’Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Niamh O Connor, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator, Eamon O’Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Fiona Whelan, Staff Officer, Lily McInerney, Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. P. Daly.

Chair Cllr. Ann Norton opened the Meeting welcoming all.

**Item No. 1. Ennis draft Casual Trading Bye-laws 2021**

Report and draft Casual Trading Bye-laws 2021 had been circulated before the meeting.

Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, briefed the Meeting. 2014 legislation provides for Municipal Districts to adopt their own Casual Trading Bye-laws. A review of the existing bye-laws had been undertaken, and the Draft Bye-Laws in respect of Ennis MD provides for a rationalisation of trading bays in the Market area, a new casual trading bay for Ballyallia Lake, and new clauses regarding standards. Following a briefing to Members and the subsequent public consultation phase, a total of two submissions had been received, both in relation to loss of car parking in Lower Market Street. Ms Greene advised that it was felt that parking issues were addressed through the removal of 7 trading bays on Lower Market Street and highlighted the under-utilised multi-storey car park at that location. Further changes were made to facilitate disability parking bays in the market area.

Carmel Greene recommended the draft Casual Trading Bye-laws for approval by Ennis Municipal District.

*This item was proposed by Cllr. M. Nestor, seconded by Cllr. C. Colleran-Molloy, and agreed by all Members.*

Clarity was provided by Carmel Green SEO, further to questions by Members, as follows:

* Supply of trading bays is currently adequate to meet demand, but this may not be the case at Ballyallia Lake. Where there are more applicants than Bays, an assessment of the quality of the proposal will be undertaken and the allocation of the bay will be to the applicant who best meets the standard criteria.
* Applicants will be free to sell a food product within the set criteria; however account is taken when assessing applications to ensure that any local rate-paying business is not adversely affected by the trading of any particular food.
* The Bye-Laws provide for a Farmers’ Market to trade in the Market building if required.
* Trading Bays are priced consistently in two categories across the town.
* Chapel Lane Saturday Market parking submission – the removal of 7 previous trading stalls will free up 10 parking spaces in Lower Market Street and the multi-storey car park is also available.

Members acknowledged the considerable work undertaken on the Casual Trading Bye-Laws and Carmel Kirby, Director of Service, thanked Carmel Greene and Fiona Whelan for this work.

**Item No. 2. Section 38 Roads Act 1994: Traffic Calming Measures at Cappahard Lane & Tulla Road**

Report, public notice and map were circulated in advance of the meeting. Eamon O’Dea, Senior Executive Engineer, briefed the Members on the proposed traffic calming measures linking Cappahard Lane into the Tulla Road, which will involve construction of a new two metre wide footpath, as well as kerbing, tactile paving, signage, road gullies and drainage pipes, and road markings. This work, he stated, was in the pipeline pending a funding mechanism which is now in place. Four submissions had been received during the public consultation phase, following which, some alterations were made to the original design.

The proposed Section 38 works were recommended for Members to approve.

*This item was proposed by Cllr. J. Flynn, seconded by Cllr. P. Murphy, and approved by all Members.*

Cllr Flynn welcomed this work which was the subject of a previous notice of motion brought by himself.

Cllr Flynn raised the issue of Outdoor drinking and Intoxicating Liquor Licences. It was advised that Any Other Business was not an agenda item for this Special Meeting and that the issue raised was a County wide one (as well as Country wide).

Chair Cllr. A. Norton thanked all Members, staff and media present and closed the meeting.

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Mayor of Ennis

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Meetings Administrator

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