

**Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of  
Maynooth Municipal District and  
Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District  
held on Wednesday, 13 July 2016 at 09.30 am  
in Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor M Stafford (Chair), Councillors M Aspell, S Doyle, T Durkan, D Fitzpatrick, P Kennedy, M McCabe, P McEvoy, J McGinley, T Murray, N O'Cearúil, J Pender, S Power, P Ward and B Weld.

**Apologies:** Councillors R Cronin, M Lynch, F McLoughlin-Healy

**Officials Present:** Mr N Morrissey (District Manager), Ms B Loughlin (Heritage Officer), Ms B Butler (Community Liaison Officer for the Drehid Fund) and Ms C Gallagher (Community and Enterprise Section)  
Ms M Ahearne (Meetings Administrator),  
Ms D Heavey-Sharpe (Meetings Secretary).

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**Drehid Grant Scheme 2016**

Councillor Stafford opened the meeting and invited Ms. Loughlin the Heritage Officer to outline the proposed Drehid Grant Scheme for 2016 to the members.

Ms Loughlin stated that a total fund of €654,990 was available under the Drehid Grant Scheme for 2016, out of the 61 applications received which were assessed by the Drehid Liaison Committee, 52 applications were approved and 9 applications were refused. Ms Loughlin also explained that each application was scored by criteria set down by the committee and this was clearly outlined to all the applicants.

In response to a query from Councillor Kennedy, Ms Loughlin stated that where it showed €0.00 under the column "amount awarded" meant that this particular application was refused.

Councillor Fitzpatrick extended his appreciation to the Drehid Liaison Committee and stated that there was €145,988 to be transferred to the 2017 scheme which is expected to be advertised in January 2017. Councillor Fitzpatrick also stated that there were two

applications listed one for Coill Dubh Athletic Football Club and one for Ballyteague Gaelic Football Club where further information was to be submitted, these applications were assessed and funding approved.

Councillor Ward enquired when will the applicants be notified of the committee's decision to provide funding and will unsuccessful applicants receive details of why their applications were refused?

Ms Loughlin stated that all successful applicants would be notified by the end of next week and where an applicant was unsuccessful Ms Butler, Community Liaison Officer for the Drehid Fund would provide a full explanation. She explained how Ms Butler visits applicants and goes through the application process with them in detail, she visits up to 10 or 12 projects a year and welcomed members to also visit the projects.

Councillor Stafford thanked Ms Loughlin, Ms Butler, Ms Gallagher and Ms Conneely on their work and stated that of the 9 applications refused some groups were outside the 9 km radius, others had been refused in the past and continued to resubmit applications, he stated that there were valid reasons for all refusals.

Ms Loughlin stated that there was a dvd produced and this was on the Drehid Bord na Móna website for anyone wishing to view it.

In response to a query from Councillor McGinley regarding the auditing of funds, Ms Loughlin stated that amounts under €5,000 were given upfront and once work was completed a report on the work done and receipts are submitted for inspection, amounts over €5,000 are paid on receipt of invoices, or on a phased basis. All receipts, invoices and reports are checked and matched to the original application to ensure payment is made for work identified in the application process.

In response to a query from Councillor Doyle enquiring if there were any plans to facilitate a sinking fund where a regional project could be looked at in the future, Ms Loughlin advised that this had been discussed and would be looked at again next year, any proposed project would have to be within the 9 km radius of the Drehid Landfill and Prosperous Village and subject to the normal planning application process.

Councillor Stafford requested a proposer and seconder for the proposed Drehid Grant Scheme 2016.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Ó'Cearúil and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that the Drehid Grant Scheme 2016 proposed for the Maynooth Municipal District and the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District be adopted.

The meeting concluded.