

Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile na Lorgan
Comharile Cantae Mhunieachain



The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney
Monaghan County Council

Minutes of proceedings of July Monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District held in Carrickmacross Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, on Friday 4th July 2014 @ 10:00am.

Present:- Cllrs. Jackie Crowe, Aidan Campbell, Noel Keelan, PJ O Hanlon.

Also in attendance:- Adge King, Director of Services, Cathal Flynn, Co-ordinator, Frances Matthews, Amanda Murray, Stephanie McEneaney.

Press:- Veronica Corr, The Northern Standard. Martin Shannon, The Anglo Celt.

Apologies:- Cllr. McNally.

1. Confirmation of the AGM

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. O’Hanlon the minutes for the AGM were adopted.

2. Matters arising

Cllr. O Hanlon asked if there was an update in relation to the letter sent to Dr. Fergal Connolly, HSE in relation to Dental services in Carrickmacross and Castleblayney. Ms. Murray stated that a letter had issued last week but to date there was no reply. Cllr. O Hanlon requested that a phone call be made to Dr. Connolly asking him if he is willing to meet with the members and if same is confirmed that the local TD’s be asked to attend the meeting. He said that Carrickmacross and Castleblayney need the same services that are provided for Monaghan and Dundalk. He added that if Dr. Connolly doesn’t reply or refuses to meet the members that a meeting should be requested with the Taoiseach as this is a serious issue and needs to be addressed with urgency.

Cllr. Keelan supported and seconded same. He added that he had received a letter from the HSE on the 18th June and further e-mail on the 3rd July stating that interviews were being held for the position of dentist & dental nurse in July. Cllr. Keelan said that he will be following up on same in the next number of weeks for an update.

Cllr. Crowe concurred with the same.

After a lengthy debate Mr. Flynn informed the members that he would contact Dr. Connolly and then contact the members with a course of action.

3. Correspondence

(a) (i) E-mail from Seamus McEnaney, Vanity Night Club in relation to Country Music Festival in the car park at the rear of the Night Club on the August bank holiday weekend (1st – 5th August, 2014).

(ii) Letter from John & Karina Caraher, residents of Ivy Lane in relation to the council imposing finishing times on the festival weekend.

Cllr. Keelan said that he was eager to support the festival however he said that it was very important that Mr. McEnaney contact Mr. and Mrs. Carragher directly in relation to their concerns.

Mr. Flynn stated that the Municipal District had contacted Mr. McEnaney to liaise with Mr. and Mrs. Carragher. However to date no discussion had taken place between the two parties but it was hoped that the two parties could come to a agreeable solution.

(b) Letter from David O Connor, private secretary for the Minister for Health, Dr. James Reilly, T.D. in relation to the Municipal District concerns over dental services at The Clinic, St. Macartan's Villas.

Discussed under matters arising.

(c) Letter from Castleblayney 400 Heritage Committee requesting financial and moral support from the Municipal District.

Cllr. Campbell informed the meeting that Castleblayney Town Council previously funded same and also covered the insurance. He proposed that Mr. Flynn meet with the group to discuss funding, insurance, man power etc. Cllr. Crowe seconded same and added that there should be funds set aside in Castleblayney Town Council's 2014 Budget to provide for same. Mr. Flynn stated that although a submission for funding was made it was not provided for in the budget. Mr. King said that request for funding would have to go before the County Council meeting.

Cllr. Keelan requested clarification on the insurance cover. Mr. Flynn said that he would seek clarification on same.

(d) Letter from Monaghan Parents' Autism Support Group for request for funding for their Summer Camp.

Cllr. O Hanlon said that the group had been in contact with Cllr. Mc Nally in relation to same. He added that it was an extremely worthy cause and the people organising same should be highly commended. He added that he had consulted with Cllr. Mc Nally and proposed that a contribution be made of €500 to the group. Cllr. Keelan seconded same and said that the camp was a great idea for the children and it also gave the parents a small break.

It was unanimously agreed to fund same.

4. Approval of Standing Orders

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. O Hanlon the standing orders were approved.

5. New Traffic Measures at Bridewell Lane, Carrickmacross

Mr. Flynn informed the members that at the final meeting of Carrickmacross Town Council the Junction of Bridewell Lane and Main Street was asked to be discussed at the first meeting of the Municipal District. He said that the District Engineers had reviewed the junction. Two options for consideration to improve the sight distance at the junction included:

- a) To extend the area with no parking
- b) Traffic lights to be placed at junction.

Cllr. O Hanlon said that although previous works had been done to this junction it was still very dangerous. The major issue was traffic parked on the right hand side when vehicles are trying to exit Bridewell leaving visibility very poor, especially if the vehicles are jeeps / vans etc. He also asked that the yellow box on Main Street needed to be relined. Cllr. Keelan supported same and said that road safety was extremely important. He asked if there were anything in the Byelaws that could prevent such vehicles from parking in this area. Cllr. Crowe & Campbell concurred with same. Mr. Flynn said that although there were no byelaws for commercial vehicles to park in the area it could be patrolled by the Traffic Warden / Garda.

6. Notices of Motions / Questions.

Mr. Flynn requested all future Municipal District Notices of Motions / Questions be forwarded directly to the Municipal office and not to the County Council Offices.

The following questions were asked by Cllr. McNally:

1. When is it expected to start work to rectify problems with the Kingscourt Road/Ardee Road junction?

The time line for completion, all amendments to kerblines as agreed with the Elected Members will be completed by the 11th July. The wearing course macadam and road markings will be complete by the 17th July. (3 day road closure starting the 15th July)

2. Has Monaghan Co. Council adequate funding to carry out necessary house repairs on rented Local Authority homes in Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District?

The authority will ensure that all major repairs will be carried out to provide for the long term viability of the housing stock. Improvements to the stock have been, and will continue to be initiated, as and when resources allow. For example substantial investment has been made in Energy Efficiency improvements to the overall housing stock and it is hoped that this will be rolled out through the whole Monaghan County Council housing stock. Tenants have been reminded of their own responsibilities, as set out in their tenancy agreement, in respect of maintaining and making repairs to their properties and the authority will strictly adhere to the requirement therein."

The following questions were asked by Cllr. Keelan:

1. In relation to the very dangerous bridge on the Stranatona Road in Magheracloone, which I brought the attention of our road section last May, what actions have the Council taken to ensure public safety at this location?

An inspection was carried out on the 2/07/14. A number of temporary safety measures will be introduced, including advance signage and road edge delineators. Rebuilding the parapet wall and the installation of barrier protection is subject to the availability of funding.

2. In relation to the Inniskeen village area, when is it hoped to carry out some road improvement/resurfacing works, as agreed at our Road Area Meeting some months ago, and at what location?

The Local Restoration Improvement Programme will commence in the Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District on the 9th July. It is estimated that the programme will take approximately 6 weeks to complete with the wearing course in Inniskeen Village being laid in the final week of the programme. The wearing course will start at the playground in Inniskeen Village and continue west on the LP 4622 (towards the GAA football pitch) for approximately 700m.

The following questions were asked by Cllr. Crowe:

1. Has Monaghan County Council the report back that they commissioned in relation to the damage done to the bridge at Corrygarry, Castleblayney?

An inventory and principal inspection report was compiled by O'Connor/Sutton/Cronin following a site visit on the 7/5/14. O'Connor/Sutton/Cronin indentified 14 items of works that the bridge required ranging from removal of minor vegetation to masonry repair. The report recommends phasing of the works to be completed by Monaghan County Council starting in 2014 and finishing 2018. The report states that the parapet walls on the south end of the bridge have collapsed and should be rebuilt in 2014. Monaghan County Council will deploy resources to the rebuild the parapet walls in the coming weeks.

2. Any update on the Upper Bree Road ramps reduction and resurfacing?

Wearing course restoration will be carried out, where necessary, on the Upper Bree road. The ramps will be replaced by the end of the September.

3. Will Monaghan County Council tidy up the roundabout at Tullyvin which is totally overgrown and poses a danger to motorists?

Castleblayney Bypass will be closed from the 14th July to the 23rd for routine road maintenance. Grass cutting at Tullyvin Roundabout will be carried out during this period.

8. Chief Executive Orders.

No Orders.

9. Votes Of Sympathy / Congratulations

The following votes of sympathy were passed –

Michael Duffy, Latton, on the death of his sister Geraldine Moynagh.

Rosemary McEnaney, Chestnut Grove, on the death of her mother Nan Rooney.
Josie Marron, St. Macartan's Villas, on the death of her husband Pat.
Lenny McKitterick, Creevy, on the death of his mother.
Jimmy McAree, Dundalk Road on the death of his daughter Geraldine Campbell.

The following votes of congratulations were passed –

Carrickmacross Emmet's U-14's on winning the U-14 shield at Feile which took place in the Centre of Excellence, Mayo Friday 27th – Sunday 29th June.

'Blayney Rovers on the turning of the sod on their new pitch by John Delany, CEO, FAI.

10. AOB

Cllr. O Hanlon asked for an update on the situation with the Kingscourt Road junction. Cllr. Keelan concurred with same and asked how much money the entire project cost from start to finish. Mr. Flynn said that the works will be completed by Friday 17th July next. He stated that it was not a case of re-doing the junction but just making some minor amendments to the kerbing / carriageways. Cllr. O Hanlon requested that in future a detailed comprehensive analysis should be given to the members prior to commencement of any works taking place.

Cllr. Campbell informed the meeting that the annual "Muckno Mania" festival will take place from Thursday 10th July – Sunday 13th July. He encouraged all the people in the Carrickmacross – Castleblayney District to attend same. Cllr. Crowe reiterated that it was a great weekend for everyone.

Cllr. Keelan requested that a meeting be arranged with the Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce and Castleblayney Chamber of Commerce. To date the Town Council's and Chambers have had a great working relationship and it was very important to maintain same and work together. Cllr. O Hanlon credited the relationship that Carrickmacross Town Council and Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce have had in the past. Cllr. Crowe asked that same be put on the September Agenda for discussion.

Cllr. O Hanlon thanked all involved in the fencing works which took place at Woodvale Estate and added that the residents were very happy with same. He also thanked John Lennon, Executive Engineer, for getting a gate in place at the estate and issuing keys to appropriate people.

Cllr. O Hanlon requested that the Council look into amending speed signs entering town, to have them back to back (i.e. shown what speed vehicle doing entering and exiting Carrickmacross). Mr. Flynn said he would investigate same.

The meeting concluded at 11:30am.

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Meetings Administrator

Date: _____

