

## Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 10.30am in Clones Courthouse, McCurtain Street, Clones, Co Monaghan.

**Members Present**        The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Hugh McElvaney, presided

The following members were also present:- Cllrs:- Cathy Bennett, Ciara McPhillips, Seamus Coyle, Pat Treanor and Sean Gilliland

**In Attendance**        Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Donna Moran, Graduate Engineer, Lorraine Brogan, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Apologies**              Adge King, Director of Services, Kieran Duffy, Executive Engineer, Colin Murphy, Assistant Engineer, Angela Gallagher Staff Officer.

### **1. Confirmation of minutes of Monthly Meeting**

The minutes of the February monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor and seconded by Cllr Seamus Coyle.

### **2. Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to page 1 of the previous minutes regarding correspondence issued to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Northern Ireland Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure, Carál Ní Chuilín MLA, regarding expanding the existing Departmental task force involved in the restoration of the Ulster Canal to include representatives from Monaghan County Council. Cllr. Pat Treanor enquired if there had been any update on this issue and if not, can a further letter be issued. Mr Kevin McNally stated that no correspondence has been received. However, the Municipal District will seek an update on this matter from both Ministers within the next week.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett referred to page 1 of the previous minutes regarding a meeting of Community Groups from the Sliabh Beagh area which took place on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 in The Knocks, Co. Fermanagh. Cllr. Cathy Bennett stated that she attended this meeting which proved very worthwhile. Cllr. Cathy Bennett also noted that letters have been issued to Community Groups regarding making application for funding under the Council's Community & Environment Funding Scheme 2016. Cllr. Cathy Bennett stressed the importance of encouraging the Community Groups to forward details to Carol Lambe in order to apply for this funding.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to page 3 of the previous minutes regarding correspondence issued to Eirgrid and stated that he had attended a meeting with Cllr. Seamus Coyle on the previous night in The Nuremore Hotel in Carrickmacross where it was announced that Eirgrid proposed to introduce 25 new entrances where they intend to access lands. Cllr. Sean Gilliland stated that this proposal was not in the original Planning Application submitted by Eirgrid.

Cllr. Seamus Coyle referred to the aforementioned meeting he attended in The Nuremore Hotel and expressed his opinion that the process had now become farcical. He stated, as Cllr. Sean Gilliland had previously mentioned, that routes had been added in to access the Pylons going through hedges

and ditches etc. He stated that action is now urgently required. Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District demand a commitment from all Cavan/Monaghan Oireachtas members, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D, the Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin T.D., to the inclusion in the programme for formation of a new government, a clear commitment to direct Eirgrid to withdraw the current proposal to overground the 400kV North-South Interconnector with a view to undergrounding, and treating the communities of the counties of Monaghan/Cavan and Meath with parity to those on Grid West and Grid Link.”

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

Cllr. Pat Treanor also expressed concern regarding current proceedings with Eirgrid. He stated that Eirgrid appear to be making it up as they go along in an endeavour to blindside the local community. He stated that politics appear to be playing a role in this process and the general public are very annoyed with how issues are being addressed and the arrogance of the answers given by Eirgrid.

Cllr. Sean Gilliland expressed annoyance that the farming community still do not know the type of Pylons that are proposed to be erected on their lands. He stated that he is led to believe that there are four different types of Pylons. However, he felt that with any planning application issues should be specific and Eirgrid should not be permitted to erect any one of four options. Cllr. Sean Gilliland felt that this deemed the planning application flawed and it should be withdrawn.

Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District write to Eirgrid for an explanation as to the 25 new proposed entrances to the Pylon sites that were not in the initial Planning Permission Application and ask why the farming community and land owners have not been informed to date as to what type of Pylon is proposed to be erected on their lands.”

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Seamus Coyle and agreed by all.

Cllr. Seamus Coyle complimented the Planning Staff from Monaghan Co. Council, Adrian Hughes and Toirleach Gourley for their input into this matter.

Cllr. Ciara McPhillips referred to page 6 of the previous minutes in relation to plans for the redevelopment of the Market House in Clones and enquired about the progress on this matter. Mr. Kevin McNally advised that a Feasibility Study was carried out on the redevelopment of the Market House and the following four options were explored 1) use of the building as a public facility, 2) use of the building as a Restaurant, 3) use of the building for Archive Storage, 4) use of the building for offices for the Municipal District. Kevin McNally stated that when costings for the redevelopment of the building were examined, it was agreed that the most appropriate use of the Market House would be for new offices for the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District.

Cllr. Pat Treanor welcomed this news in relation to the redevelopment of the Market House and was pleased that the building will be retained as a public space as had always been the suggestion from the previous Town Council times.

Cllr. Ciara McPhillips referred to page 6 of the previous minutes in relation to proposed projects/services in the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District area and stated that she spoke recently with Dymrna Condra, County Tourism Officer, and can advise that an information brochure is currently being prepared for the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District area.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney referred to page 6 of the previous minutes in relation to the development of a stone arch for Clones Famine Graveyard and expressed his support for the project and noted that the Municipal District had agreed to provide the required funding in order to complete the project. Mr. Kevin McNally advised that the Municipal District office is working with the Clones Famine Committee to progress this project which is being financially supported by ABP and Tenders for the works have been assessed by the Council.

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to page 7 of the previous minutes in relation to Wi-Fi update and expressed disappointment that this matter had not been progressed as he considered adequate Wi-Fi in the area so important in terms of promoting IT. He referred to a recent report that outlined Monaghan as one of the worst counties in Ireland for access to Broadband.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett referred to page 8 (Question 2) of the previous minutes in relation to the proposed footpath in Knockatallon and stated that she welcomed the works which are proposed to be carried out in 2016.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett referred to page 8 (Question 4) of the previous minutes in relation to the lack of public lighting out to Cuan Mhuire in Ballybay and noted that it was proposed to undertake this work in 2017.

Cllr. Ciara McPhillips referred to page 9 (Question 6) of the previous minutes in relation to identifying a suitable site for a Bring Bank in Smithboro village and asked for an update on this matter. Mr Kevin McNally noted that the Municipal District was working with the Council's Environment Section but as yet a site had not been identified.

Cllr. Ciara McPhillips referred to page 9 (Question 7) of the previous minutes in relation to Ture Cross on the Scotshouse-Newbliss road not being made an 'all stop' junction and she expressed disappointment that rumble strips will not be provided at this location. Mr. Kevin McNally advised that an alternative solution to this issue will need to be identified by the Council.

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to page 10 (Question 12) of the previous minutes in relation to speeding on the Newtownbutler Road, Clones and Clones Road, Newbliss and enquired if there was an update on this matter. Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that Ballybay-Clones Municipal District staff have erected speed detection cameras at both locations to assess and determine whether additional measures can be implemented to reduce speeding. Mr. Kevin McNally also advised that staff from the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District held a meeting with the Gardai last Christmas in relation to speeding in both Clones and Newbliss. Further to this meeting the Gardai had arranged for their speed detection van to operate in Clones on various occasions. Mr. Kevin McNally noted that a member of the engineering staff from Ballybay-Clones Municipal District was today meeting with the Gardai again to highlight speeding in the Municipal District.

Cllr. Sean Gilliland enquired if the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District received any communication from the Gardai in relation to the numbers of motorists identified speeding. Mr. Kevin McNally agreed that the Municipal District will continue to work closely with the Gardai and enquires will be made to ascertain if information in relation to speeding incidents etc can be obtained from the Gardai.

Mr. Kevin McNally also confirmed, in relation to the issue of a bad corner on the N54 at Clonboy/Teehill, Clones, that this matter has been raised on numerous occasions and the Council are

still awaiting a report from the National Roads Inspector. The Municipal District will again write to the Roads Section of the Council seeking an update on this matter.

### **3. Correspondence**

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney referred to item 3.12 in correspondence regarding letter sent to the Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Co. Council and noted that this issue had now been resolved.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to item 3.25 in correspondence regarding poor water quality in O'Duffy Terrace in Ballybay and stated that she was very surprised at the response from Irish Water that their investigations had highlighted no issues with water quality in the area. Cllr. Cathy Bennett agreed to check this matter out further and provide any necessary details for this matter to be investigated.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to item 3.26 in correspondence regarding the closure of the Social Protection office and proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District extend congratulations to the successful candidates in the recent General Election, Heather Humphreys T.D, Caoimhghín Ó’Caoláin T.D., Brendan Smith T.D and Niamh Smyth T.D. and request that they obtain guarantees in the programme for the formation of government, for the Ballybay-Clones electoral area, in terms of replacement of jobs and public services withdrawn by the outgoing government, namely the closure/removal of the Department of Social Protection Offices in Ballybay, with the loss of 30 plus jobs to the town’s Main Street, the closure of the Department of Social Protection office in Clones, with the loss of services to the people of Clones and the surrounding area”.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to item 3.32 in correspondence regarding the lack of mobile phone service in the Knockatallon area and suggested that Vodafone Ireland are requested to organise a public meeting in Knockatallon to address the lack of mobile phone coverage in the area.

Cllr. Sean Gilliland concurred with this suggestion but suggested that Vodafone Ireland is requested to attend a meeting to address lack of mobile phone coverage in all areas of the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District write to Vodafone, Ireland and ask them to organise a public meeting to address the lack of coverage in the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District area. Vodafone will need to advertise this public meeting and allow the public to submit their complaints to them personally”.

This proposal was seconded by Sean Gilliland and agreed by all.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett stated that a public meeting will give the public an opportunity to question Vodafone Ireland about Telecommunication Masts erected, in particular, in the Corcaghan area.

Cllr. Seamus Coyle referred to 3.35 in correspondence in relation to the taking in charge of Wylies Hill Estate in Ballybay and proposed the following:-

“That as Monaghan County Council have taken in charge Wylies Hill Estate in Ballybay, that the Council, in consultation with the residents, undertake the erection of entrance signage and the installation of speeding ramps etc in the estate.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to item 3.36 in correspondence regarding response from the National Transport Authority in relation to the provision of a stopping place for buses at Monaghan General Hospital and expressed his disappointment at the response. Cllr. Pat Treanor proposed that the correspondence is sent to the Monaghan Municipal District for this matter to be examined further as the location is within that Municipal District area. This was seconded by Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

Cllr. Seamus Coyle referred to item 3.34 in correspondence regarding the response from the Ambassador of France in relation to sympathies extended in wake of the attacks in Paris in November, 2015 and proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District accept and acknowledge the offer of the Ambassador of France, Jean-Pierre Thébault, to visit the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District in 2016”.

This proposal was seconded by Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr. Seamus Coyle proposed the following:-

“That the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District extend sincere sympathy to the Ambassador of Belgium and the people of Brussels and Belgium on the recent tragic bombings. Also to the Palestinian people on the tragic ongoing loss of life. This Municipal District condemns all forms of violence and terrorist activities throughout the world”.

This proposal was seconded by Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

#### **4. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator**

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed the following:-

Ongoing and recently completed works in the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District:

- Completion of remedial works on Corraskea bridge (road now reopened)
- Ongoing patching and maintenance works.
- Ongoing works on the 2016 Roads restoration program. Outdoor staff current carrying out drainage works and MD engineering staff has completed all drawings and tender documentation for Restoration Improvement works tender.
- Preliminary works with regards proposed R162/R190 Flood alleviation works. All landowners have been identified. A topographical survey is being carried out at present and following a recent tender procedure it is hoped to appoint an engineering consultant to prepare subsequent design.
- Ongoing repairs following damage from recent storms.

#### Upcoming works

- Further drainage works under the RI program. Hope to commence resurfacing works under the RI programme in June
- Resurfacing of 5 crosses in Latton.
- Preparatory works for 2016 surface dressing program

#### **Clones Regeneration committee**

Mr. Kevin McNally stated that the last meeting of the Clones Regeneration Committee was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to seek to develop a number of possible projects for Clones Town. This meeting was well represented by members of local community groups and staff from various sections of the Council. Mr. McNally confirmed that it was agreed that the group would meet again on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 to seek to develop the proposals further.

#### **Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership**

Mr. Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District at the request of the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership organised a further meeting of community groups in the Municipal District and Erne East area of Fermanagh – which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> March in the Knocks County Fermanagh.

The meeting was facilitated by Carol Lambe

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that a further meeting has been arranged for Monday, 3rd May 2016 to develop the ideas and proposals discussed.

Mr. Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District is also facilitating meetings with various angling bodies from the Municipal District and County Fermanagh – last meeting of which occurred on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The purpose of these meetings is to seek to enhance the existing angling product that existing in the area. These meetings are also attended by Inland Fisheries, the Tourism sections of Monaghan County Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

#### **Clones Courthouse Seating Project**

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that Tenders for the installation of the seating were returned and assessed. The Municipal District has applied for and obtained a new fire cert for the building. It is proposed to place the order for the seating next week – Project should be completed by end of May.

#### **Clones Famine Graveyard**

Mr. Kevin McNally advised that The Municipal District office is currently working in conjunction with the Clones Famine committee to develop the stone arch proposal for the Clones Famine graveyard. This project is been supported by ABP. Tenders for the required works have been returned and assessed by the Council. Mr. Kevin McNally noted that the members had agreed to provide the required match funding for the completion of the project.

#### **Clones Market House**

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that The Municipal District, in conjunction with Shirley Clerkin the Council's Heritage Officer, has completed the feasibility study stage for the project. The most appropriate use for the building is for the location of the offices for the Ballybay- Clones Municipal

District. Further meetings with the Design team are scheduled for early April in order to progress the scheme to Design Stage.

### **Ballybay Regeneration Committee**

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that the last meeting of the Ballybay Regeneration Committee was held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016. The Council has received and assessed tenders for the painting and repair of gutters to particular buildings in Ballybay. The Municipal District hope to open discussions shortly with the various property owners concerned to agree the extent of the scheme.

Mr. Kevin McNally also advised that the Municipal District are also progressing the development of a new website for Ballybay. This process will hopefully be completed by early April. These works are being funded via an allocation from the Department of the Environment and Local Government and also match funding from the Municipal District.

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that the Bank of Ireland have agreed to extend the Enterprise Town Event which was held in Clones last year to Ballybay. This event is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. The Municipal District is committed to working with the project steering committee to ensure that the event is as successful as Clones.

### **Scotshouse Playground**

Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that the Municipal District is working in conjunction with representatives from the community in Scotshouse to prepare and submit an application for funding for a new playground. If this funding application is successful, it is likely that the Municipal District will be requested to provide match funding. The Municipal District will revert with a proposal for the members' consideration.

Mr. Kevin McNally advised that The Peace Link has been nominated for the 2016 'Irish Building & Design Awards' under the cultural project of the year category. The Award Ceremony will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 in the Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin 2.

### **Matter arising from Co-ordinator's report**

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to the Roads Programme and the preparatory works that are being carried out at present. He requested that the Municipal District ensure that the roads are left in a passable condition until tarmacadam is put down and that works are carried out as quickly as possible. Mr. Pat Treanor stated that the public will be concerned about roads which are on the 2017 and 2018 Roads Programmes and he hoped that potholes on these roads will be fixed.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett welcomed the works proposed to be carried out on the Roslea Road in Scotstown and enquired if works to the Bog Road in Scotstown could be advanced. Cllr. Bennett also urged the Municipal District to get the Lislanley Road on a future Roads Programme. Cllr. Hugh McElvaney also noted the poor condition of the Lislanley Road.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett expressed thanks to the staff in the Municipal District for all the work involved.

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to the proposal to install a new playground in Scotshouse and welcomed this project. Mr. Kevin McNally confirmed that the funding application for the project is to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney referred to works required to be carried out on the Bog Road in Scotstown and queried if there was emergency funding for crash barriers on this road. He requested that, in the event of extra funding becoming available, that the Bog Road in Scotstown would be afforded top priority to have works completed. This was agreed by Mr. Kevin McNally.

## **5. Questions**

### **Cllr Cathy Bennett asked:-**

1. In relation to the dangerous bend at Greenfield Eggs, Scotstown. Have Ballybay-Clones Municipal District made any investigations into measures that would improve safety at this junction?

Reply: The Ballybay-Clones Municipal District has carried out preliminary investigations in the vicinity of Greenfield eggs. It is proposed to provide additional road markings at the junction of the LS-6030 and the LP2032. In particular it is proposed to replace the existing yield sign on the LS-6030 with a stop sign and to provide stop road markings at this location.

2. In relation to Ard na Gaoithe housing estate in Knockatallon. What stage is Monaghan County Council at in taking over this estate and when do they estimate that maintenance of the estate will be taken over by the Council?

Reply: The application for taking in charge of Ard Na Gaoithe Estate in Knockatallon has been received and consultation replies are pending in respect of both roads and water section reports. The Planning Authority cannot progress the process until consultations are complete but anticipates that the application process will be completed in 2016".

3. In relation to the road leading from Lislanley roundabout to Scotch corner. I would like to acknowledge the works that the Ballybay Clones Municipal District has previously undertaken at my request. Although these road works was greatly appreciated, the road continues to be in a very bad state of disrepair. I would urge Ballybay Clones Municipal District to reinvestigate the very poor condition of this road and make an alternative solution.

Reply: Engineering staff from the Ballybay Clones Municipal District will carry out an inspection of the LP3411 and the LP3420 road from Lislanley to Cremartin. Both the LP3411 and the LP3420 road are not presently on the on the multi-annual roads program but Ballybay Clones Municipal District will assess the possibility of carrying out additional localised repairs on these roads.

### **Cllr Seamus Coyle asked:-**

4. Can Monaghan County Council outline the details of the proposed works to be carried out on the R190(Ballybay-Cootehill Rd.) to address the serious flooding at Corrybrennan, Cumry, Keenoughbane and Lisnalong, following the allocations by The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport of funding to County Monaghan under the Severe Weather Allocation?



Reply: To address the flooding issues on the R162 and R190 it is proposed to raise the sections of the road that area prone to flooding above the flood level. A surveying company has been appointed following a procurement procedure to carry out a topographical study of the road the results of which will provide a better estimate of the extent of the works. It is also the intention to have completed a tender procedure for an engineering consultant by the end of March to assist with progressing the proposed works. Landowners have been identified along the R190 with a view to securing lands to facilitate the works.

5. Will Monaghan County Council undertake repair/resurfacing works at Loch Mor Avenue, Ballybay, as the surface of the roadway from No.15 to No.50, is in a terrible condition of potholes/broken surface etc., particularly dangerous for pedestrians and young children?

Reply: Localised repair works have been carried out at Loch Mor Avenue (LT-31006) within the last fortnight.

6. Will Monaghan County Council immediately erect signage for "Cootehill/Cavan", R190 at the junction R162-8(Shercock Rd.)- R180-1(Carrickmacross Rd.), known locally as the Riverdale Hotel roundabout junction, in Ballybay Town?

Reply: Signage has been ordered and will be erected when available.

7. Can Monaghan County Council immediately examine and carry out improved safety and visibility improvements at the junction of the R180-2/LP04219/LP04201, Tossed Cross, as it is a very busy junction, particularly dangerous for traffic, accessing/crossing from the Carrickatee Church/Loughmourne National School Road (LP04210) onto the Ballybay-Carrickmacross Rd. (R180-2) and from the Castleblaney side(LP04201)?

Reply: The Ballybay-Clones Municipal District will carry out an assessment of this junction and report back to the Municipal District on this issue by the June Municipal District meeting.

8. As there is major concern for the safety of children and pedestrians, caused by traffic, approaching Ballybay Town on the R180-1, from Carrickmacross into O'Duffy Tce., the entrance to Corrybrennan Park and Cul Brennan, will Monaghan County Council immediately examine, the installation of additional traffic calming and safety improvement works?

Reply: The Ballybay Clones Municipal has received a significant number of requests regarding additional traffic calming measures and safety improvement works at a number of locations throughout the Municipal District including the R180 approach into Ballybay, the R183 Newtownbutler approach road into Clones, the R183 Analore approach road into Clones, and on the Scotshouse and Clones road approaches into Newbliss village. It is proposed to carry out an assessment of these locations with a view to identifying appropriate measures. It should be noted that there is no specific

funding in place to facilitate major works at these locations. In the interim it is also proposed to raise these locations with the Gardai at the next Collision Prevention meeting with a view to seeking increased enforcement by the Gardai.

## **6. Notice of Motion**

Cllr. Seamus Coyle proposed the following:

“The Ballybay-Clones Municipal District, demands of all Cavan Monaghan Oireachtas members and the incoming Government, that County Monaghan be prioritised for the rollout of a full, proper and "fit for purpose", broadband service to all homes, businesses and industrial users in the County, as Monaghan had topped the Country's "broadband blackspot" list in a recent survey.”

This to be circulated to all Cavan Monaghan Oireachtas members, County Council & Municipal Districts).

Cllr. Seamus Coyle spoke on the Notice of Motion and stated that according to a recent survey compiled by the Irish Independent, County Monaghan had topped the Country's broadband blackspot list. He felt that Monaghan is being left behind other counties and reliable broadband is as essential in this day and age as water/electricity etc. He stated that in some areas of County Monaghan there is no connectivity and that the incoming government should be asked to prioritise County Monaghan for broadband service improvements/provision.

Cllr. Sean Gilliland wished to associate himself with the previous comments made by Cllr. Seamus Coyle and stated that businesses were concerned and feel threatened by the lack of an adequate broadband service in the county. He referred to the Government's National Broadband Plan and stated that the Tender documents are currently out on this and he believes that Monaghan will be top of the list.

Cllr. Pat Treanor gave his support to the motion and stated that the lack of reliable broadband services creates major difficulties for the area, especially in the IT sector where the innovative youth sector are missing out. He stated that in areas near Clones, internet access can be found on one side of the road and not on the other and similarly in Greenan's Cross. Cllr. Pat Treanor stated that it was important to future proof infrastructure which is put in place. He referred to the last National Broadband Plan which, he stated, was meant to solve the problem but did not.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett stated that she supported the motion, fibre optic broadband was required and she felt that false promises had been made by the government.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney considered the motion timely and added his support.

The Notice of Motion was agreed by all and passed.

**7. Chief Executive Orders**

Chief Executive Order No's BCMD 06/16 - 09/16 were noted by the Members

**8. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy**

**The members extended a Vote of Congratulations to the following:-**

Gavin Coyle, Bawn Handball Club, on winning the All Ireland Junior B Singles Handball title.

**The members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the following:-**

The Ambassador of Belgium and the people of Brussels and Belgium on the recent tragic bombings. Also to the Palestinian people on the tragic ongoing loss of life.

**A minute's silence was observed**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Leas Chathaoirleach

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator

Date 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016