

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 16th May, 2016 at 10.30am in Clones Courthouse, McCurtain Street, Clones, Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr Cathy Bennett, presided

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

In Attendance Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Kieran Duffy, Executive Engineer, Colin Murphy, Assistant Engineer, Angela Gallagher, Staff Officer.

Apologies Cllr Hugh McElvaney, Adge King, Director of Services,

1. Confirmation of minutes of Monthly Meeting

The minutes of the April monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor and seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland.

2. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to page 1 of the previous minutes regarding correspondence issued to the Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs Arts, 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 stated that work seems to have stopped at Castle Saunderson at the moment due to a dispute between Waterways Ireland and the contractor and asked that the Municipal District write to the Ministers for an update on this.

Cllr Ciara McPhillips referred to page 1 of the previous minutes regarding a bring bank in Smithboro and acknowledged the efforts by Mr Nial O'Connor from the Environment Section and Mr Kieran Duffy in trying to find a suitable location.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 1 of the previous minutes regarding correspondence issued to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources seeking an update on the implementation of the National Broadband Plan and stated that ICBAN has carried out research which will be presented to Board Members tomorrow. Mr McNally noted that he would continue to seek a response from the Department to the Municipal Districts earlier correspondence.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to page 2 of the previous minutes regarding the speed detector in Shantonagh and stated that speed limits in this area and Bawn need to be examined.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to page 2 of the minutes regarding discolouration of water in O'Duffy Tce in Ballybay and stated that he was not aware there was an issue with the quality of water in this area. Cllr Cathy Bennett stated that she was unable to speak to the householder concerned; however Cllr Cathy Bennett would try to confirm with the householder that any issues with the water have now been resolved.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 2 of the previous minutes regarding the speed detector and referred to an incident on the Clones Road in Newbliss regarding a mother and a child being injured and stated that he had since received a petition from concerned residents which he has passed onto the Municipal District staff to have ramps installed at this location.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked if the speed detector could be relocated on the Newtownbutler Road and requested that the Municipal District office undertake an examination of the area in order to identify solutions to reduce speeding.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that he would make arrangements to have the speed detector relocated to the Newtownbutler Road.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that he has passed all the data collated to An Garda Síochána, and that they have agreed to place speed vans at the locations where speeding is taking place. Mr Kevin McNally stated that road traffic speeding is primarily an enforcement issue.

Cllr Ciara McPhillips referred to the Speed Limit Review which is currently taking place on a County Wide level and asked if the Municipal District Staff have been asked for their submission on this?

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to the speed detector which was located in Shantonagh and asked when this information would be made available. Mr Colin Murphy noted that the data for this location would be available shortly.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that he would seek an update from the Councils road section regarding the current review of speed limits been undertaken in the County. Cllr Cathy Bennett asked that Speed Limits be added to next month's agenda.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 2 of the previous minutes regarding Clones Regeneration and asked if there was any further update on the 4 sites on Fermanagh Street and asked if the Council were dealing with a property called the Abbeygate House on Annalore Street?

Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Planning Section were issuing notices for derelict sites and that discussions were ongoing with owners of the 4 sites on Fermanagh Street. Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that an inspector from the Housing Section of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in Dublin had recently visited the sites. Mr Kevin McNally stated that he was not aware of any Council involvement with the property on Annalore Street.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to page 2 of the previous minutes regarding the mast at Corcaghan and asked if there was any update from the Planning Section. Mr Kevin McNally stated that he had not received any confirmation from Planning regarding this issue; however the Municipal District would seek an update for the next meeting.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to page 3 of the previous minutes regarding correspondence issued to both Irish Water and Water Services regarding the billing for water supplies and asked if there was an update on this. Mr Kevin McNally stated that letters have been issued previously regarding this but no official response has been received, however the Municipal District will pursue this again.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred page 3 of the previous minutes regarding nominations for the Peace Partnership Board which was dealt with at a County level and confirmed that both Councillors Seamus Coyle and Pat Treanor were elected onto this board.

Cllr Ciara McPhillips referred to page 4 of the previous minutes regarding work due to be carried out to a number of bridges not on Regional Roads and asked how these projects will be funded.

Mr Kieran Duffy stated that funding for a number of the bridge repair projects will be drawdown from the recent flood damage funding which became available earlier this year after the severe weather event which took place in the County. Two of the bridges which do not qualify under that funding measure require minor works. Mr Duffy noted that these works would be funded via the Municipal District's own resources.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 4 of the previous minutes regarding Clones Regeneration Committee and confirmed that a subcommittee has been established in order to develop a Tourism Plan for the Town.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to page 5 of the previous minutes regarding a further meeting which took place in Coonian to discuss the Sliabh Beagh Area and confirmed that it was agreed that both Councils would meet with a view to developing a cross border plan which would help to promote the area.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 5 of the previous minutes regarding retractable seating in the Courthouse and asked for an update on this project.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that the seating has been ordered however it was noted that the seating can take up to 12 weeks for the manufacture and delivery and it is anticipated that they should be installed by August.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 5 of the minutes regarding the Famine Memorial and asked for an update on this project.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that the Famine Memorial Committee had appointed Mr Noel Craven as the contractor for this project and stated that works had already commenced.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 5 of the previous minutes regarding the Market House and asked for an update on this.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that it was agreed that this premises will be used as office accommodation for the Municipal District staff. Due to the scope of the project increasing, the Council had been advised to host a new procurement process for a Design Team. It was intended to commence this process in the coming weeks.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to the 6 of the previous minutes regarding the Age Friendly workshop in Ballybay and acknowledged that the Peace Link has recently installed an Age Friendly car parking space; however she would like the Council to consider installing Age Friendly car parking in both Clones and Ballybay Town.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 6 of the previous minute regarding Scotshouse Playground and confirmed that €15,000 had been received from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and that the committee had raised €5,000 through fund raising. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that the Municipal District match fund this with €20,000, this was seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to page 7 of the previous minutes regarding the removal of trees at Loughooney and asked if these trees were going to be replaced.

Mr Kieran Duffy stated that there was no commitment made to replace these trees, however the Council would look to replace them in October when it is recommended that planting take place.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to page 7 of the previous minutes regarding the lack of visibility at night time of the ramps on the Castleblayney Road in Ballybay and asked if there was any solution to this.

Mr Kieran Duffy stated that all the correct signage has been installed and if the cars were approaching the ramps at the correct speed it would not be an issue.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to page 8 of the previous minutes regarding the public lighting in Ture and was not aware that this was already on the Public Lighting list and asked if this list could be circulated to all the members.

Mr Kieran Duffy stated that this will be circulated at the next meeting in June.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to page 8 of the minutes regarding ramps being installed at certain locations throughout the Municipal District and stated that the Council has to be satisfied there was need for them and that the ramps are being installed at the correct locations to ensure that public money is not been wasted. Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that public consultation should take place to ensure that ramps are the solution to the problem.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 9 of the previous minutes regarding correspondence issued to the Senior Dental Clinician seeking a replacement dentist for Clones and asked if there was any update. Mr Kevin McNally stated that only an acknowledgement has been received, however the Council will continue to seek a response.

3. Correspondence

Cllr Ciara McPhillips referred to Item 3.2 from Minister Heather Humphreys and asked if a further submission had been made for additional funding caused by the severe flooding.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that a further submission had been made and that this included roads from the previous submission that had not been funded.

4. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

Mr Kieran Duffy confirmed the following:-

Work was progressing with regards drainage works on the 2016 Road Restoration Improvement program.

By the end of this week drainage works are scheduled to be completed on the following roads in the program namely:

- The LP3120 Creeve-Carrickavielty road (i.e. The Two Lough Rd)
- The LP2700 Corravackan-Mullanagore rd (Daniels shop)
- The LP2031 Killateen-Seloo Rd (Roslea road out of Scotstown)
- The LP2262 Drumurcher road (beside Miceys elbow)
- The LS6131 Lisarilly road-Drumullan (road below Robert Halls)
- The LT72011 Oghill-Tullycarragh (Doohamlet GWS)
- The LP3001 Mountain Lodge-Money road (Veldons X to Hut X)

Drainage Works are progressing well on the LP4905 road at Raferagh.

Mr Kieran Duffy stated that the Municipal District intend completing widening works on a section of the LP4905 road from the junction with the R178 to the Celtic Pure facility as major development works are planned at the Celtic Pure facility. Works are presently underway with regards preparing roads on the surface dressing program.

Mr Kieran Duffy noted that relation to the bitmac contract the roads section of the Council has gone to tender with the aim of having contractors on site at the beginning of June which is significantly earlier than last year.

Regarding the R162/R190 regional work significant preparatory work has been carried out to date including the completion of a topographical survey and the completion of a site investigation.

Mr Kieran Duffy advised that consultants FJ Coyle and Associates are presently carrying out a detailed design and an information briefing on the proposed works and this is due to take place on June 2nd at the Ballybay wetlands centre.

Regarding repair works identified following the storms earlier this year the Municipal District are progressing these and to date and have completed repairs at various locations throughout the area.

Under the storm repair works proposals the Municipal District have following a tender procedure recently appointed a contractor to carry out remedial works at Formil bridge.

Mr Kieran Duffy also noted that the Municipal District also have a consultant appointed to design remedial works and prepare tender documentation to procure a contractor to carry out works at Caddagh bridge. In addition, the Municipal District will be issuing a tender shortly to carry out remedial works at Drumsnatt bridge.

Other works the Municipal District intend carrying out under the flooding repair works include works on the Five-crosses junction at Latton, repairs to the LT24111 Brackagh road, and minor repairs to Doohat bridge and Lisgorran bridge.

Mr Kevin McNally noted that he had already updated the members on projects such as Clones Regeneration committee , Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership, Clones Courthouse Seating, Clones Famine Graveyard, Scotshouse Playground and Clones Market House earlier in the meeting.

Ballybay

Mr Kevin McNally stated that the last meeting of the Ballybay regeneration committee was held on Tuesday 10th May 2016. The Council is currently finalising details of the streetscape improvement

project been funded via the Departments REDZ programme and it is hoped that these works will commence in June.

Mr Kevin McNally noted that the new website for Ballybay is nearly complete with only minor details to be finalised.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed The Municipal District has progressed the Ballybay Age friendly project with a workshop been held on 19th April which was very well attended by 17 businesses. All businesses have now identified their actions and are in the process of implementing them.

The Municipal District are now proposing to have an official award of the Age Friendly charter to the businesses concerned and official launch of the Ballybay Town website on 8th June 2016 and are also proposing to have an official function on this evening marking the award of the Councils Community & Environment Grants.

Mr Kevin McNally noted that the Bank of Ireland have rescheduled the Enterprise Town Event rescheduled to September.

Smithboro playground

Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District were finally able to complete the much needed drainage works at Smithboro playground and an official opening will take place next week. The Members agreed the opening will take place on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 3.30pm.

Peace Link

Mr Kevin McNally advised that The Peace Link was nominated for the 2016 'Irish Building & Design Awards' under the cultural project of the year category, however unfortunately, were unsuccessful this time. Mr Kevin McNally noted that to be nominated for a prestigious award such as this was further recognition of the excellent work been undertaken by the Clones Erne East Partnership in conjunction with Monaghan County Council.

St Tiarnachs school

Mr Kevin McNally congratulated St Tiarnachs School on obtaining the Gaelbhreach and Active Flags and acknowledged the efforts of pupils and staff on obtaining these awards and wished them well on their event scheduled for Friday next at 12.30.

Cllr Ciara McPhillips referred to the Market House and asked whether the Council has applied for the loan for this project? Mr Kevin McNally stated that he had met with Mr John Murray, Head of Finance and that this issue was being progressed.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to work in Ballybay and asked whether power hosing would be carried out again this year. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the repairs to the Main Street in Ballybay will commence in the near future, however other works to Main Street Ballybay will depend on staff availability.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to the REDZ funding in Ballybay and asked if this funding would be made available for Clones Town. Mr Kevin McNally stated that this funding was applied for by the County Council and but that the Municipal District would be seeking an application to be prepared for Clones Town.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to the proposed changes to the roads boundary and the map which was circulated at the earlier Roads Meeting and suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Members

and staff from the Municipal District to discuss this issue. The members agreed to meet in the Courthouse on Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 4.30pm.

5. Questions

Cllr Cathy Bennett asked:-

1. Can the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District, please investigate the possibility of making two designated Age Friendly car parking spaces in Ballybay town and in Clones town? The Age Friendly initiative is a great development and should be encouraged and promoted in all our towns.

Reply A designated age friendly parking space has been provided at the Peace link in Clones. A designated age friendly car parking space will be provided in Ballybay as part of the Age friendly Programme currently being implemented there.

2. In relation to road repairs in the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District. Can I please have an update on the ongoing repair works at the following locations and any future plans regarding?

1. The Roslea road out of Scotstown
2. Tossy cross, Ballybay
3. The Smithboro road out of Scotstown
4. At the Sliabh hotel, Knockatallon.

Reply Under this year's Road Restoration program it is proposed to carry out major works on both the Roslea road (LP2031) and Bog road (LP2021). It is also proposed to carry out resurfacing works on a section of the LP1003 adjacent to the Sliabh Beagh hotel with this work due to commence before the end of May. Presently, there are no plans to carry out repairs at Tossy cross but this area will be examined.

3. In relation to new footpaths, can I please have an update on the progression of the following planned footpaths?

1. At Corlatt, Knockatallon
2. At Gola Crest, Scotstown

Reply Works on Corlatt footpath is due to commence in June. Regarding the footpath at Goal crest into Scotstown it is the intention to commence these works during July.

4. In relation the installation of a Zebra crossing in Smithboro village, what actions have taken place to commence works for this very much needed safety measure?

Reply The Roads Section has conducted a tender process for the proposed crossing and hopes to formally appoint a contractor shortly.

5. With reference to safety measures at Kilmore football field, has the idea of safety barriers been investigated yet?

Reply Ballybay Clones Municipal District has estimated that the cost of providing approximately 100 metres of safety barriers is in the region of €15,000. Application for funding for this work will be made under the Departments 2017 Low Cost Accident reduction scheme.

6. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive Order No's BCMD 12/16-18/16 were noted by the Members

7. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

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

Michael Lawson on winning the Voice of Ireland

Clones Fleadh 64 Festival Committee on organising another successful Fleadh

Minister Heather Humphreys on her appointment to Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs, Arts and the Gaeltacht.

Emmett McElvaney, son of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Hugh McElvaney on his engagement to Grainne Daly.

Louis Madden, Largy College on winning 2 International Awards at the Intel ISEF's Arizona Awards show for his D.N.A. proposal

Gavin Coyle, Bawn Handball Club on winning the All Ireland Adult Handball singles recently, his third major national title of 2016.

8. AOB

Cllr Pat Treanor advised the Members that the Canal Capers Festival is due to take place on 10th, 11th and 12th June 2016.

Mr Kevin McNally referred to the Clone Erne East Partnership meeting which was due to take place this evening and stated that there was no one available to attend from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and recommended that the meeting be postponed and arranged for another time.

Cllr Ciara McPhillips referred to additional correspondence which was received from Clones Town Football Club regarding buying a brick for €100 and proposed that the Municipal District support this request.

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

AGM will take place on Monday 20th June 2016 at 4pm in Ballybay. Items to be included on the Agenda are Ballybay Fire Station and Update on Speed Limits.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed _____

Leas Chathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date 20th June 2016