

## Municipal District of Monaghan.

### **Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Monaghan held in the Boardroom, Mtek 1 Building, Knockaconny on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 3.00pm.**

Leas- Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Maxwell presided.

**Present:** Cllrs. Sean Conlon, Brian McKenna and Seamus Treanor.

**Apologies:** Cllr Connolly

**In Attendance:** Mr. John Murray, Director of Services, Mr Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Mr. Dermot Deeney, District Engineer and Ms. Bernie McMahan, Staff Officer.

At the outset of the meeting, Cllr. Maxwell read out a short statement from Senator Robbie Gallagher thanking the members for their help and support throughout his term as Councillor with Monaghan Town Council and Monaghan Municipal District. He also thanked the Municipal District staff for their courtesy and professionalism.

The members congratulated Senator Gallagher on his appointment and wished him well in his new role.

Cllr. Conlon proposed that members meet at the Monaghan Bombing Memorial at 9.00 am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 to lay a wreath to mark the anniversary of the Monaghan Bombings. Cllr. Maxwell advised members that he would organise a wreath and would contact Rory Geary from the Northern Standard office.

Mr. McElwain circulated a proof of the Monaghan Town Investment Prospectus which has been prepared by Trevor Connolly, Town Centre Co-Ordinator and the Town Team for the member's information. This was presented at recent retail strategy event promoting Monaghan Town and its environs. If the members have any suggestions/amendments, they can contact the Municipal District office.

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr. Treanor, seconded by Cllr. McKenna, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 be confirmed.

#### **2. Matters arising:**

Cllr. Conlon referred to the presentation made by the Monaghan Garda Youth Diversion Project at the April meeting of the Municipal District and expressed his disappointment at the vandalism of one of their eco projects at the Teach na Daoine playpark. He felt that, had CCTV cameras been in operation, those responsible for the vandalism may have been apprehended and requested an update on the re-instatement of cameras at the centre. Mr. McElwain replied that as far as he was aware the cameras were still in operation but would confirm this for the next meeting.

Cllr. McKenna requested an update on the works to be carried out through Emyvale village. Mr. McElwain replied that there has been no response from the TII regarding funding. He also requested clarification on Shaws corner in Emyvale. Mr. McElwain replied that this would be dealt with in correspondence. Cllr. Treanor requested if any remedial works were planned for the Broad Road. Mr. McElwain confirmed that it is on a list for repairs.

### 3. To set a date for Annual General Meeting:

The AGM for the Municipal District will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00 pm. A sub-committee meeting will be held at 4.30 pm. The change in time is to facilitate the presentation of Community Grants to successful applicants.

### 4. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator:

Mr. McElwain gave a brief overview from items 1-6 on the report. Cllr. Maxwell advised that there had been a request from Donagh Chapel requesting a contribution of €10,000 for roads works. It was agreed that the Municipal District will contribute toward the public road element of the project.

Cllr. McKenna commended the re-naming of the Margaret Skinnider Roundabout ceremony and complimented all involved. All members agreed that the 1916 event had also been a great success despite the inclement weather. The Council staff, Chairperson Pauric McNally and Minister Humphries were also commended.

Re: the Monaghan Stages Rally, it was with regret that Cllr. McKenna had to inform the meeting that he had been approached by a member of the public whose property had been damaged. A member of the Rally committee had guaranteed that the damage would be rectified but this had not happened. Mr. McElwain responded that he would pass on this information to the Rally Co-Ordinator.

Mr. Murray informed members that the Community Award Grant recipients would be awarded after the June meeting of the MD.

Mr. McElwain gave a brief Roads Programme report and responded to queries from members. The Road Markings on the N2 were welcomed. He also confirmed that members of the Travellers Community had been approached on the main Emyvale road and asked to move on. The Gardai have also advised them to move and they have been offered a site in the halting site.

A request was circulated to the members from Monaghan Spice requesting that the portable toilets not be placed near their premises during the upcoming Country Music Festival. Mr. Deeney confirmed that they would not be placed there this year.

Cllr. Conlon confirmed that Canada Preparations are well under way.

### 5. Questions and Motions:

1. Cllr. Connolly asked:

In view of the fact that a section of the Main Street in Emyvale village is in a poor state of repair, what plans/timeframe have Monaghan MD to rectify this situation?

**Response: The Roads Section has made an application for additional funding from the TII in order to resurface the road through Emyvale. If this funding request is unsuccessful, depending on budget availability and costs, it may be possible to allocate some of the annual maintenance budget to this scheme later in the year.**

## **6. Correspondance:**

Flyer advertising Public Consultation Peace IV Action Plan.

Letter from the TII regarding Shaws Corner Emyvale

### **Letter from the Dept. of Health in relation to waiting lists**

Cllr. Conlon requested that a new letter be issued to Minister Simon Harris requesting that the government resist any attempt at the wholesale privatisation of the Health Care system in their proposed establishment of Health Commissioners as set out in the programme for Government. This was seconded by Cllr. McKenna.

### **Letter from the Department of Justice and Equality regarding CCTV funding**

Cllr. McKenna advised the members that he had been at a recent JPC meeting where the lack of CCTV in Monaghan town was referred to in a negative light while Castleblayney were complimented for their efforts and requested that the District look in to this again. A brief discussion followed and Cllr. Conlon proposed that we engage with the Dept. once again in order to secure funding. This was seconded by Cllr. Maxwell.

### **Letter from An Taisce re: IBAL Anti-Litter League 2016**

Regarding the letter from An Taisce, Mr. McElwain confirmed that as part of the verge trimming programme, the survey requirements will be taken into consideration.

### **Request for funding from Taste of Monaghan Festival**

As per the request from the Taste of Monaghan Committee, it was confirmed that the sum of €4,000 was paid to the committee for last year and that €4,000 for 2016 has already been included in the budget.

### **20 Things to Know About Monaghan**

Members were advised that if they had any comments or additions to let the MD know.

Cllr. Treanor queried if any funding had been received for Rossmore Forrest Park. Mr. McElwain replied that we were unsuccessful in our application for a Heritage grant. However, as the Memorandum of Understanding should be back this week, some remedial works will be done as there is an upcoming event.

## **7. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations:**

Congratulations were extended to the new Monaghan Rose, Ms. Pamela Allen and also to Monaghan Arch Club on their provision of escorts on the night of the selection.

## **9. Sympathy:**

Sympathy was extended to the Corrigan family of Kilnageer, Emyvale, on the death of Pat Corrigan. Also, on the passing of Canon Sean Clerkin

The meeting concluded.

Dated this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2016

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meetings Administrator**