

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Monday 8 May, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Chair: Cllr P.J. O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllrs. Aughey, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Crowe, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, B. McKenna, McNally, P. Treanor and S. Treanor.

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Mr. P. Clifford and Mr. A. King, Directors of Services, Mr. J. Murray, Head of Finance, Ms. P. Monahan, A/Director of Service, Mr. A. Hughes, Senior Planner, Ms. S. Boyle, A/Staff Officer and Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator.

Apology: Cllrs Gilliland and McPhillips.

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Anthony J. (Tony) Murphy, former County Secretary, Monaghan County Council. Cllr O'Hanlon stated that the late Tony had been County Secretary from July 1979 until February 1999 and he described him as an excellent official and a gentleman. Cllr McNally seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously.

As a mark of respect, the Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting for a short period.

On resumption the Cathaoirleach proceeded with the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

(i) Minutes of Council meeting held on 3rd April, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3rd April, 2017, be confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda for the meeting:

- Circular LG 03/2017 – changes to domestic travel and subsistence rates effective from 1st April 2017.
- Letter from Mr. Frank Morrison, Head of Social Care, HSE regarding the refurbishments of Oriel House.
- Letter from TII to Deputy Brendan Smith, T.D. regarding the Capital Investment Plan (CIP).
- Reply email from Deputy Smith's Office regarding closure of BOSE.
- Reply from Senator Robbie Gallagher on behalf of Minister Richard Burton, TD regarding cuts for Cavan Monaghan Education Training Board.
- Thank you card on behalf of the Irish Bridge Union.
- Invitation from the Department of Foreign Affairs to Battle of Messiness Ridge.
- Resolution from Tipperary County Council requesting Minister Varadkar to increase the age to 65 for Community Employment Scheme.

- Resolution from Clare County Council requesting Minister Varadkar to re-instate the telephone allowance for the elderly.
- Resolution from Sligo County Council requesting Minister Coveney to make available additional resources to Sligo County Council to support the increased social and economic demands due to Brexit and further additional resources for Local Authorities along the Border, including Sligo.
- Resolution from Donegal County Council calling on Minister of Defence to formally award the military Medal for Gallantry to the Veterans of the siege of Jadotville, in view of the outstanding bravery and heroism shown.

The following additional correspondence was circulated at the meeting:

- Acknowledgment letter from Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine, Mr. Creed regarding GLAS payments.
- Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Flanagan in relation to resolution passed regarding the implications of the UK's decision to leave the EU.
- Letter from the Valuation Office regarding officials giving presentation at July Council meeting.
- Letter from Minister Humphreys regarding MCC seeking meeting with Denis Naughten T.D.
- Email from Minister Humphreys regarding payment of all outstanding GLAS, AEOS and TAMS payments to farmers.
- Resolution from Waterford City & County Council to Minister Harris, supporting legislation to use cannabis for medical purposes.
- Resolution from Waterford City & County Council to Minister Coveney, that medical certificates should be taken into account for a member who is absent on ill health grounds and that his/her absence does not affect the 80% attendance rule when calculated.

Proposals arising out of correspondence:

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that the Council adopt the resolution from Tipperary County Council calling on the Minister for Social Protection to allow those over 55 on Community Employment Schemes to continue to do so until they reach 65.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that the Council adopt the resolution from Clare County Council calling on the Minister for Social Protection to re-instate the telephone allowance for the elderly.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr McNally it was agreed that Monaghan County Council demands of the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine, Michael Creed T.D, the immediate payment of all outstanding scheme payments for 2016, totalling €35 million, in particular the 3500 farmers who now, in mid May 2017, have not yet received their 2016 GLAS payments at a time of enormous cash flow difficulties on Monaghan and Irish farms.

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, it was agreed that the Council writes again to the TII seeking a meeting to discuss the inclusion of the N2 Clontibret to the Border Road Scheme in the Capital Investment Plan.

Cllr S. Treanor proposed, Cllr Aughey seconded, that Monaghan County Council writes to Simon Harris requesting that he, as Minister for Health appoints independent consultants to be sent

to the site of St. Davnet's Campus to draw up plans to build a new primary care centre and see what is needed to be done at Oriel House (Home for the elderly) to enable them to return.

A recorded vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Aughey, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Crowe, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, B. McKenna, McNally, O'Hanlon, P. Treanor and S. Treanor.

Total 16

Against: Nil

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon it was agreed that this Council writes to Cathal Hand and Frank Morrison seeking an update on the proposed primary care facility for Carrickmacross and Monaghan. i.e.

- A. Has a deal been finalised?*
- B. When will construction begin?*
- C. When will the facilities open?*

On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr Coyle, it was agreed that in supporting the Sligo County Council proposal for additional funding for Local Authorities in light of Brexit, however it must be weighted heavily in favour of the 5 counties adjacent to the northern six counties.

3. To consider Section 183 Notice – Disposal of land at Brackagh, Broomfield

The members considered the Section 183 Notice and report which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllrs Campbell and Crowe it was agreed that the Council approve the disposal of the site at Brackagh, Broomfield in accordance with the terms of the Section 183 Notice dated 10th April, 2017 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

4. Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000

- (a) The members noted the report that had been circulated with the agenda in relation to development at North Road/Glaslough Street/Kilnacloy, Monaghan Town known as The Peace Campus.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr B. McKenna, it was agreed that the Council approve the granting of planning permission to demolish existing machinery yard buildings and construct a new four storey community building with external public amenity space located over a car park (109 spaces), alteration of existing access onto Plantation Road to facilitate new traffic layout (mini roundabout) and all associated site works at lands between North Road, Plantation Road and Glaslough Street, Kilnacloy, Monaghan (Peace Campus Project) - File Reference 17/8003, to comply with the report from the Senior Planner dated 27th

April 2017, in accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001.

(b) The members noted the report that had been circulated with the agenda in relation to proposed development Fitzpatrick Square/Carn, Clones.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllrs Coyle and McElvaney, it was agreed that the Council approve the granting of planning permission to demolish existing building formally known as "The Erne Café" and walls at Fitzpatrick Square to afford for the construction of a car park, footways, landscaping works and associated site works at Carn, Clones, Co. Monaghan - File Reference 17/8002 to comply with the report from the Senior Planner, dated 27th April, 2017, in accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001.

5. To consider the Taking in Charge of residential estates

The members noted the report that had been circulated in relation to the taking in charge of estates and declaration of public roads, pursuant to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts (2000-2010) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was agreed that the Council approve the taking in charge of the following developments and the declaration of public roads, pursuant to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts (2000-2010) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

No.	Development Name	Location	Number of Units
1	Ard na Gaoithe	Knockatallon	16
2	Beechdrive	Carrickmacross	12
3	Chapel Brae Court	Clontibret	9
4	Clairmont Rise	Rockcorry	11
5	Coolshannagh Close	Monaghan Town	10
6	Glenowen	Ballinode	21
7	Hillcrest Manor	Clontibret	18
8	Inver Park	Carrickmacross	40
9	Maple Grove	Smithboro	16
10	The Ferns	Scotstown	24
11	Woodlands	Monaghan Town	23

6. To consider additions to the Record of Protected Structures:

Mr. Ben Clerkin, Assistant Planner gave a detailed presentation to the Council in which he outlined the contents of the Report which had been circulated with the agenda. Mr. Clerkin explained that the Report recommended that an additional 38 structures, as listed, be included in the Council's Record of Protected Structures. He also explained that the report listed the persons/bodies that made submissions/observations in respect of the additions process, summarises the issues raised and provides a response to same.

The Planning and Development Act 2000 requires the elected members to consider any submissions/observations received and to ultimately decide whether the proposed additions

should be made. Should the additions be made the Planning Authority is required to serve notice of the addition on the owners and/or occupiers of the structures/properties concerned. Following his presentation, Mr. Clerkin responded to queries from the elected members.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Campbell, it was agreed that Structure No 30 – Clontibret First Presbyterian Church at Legnacreeve, Clontibret NIAH 41401408 is not included in the Monaghan County Council Record of Protected Structures, with the given reason being potential financial burden of the according upkeep going forward (heating, etc).

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, it was agreed that Structure No 34 - Frankford Presbyterian Church at Annyart, Castleblayney NIAH 41402013 is not included in the Monaghan County Council Record of Protected Structures, with the given reason being potential financial burden of the according upkeep going forward (heating, etc).

On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney seconded by Cllr Maxwell it was agreed that the Council approve the additions to the Record of Protected Structures as per the Report circulated, subject to the exclusion of the two structures referred to above - Ref: NIAH 41401408 and Ref: NIAH 41402013.

7. To consider the raising of a loan for the Peace Campus, Monaghan:

The members considered the report from the Head of Finance in relation to borrowing for the Peace Campus project in Monaghan Town.

(i) On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor it was agreed that the Council approve the raising of a loan of €3,000,000.00 for the Peace Campus project in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.

8. To consider Report on N2 Safety Audit – Roadplan Consultants

The Cathaoirleach noted that Mr. Nicholas Clancy, Castleblayney was in attendance, as an observer, for this item.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Dermot Donovan, Roadplan Consulting and invited him to address the members.

Mr. Donovan explained that Roadplan Consulting was appointed by Monaghan County Council to carry out an investigation of collisions on the N2 Dublin to Monaghan road, starting at the Monaghan/Louth county boundary at Drumgeeny and finishing at the roundabout at Castleblayney. This finalised report comprised a Scheme Feasibility Report for possible engineering and enforcement solutions to improve the safety of the existing road users along the entire route section. The report recommended short, medium and long term solutions and included preliminary costings on options being proposed.

The recommendations were made following analysis of:

- An up-to-date (including 2016) assessment of all collision data made available by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).
- Traffic volumes along the route derived from TII traffic counter data.

- Speed assessment, based on speed data recorded by the Automatic Traffic Counters on the route.
- Trip length assessment, based on trip length data from the TII National Traffic Model.
- A review of road geometry of the existing route, including cross-section, junctions, accesses (public and private) and road bridges (both over and under).

Mr. Donovan, by means of a short DVD, demonstrated several examples of driver behaviour leading to a number of near misses at the Northern and Southern grade separated junctions at Carrickmacross.

The report identified five high collision locations along the route, and recommended short-term remedial measures, including layout alterations and road markings, and medium-term remedial measures including average speed cameras and rest areas.

Long-term, the Report recommended a Type 2 dual carriageway as a feasible counter-measure for the increased road safety risk likely to accompany increasing volumes of traffic on the N2. This solution would provide sufficient traffic capacity to serve traffic needs into the future, and was recommended for implementation. In the short-term it was recommended that a preliminary layout be designed to identify the approximate alignment of the mainline and side roads to the extent necessary to protect from planning the lands necessary for the scheme and to identify feasible phases for stage construction.

Regarding the junction at Kinnegan near Castleblayney, which had been the subject of a petition among local residents, Mr. Donovan stated that there were no recorded collisions at this junction. The TII would be opposed to the provision of a right turning lane at this location. He explained that additional signage and other options such as a near-side turning lane, could be employed to make this junction safer, subject to the agreement of TII.

Following his presentation Mr. Donovan responded to questions from the elected members.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Donovan for a very informative presentation.

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, it was agreed that based on the presentation from Roadplan on Road Safety on the N2 with the long term option of a 2 + 2 being the safest option; that Monaghan County Council prepares an advance design for a staged road design for this road and have a plan shovel ready which includes a meeting with T11 to include funding.

9. To approve minutes and recommendations from CPG meeting held on 18th April, 2017 and 3rd May, 2017

The members noted the minutes and recommendations from the CPG meetings held on 18th April and 3rd May 2017.

(i) Arts Partners Grant Scheme 2017

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that the Council approve the allocation of the grants recommended under Arts Partners Grants Scheme 2017, as per the minutes of the CPG meeting held on 18th April, 2017.

(ii) Community and Environment Fund 2017

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr Bennett it was agreed that the Council approve the allocation of the grants recommended under Community and Environment Fund, 2017 as per the minutes of the CPG meeting held on 18th April, 2017.

(iii) CLÁR Scheme 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor it was agreed that the Council approve the allocation of the grants recommended under the CLÁR Scheme 2017, as per the minutes of the CPG meeting held on 3rd May, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, it was agreed that Monaghan County Council requests the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys T.D and her department to ensure CLÁR and other funding programmes, are allowed a proper application period of time, so as to allow voluntary and community groups time to prepare and make application for funds, for the betterment of their area and county.

Cllr Conlon proposed that an allocation of €300 be made to the Monaghan United U18 team. Cllr McKenna seconded.

In response to Cllr Conlon's proposal the Chief Executive stated that the decision to allocate funding to Feile Peil na nOg was based on the economic benefit the event would bring to the host counties (Fermanagh, Cavan and Monaghan) which was estimated to be in the region of €1m - €1.5m.

The Cathaoirleach put Cllr Conlon's proposal to the meeting and it was agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr McKenna, it was agreed that requests for funding from individual GAA/Soccer Clubs in the county should be refused at source and should not be referred to the CPG for consideration, on the grounds that the Council already provides significant funding to both Co. Monaghan GAA and the FAI.

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon, it was agreed that the minutes of the CPG meetings held on 18th April and 3rd May, 2017 be confirmed, subject to inclusion of the amendment proposed by Cllr Conlon.

Items 10 – 16

Consideration of Items 10 – 16 was deferred until the Adjourned May meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23rd May, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

17. To receive presentation from Knockatallon Ramblers

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Paddy Sherry, Knockatallon Ramblers and artist Marilyn Lennon and invited them to address the members.

They introduced the WayMarkers community map which is an interactive map of the border counties over a 360 km area, created for the walking communities who use walking routes. Using the latest online mapping technology, the WayMarkers community map has been created for the rambling communities who use or develop walking routes that sit alongside or criss-cross the geographical space of the border. The online map is just the beginning, it serves

as the infrastructure to build this iconic walk. It is a tool for participating border regions walking clubs to add their routes and waymarkers, building a full length walk, over three hundred and sixty kilometres, over time. What is really unique about this map, apart from the fact that it supports such an ambitious goal, is that ramblers can add their own stories to the map, the map captures a particular description of place from a rambler's perspective.

The potential points of interest can be anything from bird song to local myth, to a geographical feature. To get the ball rolling, the Knockatallon Ramblers have uploaded a route and have populated the route with a fascinating, and sometimes humorous, variety of information. Collaborating together, the Knockatallon Ramblers and Marilyn Lennon have created an alternative map of the region. The online map is more than a graphic drawing of the border. It's unique, it provides a snapshot of the way, we see, we experience and move through the world. Ramblers are making an alternative map expressed in their own terms. They're creating a map that offers an alternative vision of the border region and have created the potential for something really exciting to happen. The need for funding to develop the technology and infrastructure associated with the project in the future was also outlined.

Following the presentation, Marilyn and Paddy responded to queries from the elected members.

The Cathaoirleach thanked them for their presentation, welcoming any initiative that contributed to the economic development of the county.

18. Questions:

Cllr P. McNally asked:

1. **In light of the housing demand in County Monaghan, is this Council concerned at the lack of supply of housing units coming from the private sector or does this Council feel it should be getting involved in building housing schemes directly ourselves?**

Reply: Monaghan County Council is concerned at the lack of supply of housing coming from the private sector in County Monaghan. Given the lack of supply from the private sector Monaghan County Council has recently attempted to purchase significant parcels of land for the building of housing schemes but has so far been unsuccessful. As an alternative measure the Council has taken the step of encouraging the development of social housing on privately owned land by way of "turnkey developments" (pre-construction acquisitions) resulting in contracts being signed for the acquisition of 55 social houses to be built on private land. Monaghan County Council has advertised again for the purchase of houses and land, the following is an extract from an advert for houses and land published recently in the Northern Standard and on www.etenders.gov.ie

Start of extract *"Monaghan County Council is seeking to purchase schemes of houses and/or land for Social Housing purposes by public tender...*

*If you have any such land or houses available or that may become available shortly I would be grateful if you would write in, with the details, including: **asking price**, acreage of land, sizes of houses and number of bedrooms, ownership, date available, location map and BER (if available) **by 4pm on Thursday 18 May 2017.***

*Submissions should be marked, sealed and addressed as follows: "Tenders for sale of Houses and/or Land to Monaghan County Council" F.A.O. Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs, Monaghan County Council, County Offices, The Glen, Monaghan. The closing date is set for administrative purposes and all submissions received by the closing date will be considered, further submissions received after 18 May 2017 and before 18 May 2018 may also be considered subject to funding, Department Guidelines etc. Any queries in relation to the advertisement should be addressed in writing to Housing Section **at the address above or via www.etenders.gov.ie**". **End of extract.***

In addition to the advert referred to above Monaghan County Council is working with Approved Housing Bodies towards the provision of an additional 96 social houses throughout the County and hopes to go to tender for 8 houses on Council owned land at Bree in Castleblayney shortly and since the commencement of the Rebuilding Ireland Programme in 2016 the Council has purchased 56 additional houses to be used social housing. House prices increased nationally by 4.3% in the first three months of 2017 and by 8% in County Monaghan. The increase in prices nationally has already resulted in private house building in Louth and Meath becoming more active. It is envisaged that this will eventually result in private house building becoming more active in County Monaghan also.

Cllr P. McNally asked:

- 2. Has this Council any statistics regarding the number of septic tanks failing inspections which allows the owners to avail of grant aid?**

Reply: Under the Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013, Monaghan County Council may pay a grant to a person for the carrying out of remediation, repair, or upgrading works to, or replacement of a domestic waste water treatment system, where such works arise directly from an inspection carried out and the subsequent issue of an advisory notice.

A grant shall be paid based on the criteria in the table below and where the owner of the domestic waste water treatment system has registered the treatment system by the 1st February 2013. A grant shall not be paid towards the costs of maintaining, servicing or de-sludging a domestic waste water treatment system. 39 Advisory Notices have been issued and 9 Grants have been paid to date.

Household Income	Percentage of approved cost of works available	Maximum Grant
Up to €50,000	80%	€4,000
€50,000 to €75,000	50%	€2,500

Cllr C. Carthy asked:

- 3. Can Monaghan County Council update the members on the progress of the Group Home for Persons with Physical and Sensory Difficulties in Carrickmacross including:**
 - (a) When is it envisaged the project will be completed?**
 - (b) Has the HSE put in place a management structure of the Facility?**
 - (c) When is it envisaged the home will be open for use by its new residents?**

Reply: Response from Respond! to question (a)

“It is now envisaged that construction work will be completed in early June 2017. The delay is not due to any significant single problem but simply a significant number of minor delay items encountered by the Contractor and Respond!’s Design Team (e.g. high specification items not readily available, special orders having to be placed for some items etc)”.

Response from H.S.E. to questions (b) and (c)

“Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services have always been supportive of this project since its inception, however the service has also been consistent in its position that there is no funding available at local level to procure a service to support People with a Physical and Sensory Disability residing at the location. A previous query from a local TD to the Director General has also advised this position. Given Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services support for Service Users with a Physical and/or Sensory Disability it is our intention to submit a specific business case through the appropriate HSE structures seeking funding to procure an appropriate provider to support five adults in the new facility, once all works are complete and signed off by both Respond and Monaghan County Council”.

Cllr C. Carthy asked:

- 4. Has Monaghan County Council any current designs/plans to build new social housing in Carrickmacross and Castleblayney in the near future or is it reliant solely on the private sector (part 5) and Approved Housing Bodies (AHB’s)?**

Reply: Monaghan County Council has recently attempted to purchase significant parcels of land for the building of housing schemes but has so far been unsuccessful. As an alternative measure the Council has taken the step of encouraging the development of social housing on privately owned land by way of “turnkey developments” (pre-construction acquisitions) resulting in contracts being signed for the acquisition of 55 social houses to be built on private land. Monaghan County Council has advertised again for the purchase of houses and land, the following is an extract from an advert for houses and land published recently in the Northern Standard and on www.etenders.gov.ie

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Large mono-tenure social housing estates are no longer encouraged as it is better to provide a mix of private and social housing in all developments where possible. If the Council is successful in buying any significant parcels of land it would be intended that any development thereon would include a mix of social and private housing as a measure towards integration / tenure diversification.

- 5. How many homeless presentations were made to MCC in the first quarter of 2017 (Jan-Mar) and how does it compare with the same period in 2016?**

Reply: Jan 2016 to March 2016 there were 29 presentations of which 7 were assessed as homeless the other 22 were not homeless but possibly at risk of homelessness. None of those persons are homeless today. From Jan 2017 to March 2017 there were 16 presentations of which 8 were assessed as homeless and the other 8 were possibly at risk of homelessness. None of those persons are homeless today. Further to this Monaghan County Council responded to a fire in Monaghan Town in March 2017 which left 30 people without accommodation for a short period and Monaghan County Council provided emergency accommodation to these families for periods of overnight to 1 week until their accommodation was available.

In summary, there were 29 presentations in the period Jan 2016 to March 2016 and 16 in the period Jan 2017 to March 2017 excluding the fire evacuees.

Cllr C. Carthy asked:

- 6. What is the current number of applicants (families and individuals) on the Monaghan County Council Housing list and how does it compare to the same time in the last 2 years (End April 2015 & End April 2016)?**

Reply:

There are currently 975 applicants on the housing list. This figure includes applicants who are already in receipt of some form of social support as outlined below:

Applicants in receipt of HAP	312
Applicants in receipt of RAS	79
Tenants on Transfer List	74
Voluntary Co-Op Housing	<u>10</u>
Total in receipt of housing support	475

In April 2015, there were 1287 applicants on the housing list.

In April 2016, there were 1350 applicants on the housing list.

Cllr S. Conlon asked:

- 7. In the absence of return correspondence from the National Ambulance Services, HSE or Minister for Health following my motion agreed in January seeking accountability regarding delayed response times to emergency situations, will this Council once again forward the eight questions originally sent?**

Reply: A reminder letter issued last week to the HSE National Ambulance Service asking for a response to the Council's letter regarding delayed response times to emergency situations.

Cllr S. Coyle asked:

- 8. How many lanes are currently on the Local Improvement Scheme (L.I.S.) waiting list in County Monaghan?**

- a) in each M.D.
- b) the estimated cost of completion of works on lanes?
- c) how long are lanes on the waiting list (year of application)?
- d) in what year were works last carried out under the L.I.S. scheme?

Reply: There are 203 applications on the LIS waiting list, which represents 89 for Carrickmacross area, 58 for Clones area and 56 for the Monaghan area. It should be noted that the division relates to the boundaries that existed prior to the setting up of the Municipal Districts in 2014. The waiting list extends from 2006 to 2017 and works were last completed in 2011. No funding has been allocated from the Department since 2011. In relation to cost, each application would have to be assessed in order to provide an estimated cost.

Cllr R. Aughey asked:

9. Can the Council state what progress has been made with regard to projects selected for CLÁR funding last year namely:

- (a) Projects completed**
- (b) Projects underway & timeline for completion**
- (c) Projects not yet begun and likely start dates**

Reply:

CLAR 2016 - Measure 1 - Safety for Schools/Community Facilities

DED	Description	SCHOOL NAME / COMMUNITY FACILITY	Agreed CLÁR funding	Current Status
Derrygorry	The upgrading of road markings on approaches to/from the school	St. Patrick's NS, Clara, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan	€2,000.00	Complete
Bragan	Upgrading of road markings; installation of ramps on approaches to/from the school the school.	Deravoy NS, Emyvale,	€6,000.00	Complete
Tedavnet	Purchase of speed safety signs	Tydavnet NS,	€14,000.00	Complete
Anketell Grove	Upgrading of road markings on approaches to school	Knockconan NS	€2,000.00	Complete
Glaslough	Purchase of speed safety signs at the Oakland Community Centre	Glaslough	€7,000.00	Complete
Clontibret	The provision of public lighting to the Community Hall.	Clontibret,	€25,000.00	Civil works complete, Lights installed. To be powered up mid June 2017

Bocks	Purchase of 2 sets of speed safety signs & road marking	Lisdoonan NS	€8,000.00	VAS signs procured to be installed May
Drumgurra	Road marking on approach roads to the school	Scoil Phadraig NS, Corduff	€1,000.00	Drawings and tender documents to be sent out to tender by 05/05/17. works to be completed mid June
Laragh	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Aghnafarcon NS	€1,000.00	Works complete
Kilmurray	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Blackstaff NS	€1,000.00	Resurfacing works required first. Possibility of spending money on additional signage
Church Hill	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Oram NS	€1,000.00	Drawings and tender documents to be sent out to tender by 05/05/17. works to be completed mid June
Drumcarrow	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Magheracloone NS	€1,000.00	Drawings and tender documents to be sent out to tender by 05/05/17. works to be completed mid June
Broomfield	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Broomfield NS	€1,000.00	Drawings and tender documents to be sent out to tender by 05/05/17. works to be completed mid June
Crossalare	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Naomh Micheal NS, Donaghmoyne	€1,000.00	Drawings and tender documents to be sent out to tender by 05/05/17. works to be completed mid June
Inniskeen	Upgrade of road markings on approaches to school	Scoil Naomh Deagha, Inniskeen	€1,000.00	Resurfacing works required first. Possibility of spending money on additional signage

Bocks	Erection of a pedestrian crossing at the school	Lisdoonan National School,	€22,000.00	Speed ramps installed, awaiting street lighting connection
Drumgurra	Erection of a pedestrian crossing at the school	Scoil Phadraig NS, Corduff	€22,000.00	Crossing installed. ESB connection and VAS signs to be installed May
Newbliss	Purchase of safety lights	Newbliss NS	€30,000.00	Lights ordered from Airtricity, Expected installation date End of May 2017
St. Tierney	Provision of a carpark at the school	Magheraney NS, Smithborough	€30,000.00	Project to be tendered by 19 th May by Magheraney development association. Construction to be completed for start of 2017/18 school year on 31 August 2017
Sheskin	Purchase of safety lights	Knockatallon Village	€7,000.00	Lines completed, signs erected completed week ending 5 th May 2017
Currin	Erection of a pedestrian crossing at the school	Scotshouse	€22,000.00	Works tendered by 5 th May with expected completion date for construction of 23 rd June 2017

CLAR 2016 - Measure 2: Outdoor Play Facilities Enhancement Scheme/Support for the development of Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA)

DED	Playground Name	Description	Agreed CLÁR Funding	Current Status
Ballybay Rural	Ballybay Town Playpark, Ballybay	Purchase of specific equipment for disabled users	€9,600.00	Works tendered by 12 th May with expected completion date for installation of 23 rd June 2017

Currin	Scotshouse Village, Clones	Purchase equipment for the village park.	€29,040.00	Works tendered by 5 th May with expected completion date for construction of 23 rd June 2017
Cormeen	Billy Fox Memorial Park, Carrickmacross,	Upgrading and enhancement of trails and footpaths in the park	€8,000.00	Works tendered by 12 th May with expected completion date of 16th June 2017
Glaslough	Ardbannagher Playground, Glaslough	Improve the outdoor play facilities of the playground	€40,000.00	Tenders received, works to commence early May.

CLAR 2016 - Measure 3 - Local Access Roads

DED	Location	Description	Agreed CLÁR Funding	Current Status
Bragan	Bragan Mountain / Sliabh Beagh	Improve access to the Penal Cross.	€4,800.00	Works to commence 17 May 2017 predicted completion date 2nd June 2017
Tedavnet	Bragan Mountain / Sliabh Beagh	Improve access to the Mass Rock.	€9,600.00	Works to commence 8 May 2017 predicted completion date 16 May 2017
Emyvale	Emy Lake Walking and Fishing Amenity, Emyvale	Improve access to the amenity area at Emy Lake.	€20,000.00	Works to be completed by mid May
Clontibret	Clontibret Church of Ireland, Clontibret	Provision of a Car park at Clontibret Church of Ireland - access point to the 'Battle of Clontibret' Site.	€30,400.00	Works commenced, to be completed by End May

Cllr P. Treanor asked:

- 10. (a) What is the Broadband Delivery Plan for County Monaghan?
(b) What is the timeline for delivery?**

Reply: Eir have outlined the areas that will be completed under the national plan to deliver fibre to 300,000 homes across Ireland. 4,548 of these premises are within the County Monaghan area (comprising 14% of total no. of premises). These areas have been

taken out of the NBP intervention area. Eir have also supplied us with the detailed maps of premises to be covered. We are currently working to integrate these into our GIS viewer. For further information on National Broadband Plan and Eir's rollout, visit <http://www.broadband.gov.ie>. There has been no further update on the timescale for award of the two tenders under the NBP. The most recent update suggested that the timescale for completion by 2022 would still stand.

19. Notices of Motion:

This item was deferred to the Adjourned May Council meeting scheduled for 23rd May, 2017.

20. Votes of sympathy/congratulations.

It was agreed that a vote of sympathy would be extended to the following:

- Gareth McMahon, Council employee on the death of his father Peter, RIP
- Frances Matthews, Council employee on the death of her mother-in-law Elizabeth Matthews, RIP
- The family of the late Ruby Wright RIP, late of Glaslough.

21. Conferences/Training

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon it was agreed that the Council is represented at the following conferences/training events by the members listed.

Promoting Authority	Subject/Theme	Venue	Dates	Members Selected
AILG	Spring Seminar	Tracey's West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare	6 th & 7 th April 2017	Cllr. S. Conlon
AILG	Rural Action Development Plan – 'Realising our Rural Potential' & SICAP Programme	Arklow	9 th May 2017	Cllr. S. Conlon
AILG	Rating Powers Reform and Revaluations	Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal	15th June 2017	Cllr. C. Carthy Cllr. C. Bennett Cllr. J. Crowe Cllr. P. Treanor Cllr. N. Keelan Cllr. S. Conlon Cllr. A. Campbell Cllr. P. Connolly Cllr. S. Coyle Cllr. P. McNally

The meeting then concluded.