

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 Building, Knockaconny on Monday 19th December, 2016 at 5.30pm.**

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Maxwell presided.

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

**In Attendance:** John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer, Monaghan Municipal District.

At the outset, Cllr Conlon made a presentation to Mr Murray, Director of Finance for all the Directors of Monaghan County Council on behalf of LAMA.

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. Brian McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Raymond Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 be confirmed.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr McKenna asked that the owner of hedges at Drumreask be requested to trim their hedges . Cllr Aughey complimented the Town Team on the success of the Voucher Scheme , €315,000 sold. Cllr Conlon said it is a win win all round and vouchers are open ended and safe. All members concurred with Cllr Aughey's sentiments.

Cllr Treanor asked could a ripple strip be put at Enagh to which Mr Deeney responded that strips cannot be put on Local Roads for safety reasons, Roads Section are monitoring it and may erect a STOP sign.

Cllr Conlon stated that because all members come with criticism, he asked that it be highlighted that the Voucher Scheme has been developed in association with Elected Members and Executive of the Municipal District. Mr Mc Elwain responded that he would inform Trevor Connolly, Town Team Co-ordinator.

Cllr Maxwell informed the meeting that the Town Wi-Fi went live last Friday. Cllr Connolly advised that the default position should be changed to Ireland.

Cllr Maxwell stated he had received great comments regarding Christmas Lights which cost in the region of €50,000 which was funded by pay parking. He added that nobody wants to pay for parking but the money generated goes back into the town, e.g the Christmas Lights.

Cllr Connolly complimented business owners on their Christmas display.

Cllr Conlon expressed disappointment at length of time waiting on a response in relation to Community Service hours.

#### **3. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator**

Mr. McElwain gave a brief overview on his report.

Cllr Aughey asked what happened at the Rossmore Stakeholder's meeting to which Mr McElwain responded that there are about fifteen members, good cross section group to discuss ideas for the Park. He added that they were meeting in the Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Thursday at 1.15pm was the agreed date for the opening of the Garden of Remembrance.

Cllr McKenna queried when the CLÁR funding was to be completed to which Mr Mc Elwain responded as early as possible in the New Year.

Cllr Maxwell asked could the Launch of Monaghan WiFi be held on Thursday also. All agreed.

Cllr Conlon advised that there is an interest in a cycle path in Rossmore to which Mr McElwain responded that he will bring his submission to the next meeting.

Mr Deeney advised that he hoped the lights at Beech Hill Junction would be connected this week.

A discussion took place on the pedestrian lights at Blacks and decided to have a further discussion in the New Year.

Mr McElwain advised that the Water Rehabilitation will commence in the town in the New Year which will last twelve months, The Contract has been awarded. Cllr Connolly asked could we discuss extending the working day with the Contractor in order to minimise disruption of traffic.

Mr Murray said he will negotiate for longer days but they may be looking for extra money.

#### **4. Questions and Motions**

Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Considering the very poor condition of the boundary wall along St Louis Convent on the Glen road, who would be responsible of any injuries in the event of its collapse?

**Response: The owner of a property adjacent to a footpath or open space is responsible for the boundary. The responsibility of repairing a boundary wall is that of the property owner.**

2. With the main street in Emyvale now improved, would the council, in light of the constant heavy traffic there, consider installing a disabled parking bay on each side of the street?

**Response: The Council have consulted with An Garda Síochána. Bye laws will have to be introduced by the Municipal District to enable the enforcement of the use of the disabled parking bay/s but staffing resources to enforce these bye laws is an issue.**

3. With regard to long stay parking in Monaghan Town and the fact that workers are now returning to their vehicles after dark could the council ensure that there is sufficient lighting in place in those areas?

**Response: The 4 No long Term car parks are adequately lit with public lighting.**

**Convent Corner Carpark - 6 x 250W SON lights, Lower Courthouse Carpark – 5 x 875W MHL lights, McNally Carpark – 5 x 400W SON lights, Glaslough Street Carpark – 6 x 400W SON & 1 x 125 MHL lights. All lights are on our Public Lighting maintenance contract and surveyed regularly to ensure they are working properly. Members of the public can also log faults in public lighting through the deadsureapp.com website. Logged faults are repaired within 14 days.**

4. What plans has the council in relation to the cleaning of gutters and drains in Monaghan town?

**Response: Maintenance of gullies and drainage throughout the M.D. is an ongoing operation and any additional locations reported will be investigated and attended to as required.**

5. Can the council audit the condition of lights in the Mullaghmatt/Cortolvin and Canal View areas?

**Response: All faults on public lights with normal access have been repaired in the past two days 11/12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 in Mullaghmatt, Cortolvin and Canal View.**

**There are three faults on public lights with “difficult access” in Mullaghmatt. These require mobilisation of special equipment in order to gain access to them. It is planned to have the three difficult access light faults repaired in the first two weeks of Jan 2017. All lights are on our Public Lighting maintenance contract and surveyed regularly to ensure they are working properly.**

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Cllr Conlon asked:

1. What progress has been made regarding the 'taking in charge' process at Tyleadon Heights?

**Response: All remedial works have been completed by the developer to taking in charge standard. The Planning Authority are now awaiting the submission of a land transfer map to facilitate the progress of the taking in charge application.**

2. What progress has been made regarding contact with David Lane of Bus Eireann and scheduling of works at the Monaghan bus depot to include installation of a Real Time Information Display Panel?

**Response: The Municipal District contacted Mr Lane and Bus Eireann are to engage contractors to complete civil works for the erection of the Real Time Information Display Panel.**

3. To assist with the multi agency approach at enhancing safety to person and property in the Mullaghmatt area, will Municipal District Executive engage with the Council's Energy Section to advance installation of LED lighting in the area.

**Response: The Council will extend the remit of Phase 4 of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme to audit all street lighting in the Mullaghmatt estate. Any replacement or new lighting required will be LED lighting where appropriate.**

## **7. Correspondence**

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding assessment of the N2 junction at Moyles L5520.

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 from Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding Private Pensions Fund.

Letter of Acknowledgement dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016 from Office of the Tanaiste and Minister from Justice and Equality.

Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016 from Department of communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding poor mobile coverage. Email dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 from Minister Naughten regarding RTE Longwave Service.

## **8. Congratulations**

Congratulations were extended to the Monte Carlo on winning the Best Takeaway in Ireland Award 2016

Cllr Maxwell and Mr Mc Elwain wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2016

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

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

Meetings Administrator

