

Municipal District of Monaghan.

Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Monaghan held in the Boardroom, Mtek 1 Building, Knockaconny on Monday, 14th December, 2015 at 3.30pm.

Cllr. Robbie Gallagher presided.

Present: Cllrs. David Maxwell, Paudge Connolly, Sean Conlon, Brian McKenna and Seamus Treanor.

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

Cllr. Gallagher welcomed all to the meeting and welcomed Mr McElwain back to work.

All members agreed to proceed with the following while waiting for the Press to attend:

Cllr Gallagher informed the members that the HSE have requested a suitable date to meet at St Mary's Site in Castleblayney and then proceed to St Davnets, Monaghan. All members agreed the 18th January, 2016 at 12 noon is most suitable before their next meeting.

1. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the following:

Cathy McKenna, Milltown, Monaghan on winning the Great Irish Bake-off 2016.
St Macartan's College on winning the Corn na nÓg Final.

2. Sympathy:

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following:

The family of June Brown, Manor Wood, Monaghan
Fiona Clerkin on the death of her father, Sean Clerkin.

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Treanor, seconded by Cllr. Maxwell, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on the 16th November, 2015 be confirmed.

4. Matters arising:

The members expressed disappointment at the correspondence received from the NTA in relation to the Bus Depot. Mr Deeney confirmed that an email was received from David Lane in response to this correspondence. It stated that Bus Eireann had submitted a list of planned capital projects for Monaghan, Cavan and Dundalk stations at a meeting with the CEO of NTA and it was outlined that no funding was available and hoped to have further clarification in January. Cllr Maxwell proposed that the members meet with the NTA in order to secure a more favourable outcome. This was seconded by Cllr Conlon. Cllr Connolly suggested that we take photograph evidence to the meeting with the NTA.

Following questions from the members in relation to hedge cutting, Mr Deeney confirmed that our Annual hedge cutting contract in the town is currently being completing. He added that residents are being informed that the hedge cutting will be their responsibility in 2016 .

Cllr Gallagher welcomed road safety works at Clontibret and asked if the ramps were too high as vehicles are getting caught on the ramps heading towards the Community Centre. Mr Deeney responded that the ramps were lower than the maximum allowable height.

Cllr Maxwell advised the meeting that the fence erected is 6-9 inches lower than previous and is blinding motorists. Mr McElwain responded that he will refer the matter to Roads Section to investigate.

Cllr Mc Kenna stated that the ramp above the village is very steep.

5. Report from Co-ordinator:

The Report was circulated to the members and Mr Deeney outlined the program and the events ahead.

6. Questions:

Cllr Seamus Treanor asked:

1. Will this Council write to the NRA regarding the flow of heavy surface water across the road from the Ardagh side to Owen McCarville side of the road. This problem was highlighted on AA roadwatch on the national airways, and funding is needed to rectify this problem, in order to prevent a serious road accident?

Response:

Drainage works have been completed along the section referred to.

2. Will this Council erect residents parking only in the Tully housing estate due to the amount of cars being parked illegally around a garage that is being operated without planning permission?

Response:

Monaghan County Council will investigate any reports of unauthorised activity and initiate any enforcement proceedings deemed necessary.

3. Will this Council clean back lanes and trim overgrown hedges and trees at Fairview Drive, Fairview Crescent and Woodview?

Response:

Works have started on the hedge cutting contract around the town and the above mentioned locations are included in the contract.

4. What plans does this Council have to increase car parking spaces in Monaghan Town, due to the fact that the inclement weather has caused flooding at Peters lake Car park which has left 30 spaces unable to be used?

Response:

Monaghan County Council is investigating a number of sites in Monaghan Town which may be suitable for development into car parks.

Cllr Sean Conlon asked:

1. As per enclosed photos, will Council undertake remedial works on the walkway between Glaslough St long term car park and Plantation?

Response:

Leaves and debris have now been swept clear from the walkway.

Cllr Robbie Gallagher asked:

1.Can the council state when repairs can be made to the stone bridge at Ballyalbany?

Response:

Works can be considered for the Members approval when the 2016 roads grants are allocated.

2.Can the council outline when the final stage of remedial works will start in Mullaghmatt and

a.What is the extent of the works to be carried out to the council owned properties

b.What is the extent of the works to be carried out to the privately owned properties

c.What the expected completion date will be?

Response:

The final stage of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme will commence in 2016. The full project programme will include significant work to Local Authority owned properties, significant improvement work to the road serving the houses closest to the factory and other estate wide improvement work such as replacement of steps, paths, railings and landscaping. Some external work that is proposed to both Local Authority and Private houses in the estate will require consultation with Residents and an application under Part 8 of the Planning Regulations will be required for some of the work. Following the delay in approval of funding from the Department, the planning and tender procedures combined will result in a later start date than desirable however Monaghan County Council in conjunction with the Housing Agency will be examining what aspects of the work may be considered for inclusion in a schedule of work to be commenced in the first half of 2016 to be followed by work that requires more detailed design and planning consultation.

a. What is the extent of the works to be carried out to the council owned properties?

Demolitions & Removals

Refurbishment Work

Floor Finishes

Mechanical Installation

Electrical Installation

Painting & Decoration

Kitchen Fittings

External Windows and Doors

b. What is the extent of the works to be carried out to the privately owned properties?

Refurbishment works to roof and chimney

Extend Roof Overhang

External Finishes, painting

c. What the expected completion date will be?

The current Housing Agency programme states that the completion date will be Quarter 2 of 2018. Monaghan County Council has asked the Housing Agency to review the programme to examine the possibility of reducing the time required by preparing tender documents during the planning process and by reducing the time periods for other aspects of the programme however given the public consultation process required including the application under Part 8 of the Planning Regulations it may be difficult to reduce the length of the programme. As this will be the final phase of the Mullaghmatt Remedial Works Scheme it is accepted by Monaghan County Council that sufficient time should be allowed to ensure that all remaining issues are dealt with properly.

3. Can the council state when the Chapel Brae Court housing estate in Clontibret will be taken in charge?

Response:

The Planning Section is currently undertaking a review of all Taking in Charge applications pending in the County and are hopeful that this particular estate can be resolved early in 2016.

7. Notices of Motion:

Notice submitted by Cllr. Conlon

That this Council liaises with the residents of the Mullaghmatt/Cortolvin/Killyconnigan area through the Teach Na nDaoine Resource Centre to assess the need and potential location for a bus shelter to facilitate schoolchildren.

On the proposal of Cllr. Conlon, seconded by Cllr. McKenna, the motion was unanimously carried.

8. Correspondence:

Letter from NTA received on the 26th November, 2015 advising that there is currently no funding available for provision of Passenger Information Display.

Letter from NTA dated 24th November 2015 advising no change in the position outlined previously by Mr Greegan, Director of Transport Planning and Transport Investment.

Letter from NTA dated 24th November, 2015 advising that there is no funding available to grant aid Bus Eireann in relation to the upgrading and enhancement of Monaghan Bus Station.

Letter from Pat Joe McConnon dated 2nd December, 2015 offering sincere thanks on the good wishes extended to him on his retirement from the coach industry.

Cllr Gallagher wished everyone a Happy Christmas!

Next meeting scheduled for 18th January, 2016 at 3.30pm.

Meeting concluded.

Dated this the 14th day of December, 2015

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator