

## 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> November, 2015 at 3.30pm.**

Cllr. Robbie Gallagher presided.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Brian McKenna

**In Attendance:** Mr. John Murray, Director of Services, Mr. Dermot Deeney, Acting Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Mr Niall Murray, Acting District Engineer, Ms. Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer, Ms Bernie McMahan, Assistant Staff Officer.

Cllr. Gallagher welcomed the Members, Executive and representatives from Bus Eireann, Mr David Lane, Regional Manager and Joanne Duffy, Services Manager to the meeting.

#### **1. Presentation from Bus Eireann:**

David Lane gave a presentation to the members outlining the plans the company has for the remainder of this year and for 2016 and what they have achieved to date.

Joanne Duffy, Service Manager for Drogheda, Dundalk, Cavan and Monaghan informed the meeting that the NTA are responsible for the Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) and have contacted Bus Eireann advising that Monaghan Bus Station will be assessed with a view to installing a RTPI before the end of this year. Funding has been applied for car park facilities, canteen, toilet area, upgraded and enhanced CCTV and hope to commence works in 2016. She added that additional services have been sought through NTA and hopes for positive news in 2016.

Paddy Gollogly was commended by both representatives from Bus Eireann on his work and the members also wished him well in his retirement. The members wished Jim McFaul all the best in his position in Monaghan Bus Station. Cllr Conlon commended PJ McConnon on his 40 years service as a tour operator in Monaghan.

A Questions and Answers session followed where Mr Lane and Ms Duffy responded to questions raised by members.

Cllr Gallagher requested a timeframe for Funding and installation of RTI to which Mr Lane advised that he will respond in writing.

Cllr Conlon proposed that a letter be issued to NTA and the Public Transport Section seeking their full approval to recent applications made by Bus Eireann that will result in long overdue upgrade and enhancement works aimed at improving the customer experience at the Monaghan Town bus depot. All members agreed.

#### **2. Confirmation of minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr. Conlon, seconded by Cllr. Maxwell, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 be confirmed.

### **3. Matters arising:**

Cllr. Conlon asked was the 2.1m allocation for the Mullaghmatt Remedial Scheme entirely what we asked for. Mr Murray responded that the allocation received along with the approval of the DECLG to use internal capital receipts means that there is sufficient funds available to complete the remedial works scheme.

Cllr Gallagher stated that refreshment of road markings on Glaslough Street will not address the problem of traffic speeding down the street and asked for something more effective to be done. Cllr Treanor suggested a ramp at Flack's garage. Mr Deeney responded that this is a national route and would be referred to Transport Infrastructural Ireland for approval.

Cllr Gallagher requested an update on hedge cutting notices for next meeting.

Cllr Conlon requested a letter to be re-issued to the HSE seeking access to the Farmyard entrance to the Greenway. Cllr. Gallagher read out an email received from the HSE stating that the campus was not a public park and they had an obligation and duty to protect their health service users from anti-social behaviour that was taking place on the grounds. Cllr Conlon withdrew his request to re-issue the letter to HSE and hoped that the security review taking place at St. Davnet's would see the re-opening of the entranceway.

Cllr Conlon advised the meeting that 'Canada Day' facebook page has gone live and made an appeal that there is a tie-in with staff regarding this festival.

### **4. Presentation on Waste Management Plan:**

Declan McKernan, Environment Section gave a presentation on the Waste Management Plan and responded to questions from the members.

### **5. Presentation on Brown Bin:**

Niall O Connor, Environment Section gave a presentation on the Introduction of the Brown Bin and responded to questions from the members.

### **6. Taking in Charge of development known as " Limegrove" Kilnacloy, Monaghan:**

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Connolly, it was agreed to take housing development known as "Limegrove" in charge.

### **7. Taking in Charge of development known as " Montfort" Coolshannagh, Monaghan:**

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Connolly, it was agreed to take housing development known as "Montfort" in charge.

### **8. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:**

Cllr Gallagher wished Donal a speedy recovery and all concurred.

The report was circulated to the members and Mr Deeney outlined the program and events ahead. Cllr Conlon requested that the Resident Associations be included in the Traffic Surveys public consultation.

Cllr Maxwell asked if the Christmas Lights had been put out to tender to which Mr Deeney assured the members that they were and would be ready for switch-on.

## 9. Questions:

Cllr Robbie Gallagher asked:

1. Can the council provide an update on the installation of the proposed speeding limits inside housing estates?

**Response: It is the MD's understanding that funding will be provided next year to facilitate this and the speed limit signs will be erected when the funding is available.**

2. Can the council provide a sign for the Killyconnigan area off the Clones Road and deal with the overgrown hedges and weeds on the footpaths which need attention there?

**Response: Letters have been sent out to the owners to cut hedges and the weeds will be sprayed. A sign for Killyconnigan has been ordered and should be ready next week.**

3. Can the council

a. attend to the blocked manholes and overgrown hedges on the Tully Estate?

b. attend to lights in the Woodlands Housing Estate, a number of which have been out for some time, leading to a potentially dangerous situation, repaired?

**Response: a. Storm manholes and gullies have been cleared in the Tully Estate. Letters will be issued to private owners to maintain overgrown hedges.**

b. The Public Lighting maintenance company has been instructed to proceed to repair the faulty Public Lighting in the Woodlands estate. Works are ongoing to have the Public Lighting formally Taken in Charge.

4. In relation to the ongoing works at Clontibret which includes traffic calming measures at the church as well as the erection of a new fence can the council outline the extent of these works and the time frame for the completion of same?

**Response: The traffic calming measures are to include two table top ramps and one ramp outside the church/church car park area. Four speed cushion ramps will be installed along by the Clontibret community centre and school. Road markings will be renewed and associated signage will also be installed along this route. Works on the fence and the traffic calming measures are due to be complete by the end of the month.**

Cllr Sean Conlon asked:

1. For the purpose of creating a heritage related sculpture in honour of Chilean hero Don Juan McKenna, will the Executive engage with the McKenna Clan who are keen to erect such a monument in the vicinity of his ancestral homeland of Aghananamy?

**Response: The Municipal District Executive will engage with the McKenna Clan if they want to make contact, however, if it requires expenditure it will have to go before the Council for approval.**

## 10. Notice of Motion:

“That this council should actively promote the town as a shopping destination for Christmas with specific focus on Northern Ireland because of the strength of sterling”

Cllr. Robbie Gallagher

A discussion took place on the motion. Cllr Maxwell seconded the motion and all members supported the motion. Mr Murray advised that the Town Manager proposed advertising in Northern Ireland and signage will be placed on the approach roads to the town.

## **11. Correspondence:**

A Notice of Motion from Ballybay-Clones Municipal District dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 regarding the provision of Respite Beds in County Monaghan.

All members supported the motion.

Email from Gearoid McCarthy dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 regarding low water pressure on Mall Road.

Planning Conditions of Greenway, refs: 13/30801 and 13/8003

Bat survey recommends no lighting.

Acknowledgement letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 from Bus Eireann confirming attendance of David Lane and Joanne Duffy.

Email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 from Somhairle MacConghail giving update on the Information Plate for Steel Masterpiece.

Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 from Dympna Condra regarding the current state of progress on Rossmore Forest Park.

Cllr Conlon informed the members that the barrier at the main entrance had been removed and CCTV installed. Works for 2016 will include improved signage, walks, recreational facilities for children. Family cycle trails will be investigated with Local Sports Partnership. Damaged wall at main entrance to be repaired in 2016 and full commitment to the replacement of trees.

He added that Coillte will be very happy to work with Monaghan County Council. He asked that our thanks be conveyed to Dympna Condra and Michelle Murphy for the good work on their submission.

Procedure for changing the name of a road ( Local Government Act 2001)

Members agreed to write to the Margaret Skinnider Committee advising them that the matter was discussed and not agreeable to this particular change, but that a family member has approached us recommending naming a roundabout and to revert with their decision.

## **12. Sympathy:**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following:

The French Ambassador in Dublin on the Atrocities in Paris

Breege Clerkin and family on the death of her husband Oliver Clerkin

The family of the late Joe Cassidy

The victims of the bombing in Beirut

### **13. Congratulations:**

Congratulations were extended to the following:

North Monaghan Gentleman, Frank McKenna, Drumfernasky, Carrickroe on receiving the County Monaghan Volunteer of the Year Award.

Combilift on winning Irish Exporter of the Year Award.

Pat Joe McConnon on his retirement from the coach industry

Paddy McCabe, Poundhill on his retirement.

Conor McManus on his GAA All Stars Male Footballer of the Year Award.

Best of Luck to Scotstown in the AIB Ulster Club Football Final.

Sir Jack Leslie 98 years young on his prestigious award on World War 11.

Malachy Treanor, Castleshane on winning a Shot Gold medal.

Next meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 ant 3.30pm.

Meeting concluded.

Dated this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015

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

**Cathaoirleach**

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

## Meetings Administrator