

**Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan
Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin**



**The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney
Monaghan County Council**

Minutes of proceedings of November 2016 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday 28th November 2016 at 2.30pm

Present: - Mayor Campbell presided.

CLRs Colm Carthy, Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Pdraig McNally, P J O'Hanlon.

In attendance: - Paul Clifford, Director of Services; Frances Matthews, Co-ordinator; John Lennon, District Engineer, Amanda Murray, Staff Officer; Deirdre Power, Assistant Staff Officer. Michael Fisher Northern Standard and Caroline Mc Gauley Northern Sound Radio

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the October 2016 monthly meeting

On the proposal of Cllr Crowe and seconded by Cllr Mc Nally the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 24th October 2016 were adopted .

2. Matters arising

Replies to queries:

- Cllr Mc Nally requested that the issue regarding the Convent Wall be placed on the next agenda.
- Cllr Crowe requested school signs to be erected at Secondary Schools in Castleblayney
- Cllr Crowe new surface required on skid path at Ballinacarry Bridge
- Cllr Crowe enquired when Knocktornagh Footpath would be finished
District Engineer replied that works would be complete by the end of the year.
- Cllr Keelan requested urgent works to be carried out at Corduff Cross and Shercock Road
District Engineer agreed to discuss with residents and landowners.

3. Correspondence

- Cllr Hanlon voiced his total dismay at the lack of response from Minister Mitchell's office.
Cllr O Hanlon informed the meeting that he was due to meet with the Minister this week the Broadband issue and the Bose vacant unit would be up for discussion.
- Cllr Mc Nally said it was frustrating that no response had been received regarding Brexit and requested that contact be made with Private Secretary to request a clear answer from the Taoiseach.
- Cllr Mc Nally requested communication to go to the HSE regarding the Primary Care facility.

4. Consideration of Coordinators monthly report

Issues Raised/Discussed

- Cllr Carthy requested further works on Aghalile Road as verges were extremely dangerous also at Finnegans Bend on Drumconrath Road. The District Engineer agreed to meet with residents.
- Cllr Crowe requested works on Main Street Castleblayney. The District Engineer John Lennon replied that repairs would be done under Town and Renewal Scheme.
- Cllr Crowe asked for signs for Lough Egish to be re-instated on Ballybay Road.
- Cllr Keelan asked that the 30km speed limit signs for Sean Carraig to be erected.
- Cllr Mc Nally enquired about a derelict site at Mullinary. Director of Services Paul Clifford said the Council was presently working on the necessary procedures involved with Derelict sites.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked for safety barrier or Yield sign on the Aghalile Road.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked for works to be carried out on the two bridges at the Border between Monaghan and Louth. The District Engineer to request OPW to investigate.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked for works to be carried out on the LT46011 in the townland of Drumgavin on the Donaghmoynne /Inniskeen Road. John Lennon to revert re funding etc.
- Cllr Mc Nally was assured by the District Engineer that the Derrylavin road would be patched this week.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked for signs to be cleaned due to bad weather as signs cannot be read. The District Engineer said that cleaning had been completed on the regional roads.
- Cllr O Hanlon asked for a meeting to be arranged between the new water officer Gretta Mc Carron and Dick Caplice to discuss the lakes in the area for fishing.

5. Consideration of request from Ulster History Circle.

It was proposed by Cllr Crowe, seconded by Cllr Hanlon to support the commemoration on Monday 5th of December for Thomas Hughes from Broomfield who was awarded the Victoria Cross Medal. It was approved by all members present that a plaque will be mounted on the wall at the entrance to Lough Muckno.

Cllr Mc Nally proposed and seconded by Cllr Campbell that the Municipal District request the loan of the Victoria Cross from the Museum in Chelsea.

6. Presentation by Ms. Bernie O'Flaherty – "River Fane & Communities Working Together "

Bernie O Flaherty who has been seconded to work with the LAWCO Local Authority Waters and the Community Office in Carrick On Shannon gave a presentation to the meeting regarding the work involved with the Water Framework Directive. Greta Mc Carron introduced herself as one of twelve water officers in the country.

7. Questions

The following questions were asked

Questions raised by Cllr. Padraig McNally:

1. **Has this MD decided on what type of traffic calming measures are to be put in place at Coolreagh Cottages, Killanny in line with a motion already passed?**

Response:

A safety audit will be carried out by the Municipal District Engineering staff at Coolreagh Cottages in the coming weeks.

2. Has this MD received a response from the HSE regarding a primary care facility for Carrickmacross?

Response:

A letter has issued to the HSE seeking a meeting and we are currently waiting a response.

3. Has this MD finalised the Phase 1 cost of developing footpaths and lighting on the Drumcondrath road, Carrickmacross in line with it being our No. 1 priority for 2017?

Response:

Preliminary costing has been completed by the Municipal District. It is estimated that the cost to install a new public footpath with lighting from the Old N2 junction to the stables on the Drumcondrath road which is approximately 575m to be €149,950. The Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District received €42,098 for signs/lines/footpaths in 2016. The District Office will prepare a footpath and lighting programme in 2017, which will be presented to the elected members for approval.

4. Has this MD finalised its plan to make the junction at Annafarcán National School safer for all road users.

Response:

The Municipal District has spoken to the landowner and he has given consent for the removal of a hedgerow to improve sight lines at the junction. Works will commence in early 2017.

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan:

5. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of enhanced safety measures adjacent to a number of schools in this area i.e. Corduff, Ballinagarn and in particular Blackstaff National School which is of huge concern to the School Management, Parents and children alike.

Response:

The Municipal District has made a funding application under Measure 1 of the Clar 2016 programme. Measure 1 will consider funding safety packages for Schools/Community Facilities. No decision on the application has been received by the District Office.

6. In relation to Inniskeen, what is the up-to-date position in relation to a Master Plan for the village including the provision of footpath linkages and the development of a footbridge across the river Fane? What is the up to-date position in relation to the provision of extra car parking across from St. Daighs National School as discussed on site with School Management, Residents and Senior Engineer Monaghan County Council .

Response:

The MD engineering staff plans to carry out a review of Inniskeen Village in early 2017 to prepare preliminary draft linkage plans for public consultation in anticipation of future funding.

The Town & Village Renewal Scheme application made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has been approved on the 14th of November. The MD will commence work in early 2017.

7. In supporting the good work which has been carried out by the Lisanisk Residents Association assisted by this Council, when is it hoped to complete the footpath link at the top of the hill? When is it hoped to have an extra public light put in place at this location? Will the council follow up on the request to have a 50km speed limit put in place as discussed on site with Engineering Staff?

Response:

A public lighting and footpath programme will be prepared by the Municipal District in 2017. Consideration will be given to Cllr Keelan's proposal, subject to funding and approval from the elected members. Monaghan County Council is currently reviewing the speed limits and the review will be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

8. In relation to the new round of funding that has been announced recently under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and the Clár Programme, will this council ensure that every effort is made to draw down funding in order to further enhance our Towns and Villages Inniskeen, Lisdoonan, Donaghmoynne, Lough-Egish and Aughnamullen. Is it correct that these funding packages could be used to fund public lighting / footpath links and traffic calming safety measures at schools etc, as requested by the Parents and School Management at Corduff National School.

Response:

The Town & Village Renewal Scheme application made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has been approved on the 14th of November. The MD will commence work in early 2017. An application for the Clár programme was made on the 4th of November – decision pending.

9. Will this Council consider re-surfacing a small area in Dunard Estate, Inniskeen as this work was due to be carried out some years ago but was overlooked, the Dunard Residents Association are very anxious to have this issue addressed as soon as possible.

Response:

There is no provision in the Municipal District 2016 budget for the resurfacing of the area in Dunard Estate. If additional funding becomes available to the District Office consideration can be given to Cllr Keelan's proposal.

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy:

10. What is the up-to-date position on the design arising from the consultant report on safety improvements to the Castleblayney Road in Carrickmacross (from Inver College to the link-road roundabout)?

Response:

The Municipal District has begun preliminary design proposals for the Ballybay/Castleblayney junction. A working design will be available for public consultation and approval by the elected members in the first quarter of 2017. A low cost safety improvement application will be made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding in 2017.

11. What is the up-to-date position on adding weight limit signage to the Coolderry road, Magheraclone, has all consultation been carried out?

Response:

New 10 tonne weight restriction signage where erected on the Coolderry road on the 23rd November 2016 following consultation with residents and approval with Garda Síochána.

12. Can the MD executive confirm when works will commence on the proposed walk/cycle way around Carrickmacross?

Response:

The MD will commence consultations in relation to proposed walk cycle way for Carrickmacross in early 2017 in anticipation of future funding opportunities.

13. Has an application for funding to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport been made in relation to a pedestrian crossing to the R179 (Oriel Road) that runs from the Dundalk Rd to the old Ardee Rd (to facilitate safe crossing for residents in estates on both sides of the road) and is it envisaged that this funding would be considered for 2017?

Response:

The Municipal District Office will not be making an application to the Department for a new pedestrian crossing on Oriel Road as a pedestrian underpass already exists.

14. Will this MD consider adding a speed ramp and 'Children at Play' signs to Cluain Alainn housing estate (specifically at the lower part of the estate) in an effort to reduce the high speed of drivers (this is despite the addition of speed limit signage to the mouth of the estate)?

Response:

Yes, this Municipal District will erect "Children at Play" signs in Cluain Alainn estate. The Municipal District will consider speed ramps when all other speed calming measures have been eliminated.

Questions raised by Cllr. Aidan Campbell:

15. When will the Flooding works be completely finished on the Church hill Longfield road?

Response:

The flood alleviation work on the Longfield road was completed on the 14th November 2016.

8. Notice of Motions

The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. Mc Nally and unanimously agreed:-

"While the council appreciates Hi-Speed Broadband in Carrickmacross, Castleblayney and Monaghan we are calling on the Government to speed up the position of Broadband in the Remaining towns, villages and rural areas in the County"

9. Director of Services Orders

Director of Services Orders No's 60/2016 to 66 /2016 attached to the Agenda were noted.

10. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:

Bob Brady on the death of his wife Kathleen.

Michael Mc Cahey on the death of his father Michael Mc Cahey and his Uncle Pat Sheridan.
Rosaleen Mc Mahon on the death of her Maisie Rooney.
Matt Kearney and Family on the death of Julia Kearney.
Sheila Mc Elwaine and Family on the death of Robert Mc Elwaine.
David Mc Keown and Family on the death of Anna Mc Keown.

Votes of Congratulations were passed with each of the following:

Killanny GFC on winning the Hackett Cup.
Niamh Smyth TD on birth of her daughter Juliette.

11. Any Other Business

- Cllr Mc Nally asked that flooding on the R178 at Ballykelly Inniskeen is addressed. John Lennon District Engineer agreed to investigate.
- Cllr O Hanlon requested an email to be sent to the Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce requesting workers to stop parking on the two hour spaces on the streets.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked if an enquiry could be made to Roads Section regarding whether Louth County Council consulted with Monaghan County Council regarding the N2 road closure at Ardee.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked for a meeting with Louth Co Council concerning a proposed road to link Carrickmacross to the Motorway and follow up with a meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- Cllr O Hanlon asked for sign for Rock Daniel Road to be erected.
- Cllr Carthy asked for the Municipal District to review the casual trading spaces as a Disabled Parking space is inaccessible.
- Cllr Carthy proposed that the Planning Section of Monaghan Co. Council request developers to provide Salt Bins before taking an estate in charge.
- Cllr Keelan proposed that the Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce Committee and the Castleblayney Regeneration Team be invited to Municipal Meetings once a year, seconded by Cllr Campbell and agreed by all.
- Cllr Campbell requested that Thomas Hughes relatives should be invited to the unveiling Paul Clifford confirmed that the Council have already made contact.

Meeting concluded at 5. 15p.m.

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: 20th December, 2016.