

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Market House, Monaghan on Tuesday, 11th April, 2017 at 3.30pm.**

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Maxwell presided.

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

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

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr. McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 be confirmed.

#### **2. Matters arising:**

Mr McElwain advised that the works to the walking routes are now completed in Rossmore Park and the Masterplan is almost ready for presentation to the members.

Cllr Aughey advised that the Speed Limit Committee is meeting tomorrow to review the final recommendations.

Cllr Aughey advised that there will be a function held in the Westenra Hotel tomorrow evening to celebrate the 201<sup>st</sup> birthday of Charles Gavin Duffy. All are welcome.

Cllr McKenna asked had we investigated sticky- back parking tickets to which Cllr Maxwell read an e-mail from Electro Automation advising that current machines are not compatible with sticky-back tickets, also findings from Kildare Co Co to show that sticky-back tickets clogged machines with glue causing high maintenance and they reverted to non sticky paper tickets. Cllr Mc Kenna asked that a number of LA's be contacted to investigate how they were dealing with this issue. The members requested that the supply of pouches be investigated similar to a tax disc holder.

Cllr Conlon showed a photograph whereby Tesco's shopping trollies are occupying a Disabled bay in the Lower Courthouse CP to which Mr Deeney said it would be investigated and resolved.

#### **3. Presentation by Town Team Co-ordinator:**

Trevor Connolly and Alan Johnston gave a detailed presentation on Events/Activities and footfall in the town from October 2016. Footfall figures generally indicated an increase in pedestrian movements with a 10% increase for Black Friday and December last year over the previous year. Cllr Maxwell thanked both of them on the good works this past year, delivering very good figures and results. The Town Vouchers are a great success and benefit the whole town which was their aim. All members agreed.

#### **4. Report from MD Co-ordinator:**

Mr McElwain outlined his report which was circulated to the members.

Cllr Maxwell confirmed that the Dublin Street Regeneration Plan will be discussed after the main CC meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Connolly complimented the excellent works on the trails in Rossmore Park.

He added that there should be schemes ready to go if funding becomes available under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Cllr Conlon referred to his question at September meeting in relation to the provision of speed ramps through the Archway at the Courthouse and asked for a response, progress and timescale. He also asked that the MD liaise with the 10k Blackwater Walking Committee in relation to leaving traffic cones and steel barriers in the Park.

Mr McElwain confirmed that Oaklands upgrade will be ready for the Entente Florale judging.

Cllr Maxwell clarified that the CLÁR funding being relaunched must come through the County Council.

Cllr Maxwell clarified that the Water Contractors are currently carrying out trial holes for design stage.

#### **5. Questions and Answers:**

##### **Cllr Connolly asked:**

1. To ask Monaghan MD for an update in relation to the proposed surfacing and drainage works at Emy Lough car park?

##### **Response:**

**Tenders have been submitted and analysed with a contractor to be appointed this week. Work to be completed by the end of May.**

#### **8. Motions**

“That this Council write to Dublin North East Regional Health Board (HSE) that they immediately re-open Oriel House for elderly patients, who were re-located on a promise they would be returned to Oriel House. We also call on the HSE to release the findings of the H.I.Q.A report on this facility, which caused it to be closed down”.

Cllrs Treanor and Aughey withdrew their motion as it has been dealt with at County Council meeting.

#### **9. Correspondence:**

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from the Department of Communications, climate action and Environment regarding mobile coverage in parts of Monaghan.

Cllr Treanor advised that 4G have changed their mast equipment at the Garda Station and has knocked out the local RTE reception. The public deserve reception when they are paying €160 a year. He requested that the MD write to Comreg to establish a solution to the problem.

An e-mail from the Chief Executive, Eamonn O Sullivan requesting this MD to get involved in the promotion of the Green Ribbon Campaign. Cllr Connolly stated that Monaghan is the

14<sup>th</sup> highest in suicide figures and we need to create awareness of Mental Health. Mr McElwain stated that an event/project should be organised in the month of May . Cllr Connolly suggested we order a supply of ribbons, 25 ribbons to each member for distribution and also appeal to business owners to create awareness of mental health.

A letter from Mid Ulster District Council dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 seeking two members for attending a Forum on Development Plan. Cllr McKenna and Cllr Treanor were nominated. An email dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 from Ben Clerkin regarding signage at 'Alma House'  
Correspondence on CLÁR Funding

**10. Sympathy:**

Sympathy was extended to the Harden Family on the death of John Harden. To the owner of Pizza D'or wishing him all the best and back in operation as soon as possible.

**10. Congratulations:**

Congratulation to the Monaghan Gardai on having a very successful Opening Day. To the owners and staff of Modern Decor on getting back up and running again and a speedy resolution on Market Street.

**Other business:**

Cllr Aughey expressed concern at the anti-social behaviour at Peter's lake and suggested increasing the fine for intoxicating liquor or erecting palisade fencing to make it more difficult to access the area.

He also wished Bus Eireann strikers a speedy solution.

All agreed that the Executive write to An Garda requesting them to step up patrol at Peter's lake.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2017

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

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Meetings Administrator