

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Town Chamber, Town Council Offices, Monaghan on Monday, 15th May, 2017 at 3.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. David Maxwell presided.

Present: Cllrs. 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.

At the outset, Cllr Maxwell asked Mr Clifford to clarify the planning status of 46 acres of lands for sale at Rossmore Park. Mr Clifford stated that this land is zoned as Secondary Amenity Value and is free from any intrusive development. Cllr Maxwell added that the only people that can change the status of zoned lands are the members.

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 11th April, 2017 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna informed the members that the meeting with the Mid Ulster District Council was useful. Developments such as the A5/N2, Ulster Canal and Sliabh Beagh were discussed and both himself and Cllr Treanor gave their opinions in relation to these. A further meeting is scheduled for September.

Cllr Treanor concurred with Cllr McKenna and asked for Cllr Maxwell to attend the next meeting as he was involved in the Blackwater Regional Partnership Committee.

Cllr Connolly asked for an update on an event for the Green Ribbon campaign to which Mr Mc Elwain responded that an event will be organised for this month.

3. Report from Municipal District co-ordinator:

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

All members agreed to match County Council Funding of €8,500 for Glaslough Entente Florale Competition and to be funded from Pay Parking.

Cllr Treanor asked could an overgrown area owned by the Council on the Dublin Road entrance to the town be cleaned up by the Town Gardener. Cllr Connolly advised that there are trees on the Greenway at St Davnet's being choked by grass and asked could the Gardener clear this and the whole route also.

Cllr Maxwell advised that the Rossmore Park Masterplan and the Car Parking Strategy are being presented to the members on Friday, 19th May at 10am.

Cllr Treanor thanked the staff for the provision of yellow box Junctions at the Cathedral and Tully and also the sign at Westenra Terrace.

Cllr McKenna asked that sight distance improvement works be carried out with the Low cost Safety Scheme at Dundian crossroads. In relation to works at bridge rehabilitation works on the N2, Mr Deeney confirmed that there will be diversions in place.

Mr Maxwell welcomed the announcement of Department funding for the last phase from Corracrin to Emyvale village. Cllrs McKenna and Connolly concurred with Cllr Maxwell's comments and added that this is one of four nationally and had been raised at CPG and Oireachtas level.

4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1. For an update in relation to the installation of play equipment and surfacing at Oaklands Glaslough and at Ardbanager Glaslough?
2. When are the above works due to be completed?

Response:

A contractor has been selected to provide and install the new playgrounds.

Representatives from the community have been consulted and have viewed the proposals.

Works are scheduled to commence by mid June and be completed by end of June.

Cllr Treanor asked:

1. Will Monaghan County Council install a Junction Box at St Macartan's Cathedral traffic lights? As traffic leaving the Old Armagh Road is now being completely blocked when the lights turn red on the main road.
2. Will Monaghan County Council install a Junction Box or a turning lane at Tully Housing Estate?

Response:

Yellow box hatched markings have already been installed in the locations referred to.

Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Can the council outline what procedure is in place for the cleaning of gully's in Monaghan Town and how often does this cleaning take place? (Specific reference to the gully's in the old cinema car park)

Response:

Maintenance of gullies and drainage throughout the Monaghan M.D. is an ongoing operation. The location referred to will be investigated and attended to as required.

2. Can the council properly install and paint the bin at the seated area on the Greenway between Old Cross Square and the Lock House?

Response:

The bin referred to will be re-set and re-painted.

3. Can the council assess and rectify the Condition of the footpaths at rear of Killyconnigan off the Clones Road?

Response:

The footpath referred to will be inspected and any necessary repairs carried out.

4. With regard to lighting can Monaghan MD

- a. investigate and implement some kind of lighting system in the lane at Dr Mc Kenna Terrace before the winter dark nights?

Response:

The council's main focus for public lights is the upgrade of the existing lights and currently back lanes are not a priority.

- b. investigate the major lighting failure in Killyconnigan that occurred the weekend of 21st-23rd April?

Response:

A Fault was reported on 25th April and logged to Deadsure. PL maintenance company responded, to carry out repair. Fuse in lighting circuit was blown due to a short circuit in the lighting cable. Further investigation determined that the short circuit was between columns 2 and 3 on this circuit. Works were carried out to isolate the fault. Remainder 2 lights will be off until the underground fault is located and repaired. Works have been scheduled to have the underground cable repaired by mid May.

4. Correspondence:

Letter from David & Fidelma O'Rourke, Pizza Do'r dated 20th April, 2017 acknowledging our kind letter of support.

Letter from An Garda Siochana dated 10th May, 2017 regarding anti-social behaviour at St Peter's Lake. Cllr Aughey hoped that the situation would improve and that the first protocol is to alert the Gardai when you witness anti-social behaviour. A lengthy discussion took place on the anti-social behaviour at Peter's lake.

Cllr Treanor expressed disappointment at the lack of response from RTE in relation to poor coverage and asked that a reminder be issued.

6. Sympathy:

Sympathy was extended to the following:

The Murphy Family on the death of Tony Murphy, retired County Secretary.

Aisling Kierans on the death of her mother.

Gareth McMahon on the death of his father Peter.

7. Congratulations:

Louise McGinnity, Mullaghmore, Tyholland on winning the Irish Junior single Handball competition.

Monaghan United U18 team on winning the John Sherlock Cup

Other business:

Cllr Aughey confirmed that he had received an email from Nicola Payne confirming that the Application for Peace Campus was successfully submitted.

Also advised that a lady from Belgium Park received a notification from Irish Water that the water pipe would be going up the outside wall of her house. Cllr Maxwell advised that there is also an option to go under the house and the public should be made aware of the options. Cllr McKenna asked could the members meet at the Monument to lay a wreath on Wednesday, 17th May at 9am in memory of the Anniversary of the Monaghan Bombing. Cllr Connolly asked could the collection service of electrical goods be increased to twice a year to which Mr McElwain responded that he would refer his comments to Environment Section.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 15th Day of May, 2017

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator