

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 18th December, 2017 at 3.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Paudge Connolly presided.

Present: Cllrs. David Maxwell, Brian McKenna, Sean Conlon, Seamus Treanor, Raymond Aughey.

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. Maxwell, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 20th November, 2017 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna sought clarification on the designation of County Roads to which Mr McElwain responded that he had discussed with Mr McKernan, Roads Section and was advised that roads were designated over twenty years ago, the Department has the power to change the designation, but reluctant to change. Cllr Connolly suggested that Cllr McKenna should submit specific roads and recommendations to Mr McElwain who would investigate the matter further.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report which was circulated to the members and answered questions raised.

Cllr Connolly stated that the Public Consultation for Town and Village Renewal Scheme in Emyvale was very useful and would encourage other villages to do the same. He also gave a big thank you to the Christmas Lights Switch-On committee.

Cllr Conlon concurred with Cllr Connolly and asked that their thanks be conveyed to Maire Cullinan and Carol Lambe for their presentation at the Public Consultation in Emyvale, their enthusiasm on this funding being well spent lends itself very well to community development.

Cllr Connolly expressed congratulations on all the Awards won in 2017, including Entente Florale and Tidy Town Awards. He added that it was great to see the work carried out in Rossmore Park and the ongoing design progressing.

Cllr Treanor advised that the lights in Old Cross Square are on and off continuously and not satisfactory after the money spent.

Cllr McKenna concurred with Cllr Connolly on the Public Consultation and added that because funding is allocated in such short notice, the council should be meeting more groups and to have plans in place and ready to go when money becomes available. Cllr Connolly stated that the Town Vouchers are going very well, with over 150 businesses accepting the voucher and more distributors on board. Cllr Maxwell concurred with Cllr Connolly and stated that they need more advertising in the retail outlets. Mr McElwain responded that posters are going out to the shops today . Cllr Conlon stated that the services that one can purchase are excellent. Cllr Maxwell confirmed that a decision on the Peace Hub is due at the end of January. Cllr Connolly queried the progress on the CCTV application to which Mr McElwain responded that there will be a public consultation Day in mid January. Funding for CCTV is a grant of €40,000 and matched with €40,000 from the Municipal District.

Mr McElwain stated that a launch date for the Rossmore Masterplan will be planned in the New Year.

Cllr Maxwell queried the status of the Taking in charge application for Dummies Lane to which Mr McElwain responded that the council is waiting on Lord Rossmore solicitors to forward the details, etc.

Cllr Treanor queried progress on trees in Beechgrove to which Mr Deeney responded that works should be complete by March.

Cllr Conlon asked for the removal of the prohibiting of a left turn at the bottom of Mill Street. All members agreed that we ask our Engineers to reassess the Junction with a view to having this prohibition of left turn abolished and recommend a red light on Mill Street to coincide with the green light for pedestrians.

4. Presentation on Monaghan Tidy Towns:

Cllr Connolly welcomed Emer Brennan and Billy Flynn to the meeting. They both gave their presentation on the 3 year plan Biodiversity for the town which was followed by a question and answer session.

5. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1) To ask Monaghan M D what plans are there to create water runoff channels and remove silt which has accumulated on the Greenway from the horseshoe Bridge to the Cootehill Road?

Response: Monaghan MD will seek funding again in 2018 to carryout additional drainage works along this stretch of greenway.

Cllr Aughey asked:

1) Can Monaghan MD investigate the implementation of Public Lighting from the Elim Church Killyvane as far as Tommy Martin's Garage/ Ballybay turnoff?

Response: The public lighting currently extends to the end of the public footpath which ends at Killyvane. There are no plans to continue either the public footpath or the public lighting at present.

3) Can Monaghan MD investigate a dangerous dip/depression on the LS05181 road from Ballyalbany Cross towards Tirnaneill?

Response: Monaghan MD will investigate the condition of this road and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs. There may be many similar depressions like this on our road network throughout the District, however we will have to evaluate budgets, etc for next year and prioritise what can be completed depending on the funding available.

4) Can Monaghan MD investigate a dangerous dip/depression, falling away of a road leading from Knockaphubble towards Mullan Village?

Response: Monaghan MD will investigate the condition of this road and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs. There may be many similar depressions like this on our road network throughout the District, however we will have to evaluate budgets, etc for next year and prioritise what can be completed depending on the funding available.

5) Can Monaghan MD outline if all the works in relation to the hedges/ fences at the New Houses Tyholland are complete?

Response: Work is in progress at this location and should be completed weekending the 22nd of December.

2) In the interests of Road Safety can Monaghan MD contact the TII to implement increased signage for all accesses at the two main roundabouts for the Monaghan bypass to try and encourage vehicles to be in the correct lane?

Response: The National Road Network Speed limits are currently under review; therefore it would not be prudent to erect additional signage on the National Road Network until this process is complete. Also this request will be forwarded to the TII Road Safety Officer for review.

6. Correspondence

Letter dated 24 November from Department of Health acknowledging letter regarding Haemochromatosis.

Letter dated 29 November from Department of Finance acknowledging receipt of letter.

7. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to Trevor Connolly, Town Team Co-ordinator on becoming a Daddy and to Cllr Connolly on becoming a Granda.

8. Sympathy:

Sympathy was extended to Annie McElmeel and family, No 1 Deravoy, Emyvale P.O on the death of her son Paul. Paul's late father was a former member of the outdoor staff of the Council.

9. AOB

Cllr Aughey stated that Canal Walk is very mucky to which Cllr Connolly responded that it is being currently cleaned up.

Cllr Connolly commended the work being carried out at the church at St Davnets.

Cllr Conlon asked could a large pothole on the Ballybay Road be repaired.

Cllr Connolly sent a Christmas message out to all the people in their Constituencies and asked them to offer help to people on their own and to drive safe. He thanked the members and Executive for the Year' work and wished them a Happy Christmas. He also paid tribute to the Media for their coverage during the year.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 18th Day of December, 2017

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator