

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Conference Room, County Offices, Monaghan on Wednesday, 18th October, 2017 at 3.00pm.(re-scheduled due to Hurricane Ophelia)

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Paudge Connolly presided.

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

Apologies: Cllr Seamus Treanor

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 Connolly welcomed all to the re-scheduled meeting due to Hurricane Ophelia. A discussion took place on the aftermath of the hurricane. All members commended the Emergency staff in the Council and other Emergency Services. Cllr Connolly expressed his sympathy on the death of three people in the country as a result of the hurricane.

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 18th September, 2017 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna expressed disappointment at the ongoing delays in relation to Housing cases with our solicitor and suggested looking for a new solicitor. Cllr Conlon agreed that we should seek alternative representation as we are paying our solicitor.

Cllr Aughey asked for an update on public lighting in Mullaghmatt to which Mr Murray responded that this is related to the Remedial Work Scheme and hoping to hear a commencement date soon.

Cllr Conlon asked about road markings at Annyalla School to which Mr Deeney responded that all markings are complete.

Cllr McKenna welcomed the completed works at Dundian Cross.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report which was circulated to the members and answered questions raised. Cllr Aughey commended the Council and Town Team on winning the URBACT Good Practice Award. All members concurred with his sentiments.

Cllr Conlon requested a list of the Stakeholders of Rossmore Park to be sent to the members. He added that individual submissions/input is lacking in the Masterplan.

Mr Murray advised that the main benefit of having the Plan in place is that when funding becomes available, the plan is ready to be consulted. Mr McElwain explained that this is an overarching plan which could not go into the detail of the projects.

4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Connolly asked:

- 1) To ask Monaghan MD in relation to the national Multi Annual Programme for (A) an update in relation to the proposed Group Sewerage Scheme for Milltown and the likely commencement date of same? and (B) whether the scheme is ready to go in the event of funding becoming available?

Response: Milltown Group Sewerage Scheme is one of only six Group Sewerage Schemes in the country, approved for funding under the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government's Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2016-2018. As no funding was provided for the scheme in 2016 or 2017, and the Multi Annual Programme is a three year investment programme, Monaghan County Council expect Milltown Group Sewerage Scheme to proceed to construction in 2018.

- 2) To ask Monaghan M D for an update in relation to the Monaghan Town Water Mains Rehabilitation programme ?

Response: The works are progressing well on the watermain rehabilitation project. Main works in Dawson St complete ongoing on North Road. Works to be substantially complete in November and permanent reinstatement scheduled for Spring/Summer 2018.

- 3) What is the timescale for the restoration of the Monaghan town streets following the Water Mains Rehabilitation works?

Response: Irish Water fulfils the client role on the Monaghan Watermain Rehabilitation Contract. Your question will be referred to the national utility provider for a detailed response.

Cllr Aughey asked:

- 1) Can the MD investigate in the interest of Road Safety implementing traffic calming measures at Hasty's Cross Ballinode

Response: The MD will investigate what traffic calming measures can be implemented at Hasty's Cross.

- 2) Can the MD outline the rota for checking on the working status of parking meters? How can members of the public/ report or deal with broken meters or meters that are not working?

Response: The pay parking machines are checked every morning by two of our outdoor staff. If the machine cannot be repaired by the staff member, it is reported to the Company. Members of the public can report faulty machines to the Traffic Wardens or directly to our office.

- 3) Can the MD investigate implementing perpendicular car parking in Glaslough village to deal with the lack of assigned car parking spaces on Glaslough Main Street particularly near the entrance to Castle Leslie?

Response:

The Council will review parking in the village.

4) Can the MD outline the Monument Cleaning rota for the landmarks in the Monaghan MD? (The Rossmore monument in the Diamond specifically)

Response: Cleaning and structural repairs were carried out to the monuments in Monaghan Town circa 2002 under Heritage Council and Conservation grant funding. The outdoor staff carries out a routine annual maintenance of these monuments to remove the growth of weeds etc.

5) What arrangements have been made by the MD regarding the maintenance of the landscaped roundabouts on the Monaghan Bypass the weeding of which appears to have been neglected for long periods this year in particular leading to an unsightly approach to the town

Response: Monaghan County Council are currently pursuing the contractors to improve on the Maintenance from now until 2017 end. From 2018 Coolshannagh Roundabout will be under the control of Monaghan MD for Maintenance and Monaghan County Council will be seeking an improvement in the maintenance for the Annahagh Roundabout in 2018 and 2019.

Cllr. Conlon asked:

Regarding the second phase of the Emyvale N2 realignment works, what speed limit is this section of road designed and approved by Transport Infrastructure Ireland?

Response: Phase 3 of the Emyvale to Monaghan Scheme is designed for a 85Km/h design speed as were previous sections 1, 2 and 4.

6. Correspondence

Email dated 20/9/17 from Irish Water outlining progress to date on Water Rehabilitation Project.

Letter dated 27th September from Department of Justice & Equality acknowledging receipt of letter regarding Irish Sign Language.

Letter dated 27th September from Department of Finance acknowledging receipt of our letter and will be considered in the context of the forthcoming budget.

Letter dated 11th October from Department of Justice & Equality in relation to "Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Bill 2016"

Cllr Conlon welcomed the 2nd and final hearing in the Seanad where Cross border support was passed and will become law.

7. Sympathy:

Sympathy was extended to the following:

Vincent McCooey on the death of his brother Raymond.

The Treanor family on the death of Frankie Treanor

The Greenan family on the death of Seamus Greenan

8. Congratulations:

Glaslough Tidy Towns on winning Gold in the Tidy Towns Awards.

Monaghan Tidy Towns on winning Silver in the Tidy Towns Awards.

Emyvale Tidy Towns on winning overall Award for Water and Communities.

Mallons Butchers on winning a Silver Award in the Butchers Awards.
McClearys Londis Shop on winning an Excellence Award.
Scotstown Football Club on winning Senior County Final.
Pauric Duffy on his retirement as GAA Director General.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 20th Day of October, 2017

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator