

## **Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones**

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 23rd October 2017 at 10am in Ballybay Civic Offices, Main Street, Ballybay Co Monaghan.

**Members Present**        Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr Sean Gilliland, presided

The following members were also present:-Cllrs:- Cathy Bennett, Pat Treanor, Hugh McElvaney and Eva Humphreys

**In Attendance**        Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy, Executive Engineer, Seamie McMahon, Staff Officer,

**Apologies**              Cllr. Seamus Coyle and Adge King Director of Service

### **1. Confirmation of minutes of Monthly Meeting**

The minutes of the September monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor and seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney.

### **2. Correspondence**

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to correspondence Item 2.1, he proposed that we support Clones Community Forum to the value of €100. This was seconded By Cllr. Hugh Mc Elvaney and agreed by all.

Cllr. Pat Treanor referred to the additional correspondence from Kieran Tuite regarding bank machines in Ballybay. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that we write to Kieran Tuite to ensure that there is money in the bank machines over the Clones Film Festival weekend. This was seconded By Cllr. Bennett and agreed by all.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to item 2.5 and noted that there had been no response from Eir to our previous letter, he proposed that we write to them again. Cllr Hugh McElvaney raised the issue of the new broadband ducting been laid on the Threemilehouse rd. Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed that we write to Eir asking them to extend the new broadband ducting to Threemilehouse. It was agreed that both items could be mentioned in the one letter, this was proposed by Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland.

### **3. Budget 2018 Review**

A breakdown of the budget was handed to all present. Mr Kevin McNally gave a brief report.

Cllr Cathy Bennett commended Mr Colin Murphy for his work on Selloo Bridge.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the Town and Village Renewal scheme money and thanked the MD staff for their hard work in this matter.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney said that he was delighted to see Clones Market House going ahead. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked Mr Colin Murphy about the proposed footpath from Latnamard School to

Aghabog. A land owner had raised issues regarding road widening and the lack of ducting for street lights. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the road would be widened slightly and that ducting was to be included.

Cllr. Cathy Bennett welcomed the Town and Village renewal money, she commended all communities who received money and stated the importance of having ideas 'Shovel Ready'.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed the budget, this was seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

#### **4. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator**

Mr Kevin McNally welcomed Councillor Eva Humphreys to the meeting and noted that he and the staff look forward to working with her.

Mr Kevin McNally acknowledged the work of Donna Moran who has left the MD and gained permanent employment with Fingal County Council.

Mr Kevin McNally updated the meeting on the following projects:

#### **Redz Funding, Clones**

##### **Linear Park**

Contract for the construction of the linear park in Clones has been awarded to Sammy Wilkin and Sons. Works have commenced and will be completed by end of the year. Discussions with the relevant landowners are ongoing regarding level of compensation and required accommodation works

##### **Erne Cafe Parking**

The Council has secured all the required lands. Contract for the construction of the carpark in Clones has been awarded to Sammy Wilkin and Sons. It is envisaged that works will commence shortly and be substantially completed by the end of the year.

##### **Heritage trail**

Contractor has been appointed for the Heritage Signage in Clones and Ballybay.

Design has been finalised and – signs are programmed to be delivered and erected before end of the year.

##### **Ballybay**

Last meeting of Ballybay Regeneration committee was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October – a number of new members have joined the committee recently. Arising from the recently awarded funding under the town and village renewal programme it hoped to develop a comprehensive town plan for Ballybay. The Ballybay committee will have an active role in this process.

##### **Clones Regeneration**

As advised at our last meeting, the Municipal District has established a town team in line with the Department of Jobs Enterprise and Development document entitled A Framework for Town Centre Renewal. The Clones town team has met twice 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Jessica Knight has agreed to Chair the town team for an initial six months. The purpose of the town team will be to develop a 5 year plan for the town and seek to develop particular projects that will benefit the town and its environs.

### **Clones Market House**

Tenders for the refurbishment of the Clones Market house have been received and assessed. Letter of Intent has been issued to the preferred contractor Francis Haughey – works are programmed to commence before the end of the month.

The contact period is 6 months – with the MD occupying the building in early May.

### **Former Clones Post Office**

Design Team being led by Keys and Monaghan have been awarded the contract for design team services for the refurbishment of the Former Clones Post Office.

Draft proposals and costings for the works are programmed to be available by the end of the month.

It is programmed that this building will be operational in early 2019

### **Dereliction in the MD**

Contract for painting the buildings on Fermanagh Street and the Health Centre in Ballybay has been awarded to John McManus – this work is ongoing.

Applications to the Department to seek funding to advance these projects – Daveys Butchers, Flower Shop and An Bonnan Bui is currently in hand.

### **Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership**

Arising from our work to develop master plan for the Sliabh beagh area the consultants have identified the following themes:

- Conservation Management
- Partnership Administration
- Identity & Promotion
- Destination and Experiences
- Events & Festivals
- Hospital & Accommodation

Further public consultation was held in Knockatallon on 27<sup>th</sup> September and in Coonian on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. The next meeting of the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership is scheduled for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to review the draft master plan.

### **Town and Village Renewal**

Of the €580,000 awarded to Monaghan County Council some €360,000 of this has been awarded to the Ballybay Clones Municipal. Funding has been provided to Schemes proposed in Ballybay, Newbliss, Knockatallon, Doohamlet, and Clones Lace Gallery

### **Mr Colin Murphy updated the meeting on the following:**

#### **Roads Programme**

The MD roads programme for 2017 is complete except for the installation of the ramps on the Newtownbutler road which is supposed to be happening today and some lining.

#### **Low Cost Safety Improvements**

- An allocation of €40,000 has been received for the R181 Fairtahy & Crossduff. Works are well advanced at Fairtahy and works should commence at Crossduff in the next week

- An allocation of €25,000 has been received for the Greenfield Eggs. Works at Greenfield eggs junction are substantially complete.

#### **CLAR Funding**

- Scotshouse Teen Hangout. Works are complete on this job.
- Ballybay Town Park Playground: Works are now complete in the playground. Because of excessive dog fouling, for Health and Safety Reasons we are going to erect a fence to close off the play park. This has been ordered and there is a 4 week lead in period. It is due to be erected the first week of November
- Bawn: Billy Fox Memorial Park.- Works are complete on the carpark and Bellmouth entrance.
- Magherarney: Works on the carpark are complete and the carpark is fully operational.

#### **Town & Village Renewal Funding**

##### **Ballybay**

- The additional parking spaces at the Coachman's entrance to Ballybay Town Park are complete
- Works at the Ballybay Mart Entrance are nearing completion the contractor has to install the curved picnic area and the knee height fence. Fencing at the Riverdale and from Lough Mor Avenue to the Secondary School is erected. Contractor has been appointed for the Heritage Signage in Clones and Ballybay. Signs should be delivered by the end of the month

##### **Rockcorry**

- All works are complete. We are just awaiting public lighting to be made live by ESB.

##### **Scotstown**

- Civil Works are complete, just waiting on ESB to come back to make live the lighting columns.
- Works in conjunction with Scotstown Tidy Towns are also complete bar erection of 1 sign and installation of a number of litter bins.

#### **Miscellaneous Works**

- Bairds Shore Access Lane –Access road has been surfaced and works here are now complete.
- Mullinary Lough jetty is now in place and in use. The carpark has been surface dressed.
- River Finn, -Minor flood alleviation works on the River Finn are complete. This consisted of the removal of debris, reeds and excess vegetation growth at 7 locations to improve the flow and minimise the risk of flooding. There was good feedback from the land owners on the works.

Mr Colin Murphy acknowledged the great work Ms Donna Moran has done for the MD over the last 2 years and wished her well in her new role as Assistant Engineer in Fingal.

Cllr Sean Gilliland praised the work done by Ms Donna Moran and wished her well in her new position. Cllr Sean Gilliland spoke on the works to The Market House and The Old Post Office and stated that these were a great development for the town.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney wished Ms Donna Moran well. Cllr. Hugh McElvaney spoke on Mullinary Lough and the problem of Jet Skies. Mr Kevin Mc Nally stated that signs had been ordered regarding this.

Cllr Cathy Bennett thanked all staff for their hard work during the storm. Cllr Cathy Bennett spoke on the Ballybay Town Realm Plan and commended staff on the draft Sliabh Beagh Master Plan. Cllr Cathy Bennett also raised queries regarding Greenfield Eggs safety works. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the towns of Ballybay and Newbliss had been awarded €40,000 and €20,000 respectively. This funding was to be used to develop a development plan for the towns. Mr Kevin McNally again stated the importance of having ideas ready when funding becomes available. Cllr Cathy Bennett commended the community of Doohamlet on their continued work.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that the Council were currently improving visibility at the Rosslea Rd end of Greenfield Eggs.

Cllr Pat Treanor thanked the staff and fire service for their work during the storm. Cllr Pat Treanor also wished Ms Donna Moran well, Cllr Pat Treanor asked whether or not Ms Donna Moran would be replaced as she had a lot of ongoing projects. Cllr Pat Treanor commended the town team and wished Ms Jessica Knight all the best in her role as Chairperson. Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on dereliction and how the various projects need to be moved on. Cllr Pat Treanor also spoke on the Abbey Gatehouse and on how it had become dangerous. Cllr Pat Treanor spoke about the new speed ramps on the Newtownbutler Rd. and how there was great feedback from the community regarding this. Cllr Pat Treanor raised the issue of further ramps on Cara St. He asked that a further speed survey be carried out her.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that HR would deal with a replacement for Ms Donna Moran and that the MD had officially requested a replacement. Regarding dereliction Mr Kevin McNally stated that the projects were been progressed.

## **5. Questions**

Answers to submitted questions were circulated.

## **6. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Page 1 – A discussion was had on brexit, Cllr. Sean Gilliland welcomed news over the weekend re common travel area. Cllr. Cathy Bennett spoke about the meeting held in Europe. Cllr. Sean Gilliland and Cllr Hugh McElvaney thanked Cllr. Cathy Bennett for attending.

Page 2 – Cllr. Pat Treanor spoke on the Linear Pk and on discussions to re water part of the canal. Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of public lighting. Mr Colin Murphy stated that there were projects ready to go but that there was no funding available. Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that the MD write to the relevant department requesting special funding for public lighting in the area. This was seconded by Cllr. Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

Page 3 – Cllr. Sean Gilliland spoke on Ulster Banks mobile banking, he stated that the unit would need to stay longer in Ballybay. Mr Kevin McNally stated that a letter had already been sent to Ulster Bank regarding this.

Page 4 – Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the MD meeting with the MEPs, he thanked Mr Kevin McNally for his report and described the meeting as very useful. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that it is important to remind the attendees of the commitments they made at the meeting.

Page 6 – Cllr Pat Treanor requested that all gullies need to be looked at after the storm. Cllr Sean Gilliland asked that during the winter maintenance programme to keep a close eye on R180 at Lough Egish as there is an issue with surface water. Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that the Newbliss to Swans Cross road was similar. Mr Colin Murphy stated that crew were to be on all regional roads in the next few weeks.

Page 7 – Cllr. Sean Gilliland spoke on rural transport. Mr Kevin McNally stated that currently Mr Padraic Smyth is negotiations regarding a service from Ballybay – Monaghan and Scotstown – Monaghan.

#### **7. Chief Executive orders**

Chief Executive Orders 65/17 to 75/17 were noted by the members

#### **8. Votes of Congratulations/ Sympathy**

The members extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

- Scotstown GAA Club on winning the County Final
- Currin GAA on winning the Junior County Final

Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following :-

- Mary McGilly and Family on the death of John McGilly

This meeting is scheduled for November 20th.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chathaoirleach

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator

Date 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017