

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

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10am in Ballybay Civic Offices, Main Street, Ballybay Co Monaghan.

**Members Present** Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

The following members were also present:-Cllrs:- Cathy Bennett, Sean Gilliland and Hugh McElvaney

**In Attendance** Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy, Executive Engineer, Angela Gallagher, Staff Officer.

**Apologies** Cllrs:- Seamus Coyle, Ciara McPhillips

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

The minutes of the February monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Cathy Bennett and seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland.

### **2. Correspondence**

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to page 30 of the correspondence regarding a letter from Ms Sheila Broderick Acting Chief Fire Officer regarding the inspection of fire hydrants in the County and proposed the following:-

“That the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District write to Ms Sheila Broderick Acting Chief Fire Officer of Monaghan County Council and request that an allocation of hours is provided to Fire Stations to allow them to carry out hydrant surveys. It is very important that fire hydrants are fully operational and ready to go at all times.”

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to page 31 of the correspondence and welcomed a letter from Mr Cathal Flynn, Head of Environmental Services regarding additional bring banks in Ballybay and asked that the Municipal District seek further confirmation of the timeline for the installation of the bring banks.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to pages 27 & 28 of correspondence regarding letters received from Minister Heather Humphrey’s TD and Minister Michael Creed TD regarding the TAMS payments and proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District writes to the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed to ask him to conduct a review of the on-line application system for applying for grants, TAMS scheme etc. to reduce the list of errors detailed in his letter to Minister Humphrey’s dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. To have a system which prompts the user to submit all required information so as to ensure that all criteria requested are complied with, which will help process applications and issue payments to farmers.”

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

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

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed the following:-

Ms Roisin Moore has been reassigned to the Greenway project. Ms Roisin Moore will be replaced by Mr Colin Murphy who has been promoted to Executive Engineer. Mr Rory Treanor who is currently based in the Councils Roads section is being reassigned to the Ballybay Clones Municipal District from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

The Engineering Team for the Ballybay Clones Municipal District is now composed of:

- Colin Murphy Executive Engineer
- Declan McKenna Assistant Engineer
- Rory Treanor Assistant Engineer
- Donna Moran Graduate Engineer

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

- The closing date for submissions for the Part 8 Planning for Clones Linear Park is the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. A decision on the Part 8 will be brought to the May Council meeting. A CPO will be prepared ready for publication when/if Part 8 has been granted. A topographical survey is being commissioned and is due to be completed this week
- Part 8 Planning has been applied for the redevelopment of the Erne Cafe site into a car park. The closing date for submissions for the Part 8 Planning for is the 30<sup>th</sup> March. Land acquisition is being progressed.
- A topographical survey is being commissioned and land acquisition negotiations are ongoing for Clones Industrial Park serviced sites and Monaghan County Council's Machinery Yard. Part 8 planning permission will be applied for upon successful acquisition of land.
- A topographical survey is being commissioned and Part 8 planning permission will be applied for in the coming weeks for Clones Industrial Park serviced sites and Monaghan County Council's Machinery Yard. Offers for the purchase of required lands have been tabled to property owners. Discussions are ongoing.
- Signage is being designed for a Clones 'Town Trail', to include heritage sites and places of interest. Tenders will be sought for this work shortly.

#### **CLAR Funding**

- Scotshouse: Proposals are being developed for Scotshouse Park. A public consultation event took place on 20<sup>th</sup> February. At this meeting the community chose their favourite option and provided feedback for what they wanted in the park. Design work for the teen hangout is currently being undertaken with a view to going to tender in the next few weeks. A tree survey was also carried out by an arborist to recommend required works.
- Ballybay Town Park Playground: A consultant in Play park design is assessing the play park for improved inclusive play and looking at the best value for money with the budget available.

- Bawn: The Municipal District has met with representatives of the Billy Fox memorial park and a list of priorities are to be agreed to allow works to be progressed. Our GSS and Foreman met with representatives from the park and the Gateway staff have been deployed to the park to undertake some minor maintenance/repair works.
- Magherarney: The car park at this location is being led by a community group. The CLAR funding will be allocated to this project as a grant towards the works. The Municipal District has met with Magherarney Development Association in relation to the car park and are assisting their Engineer to develop and tender the works. There is a significant shortfall between the grant aid and the actual cost of delivery of the finished car park. Their engineer is Mr Colin Doran & Associates and he has been looking at costings and potential options to optimize the car park layout to reduce costs. This has been forwarded to planning for their views with respect to whether the changes will affect their current granted planning application. The community group has to raise significant match funding to progress this project.
- Knockatallon: Signs are on order for Knockatallon. Lining work is complete.

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

#### Ballybay

- Works have been completed on 14 parking spaces at the Coachmans entrance to Ballybay Town Park (including 2 parent and child spaces). Just needs to be lined. Repair works were also undertaken on the footpath within the town park adjacent to the Basketball Court.
- A design has been prepared in consultation with an Architect to develop the entrance to the town park at Ballybay Part. These options are being costed and are planned for construction in Q2/3 2017.
- Details are being drafted for a heritage trail/information signage in the town.

#### Rockcorry

- The Contractor is constructing footpath works to the National School (2 weeks left to complete) and additional parking at the Crann Mor estate will start after the footpath has been completed (expected completion time 1 week). Public lighting works on Monaghan Road to commence after this out as far as St Mary's hall.
- The Municipal District has met with Rockcorry Tidy Towns to develop proposals around the planting and landscaping of the village. (Polytunnel)

#### Scotstown

- Works are due for completion on the footpath on the Roslea Road by the end of this week.
- The Municipal District will meet with Scotstown Tidy Towns to develop proposals for approach road re signage and planting.

### **The Market House**

Alastair Coey Architects are developing and costing design options for the Market House. It is programmed that the building will be occupied in March 2018.

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

Last meeting of the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March during which the Partnership launched their new look website at the Sliabh Beagh Hotel in Knockatallon.

The new website will act to promote the social and economic well-being of the Ballybay-Clones Erne East area. It includes sections on supports for those considering opening a business in the area, current events and activities for visitors, local community news and information on what projects the partnership is working on.

This meeting preceded two consultation events, one in Knockatallon and one in Cooneen, facilitated by The Paul Hogarth Company who have been engaged jointly by Ballybay Clones Municipal District and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to deliver an integrated tourism strategy for the Sliabh Beagh area which will produce economic, social and infrastructural benefits to be disseminated throughout the Sliabh Beagh area

It is intended that the Masterplan will provide a strategic framework for the development/regeneration of the Sliabh Beagh area over the next 10 years.

### **Wifi Clones Ballybay**

The Municipal District in conjunction with Monaghan County Council IT section (Mr John McArdle) are progressing the delivery of wifi for Clones and Ballybay towns. Additional phone lines have been installed in Clones and Ballybay – it is hoped with the Wifi zones will be operational by the end of April 2017.

Mr Colin Murphy confirmed the following:-

### **Roads Programme**

The 2017 roads allocations were announced in February 2017.

14 roads (3 Regional) are on the roads programme for 2017, which will see 23 km of roads restored and improved. Preparatory Drainage is complete on 5 of these roads and the gangs are currently working on 4 others. The tender for the bitmac overlay on the local and regional roads programme will be advertised in the coming weeks. Roads Section is procuring this on behalf of the whole county.

Patch repairs have being undertaken on Ballybay Main Street in the last week and patch repairs will be undertaken on the Bog Road, Scotstown in preparation for a planned cycle race at the end of March.

A list of other repairs have been identified and are being costed by the Municipal District office for Regional and Local Roads throughout the Municipal District.

### **National Roads**

- It is proposed to resurface the N54 through Clones Town from Applegreen to Cara Street. Design works are underway, with a view to undertaking the works in Summer 2017.
- The repair of the safety barrier at Gransha National School is being progressed through the Road Design Office/TII. They have to go out to tender, so work will not be carried out for at least another month.

### **Low Cost Safety Improvements**

- An allocation of €40,000 has been received for the R181 Fairtahy (Crossduff).
- An allocation of €25,000 has been received for the Greenfield Eggs.

### **Bunroe River Integrated Management Study**

RPS Ireland Ltd Consulting Engineers has been appointed to undertake an Integrated Management Study of the Bunroe River from Doapey Creamery to the Cavan Border. Submissions were invited from local people and interested parties by the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. No submissions were received by this date, however some verbal submissions were received subsequently and have been considered by the consultants. The consultants are going to concentrate on the Doapey Creamery Section.

### **Miscellaneous Works**

Doohamlet Construction Ltd has completed works on the Old Coach-house to the rear of Ballybay Civic Offices to facilitate Ballybay Men's Shed. A short-term lease is in place for the men's shed and they are to take occupancy of the building in April 2017.

A contractor has been appointed to repair the play equipment in O'Neill Park – repairs are due for completion by the end of March 2017.

A pilot project with the Environment Section to address littering on rural roads has commenced. Anti-littering CCTV signage has been ordered for erection on approach roads into Clones and Ballybay Towns. Once the signs are erected the Environment Section will arrange to have CCTV signage placed on these roads from time to time.

Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Mr Colin Murphy on his promotion and wished to propose a vote of thanks to Ms Roisin Moore from the members and to wish her well in the future. Cllr Pat Treanor also welcomed Mr Rory Treanor to the Municipal District.

Mr Kevin McNally advised the Members if they have any suggestions/proposals for the Town & Village Renewal scheme could they send them into the Municipal District for consideration.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to derelict sites within the town and asked if the Municipal District would look at the hoarding on the old cinema site as it is in very poor condition and could this be addressed before the summer. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District would address this issue.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to the roads programme and the issue surrounding the filling of potholes and stated that additional works need to be carried out to some of these pot holes which are being filled on a constant basis. Mr Colin Murphy stated that he has a list of 18 locations highlighted at previous meeting which need attention, however the tender for the works has not yet been received so he is not sure how many of these location can be dealt with.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to the overlay from Applegreen to Cara Street and asked if this could be taken out as far as the border. Mr Colin Murphy stated that at the moment they are only taking it as far as the Masonic Hall, however he will continue to pursue the Roads Section to see if this can be taken our further. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that the footpath at this location should be extended out to the border and has asked the Council to consider this as part of these works too.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to water lying on regional roads due to the heavy rainfall and asked if the Council has a programme to open/clear out the drains in these areas to prevent the roads from

being damaged. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the Council had previously opened/cleaned out outlets to alleviate flooding and this could be looked at again.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to the Town & Village Renewal scheme in Scotstown and asked if anything could be done to slow down the traffic in Scotstown bearing in mind there was a fatality in the town earlier on this year? Mr Kevin McNally stated that this could be looked at for possible future funding applications.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to the Lislanley Road to Cremartin and stated that the Council are filling pot holes on this road and could anything be done on a more permanent basis. Mr Colin Murphy stated that this road is on the 2018 programme to be completed.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney referred to the Bunnoe River and asked if it were possible to see what plans are being considered? Mr Kevin McNally stated that they are only at the Consultation process at the moment and once plans have been drafted the Members will be consulted at that stage for their input this could be the April/May meeting. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the flooding in this area only affect the land and does not flood any businesses or houses therefore is not eligible for the existing flooding funding, However if they can progress the plans further, funding may become available at a later date which they could access.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Mr Kevin McNally referred to page 2 of the previous minutes regarding organising a meeting with the Cavan/Monaghan Oireachtas Members, Ballybay Chamber of Commerce and Ballybay Development Association regarding the Department of Social Protection not relocating any offices to Ballybay and stated that the meeting is due to take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10am in Ballybay Wetlands centre.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 8 of the previous minutes regarding O'Neill Park playground and asked if the equipment in this play park could be fixed as a matter of urgency. Mr Colin Murphy confirmed that the tender for this work has been awarded and every effort will be made to have the work completed as soon as possible.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to page 9, question 3 of the previous minutes regarding the Low Cost Safety measures on the R181 at Crossduff, Lough Egish and asked what would be done. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the Council would look to complete works at the two junctions and that progress has been made with the landowner.

Cllr Cathy Bennett also referred to page 9, question 3 of the previous minutes regarding Low Cost Safety works at Greenfield Eggs and asked if further information would be made available to the members at the next meeting on what works will be done at this location. Mr Kevin McNally stated that no design has been completed for this location yet and it could be the May meeting before any further information is available.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 5 of the previous minutes regarding vacant properties in the town and his request that owners of derelict sites/vacant properties should contact the Municipal District with any plans they have. Cllr Pat Treanor asked if there is there was any further information available on the Repair & Lease Scheme? Mr Kevin McNally stated that he has an information leaflet on this scheme and will arrange for this to be circulated to all the Members.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to page 9 of the previous minutes regarding the derelict site on the Bog Road in Scotstown and asked if there was any further information on this development. Mr Kevin McNally stated that a Section 22 Notice is due to be issued this week by the Planning Section with a view to Compulsory Purchasing the property, however he stated that there is costs involved in this as the bank has a large interest on these properties. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the demand for Social Housing in Scotstown is low. Cllr Cathy Bennett stated that if there were Social Houses available to rent in Scotstown the demand would be there.

## 5. Questions

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked:-

1. Will Monaghan County Council immediately examine and install safety improvement works on the Monaghan Rd, Rockcorry, R188, in the area of St. Mary's Hall, as this is a very heavily pedestrian stretch of road with St. Mary's hall extensively used by children, young people and the elderly? Will Monaghan County Council confirm how many public lights are to be erected and for what distance on the Monaghan Rd, Rockcorry, also will the Council immediately prioritise the erecting of public lighting on this road to Corravackan Chapel, as it is a very dangerous stretch of Regional Road, with St. Mary's Church located on a very dangerous corner?

**Reply** The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones will install additional signage on the approach to St Mary's Hall. The public lights will be extended out as far as St Mary's hall and will consist of 7 no Lighting columns. There is currently no funding available to extend the public lighting out as far as Corravackan Chapel. This location is on a programme for public lighting for the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones. There are currently 17 towns/villages where streetlights have been requested – the overall programme has an estimated cost of over €600,000.

2. Will Monaghan County Council immediately examine what additional road markings/signage can be put in place at St. Mary's Church, Latton, the junction of the LS07000-LP03012, as this is a very dangerous junction with huge traffic, travelling to Scoil Mhuire N.S./Latton Resource Centre and Latton GAA facilities, as a matter of extreme urgency?

**Reply** Additional road markings were put in place at this location week ending 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017. This location will also be reviewed and if additional safety works are identified, potential funding could be sourced from the 2017 Town and Village Programme or Clar Programme.

3. Will Monaghan County Council examine what additional traffic calming measures can be put in place on the Scotshouse and Cootehill Roads, Newbliss as residents are concerned for the safety of pedestrians and children from speeding traffic?

**Reply** There is currently a traffic speed feedback sign on the Cootehill Road entering Newbliss. A recent traffic speed survey on the Scotshouse road indicates that there is an issue relating to speeding. This will be reviewed and an application for additional funding under Clar scheme Measure 1 – Safety Package for schools/community facilities will be made when it reopens.

4. Will Monaghan County Council erect additional Public Lighting at Clonkeencole, Roslea Road, Clones in the vicinity of the O.P.D.s/ H.S.E. Centre and the Car park as it is currently very dangerous for elderly people entering and exiting on dark wintery evenings?

**Reply** This location is on a programme for public lighting for the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones. There are currently 17 towns/villages where streetlights have been requested – the overall programme has an estimated cost of over €600,000.

## **6. Chief Executive Orders**

Chief Executive Order No. BCMD 06/17-15/17 were noted by the Members.

## **7. Notice of Motion**

Proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor:-

“That the Ballybay Clones Municipal District supports the campaign of the Irish Cancer Society to remove the cost of car parking at Cavan Monaghan Hospital and writes to management of Cavan Monaghan Hospital to ask that efforts are made to ensure free car parking for cancer patients or a designated family member or carer during their treatment.

Back in December, the Irish Cancer Society published a report, “Park the Charges”, which revealed that cancer patients were facing parking costs of up to €63 a week, on top of the huge out of pocket payments cancer patients already face.

Currently at Cavan Monaghan, cancer patients can pay up to €3 a day for parking, but Drogheda can cost up to €40 per day, along with the plethora of additional costs cancer patients face on a daily basis.”

This proposal was seconded by & Cllr Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

This motion is forwarded to Monaghan County Council, and all Cavan/Monaghan members of the Oireachtas.

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

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

The Flynn Family, Derryledigan, Scotstown on the death of Packie Flynn

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

Larry Fryers, Lissegerton, Clones on winning his professional fight at Madison Square Gardens, New York on St Patrick’s Day 2017.

Aaron McKenna, Old School Boxing Club, on being Irish Team Captain and winning the Gold Medal in the World Mini Series 2017 in Russia.



Stephen McKenna, Old School Boxing Club, on winning his fight in Bundesliga, Bavaria, Germany

Garry McKenna, Old School Boxing Club on winning the Irish University Championships at the National Boxing Stadium, Dublin.

**9. AOB**

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator

Date 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017