

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 15th May 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, Seamus Coyle, Sean Gilliland and Hugh McElvaney

In Attendance Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy, Executive Engineer, Angela Gallagher, Seamus McMahon, Staff Officers, Donna Moran, Graduate Engineer, John McArdle, Project Leader IS, Bernie Bradley, Community & Enterprise Development Officer

Apologies Cllrs:- Ciara McPhillips

1. Confirmation of minutes of Monthly Meeting

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

2. Correspondence

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to additional correspondence Item No. 2.13 received from Minister Shane Ross TD, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport regarding public lighting and stated that it would take Monaghan County Council 50 years to provide public lighting within the Municipal District which is unacceptable. Cllr Cathy Bennett proposed the following:-

“That the Municipal District writes again to Minister Shane Ross and request that funding is made available to cover the Public Lighting needs in the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District. Currently €600,000 is required to install public lighting in this area and it is not a viable option to suggest that the Municipal District should use our already limited resources.”

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

Mr Colin Murphy referred to the €10,000 which is allocated to the Municipal District for the purpose of public lighting and stated that a number of projects have been completed using other avenues of funding along with this allocation to enable more lights to be installed.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to a previous letter submitted to Minister Shane Ross inviting him to the Municipal District to inspect the poor condition of the roads and asked that this invite be issued again.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to page 26 correspondence received from Brendan Smith TD regarding the North South Interconnector and proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District demand of the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht, Regional and Rural Affairs, Heather Humphrey’s TD, Ministers of State, Helen McEntee, TD Damien English, TD, Government Chief Whip Regina Doherty, TD and all Cavan-Monaghan and

Meath Oireachtas Members to immediately demand the withdrawal of the published “Terms of Reference” for the study of the North-South 400kv Interconnector as requested by Dail and Seanad Eireann, by Minister Denis Naughton TD as the Terms of Reference in no way reflect the wishes of Dail and Seanad Eireann, the affected Communities and the Local Authorities of the Area.”

This was seconded by Cllr Seamus Coyle and agreed by all.

Motion to be forwarded to all Minister and all Oireachtas Members for Monaghan, Cavan and Meath, also cc County Monaghan Anti-Pylon Committee & North East Pylon Pressure Committee.

Cllr Seamus Coyle also proposed the following motion:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District immediately request that Monaghan County Council and County Monaghan Anti-Pylon Committee be included in the meeting with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment, Denis Naughton TD at 1pm tomorrow (Tuesday 16th May 2017) in Leinster House and demand that Minister Humphrey’s and Cavan/Monaghan Oireachtas Members arrange this immediately, given the gravity and seriousness of the North-South 400Kw Interconnector on the Municipal District and County Monaghan.”

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

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 21 of the correspondence regarding a Dáil Question raised by Niamh Smyth regarding jobs for Ballybay Town and proposed the following motion:-

“That we write to Minister Mary Mitchell O’Connor and Enterprise Ireland asking for details of the Regional Competitive Funding supporting the Regional Action Plan for jobs, the criteria for applications and if there is a specific amount allocated to Monaghan.

This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

Cllr Sean Gilliland asked if the Municipal District had access to Regional Action Plan and if not could they seek this. Mr Kevin McNally stated that he would check with the Local Enterprise Office to see if they have these guidelines.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to page 29 of the correspondence regarding a letter from Youth Work Ireland looking for sponsorship and proposed the following motion:-

“That the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones contribute €400 to the Clones Branch of Youth Work, Ireland, Monaghan.

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

3. WiFi Update

Mr John McArdle gave an update on WiFi in Clones and Ballybay. Wifi in both towns is now live giving users up to 1 hour free usage per day. Users sign in using Facebook, Twitter or by using an online form. Annual running cost of this will be €3000-€4000. Mr John McArdle confirmed that there is already significant usage despite the network not been advertised. IT are looking at grants and incentives through SEAI Renewable Energy Ireland which will enable the WiFi to be spread out further using the public lighting system. Mr John McArdle stated that Clones Town is being considered as a pilot scheme for this.

Cllr Pat Treanor commented that the broadband speeds looked good. Mr John Mc Ardle discussed technical issues regarding bandwidth and the restrictions attached to it.

Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of the poor broadband in Knockatallon.

Mr John McArdle stated that The National Broadband Plan will continue to roll out and was expected to be completed by the end of 2018. The plan identified 12 strategic community network points within the county. Mr John McArdle advised the Members that he did not have this list to hand but he would arrange to have this circulated to the members.

Cllr Sean Gilliland suggested that signs should be put on lampposts advertising free wifi. He also asked Ms Cianna McNally (Northern Standard) to advertise this.

4. Ballybay Park Playground Accessibility Improvements

Ms Bernie Bradley and Ms Donna Moran circulated a report to the Members outlining the public consultation which took place regarding Ballybay Town Park. Ms Bernie Bradley confirmed that approximately 40 people attended on the night and an additional 50 submissions had been received. Ms Bernie Bradley stated that the playpark should be inclusive for all children and become a model for all play parks in the region. Ms Donna Moran outlined that the budget for the project was €32,000 and that €12,000 had to be spent by the end of June as part of CLAR funding. Tenders are due back this week and a decision to be made by the end of the week.

Cllr Cathy Bennett asked how was the car park being funded? Mr Kevin McNally stated this was from the Town & Village Renewal Scheme.

Cllr Sean Gilliland raised the issue of dog fouling in the park. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the dog warden had called to the park and spoke with dog owners regarding this issue and will call back to the park again to deal with this issue which has been ongoing for some time.

Cllr Sean Gilliland also spoke about the replacement of some equipment and about the possibility of retaining this equipment to be used again if more funding became available. Ms Donna Moran stated this could be done.

Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that he was pleased that the public asked for a pedestrian crossing at Wylies Hill as he has raised this issue previously.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that the services of a landscape architect has been sought for the park and that public consultation would take place once various drawing options have been designed.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked whether or not staff were manning the park. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the grass cutting was outsourced to a contractor, however outdoor staff carried out litter picking on a regular basis.

Ms Bernie Bradley had raised an issue regarding the barrier at the entrance to the playpark, certain vehicles such as some mini buses were unable to enter. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District could look at the barrier to see if it could be raised any higher.

Mr Kevin McNally confirmed that parking at the Mart will be completed by June and that 14 spaces at The Coachmans Inn have been completed.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked whether the Council had access to CE or similar schemes to maintain the park. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District had sufficient staff to deal with this.

5. Economic Regeneration of Ballybay-Clones- Mr Kevin McNally

Mr Kevin McNally referred to the Economic Regeneration of the two towns and confirmed that Mr Aidge King had recently carried out a review of commercial premises within the towns and highlighted the following units which were available for let.

Municipal District Offices, Monaghan Street, Clones – 1900sq metres Available for let/sale Q1 2018

Clones Market House

- Currently Vacant – Agreed by Management Team for new Municipal District Offices
- Designs/plans near to completion, tender documents to be issued 1st week in August 2017
- Proposed project completion Q2 2018

Clones Courthouse

- Downstairs used for Municipal District Meetings/Film Festival/Launches etc
- retractable seating installed 2016
- Upstairs meeting room currently in use every Tuesday & Thursday mornings by Cavan/Monaghan ETB – can also be used by Community Groups free of charge for meetings
- Kitchen facilities available upstairs

Clones Enterprise Centre

- Owned by Clones Development Society
- Property in need of works
- Some units available for let

Clones Business & Technology Centre – 10 Units

Downstairs fully occupied by the following:-

- Units 1-3 occupied by HSE Primary Care Unit
- Unit 4 occupied by Civil Defence Unit

Upstairs (lift available) is as follows:-

- Unit 5 occupied by Family Resource
- Unit 6 & 7 – Available for let 516 Sq ft each – opening exists between both units
- Unit 8 – Available for let 1900 Sq ft
- Unit 9 – Available for let 1600 Sq ft

Ulster Bank in clones – Currently available for lease

Ballybay Civic Offices/Library

- Top Floor offices occupied by Sports Partnership

- 1st Floor (No lift available) Chamber is used for MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Meetings on a bi-monthly basis also used by Community Groups
- 1st Floor Meeting Room can also be used by community groups
- 1st Floor Kitchen & Toilet facilities available

Former Dept of Social Protection offices

- Available for lease or Sale by Tobin Estate Agents
- 3 Floors with no lift available
- Off street parking
- More suitable for domestic property than offices

Ballybay Enterprise Centre

Front Building

- Units 1-3 occupied by Action Adhesives
- Unit 4 front part only occupied by Mailcraft Supplies Ltd back of unit used for storage
- Unit 5 1300 sq ft Vacant – small office/toilet contained within each unit

Back Building

- Units 6,7 & 8 500 sq ft occupied by ETB
- Units 4 & 5 500 sq ft - Vacant
- Communal Toilets & Kitchen available to these units
- Fully fitted Kitchen in last unit

Ballybay Wetlands Centre – Also available for hire/use by Community Groups/Businesses.

Mr Kevin McNally referred to a recent meeting he attended along with Cllr Pat Treanor with Cavan-Monaghan ETB and stated that they would be working with them and the businesses within the Municipal District to identify training courses which could be run and Ballybay would be the first town that would be targeted.

Cllr Pat Treanor stated that there is sufficient broadband for businesses to use in Ballybay and Clones and found the meeting very beneficial.

Cllr Cathy Bennett welcomed the meeting with the ETB and was pleased that the Municipal District and ETB would be working with the existing employers within the towns.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to a previous motion he had raised and correspondence which had been issued to Monaghan County Council regarding the possibility of moving a section of the Council to Ballybay.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that he had spoken to the Chief Executive of Monaghan County Council and he had indicated that there is no section within Monaghan County Council that could move to Ballybay Town. Mr Adge King advised the Members that Monaghan Sports Partnership is currently based in Ballybay, however it did not make sense to be moving sections of the Council to different locations within the County and that Monaghan County Council does not own any suitable accommodation within Ballybay.

Cllr Sean Gilliland asked that the Council keep in mind any support agencies within the Council and perhaps they could be based in Ballybay in the future.

Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that Kepak are currently looking for new employees.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 has recently been launched by Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys TD and Minister of State for Regional Economic Development, Michael Ring, TD. For 2017, there will be €20 million in funding for rural towns and villages for projects.

The scheme is specifically targeted at rural towns and villages with populations of less than 10,000. Applications from towns can range from €20,000 to a maximum of €100,000. Funding of up to €200,000 will also be considered for a limited number of projects which can deliver exceptionally strong economic benefit to a town and its outlying areas.

Monaghan County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from town/village groups who may have a suitable project for consideration under the scheme. All expressions of interest will be assessed based on the priorities as contained in the Scheme Outline, after the closing date and a maximum of 15 proposals will be selected for development into detailed applications which will be submitted to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

All interested town/village groups should complete the Expression of Interest form and return to the Community Development Section, Monaghan County Council, County Offices, The Glen, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan or emailed to mcullina@monaghancoco.ie no later than 4pm on Friday 19th May 2017.

An outline of the 2017 scheme and the Expression of Interest application form can be downloaded from the Community Development section of the Monaghan County Council website www.monaghan.ie/communitydevelopment/

6. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

Mr Kevin McNally welcomed Mr Seamie McMahon to the Municipal District and wished Ms Angela Gallagher the best with her move to Planning.

Mr Kevin McNally outlined the following:-

Redz Funding, Clones

- Linear Park - A CPO is currently being prepared to progress the project. A topographical survey has been carried out and advanced design work on the project has begun. Discussions are ongoing with the relevant landowners
- Part 8 Planning permission was approved for the redevelopment of the Erne Cafe site into a car park during the May meeting of the Council – Discussions with the legal representatives of the various landowners are ongoing.
- A topographical survey has been completed 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.

- Tenders for Signage for the proposed Clones 'Town Trail', to include heritage sites and places of interest were received on 12th May – these are currently being assessed with the view to having works completed by end of June.

CLAR Funding

- Scotshouse Teen Hangout. Design work for the teen hangout has been completed – Tenders are currently being sought for the works- Closing date for return of tenders is 17th May. Works are programmed to be completed by end of June.
- Ballybay Town Park Playground: As discussed during the meeting earlier – tenders are due to be returned by 17th May with works to be substantially completed by end of July.
- Bawn: Our GSS and Foreman met with representatives from the park and the Gateway staff have been deployed to undertake some minor maintenance/repair works. It is proposed to use the remainder of the Clar funding to resurface the car park – these works will be completed by mid June.
- Magherarney: The car park at this location is being led by the 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 – they are proposing to seek tenders for the works by 19th May with works planned to commence by end of June and be completed by end of August. The delay in completing this work may impact on the Councils ability to drawdown 2017 Clar funding .
- Knockatallon: Signs for Knockatallon have been received and are due to be erected. Lining work is complete.
- Newbliss lighting
Civil works complete – lights to be installed by end of Month, 13 No. new public lights have been installed at this location.

Ballybay

The last meeting of Ballybay Regeneration committee was held on 11th April and a further meeting planned for 20th June – Ballybay Town is hosting the County Fleadh this year – a wide range of events are planned for the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Clones Regeneration

It is proposed to hold a meeting of Clones Regeneration Committee on Monday 12th June at 7.15pm – details will be circulated shortly.

Clones Market House

Ongoing – It is intended that contractor will be appointed by September 2017

Former Clones Post Office Studio Stakeholder Committee

In accordance with the business plan which was part of the application to the Department for funding, the Council is establishing a studio stakeholder committee to liaise with the Council during the design and construction works.

Cllr Pat Treanor has agreed to sit on this committee – First meeting planned for Monday 22nd May next.

Committee consists of representatives from the following groups:-

- Local Authority representative
- Clones Cultural Group representative
- Business community representative
- Representative nominated by Tyrone Guthrie Centre
- Library and Education sector representative
- Heritage sector representative

Engineers Report

Mr Colin Murphy outlined the following:-

Roads Programme

Preparatory Drainage has been completed on all of the local roads and the gangs have moved on to prepare the roads for Surface Dressing. A Bitmac overlay is complete on the LP4904 at Raferagh. Gibson Brothers have been awarded the contract for the bitmac and started in the Castleblayney Carrickmacross Municipal District on Monday 8th May. The provisional programme sees them moving to our Municipal District after they have completed work on the local roads in the Castleblayney-Carrickmacross Municipal District, however this is subject to change. Works on the Regional roads will be completed at the end when all the local roads are surfaced in all three Municipal District's.

National Roads

The proposed works to resurface the N54 through Clones Town from Applegreen to Cara Street are now not going ahead and have been removed from this year's programme. Recent structural surveys of the N54 around Clones indicate additional length of overlay required. The length of this new section is approx. 1.3km and will take us out to Clonfad bridge. It is hoped that this works will be carried out in early 2018.

A contractor, Glas Civil Engineering has been appointed by Monaghan county Council funding from (TII) to replace the Skeagh Bridge structure This works is proposed to take place in July and there is a provisional works programme in of 16 weeks working on lights and stop/go. The contractor has also submitted an alternative Value Engineering Report where they have requested to close the N54 road at Skeagh Bridge for a three week period in July, we have no exact dates as yet. After the initial three week period the N54 would be re-open and traffic management put in place (Traffic Lights – Stop/go). The proposed diversion route during this closure is the R189 Monaghan to Newbliss road and the R183 Newbliss to Clones road.

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. Declan has met with the land owner

Bunnoe River Integrated Management Study

RPS Ireland Ltd Consulting Engineers has been appointed to undertake an Integrated Management Study of the Bunnoe River from Doapey Creamery to the Cavan Border. They are to get back to us this week with their programme of works.

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 Basketball Court.
- We have gone to tender for the Ballybay Mart Entrance. The closing date for submissions at the Mart Entrance was 12th May. Anticipated completion is end of June. Fencing has been ordered for the Riverdale and from Lough Mor Avenue to the Secondary School. NC Plant Hire has been appointed to erect the fence with a start date of 29th May and expected duration of 10 days to complete.

Rockcorry

- Footpath Works are complete. The Contractor will then construct the additional parking at the Crann Mor estate (expected completion time 1 week). Public lighting works on Monaghan Road to commence after this out as far as St Mary's hall. Once the civil works are complete the lighting on the Cootehill, Monaghan Road, and pedestrian crossing will be made live. Contractor due back on site in two weeks.
- The Municipal District has met with Rockcorry Tidy Towns to develop proposals around the planting and landscaping of the village. (Polytunnel).

Scotstown

- Civil Works are complete except for the erection of a number of bollards (8)
- The Municipal District has met with Scotstown Tidy Towns to develop proposals for approach road re signage and planting.

Miscellaneous Works

- Bairds Shore Access Lane – Funding is provided by NSAD. Works include stoning and surface dressing of access lane from local road down to White Lough. Letter of intent has been issued to contractor. Work to start June with a completion date of end of June. Signs have been erected.
- Clones Castle – FJ Coyles and Associates have been appointed to carry out a structural assessment of the walls of the castle. Consultant to liaise with Heritage Officer on this.
- Mullinary Lough jetty PJ Piling Contractor has been appointed to carry out the works for the replacement of jetty. Works to be completed by middle of June. Discussions are ongoing with landowners and stakeholders

Cllr Pat Treanor asked if there was any guarantee that the work on the N54 will definitely be completed in 2018 and asked that when this work is being done could they also look at the footpath on the right hand side as this is in need of repair.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that he cannot give any guarantee that this work will be done, however he will continue to liaise with the Roads Section of Monaghan County Council to keep the pressure on the TII.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to the Scotshouse Road which was not mentioned and asked what works would be carried out at this location? Mr Colin Murphy confirmed that an overlay from the Town to AIBP factory would be done.

Cllr Pat Treanor stated that the 2016 Census highlighted that over 65,000 houses have been lying vacant for more than 5 years and asked if the Council could carry out an audit to see what if vacant within our Municipal District and advise the owners of the Buy & Repair Scheme and the Repair to Lease Schemes which would support the Tidy Towns committee's with their work.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to the bridge at Selloo and stated that the work has been outstanding now for over a year. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the work to this bridge will be carried out.

Cllr Cathy Bennett referred to the resurfacing works which was carried out at the Sliabh Beagh Hotel in Knockatallon and stated that the road has started to break up already. Mr Colin Murphy stated that he will arrange to have this site inspected.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney referred to the works at Mullinary Lough and stated that more consultation is required with land owners before this work is started as there has been a lot of objections made.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney referred to the proposed closure of the N54 for 3 weeks and asked how this is going to be dealt with?

Mr Colin Murphy stated that the TII are suggesting that traffic be diverted onto the Regional Road, however he has expressed concerns about this and does not think that this is a viable solution.

Cllr Sean Gilliland expressed concerns about the damage that this traffic will cause to the Regional Road and proposed the following:-

“That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District survey the condition of the proposed diversion route to facilitate the works on the N54. The condition of the diversion route will worsen due to the high volume of traffic that will be added to this route. The Municipal District proposes that any damage, wear and tear be made good by funding from the TII to repair and restore the diversion route and not leave expense to our own roads budget.”

This motion was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to bridges at Doohamlet and Connans and stated that these bridges were in need of repair. Mr Colin Murphy stated that he would arrange to have these bridges inspected and will revert back to the Members with his findings.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes

Mr McNally referred to page 1 of the previous minutes regarding the Fire Station in Ballybay and stated that Mr Dermot Brannigan is now the new Chief Fire Officer and he has agreed to review the site proposed for Ballybay Fire Station and will provide a programme for the Fire Hydrant inspections.

Cllr Cathy Bennett welcomed this and stated that she would like to see this being carried out as soon as possible.

Cllr Seamus Coyle referred to Ballybay Men's Shed and asked when they would be moving into their premises. Mr Kevin McNally stated that they have already moved in and that publicity surrounding this will be arranged for next week.

Cllr Pat Treanor referred to Page 9 of the previous minutes regarding the issue of speeding and the use of speed ramps. Mr Kevin McNally stated that ramps are not always the solution and in some cases requests have been made to remove ramps after installation. There are also environmental issues with ramps as this can lead to higher emissions and this may not be suitable in close proximity to schools. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that there were requests for ramps on Cara St, Newtownbutler Rd., Magherveely Rd., Clones and Scotshouse Rd. Newbliss.

Cllr Cathy Bennett stated that ramps were still been requested in Knockatallon, and Scotstown Village.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney, referred to the Cremartin Road and asked if confirmation has been received on how much of this is in our Municipal District. Mr Colin Murphy confirmed that all of it up to the roundabout was within the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney referred to the Speed limit review at Gransha School and stated that good public consultation needs to take place on what if being proposed and very good and clear signage is also required. Mr McNally stated that there is currently a review county wide.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to the Speed Limit review and stated that consultation needs to take place with the public.

Cllr Sean Gilliland referred to page 8 of the previous minutes regarding Low Cost Safety measures and asked for a time frame for this. Mr Colin Murphy stated that works would begin after the Roads Programme is completed.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked about the tender price for the roads and asked if an analysis had been carried out. Mr Colin Murphy stated that he had not compared the prices but noted that he would review same.

Cllr Cathy Bennett asked whether or not Cremartin GFC has been included on public lighting list. Mr Colin Murphy stated that this would be checked and he would confirm at the next meeting.

8. Questions

Cllr. Seamus Coyle asked: -

1. Will Monaghan County Council immediately undertake an assessment of what works can be undertaken to improve visibility and safety at what is known locally as, Veldins Cross, Latton, (the junction of the LP03000/LP03001/LS07020///LT30012), as it is a very busy and dangerous junction, the location of many accidents with an accident in only recent weeks and a fatality in 2013?.

Reply: In 2011 Monaghan County Council received €10,000 under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme for safety improvement works at Veldons Cross. These works included, the removal of hedges, trees and erection of fence and new signage to improve the sight visibility splays. The Municipal District will reassess this junction to

establish if additional works can be carried out subject to funding becoming available.

2. When will Monaghan County Council complete the Streetscape works at Lower Main Street, Ballybay, as the recently formed Ballybay Tidy Towns Committee have plans for works, which would be greatly assisted by the completion of the Streetscape works on all of Ballybay town main street?.

Reply: Currently there is no funding available for this works. The Municipal District will assess the works to establish if it is suitable for future application under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

3. Can Monaghan County Council immediately prioritise resurfacing works on the LP03403, known locally as the "Keady Road", Ballybay or Cremartin Rd as it is currently in a very poor condition, it is a very heavily used road, with a large number of houses extending out on it?.

Reply: The roads programme has already been agreed for 2017, however this road will be included on a list for consideration for future road programmes.

4. When do Monaghan County Council expect all works on roads on the 2017 Road Restoration Programme in the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District, to be complete i.e. bitmac surfaced etc?.

Reply: Monaghan County Council expect all works on roads on the 2017 Road Restoration Programme in the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District to be complete by 15th September

9. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive Order No's BCMD 22/17 - 24/17 were noted by the Members

10. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy

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

To Largy College Clones on winning Gold at the Young Social Innovators awards.

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

The O'Flaherty Family on the death of Paddy O'Flaherty

The Kierans/Smith Families, O'Neill Pk. Clones, on the death of Mena Kierans.

11. AOB

Cllr Hugh McElvaney referred to the grass cutting contract and asked if Wylies Hill is included in this now it has been taken in charge. Mr Kevin McNally stated that one cut in Wylies Hill had taken place but the residents on the estate will be cutting the grass from now on. The residents have received an allocation from the Councils environment section to cut grass this year.

The Members agreed that the AGM would take place on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 10am in Clones.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date 20th June 2017