

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 16th April 2018 at 10.00am in Ballybay Civic Offices, Ballybay, Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seamus Coyle, presided

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

Apologies Cllr Eva Humphreys, Adge King Director of Services and Dermot Brannigan Chief Fire Officer

In Attendance Carmel Thornton Administrative Officer, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy, Executive Engineer, Rory Treanor Assistant Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer

Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ms Carmel Thornton for attending.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the March monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor and seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett.

2. Correspondence

Cllr. Seamus Coyle passed on his congratulations to ABP Clones on been chosen as one of three meat processing plants approved to supply beef to the Chinese market. Cllr Pat Treanor also passed on his congratulations and stated that he hoped this would lead to fairer workers rights and a better deal for the farmer. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also said he hoped the farmer would get a better deal out of this announcement.

3. Ballybay Main Street Pedestrian Crossing

Mr Rory Treanor outlined his report on the pedestrian crossing in Ballybay Town. Mr Treanor noted that a stage 3 road safety audit of the existing crossing in Ballybay had been carried out. The report identified 7 problems ranging from sight lines to road markings. In order to minimise the effects to parking in the area it was recommended to introduce a signal controlled pedestrian crossing, a puffin crossing as it is known. Due to the town centre location it will be necessary to make an application to the department for derogation from the standards to change the crossing. It is estimated that the works will cost in the region of €17,000-€18,000.

All the councillors thanked Mr Treanor for his report. Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that the report confirms what the members had been saying regarding the safety of the existing crossing. Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed that we seek derogation from the department and change the pedestrian crossing to the Puffin Crossing. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

4. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

Mr Kevin McNally updated the members on the following:

Ballybay

Ballybay Public Realm plan

- The Council has appointed the Paul Hogworth Company to prepare a public realm plan for Ballybay.
- The key output from this process will be the identification and development of a range of projects that can be submitted for funding if and when these opportunities arise.
- The consultant undertook a detailed walk round in Ballybay on Thursday last. He is in the process of reviewing all mapping and plans associated with Ballybay.
- It is envisaged that an open public consultation event will be held in the town during the 1st week in May.
- The elected members and members of Ballybay Regeneration committee will be invited to meet the Consultant separately.
- The public consultation will allow the consultant to develop proposals which will be subject to further review by the public.

Master plan for Ballybay Town Park

Further to the public consultation event which was held on 13th March in the Ballybay Wetlands Centre regarding the Masterplan for Ballybay Town Park, the Municipal District will undertake further consultation in coming weeks. This will be delivered in conjunction with the adjacent schools.

The Outdoor Exercise Equipment for Ballybay Town Park which was funded via under the Healthy Ireland Fund has been installed.

Next meeting of Ballybay Regeneration committee is on tomorrow evening. The issue of dog fouling in Ballybay has been repeatedly raised by the committee. The Municipal District has recently installed additional dog fouling bins and more prominent signage has been ordered. The Council's Environment section has agreed to increase the numbers of visits by the dog and litter warden.

Clones Market House

The works for the refurbishment of the Clones Market House are well progressed. The contractor is reporting a delay in his works of some 6 weeks due to addressing dry rot issues. It is hoped that the Municipal District will take possession of the building in June.

Former Clones Post Office

Tenders for the required works are due to be returned by 24th April. We anticipate a contractor to be starting on site mid May. The Council has recently appointed a consultant to review all the possible options available to the Council to manage the facility post completion of works and to recommend the most appropriate one.

Clones Renewal Scheme

The Council has issued a letter of intent to the design team to award the contract for Technical Services with the Stand Still period of 14 days passing on Friday last. The letter of acceptance will be issued shortly. It is hoped that the design work will commence in the coming weeks. Ground Investigation, Topographical Survey & Asbestos Surveys are continuing on site at present.

Separately the Municipal District is seeking tenders for a structural engineer to advise on the demolition of the building on the Southern side of the Fermanagh Car Park Entrance.

Bothar Na Mullan / Bog Road

Following testing and investigation work Monaghan County Council intends to examine the feasibility of providing services for the site in question to facilitate development. The Ballybay / Clones Municipal District have changed the locks of the semi constructed dwellings for access and security.

Sliabh Beagh

Tenders are being sought for the development of a brand for the Sliabh Beagh area and also for the design and procurement of way marker signs. These tenders are due to be returned by early May.

Canal Stores

Clones Development Society is processing the Town and Village Renewal project in the Clones Canal Stores. A number of tenders have been issued seeking to procure a consultant to Design an exhibition for Clones lace and website to advertise and sell the lace. The committee are now in the process of awarding these tenders this week.

Mr Colin Murphy gave his report:

Roads Programme

Tenders for the Roads Programme have been received and reviewed and will be discussed further in the in-committee later. Drainage works is complete on the LP2022 at Analore, the LT21521 at Kileevan and the LS6150 at Genagh (John Graham). The gangs are currently working on the LS6110 Skeagh Bridge to Killydonnelly road, the LS6211 at Crossbane (David Keatons) and the LS7401 Caranagh(Paddy McMahons).

Bunroe River Integrated Management Study

An application for funding has been forwarded to Roads Section for submission to the OPW based on RPS's Options report presented at the March Meeting.

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Doohamlet – Design work on this project is continuing. It is hoped to be able to go to tender by the middle of May and have a contractor in place by the start of June.

Newbliss Town Realm Works -Tenders for the provision of new play ground equipment were opened on Thursday last. It is hope contractor will be appointed this week with a commencement date of the middle/end of May. Tender value is €19,444.

Aghabog Footpath.

All land owners are now signed up and it is hoped the work will commence at the beginning of May on this project.

Cllr Seamus Coyle thanked Mr Kevin McNally and Mr Colin Murphy for their reports. He stated that the issue of Dog fouling was becoming a massive problem in Ballybay Park. Cllr Seamus Coyle urged dog owners to be aware of the problems caused by dog fouling. Regarding the Clones Renewal Scheme he asked Me Kevin McNally about the site known locally as the former Boyle Sports building. Mr Kevin McNally stated that tender documents have been issued regarding the demolishing of the building on this site. Cllr Seamus Coyle also asked when works would begin on footpath in Doohamlet, Mr Rory Treanor stated mid May.

Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of the Sliabh Beagh master plan. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Council were waiting on Fermanagh Omagh district council to sign off on this. Cllr Cathy Bennett asked whether or not further housing could be built on the site at Bough Scotstown. Mr Kevin McNally said he would discuss this with the Councils housing section.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on the old courthouse in Newbliss and he also raised the issue of dog fouling and stated that this was a serious issue in all parts of the county. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that he had received complaints regarding fouling on the new linear park and requested signs and bins to be put there. Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the progression of the Clones Renewal Scheme and raised the issue of the coat of arms on the Market House. He asked could this be removed.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that corporate services now were in charge of the old courthouse in Newbliss and that they had appointed a design team to review options to refurbish the building. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Ballybay Clones Municipal District currently uses the back of this building as a yard and that we were actively seeking a new site. Mr Kevin McNally agreed on the issue of dog fouling and said that dog bins and signs had been ordered for the park. Regarding the Market House Mr Kevin McNally stated that this was a protected building and that he would discuss with planning section the possible removal of the coat of arms.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the works to Ballybay Park and said that it was a great asset to the community; he also stated that he hoped the new Town Realm plan would include the O Mahoney Site. Cllr Sean Gilliland also welcomed the resolution to the Aghabog footpath issues.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney raised the issue of the new Ballybay Town realm plan he stated that he wanted meetings with the public to be fully open and transparent. Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that he was delighted to see works progressing at the Market House and he stated that this would be a massive boost for the town. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also welcomed the resolution of the issues regarding Aghabog footpath he said that it was a massively important project in the interests of health and safety of the children in the area. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also welcomed the works at Cremartin.

Cllr Seamus Coyle added that Doohamlet community were an example to everyone and he said that they had been awarded €485,000 for the redevelopment of their community hall.

5. Questions

Cllr. Pat Treanor asked.

1. When will the 6 houses at Eanaigh Ealta, Millbrook, Clones, be allocated to tenants?

- **Answer**

Oaklee Housing have advised Monaghan County Council that there is outstanding snagging to be completed which will involve scaffolding and removal and replacement of some roof tiles. Due to these works the houses will not be ready until sometime in May 2018.

2. Will the Council repair the street lights on the Magheraveely road at Lios A'Ghoirtín?

- **Answer**

Lios A'Ghoirtín is a private housing estate and the lights in the vicinity of the estate were erected by the contractor who built the estate. These lights are not in charge of Monaghan County Council and to date there has been no request made for the County Council to take this estate in charge.

3. How many customers are connected to the Clones M. A. N. s (Metropolitan Area Network)?
How much does it cost to get a connection?

- **Answer**

Enet operate the Metropolitan Area Networks on behalf of all telecoms companies so if the request is made to them they will offer the contract to all of the operators who have infrastructure in the area.

The installation cost is assessed following a site visit from Enet- typical cost would be €5,000- €10,000 installation cost depending on location- this is bundled with a contract to take network services on an ongoing basis.

The following table shows the level of activity on the MANs in the various towns across county Monaghan

	Retail Service Providers Using MANs	Connections On MANs	Example Of Connected Premises
Monaghan	10	60	Secondary Schools/LacPatrick/Monaghan General Hosp/Combilift/Nortstone (CRH)
Castleblaney	6	12	Kingspan/Castlecoole/Carna Transport/Garda
Carrickmacross	4	8	Kerry Group/Gernod/C-TEK
Clones	3	5	Largy College/Bank of Ireland/Dept of Social Protection

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

Page 2:- Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of Boughel Cross; Mr Colin Murphy stated that arrangements had been made with land owners to address this issue. Cllr Seamus Coyle also raised the issue of lights at Rockcorry near football pitch; he felt there was a gap in the lights. Mr Colin Murphy agreed to investigate this issue.

Page 3:- Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the town team and how it needs to be kept on the agenda.

Page 4:- Cllr Cathy Bennett asked about Hollywood, Mr Kevin McNally noted he understood that the committee were currently working on a master plan for the lake and its environs.

Page 5:- Cllr Sean Gililand raised the issue of Skeagh Bridge and asked could the engineers investigate the sight lines. Mr Colin Murphy said he would investigate this issue.

Page 6:- Cllr Pat Treanor asked about footpath on N54 and works to the Finn river. Mr Colin Murphy said footpath would be constructed and that works were ongoing at the Finn river.

Page 7:- Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked about the issues at Hanrattys Cross, Mr Colin Murphy said that trees would be cut to improve safety at this junction.

Cllr Cathy Bennett asked about the footpath to the Wet Lands in Ballybay and about parking in Corlatt. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the footpath would not be applicable under Clar; he also stated that closing date was 24th April and that only 15 projects from the county would be chosen. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the design for parking at Corlatt had been approved and a tender was been prepared.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked the media to publicise the closing date for Clar funding.

7. Ballybay Casual Trading By-law

Mr Rory Treanor gave a report on the Ballybay Casual Trading By-laws. No objections had been received and the members were now in a position to pass these laws. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked whether or not public consultation had taken place, Mr Kevin McNally stated that public consultation had been undertaken in accordance with the statutory requirements. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked whether further sites could be developed under the town Realm plan, Mr Kevin McNally stated that this could be looked at when the plan was been developed. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed the adoption of the By-laws. Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded and it was agreed by all.

8. Votes of Congratulations /Sympathy

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Maria Bannigan on finishing 4th in the World Irish Dancing in Glasgow

Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- Geraldine Killen and family on the death of her sister Irene
- Noreen Cannon and family on the death of their father Edward

9. A.O.B.

Cllr Sean Gilliland raised the issue of littering in the area, especially at Ballybay technical School and at the car parks of our lakes. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also said there were serious litter problems in the area across from Ballybay Technology School. Mr Kevin McNally stated that extra bins and signage will be provided at Ballybay Technology School, he also said that the council had no policy regarding bins at lakes and that it is the responsibility of the individual to take their litter home. However he also stated that if any local community group would take responsibility for a bin at a lake the council would supply a bin

Cllr Seamus Coyle stated he was looking forward to welcoming the guests from Germany to Ballybay at the weekend; this was also welcomed by Cllr Sean Gilliland. Cllr Cathy Bennett stated that due to a prior engagement she would not be able to attend the welcoming function in Ballybay on Saturday.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled May 21st at 10.00am.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

21/05/2018