

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 16th April, 2018 at 3.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Paudge Connolly presided.

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

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.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 21st March, 2018 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr Conlon referred to the Public Defibrillators Scheme which Monaghan town is not eligible for funding through CLÁR and asked that we enquire of the Department for Rural and Community Development and Minister Michael Ring TD, that with non CLÁR regions being denied the opportunity to apply for grants to purchase and support life saving Public Access Defibrillator Schemes and Community First Responders as per CLÁR Measure 3 for voluntary first-response organizations, what alternative grant aid is available that will address the lack of equity in providing communities with essential life saving equipment?

Cllr Maxwell thanked Mr Deeney for the costings for Belgium Park Football field and suggested making an application for grant aid if the opportunity arises. It was agreed that public consultation was needed when there is potential. Cllr Conlon proposed, that regarding the security of the pitch, our Engineer identify the stretch of wall along Belgium Park that requires repair works to be carried out and seek funding to carry out these works to this Protected Structure.

Cllr Connolly asked was there any progress made on the data protection issue on our CCTV application to which Mr Murray responded that the scheme is suspended at national level until the issue is sorted.

Cllr Conlon asked that the Masterplan for Latlurcan include a football pitch and have it developed as another amenity in our town.

Cllr McKenna requested that An Gardai be contacted to monitor and enforce the traffic markings/ yellow boxes at Belgian Square.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report which was circulated to the members and answered questions raised.

A discussion took place on lamp post banner signage. All members agreed to proceed with Anti-Litter signs and Variable Digital signs and to bring costings to our next meeting. Cllr Aughey asked on behalf of Monaghan Tidy Towns if the road works in the town are definitely proceeding in May as the judging of Ireland's Best Kept Tidy Towns Competition is taking place in May. He added that it is a great honour for Monaghan town to be put forward and requested that flags and banners be removed from the Diamond and any extra help is much appreciated. Mr McElwain responded that the Roads Section is in negotiations with Irish Water. Cllr Maxwell stated that when negotiations are finished regarding reinstatement works, a Special Meeting will be required to advise the members and make decisions on what is best.

Cllr Conlon advised that St Peter's lake is a big litter problem and the Sub-Aqua team will be assisting with the clean up on Saturday or Sunday, 28th/29th April and will require a skip.

Cllr Conlon to meet Engineer on site of disabled Bay on Mall Road.

He also requested that grass cutting on the bank from No 1-13 Mullaghmat be included in the grass cutting.

4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr. Aughey asked:

1) Can Monaghan MD confirm what measures they will be taking and what additional resources they will be contributing to the Monaghan campaign for Best Kept Town 2018?

Response: Monaghan Municipal District have met with Monaghan Tidy Town committee. A joint approach will be made with tidying up the Derelict sites acquired recently. The MD to supply the paint for painting the hoardings and a number of benches throughout the town. The Monaghan MD to complete a sign cleaning program and a number of paved areas paths in the town centre depending on the resources available.

The MD to plant early flowers in the tree pots and the Bog Oak sculpture is to be relocated to the other side of the Scotstown road at the junction with the Clones rd.

The Tidy Town Committee are also organising a spring clean of the town on the 21st April, all help welcome.

2) Can Monaghan MD clarify plans and a timeline for the re-surfacing for the roads around Monaghan Town overall?

Response: See response attached from Irish Water.

3) In the interests of road safety can Monaghan MD investigate the road conditions on Rosses Road? **Response: The road signs and markings will be investigated and upgraded as required. A bridge parapet wall needs to be repaired following a recent vehicle collision, and funding will be sought to complete these repairs.**

In June 2017 flexible bollards were placed at the corner of a house to denote the edge of the road, new road marking were carried out, signs were repaired and drainage repairs were carried out adjacent to the gable wall of the house.

4) In the interests of road safety can Monaghan MD investigate the condition of the verges between the road and the footpath on the road into Glaslough village?

Response: The MD will reinstate and grass seed the verge and erect white road delineator posts in the short term.

In the long term, The MD will assist the Tidy Towns group should they wish to apply for CLÁR funding to kerb from the School to the village.

5. Motions:

Motion by Cllr Aughey was withdrawn.

7. Correspondence:

Letter to Emer Brennan from the Department of Rural and Community Development regarding Ireland's Best kept Towns competition 2018.

Information sheet from Eirgrid.

Letter from Senator Mark Daly, spokesperson for foreign affairs regarding the 170th Anniversary of the 1st flying of the Irish Flag.

E mail from Irish Water dated 26th March regarding road works in Monaghan Town.

8. Sympathy:

Votes of Sympathy to:

Jim McCarron on the death of his wife Ellie McCarron, a niece of a former member of the outdoor staff.

Matt Prunty, former employee of Monaghan county Council, on the death of his brother Jimmy Prunty.

Date of next meeting Monday, 21st May at 3pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 16th Day of April, 2018

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator