

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 19th February, 2018 at 3.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Paudge Connolly presided.

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

In Attendance: John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer, Marcia Boyd, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Treanor, seconded by Cllr. McKenna, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 15th January, 2018 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Mr McElwain informed the members that the CCTV Application is progressing positively and submissions received have been considered in the application.

Cllr Conlon stated that it is good to see the Town Business Awards acknowledged at a Gala Awards night on the 19th April.

Cllr Connolly stated that the Town Voucher Sales of €865,000 and redemptions of €234,000 since January was phenomenal.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

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

Cllr Conlon stated there was a need to raise awareness of locations of defibrillators throughout both the towns and villages.

Cllr Conlon asked for an update on the Mullaghmatt Remedial Scheme for our March Meeting.

A discussion took place on the restoration of the roads by Irish Water. Cllr Maxwell proposed to have a special meeting to go through the plans and discuss what streets need to be resurfaced. Mr McElwain responded that Roads Section is in discussion with Irish Water and he would revert to them on this matter.

Cllr Treanor stated that the parking at St Louis Convent is very dangerous and asked for a meeting to be arranged with An Garda, Municipal District, Parents and Teachers to come up with an arrangement to solve the parking situation. Mr McElwain responded that to date a number of measures such as road works, road markings and railing have been carried out. A

collective approach is required with parents having to take responsibility too. The Municipal District will be meeting with An Garda in relation to this.

Cllr Conlon referred to the initiative taken by Bernie Bradley – A minute matters and stated that the people are being jeopardised by businesses blocking footpaths and circulated photographs as evidence of this. He asked that the Traffic Wardens take the approach to address this matter and that bollards be re-instated in the Diamond.

Cllr Connolly asked that litter and water damage on the Greenway be addressed to which Mr Deeney responded that the outdoor staff have cleaned up litter and carried out drainage works.

4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Aughey asked:

1) In light of the heavy volume of traffic road works/alignment on the Clones road at the Scotstown road junction can Monaghan MD investigate the possibility of installing a roundabout at this location?

Response: The option for a roundabout at this location was examined previously. It would require significant land take to design in accordance with TII standards. The proposed realignment design of the N54/R186 junction was presented to the Councillor's in 2017 and subsequently approved. TII funding has been secured for this design and works are currently ongoing on site.

2) Can Monaghan MD investigate the implementation of Public Lighting on the N2 Corlatt (entrance at the Collegiate School) as far as N2 Killymarley? (this area is extremely dark and handles a large volume of traffic, school and otherwise)

Response: Monaghan County Council have constructed a footpath and lighting as far the entrance to the Monaghan Collegiate Secondary School. This is the last entrance within the 50km/h speed limit. Recently the public lighting from the Corlatt Roundabout to this entrance has been upgraded with the standard of lighting improved as a result.

The N2 between Monaghan and Castleblayney has an AADT of approx 9500 vehicles and is predominantly unlit apart from urban sections, roundabouts and their approaches and for certain junctions where the need arises. There are no plans to extend the public lighting on the N2 at this location.

3) Can Monaghan MD confirm if all the works in relation to the hedges/ fences at the New Houses, Tyholland are complete? If not can the MD clarify what works remain to be completed?

Response: All works are completed in relation to the hedges/ fences at the New Houses, Tyholland.

4) In the interests of safety can Monaghan MD-

a. investigate the road conditions between Ballyalbany crossroads to Milltown Road?

b. re-investigate a dangerous dip/depression on the LS05181 road from Ballyalbany Cross towards Tirraneill? There were temporary patching repairs carried out but they appear to have failed and are causing a significant hazard for road users.

c. investigate the L14302 road to Green Lane?

d. contact the TII, the TII Road Safety Officer and National Road Network Speed Limit Review Group in relation to the 80 kmph of the road leading from Cluain Ard Road to Ballyalbany junction. This speed limit on this road is far too high for the road conditions.

e. investigate two dangerous dips/depressions, falling away of roads leading from Knockaphubble towards Mullan Village? At the turnoff from Knockaphubble onto this road there is also a pipe underneath the road that has significantly fallen away and is in need of a lasting and permanent fix.

f. investigate a dangerous and deep pothole at the island in Corlatt on the N2 in the left lane coming into Monaghan town

Response:

- a. **Monaghan MD will investigate the condition of this road and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs.**
- b. **Monaghan MD will re-investigate the condition of this road and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs. There may be many similar depressions like this on our road network throughout the district, however we will have to evaluate budgets, etc for next year and prioritise what can be completed depending on the funding available.**
- c. **Monaghan MD will investigate the condition of this road and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs.**
- d. **The speed limit on this road was reduced recently to 50 km/hr under the Speed Limit Review Bye-Laws (No.1) 2017.**
- e. **A collapsed culvert was recently replaced on the LP1210 at Knockaphubble and Monaghan MD will investigate the condition of the LT12111 road at Knockaphubble and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs. There may be many similar depressions like this on our road network throughout the District, however we will have to evaluate budgets, etc for next year and prioritise what can be completed depending on the funding available.**
- f. **Monaghan MD will investigate the condition of this road and carry out any necessary temporary patching repairs.**

Cllr Conlon asked:

1) In reference to a site meeting attended by Council Executive staff and Councillors on 21st November 2016 to view the extent of the IDA lands at Knockaconny situated to the rear of M-Tek 1, what progress has been made to date in creating additional development lands for attracting business and industry to these strategic sites?

Response: Monaghan County Enterprise Fund has lodged a planning application for a 3,000 sq metre Advance Technology Building on IDA lands at Knockaconny.

2) That this Council seeks of An Gardaí Siochana and Council Litter Wardens to convey to members what number of fines/penalties have been served against those found guilty of public alcohol consumption, and similarly against dog owners who fail to clean up after their dog fouling a public space?

Response: Environment Section - In 2016 two litter fines for dog fouling were issued, whilst in 2017 zero litter fines for dog fouling were issued.

An Garda - With reference, there have been 592 incidents in Monaghan Town involving Public Order/Alcohol related Offences during the period 1st of January 2016 to 1st of January 2018.

There have been no fines issued to persons who have failed to clean up after their dog fouling a public place.

Cllr Connolly asked:

- 1) Further to the recent water mains rehabilitation works in Monaghan town
(A) What timescale is envisaged for the repair and restoration of the streets which were damaged as a result of these rehabilitation works?
(B) Which streets are due for refurbishment?

Response: The query above has been submitted on behalf of the Municipal District directly to Irish Water's Local Representative Support desk but no response has been received.

- 2) What plans have Monaghan MD to tidy bottles, cans etc that have been discarded into the canal along the route of the Greenway in Monaghan town?

Response: Monaghan MD are investigating a clean-up of a section of the canal channel along the Greenway between Oriel Way and the Threemilehouse Road depending on the funding available.

5. Motions:

"In view of the fact that the catheter clinic at the Monaghan General Hospital site is not operating and closed from October of 2017 and the fact that this now results in generally elderly people having to travel to the Cavan General Hospital site for outpatient clinical procedures that Monaghan MD calls on the HSE Dublin NE to take immediate steps to ensure a return of the catheter clinic and urology services to the Monaghan General Hospital site".

Cllr Connolly outlined the motion, seconded by Cllr Conlon and supported by all members

7. Correspondence:

Letter of acknowledgement dated 22nd January 2018 from Office of An Taoiseach.

Cllr McKenna requested that we write again to An Toaiseach requesting the Crowley Report to be published and the findings of it.

Letter of thanks dated 22nd January, 2018 from Scoil Phádraig, Garron, Tyholland.

Letter of acknowledgement dated 23rd January, 2018 from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality.

Letter from Conor Maguire, Monaghan Motor Club requesting the use of Lr Courthouse Car Park on Sunday, 22nd April, 2018. Cllr Maxwell proposed, seconded by Cllr Connolly and all members agreed.

8. AOB

Cllr Treanor welcomed Fianna Fail voting on the Vulture Fund.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 21st March at 3pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 19th Day of February, 2018

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator