

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Wednesday, 21st March, 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.

At the outset, Cllr Connolly thanked everyone who took part in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade, the shops that made the effort and to Daire Gorman who shined as our Grand Marshall. All members echoed these sentiments and added that the participation of so many young people was incredible.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 19th February, 2018 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr Conlon referred to the Public Defibrillators Scheme whereby a Defibrillator is mounted for the purpose of public access and appealed to the Monaghan Municipal District to seek a joint effort between the Community and Enterprise Section and the Monaghan Town Team in implementing a Public Access Defibrillator Scheme (PADS) to support the installation of defibrillators in select locations in Monaghan town, and further that a database/information campaign will highlight the location of defibrillators throughout our rural communities.

He asked that the next report of the Town Team include advances in relation to this.

Cllr Treanor requested an update on the parking situation at the Convent to which Mr Deeney responded that options have been sent to the Roads Safety Officer to discuss with the Board of Management and An Gardai.

Cllr McKenna stated that now is the time to carry out pothole works when weather is dry.

He asked for an update on the CCTV application to which Mr McElwain responded that C7E, the Md and An Gardai were working on the 2nd stage application and that there are a few more items to be collated for the submission. Mr Murray added that there is an issue on the new Data Protection legislation but will push ahead with the Application.

Mr Murray advised the members that we have got Stage 3 approval for the Mullaghmatt Remedial Scheme which can now go to Tender.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

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

The Schedule of Municipal District Works was circulated to the members. Mr Murray advised that it is adjusted from 2017 to reflect the Budget for this year. Cllr Maxwell stated that every effort must be made to get tarring and patching works completed in the next month during the good weather. He asked that the Executive investigate the cost of providing an Astro Pitch at Belgium Park and to seek funding/Sports Grant for this.

Cllr Conlon asked for a Disabled Bay to be installed outside the Rehab Centre on the Mall Road to which Mr McElwain responded that this will be investigated.

Cllr McKenna asked that the mounds of building material be removed/levelled at the rear of Memorial on the Clones road.

Cllr Aughey asked for an update on the extension to the Greenway project and LUTS for our next meeting.

4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1) In relation to Sruth Na Mhuilinn, Emyvale , what plans have Monaghan M D to do a general overhaul in an number of areas

- Overgrown grass, weeds and moss encroaching onto footpaths, seated areas and steps
- Weekly mowing of grass
- Provision of an additional litter bin
- Touch-up of the sign "Sruth Na Mhuilinn" at the entrance

Response: The grass cutting is included in the annual grass cutting contract and the Contractor has just been appointed. The first cut will take place before the end of March. The other items will be investigated.

2) That in view of the fact that heavy vehicles regularly mount the small footpath inside the grass verge of 12 to 18" along the roadside from St Mary's N S to Tullyree in Glaslough Village - a pathway which encompasses part of the route known as Hoey's Way a recreational and tourist walkway- and that fact that there are great fears within the local community that using this pathway creates great dangers for schoolchildren and pedestrians what plans have Monaghan M D to rectify the safety issues involved?

Response: There are no plans to carry out any work adjacent to the existing paths in Glaslough.

3) To ask Monaghan MD what plans are there to improve traffic flow in Monaghan town by putting yellow boxes at the following junctions

- (A) Exiting on to the Margaret Skinnader roundabout from Park St?
- (B) Exiting from Market St on to Church Square?
- (C) Exiting through the Diamond towards Dublin Street?

Response: All the locations referred to are on the National Road (N54) and the Municipal District has referred the question to the Roads Section for discussion with the TII.

Cllr Aughey asked:

1) Can the MD investigate the pooling of water and draining of water at the Ulster Canal Greenway?

Response: The MD has investigated the Greenway and cleared some drainage channels from the path surface. Maintenance of the Greenway is an ongoing function of the Municipal District.

5. Motions:

“That this Municipal District write to the Public Accounts Committee in Leinster House that the call in the private pensions providers regarding the malpractice, which was exposed by Charlie Weston in the Irish Independent on the 10th February, 2018, which is on a par with the scandal regarding Tracker Mortgages”

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

7. Correspondence:

Letter of Acknowledgement from Office of the Taoiseach dated 27th February, 2018
Letter dated 26th February, 2018 from Minister for Justice regarding the Crowley Report.

8. Sympathy:

Votes of Sympathy to:

Philomena Carroll on the death of her mother Agnes

Donal McElwain on the death of his Aunt Mary

Alison Mackle on the death of her mother Pauline Mackle

Mark Johnston on the death of his father Josiah (Joey) Johnston.

9. Congratulations:

Eoghan McGinnity, Mullaghmore, Tyholland on winning the Under 16 40. By 20 boys

Louise McGinnity, Mullaghmore, Tyholland on winning the Under 15 40 by 20 girls

10. AOB:

Cllr Treanor showed his support against the privatisation of Tydavnet Group Water Scheme
Cllr Connolly informed the members that the Local Authority Play Recreation Fund of €20,000 is now available for each Local Authority. Mr McElwain advised that Monaghan Municipal District received it last year for the Upgrade of Beechgrove Playground.

Date of next meeting Monday, 16th April at 3pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 21st Day of March, 2018

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator