

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 16th July 2018 at 10.00am in Clones Courthouse, McCurtain Street, Clones, Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sean Gilliland, presided

The following members were also present: - Cllrs: Cathy Bennett, Seamus Coyle, Pat Treanor & Hugh McElvaney

In Attendance Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Rory Treanor Assistant Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer

Apologies Cllr Eva Humphreys & Mr Colin Murphy

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that the agenda be amended so that item 4 would be dealt with before item 3, this was agreed by all. It was also agreed to include matters arising from minutes as item 4A on the agenda, this was agreed by all.

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Pat Treanor asked that there be a change to the minutes of the AGM. Under the heading Election of Cathaoirleach the following is to be added to the first sentence 'as was agreed by Sinn Fein and Fine Gael earlier. The line should now read, Cllr Pat Treanor nominated Cllr Cathy Bennett to the role of Cathaoirleach as was agreed by Sinn Fein and Fine Gael earlier. There were no objections to this amendment. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed, and Cllr Cathy Bennett seconded the minutes of the AGM and they were agreed by all.

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed, Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded the minutes of the June meeting and these were agreed by all.

2. Correspondence

Page 7 – Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked whether the Municipal District had received any correspondence from the Boundary Commission regarding the recent decision to change the boundaries of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District. Mr Kevin McNally stated that a reply had not been received. Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that it was a sad day for the Municipal District and that in the last 4 years a lot of good work had been done. Cllr Seamus Coyle felt that there was political interference in the decision to change the boundaries. Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that we should see what reply the Boundary Commission come back with. Cllr Pat Treanor noted that there may not be a reply to the correspondence and he wanted answers as to why these changes were happening. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that the Municipal District must be supported at management level. Cllr Cathy Bennett said the submissions made by the public were available for everyone to see. Cllr Sean Gilliland said he was very disappointed with this proposal and noted that the Municipal District will suffer as a result. Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that the members had a right to know why this was happening.

Page 13 – Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the correspondence from Greenans Cross Development Association, he also spoke about the upcoming McCarville reunion and of the expected visitors to the area.

4. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

Mr Kevin McNally gave his report.

Economic and Public Realm plan for Ballybay

After several public consultation events the Paul Hogarth Company has been developing a number of proposals for draft projects. It is proposed to present these for discussion with Ballybay Regeneration committee on Thursday 26th July. A timeline for further public consultation will be agreed at this meeting.

Clones Market House

The works to the Clones Market House are well progressed and we hope to take possession of the internal section of the building towards the end of the month. This will allow Cavan Monaghan Rural Transport to occupy the current Municipal District offices in August. External pointing works will continue during July/ August – this will require scaffolding to be retained to the external to the building until these works are completed. The official opening of the building is being planned for end of September. We hope to organise an open day and invite the public to visit the renovated building and to inspect the completed works. The procedure to agree a name for the building was agreed at the June meeting. It has been decided to commence this process in September to allow for maximum input from the public.

Former Clones Post Office

After receipt of tenders on 28th June 2018 the Council is in the process of assessing the tenders and seeking the necessary approvals for the funders to award the contract. It is hoped that the appointment of the successful contractor will be made in August with works commencing in September.

Housing Section has provided the following update on the following schemes:

Clones Renewal Scheme

1. Preliminary layout designs have been developed for the various sites and Stage 2 Funding Approval to proceed to Stage 3 process has been received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.
2. Ground Investigation, Topographical Survey & Asbestos Surveys are complete.
3. Part 8 documentation is being developed and will be submitted in due course.

As advised previously the Municipal District has appointed FJ Coyle and Associates to progress the demolition of the building adjacent to the Paragon bar. This work will complement the work of our colleagues in the Councils Housing Section. Tenders seeking contractors to undertake this work will be issued towards the end of the month.

Sliabh Beagh

As advised at June meeting the Council has recently awarded the contract for the development of a brand for the Sliabh Beagh area and for the design and procurement of way marker signs awarded to the Paul Hogarth Company. It is likely that this process will take 4 months – other works proposed for the Sliabh Beagh area include the upgrading of signage and paths.

Public consultation is proposed for towards the end of July - In order to develop an agreed brand for the area public consultation will be held in Cooneen. We are currently seeking to agree dates with our colleagues in Fermanagh Omagh District Council for these events.

Mr Rory Treanor gave his report:

Roads Programme

The contractor for the Bitmac Contract has been appointed. The Municipal District have been informed by Roads Section that it will late August when overlay works are carried out on our roads. Works on the surface dressing programme in the Municipal District are complete. The roads that were surface dressed are as follows:

Road No	Location	Comments	Overall Length of road (m)
LP2180	Skeagh Bridge - 4 Roads	Cabragh -3 Roads	2709
LP2040	Scotstown Village	Killycarnan South - 3 Roads	2178
LP2151	Carnowen - 3 Roads	Conaghy -3 Roads (Magherarney)	2136
LP2220	Carnroe -4 Roads	Crossbane- 3 Roads (Newbliss-Scotshouse rd)	2900
LP2233	Drum	Cootehill	1754
LP3012	Moyle More - 3 Roads	Lisdrumcleve - 3 Roads (Latton)	1758
LP3011	Derry -3 Roads	Moyle More - 3 Roads (Latton)	984
LP3130	Carnaveagh -3 Roads	Carrickavielty -3 Roads West (2 lough)	2352
LP4005	Corrinenty -4 Roads	Tullyrain- 4 Roads (Mucky Duck)	2211
LP3310	Braddocks -3 Roads	Terrygeely - 4 Roads (Ardaghy)	2310
LT21511, LT62501,LS6263,	Magherarney, Clonuala	Road sections	
LP4023	Lisnadarragh (Bawn)		1200
R180-2	Edenanay- 3 Roads	Brackly- 4 Roads	3700
R212	CB - Knocks West	Scotshouse	2800

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Doohamlet Village –The letter of Intent has been issued to the preferred contractor for these works with a proposed start date towards the end of the month.

Aghabog Footpath.

The contractor has commenced works on the footpath at Aghabog. These works are ongoing.

Hedgecutting.

The annual hedge cutting on the N54 and on our Regional Road Network is complete. The contractor will move onto several identified localised junctions where sight visibility may be poor.

Ballybay Pedestrian Crossing

Works on the Pedestrian Crossing are complete.

Ballybay Roundabout

The Contractor is due to commence works on the roundabout on the week beginning 23rd July 2018. These works will take a number of days to complete.

Billy Fox Memorial Park

Works at the park have been tendered for with a closing date for receipt of tenders of 16th July. Following assessment, it is anticipated that works will commence in early August

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all the works that have been carried throughout the Municipal District. Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed that further advancement of the Clones Renewal Scheme and commented on noted the progress on the Market House project. Regarding the Municipal District request for further funding for the 2018 roads programme, Cllr Pat Treanor asked if there was any update on this matter, Mr Kevin McNally stated there was no update but that the Councils Road section would continue to press for further funding.

Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that further funding for the Municipal District roads is imperative. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked that the council remind land owners of their obligations in relation to hedgerows. Regarding the new pedestrian crossing at Ballybay Cllr Seamus Coyle asked Mr Rory Treanor to confirm that the current road markings were the correct ones. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also raised this issue. Mr Rory Treanor stated he would investigate this matter.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the works at Hanrattys Cross and was delighted with the works to the Clones Market House. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also passed on his congratulations to Monaghan GAA on their recent win over Kildare, he added that the upcoming game against Kerry would be a great day for the town of Clones and indeed the whole county.

Cllr Cathy Bennett asked that the roads around Sliabh Beagh be included in the new 3-year road plan. Cllr Cathy Bennett welcomed the works at Doohamlet and sought details from Mr Kevin McNally regarding the funding the council had sought for Hollywood. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Council had applied for funding for upgrades to the toilets, playpark and seating.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that the residents of Threemilehouse were seeking the installation of ramps due to the speed of traffic through the village.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked about the new 3-year road plan and how would this be affected by changes to the Municipal District boundaries. Mr Kevin McNally stated that roads would be assessed equally and that if on the programme they would transfer to the relevant Municipal District.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the works at the pedestrian crossing Ballybay. Cllr Sean Gilliland also agreed about publicising landowner's obligations regarding hedgerows

3. Presentation of Sliabh Beagh Masterplan

Mr Kevin Mc Nally gave a report on the Sliabh Beagh Masterplan.

Monaghan County Council and Fermanagh & Omagh Council have enjoyed a long-standing cross border partnership, known as Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership. Two years ago the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership agreed to prepare a Masterplan for the Sliabh Beagh region. With the agreement of the two local authorities, Monaghan County Council agreed to take the lead on the delivery of the project. After a procurement process the Council appointed the Paul Hogarth Company to prepare and develop the Master plan.

The development of this Masterplan provided the Councils with an opportunity to engage with the communities across the region, and to come to a shared understanding of how the region should be protected and developed going forward. The extensive consultation process which was undertaken during the formation of this Masterplan enabled the Councils to listen to the community and gain a greater understanding of the needs and the aspirations of the people living in the region. There were 4 public consultation sessions 8th March 2017 and 28th September 2017 in Knockatallon and Cooneen. Consultation was undertaken in the local schools and online using Survey Money.

The plan consists of 5 chapters and a number of appendices.

The introduction sets out the background, the role and the process employed to develop the Master plan The Analysis section examines the area in detail under such headings as:

- People,
- Natural Quality and Beauty,
- Tranquillity
- Heritage and Culture
- Tourism Infrastructure
- Accessibility
- Administration and Brexit

This section of the report seeks to examine where and what is Sliabh Beagh. The policy context of both Fermanagh & Omagh and Monaghan County Councils are examined.

The Aims and objective section lists 3 aims these being:

- A haven for Wildlife
- A great place to live and work
- A wonderful place to visit and explore

4 Objectives are identified these being:

- Protect, manage and enhance natural habits
- Strengthen networks and infrastructure
- Define and develop place identity
- Increase tourism infrastructure and capacity

The Masterplan identifies 10 themes

1. Partnership and Administration
2. Identity and Promotion
3. Conservation Management
4. Digital Infrastructure
5. Gateways
6. Road Infrastructure
7. Paths and Signage
8. Destinations and Experiences
9. Events and Festivals
10. Hospitality and Accommodation

A range of possible projects are listed in this section.

Finally, Section 5 contains the action plan which lists out the plan and seeks to assign a priority, lead delivery agents, key stakeholders and cost bracket to each project.

The plan will be considered by the Councils Corporate policy group in August and then by the Council in September. It is planned to publicly launch the plan on 24th September in the Sliabh Beagh Hotel.

All the members welcomed the plan and acknowledged the hard work of the MD staff, the local community and the consultants Cllr Cathy Bennett hoped that there would be a good turnout at the launch and added that the masterplan will be used for future funding applications. Cllr Pat Treanor spoke of the importance of local communities getting involved in projects. Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that the plan must be acted upon. Cllr Hugh McElvaney added that funding was crucial for the plan to succeed. Cllr Sean Gilliland spoke of the importance of Sliabh Beagh to the entire county.

4a. Matters arising from previous minutes

Page 2:- Cllr Cathy Bennett asked for an update on Bothar na Mullen. Mr Adge King stated that the housing section were looking at both long term and short-term plans for the site.

Page 3:- Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked about the logo and branding, Mr Rory Treanor stated that this was for the Canal Stores project, the members were then updated on this project.

Page 3:- Cllr Pat Treanor asked about Newbliss Courthouse. Mr Adge King stated that currently no funding was available but that the council hoped to progress the project to Part 8 planning stage. It was hoped that funding would then be obtained.

Page 4:- Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the works at Aghabog footpath and asked that the Municipal District investigate the road at Dooskey Cross which is falling in. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also raised the issue of speeding at Gransha NS. Cllr Pat Treanor asked that the Municipal District follow up with the TII regarding the proposed speed limit changes.

Page 5:- Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the announcement of the €350,000 grant for St. Tiarnachs Pk, he hoped that this would be matched by Croke Park. Cllr Pat Treanor asked that the council work with the GAA on any plans they had for further development in the area. Mr Kevin McNally spoke of the Rural and Regeneration Development fund and stated that there may be projects that could be developed alongside the GAA proposals.

Cllr Seamus Coyle also welcomed this grant and added that Clones was the home of Ulster football and that Monaghan County Council must do all it can to help secure the Ulster Finals for Clones. Various link roads in the town would need to be improved. Cllr Seamus Coyle added that not only was the Ulster Final important for Clones but it was very important for the entire county.

Cllr Sean Gilliland also welcomed the grant and thanked Minister Heather Humphreys for her involvement in securing these funds, Cllr Sean Gilliland also agreed that plans were needed to improve the overall visitor experience to the town on match days.

Page 5:- Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of a crash barrier at Kilmore Football field, Cllr Cathy Bennett stated this was needed now before a fatality occurred. Mr Kevin McNally stated that more signs would be erected and that with a combination of works with the GAA it was hoped this issue would be addressed.

Page 6:- Cllr Pat Treanor commented on the Largy college transition year students who were travelling to South Africa. He wished them well and stated that they had received a financial contribution from Monaghan County Council

5. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive orders BCMD 36/18 to 39/18 were noted by the members

6. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- Seamie Mc Mahon and Mc Mahon & Moore families on the death of Sean Moore
- Kevin McNally and the McNally & Duffy families on the death of Brigid McNally
- The Thornton family on the death of Owen Thornton
- The Larkin family on the death of Noel

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Monaghan GAA Under 17s on winning the Ulster Championship
- Rockcorry Gun Club on being placed 5th at the N.A.R.G.C. All Ireland Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition

7. A.O.B.

Cllr Sean Gilliland spoke on the official opening of the Clones Men's Shed and congratulated all involved. He thanked Mr Adge King, Mr Kevin McNally, Ms Eileen McManus and all the outdoor staff for all their hard work. Cllr Sean Gilliland also thanked Owen Kelly for speaking at the event.

Cllr Pat Treanor thanked Cllr Sean Gilliland for representing the Municipal District and he also thanked the staff for all their hard work. Cllr Pat Treanor also spoke of the importance of the Men's Shed and of the great work they do in the community, he also thanked Owen Kelly for speaking at the event.

Cllr Seamus Coyle also congratulated the Men's Shed. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked that the MD write to Owen Kelly to thank him for the great speech that he gave.

Mr Kevin McNally thanked Ms Eileen McManus and Seamie McMahan for all their work with both Clones and Ballybay Men's Sheds.

Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of road safety at the Cloghan GAA Centre of Excellence, he requested that an Engineer look at this.

Cllr Coyle also proposed that Monaghan County Council undertake the procedure of naming the old people's homes on the Roslea Rd Clones as the term 'Old Peoples Homes' is inappropriate. This was seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled September 17th at 10.00am.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

17/09/2018