

## Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 11.00am in Ballybay Civic Offices, Ballybay, Co Monaghan.

**Members Present**        The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sean Gilliland, presided

The following members were also present: Cllrs: Cathy Bennett, Pat Treanor, Seamus Coyle, Eva Humphreys and Hugh McElvaney

**In Attendance**        Aidge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy, Executive Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the May monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

### **2. Correspondence**

**Page 12** - Cllr. Eva Humphries spoke on the request from Greenans Cross Development Committee for funding and asked that the Municipal District support this, Cllr Hugh McElvaney added his support and stated that the building in question was the hub of the community. A discussion was had regarding a new grant that was available for projects like this. Mr Kevin McNally stated as there was a level of urgency with this application he asked the members to consider awarding €2000 to the Greenans Cross Development Community. This was proposed by Cllr Eva Humphreys, seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all. Cllr Sean Gilliland asked that they be made aware potential grants available for any further shortfall in funding.

**Page 10** – Cllr Pat Treanor stated that the Minister was failing to deal with housing issues and that the people had lost faith in him. Cllr Pat Treanor also added that the Council was are still waiting on clarification regarding the Ulster Canal project. Cllr Seamus Coyle added that news on the canal was great news but that the Municipal District must keep the pressure on regarding this. Cllr Sean Gilliland also welcomed the news on the development proposals for the canal.

**Page 14** – Cllr Pat Treanor spoke of his disappointment at the news that Ballybay was not to be included in the first tranche of flood relief works. Cllr Seamus Coyle and Cllr Sean Gilliland also added their disappointment. Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed that this Municipal District write to Minister Heather Humphreys inviting her to meet with them to discuss the flooding problems in Ballybay. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the additional correspondence relating to the renaming of council owned property. A discussion was had regarding this. It was agreed to advertise for names and then hold a public meeting. Further names could be suggested at this meeting. The amended protocol to be circulated to members before next month's meeting.

### **3. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator**

Mr Kevin McNally updated the members on the following:

#### **Ballybay-Economic and Public Realm plan**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, The Paul Hogarth Company held workshops in the schools in Ballybay to take on board the views of the school children. In order to give The Paul Hogarth Company time to incorporate the ideas generated at these workshops the programme for delivery of draft projects had been extended. In the meantime, the Municipal District have organised a detailed topographical survey of the O'Mahoney site which will also be used to inform the draft projects that may be undertaken in this area. The topographical survey has taken place and a design of the access road is currently being prepared. Once the draft projects have been finalised a second public consultation event. It is anticipated that this is likely to occur in mid July.

#### **Clones Market House**

As the members saw during our tour on Tuesday last the works for the refurbishment of the Clones Market House are well progressed. The contractor is reporting a delay in his works arising from various issues on site. It is hoped that the Municipal District will take possession the building in early July with Cavan Monaghan Rural transport occupying the current Municipal District building in early August. External pointing works will continue during July/ August – this will require scaffolding to be placed external to the building.

#### **Former Clones Post Office**

The Council is in the process of procuring a contractor to undertake the required works to refurbish the building – issues have arisen during the initial procurement process which have required the project to be retendered. The closing date for tenders 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

As advised at the last meeting 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. This review is currently ongoing. The consultant has undertaken a review of similar facilities in the Country and is meeting with various stakeholders. A draft report is proposed for July.

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

#### **Clones Renewal Scheme**

1. Preliminary layout designs have being developed for the various sites and submitted to the Department for stage 2 funded approval
2. Ground Investigation, Topographical Survey & Asbestos Surveys are nearing completion on site. Draft report has been submitted.
3. Part 8 documentation is being developed and will be submitted in due course.

#### **Bothar Na mullen – Scotstown**

Monaghan County Council housing section are continuing to explore a number of options for the unfinished Housing Development in Scotstown however no definitive plans for it have been agreed.

Separately 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.

### **Sliabh Beagh**

Tenders have been received and assessed for the development of a brand for the Sliabh Beagh area and also for the design and procurement of way marker signs. Contract has recently been awarded to the Paul Hogorth 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. Details of these works are currently being finalised. It is hoped to procure these works in the coming weeks.

### **Canal Stores**

Clones Development Society are processing the Town and Village Renewal project in the Clones Canal Stores. This project consists of the following elements:

- **Lace Gallery Design and Fitout**

A consultant has been appointed and is 4 weeks into 20 week programme

- **Logo/Branding**

The appointed consultant is 3 weeks into a 15 week programme

- **Website**

Preferred Consultant has been Identified – Appointment to be made Mid July so can tie into works being completed by Logo/Branding consultant and works in Lace Gallery. It is envisaged that the required works will take 8 weeks to develop the website.

- **Building to the rear of the Canal Stores**

We are awaiting decision from board as to the project they wish to proceed with for this space. Clones Development Society expect to lodge planning application for the required works in mid August.

### **Mr Colin Murphy 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 mid to late August as to when overlay works are carried out on the Municipal Districts roads. Works on the surface dressing programme are well under way. So far 4 of the 12 roads on the programme have been surface dressed.

#### **Town & Village Renewal Funding**

Doohamlet Project. The letter of Intent has been sent out to the proposed contractor for these works with a proposed start date in July.

**Newbliss Town Realm Plan,** -The contractor has been appointed and it is hoped that the equipment will be installed in the coming weeks

**Aghabog Footpath.**

The contractor has been appointed and it is hoped works will commence by the end of the month.

**Hedgecutting**

The annual hedge cutting on the N54 commenced this week. Once this is complete the contractor will move onto the junctions onto the Municipal Districts Regional Road Network.

**Ballybay Pedestrian Crossing**

The Contractor (P Denning) is due to commence works on the pedestrian crossing next week.

**Ballybay Roundabout**

The Contractor is due to commence works on the roundabout on the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Billy Fox Memorial Park**

Tender documents are currently being prepared for the works at Billy Fox Park and it is planned to go to tender by the end of the month. The majority of the work will consist of upgrading the paths, installing a viewing point at the waterfall, installing a small band stand type structure and fencing sections of the park. A few outstanding issues have to be clarified with Coilte in relation to the type of fencing and the roof finish to the band stand structure.

Cllr Sean Gilliland thanked Mr Kevin McNally and Mr Colin Murphy for their reports.

Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of Bothar na Mullan and the possibility of serviced sites, she welcomed the plans for parking at Corlatt. Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of Knockatallon Cross and stated that the dip in the road needs to be addressed urgently. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Councils Housing section were looking at options regarding Bothar na Mullan and no decision had been made.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked for clarification on the O'Mahoney site and the pedestrian crossing in Ballybay. Mr Kevin McNally stated that different proposals were still been investigated for the O'Mahoney site, Mr Colin Murphy stated that there would be a new layout for the pedestrian crossing in Ballybay.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked for clarification on the tendering process for the Post Office and the funding for Clones Renewal Scheme. He also added that the cinema site and the Lennard Arms need to be kept on the agenda. Mr Kevin McNally stated that there had been an issue with the original Post Office tender and that it was in the interest of best practice to reissue the tender. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the approved budget for the Clones Renewal Scheme was €3.7million.

Cllr Hughie McElvaney commented on how well the Market House looked, he also asked Mr Colin Murphy to look at issues with Pat Brannigan's road. Mr Colin Murphy said he would investigate this. All the councillors expressed their disappointment that the road resurfacing works would not be available until mid August.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the hedge cutting at dangerous junctions and Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked for an update speeding at Gransha School. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the council was waiting on recommendations from the TII.

### **3.a Matters arising from previous minutes**

Page 2 :- Cllr Pat Treanor commented on St Tiarnachs GAA and how it needs to be kept on the agenda.

Page 4 :- Cllr Seamus Coyle asked about the repairs to the bridge at Drum, Mr Colin Murphy said this was completed.

Page 4:- Cllr Pat Treanor spoke about the unsuccessful applications for Clar and he asked that the MD support these groups.

Page 5:- Cllr Cathy Bennett spoke on the work that the Hollywood committee carry out, they have made an application under the Town and Village scheme to go towards the upkeep of the park.

Page 5:- Cllr Sean Gilliland thanked the staff for the great work at the official openings in Doohamlet, he also thanked staff for the works been done at Loughmourne Rd.

Page 6:- Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke of the speeding issues that still exist in Newbliss, he asked could this be monitored. Cllr Seamus Coyle also asked about ramps in Rockcorry, Mr Colin Murphy stated that roads were to develop a new traffic calming policy.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked that the best wishes from the members be passed on to Declan McKenna and wished him well in his new role.

### **4. Questions**

**Cllr Cathy Bennett asked:**

1. Can the Ballybay-Clones Md please investigate the possibility of erecting a crash barrier at Kilmore football field, Scotstown. Yet another serious accident had occurred at this section of road. It had proven to be a very dangerous location and needs immediate safety measures implemented.

**Answer:**

The Ballybay-Clones Municipal District will investigate the suitability of erecting a crash barrier in the vicinity of Kilmore Football field, Scotstown, and if suitable will make a funding application under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme for 2019.

2. Following on from a previous Md response. Have the Ballybay Clones Md reviewed safety measures needed at Knockatallon cross. Presently a dangerous open verge on the bank is inevitably going to cause a fatal accident.

**Answer:**

Subject to agreement from the land owner it is the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District intention to pipe approximately 30m of the drain and level out this area. These works are programmed to be completed in Quarter 3.

3. Can the Ballybay-Clones Md please investigate and fix the serious of bumps on the Bog road approaching Scotstown.

**Answer:**

Remedial Works on the Bog Road approaching Scotstown are due to begin this week to address the most excessive bumps on the road at this location.

4. In relation to the New car parking spaces planned at Corlatt housing estate, Knockatallon. Can this Md please provide drawings of plans for the car parking spaces there.

**Answer:**

The Ballybay-Clones Municipal District will furnish the members with a drawing of the proposed parking spaces at Corlatt housing Estate.

5. Can Ballinode signs be erected at McPhilips cross, Killadonnelly Cross, Kipperadog Cross

**Answer:**

The Ballybay-Clones Municipal District will erect directional signs to Ballinode Village at the requested crossroads.

**5. Votes of Congratulations /Sympathy**

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Derek Mackeral for been nominated for the Billy Coleman award in Motor Sport

Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- The Bell family on the death of Seamus
- The Smyth family on the death of Dr Meave Smyth

**6. A.O.B.**

Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Largy College on the recent success of their transition year students and asked the council to consider any future funding requests regarding their trip to South Africa.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator

Date

16/07/2018