

## Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 10.00am in The Market House, Clones, Co Monaghan.

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

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

**In Attendance**        Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer, Roisin Moore (Nic an Iarla) Executive Engineer.

**Apologies**                Cllr Eva Humphreys & Cllr Seamus Coyle

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting

### **1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting**

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed the previous minutes, Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded the proposal and they were agreed by all.

### **2. Correspondence**

**Page 10** – Cllr Pat Treanor noted that he had spoken with ESB regarding the fault issue at Corrybrennan Pk. on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Pat Treanor added that it was extremely fortunate that there was not a serious injury or fatality due to the power surge. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this Municipal District write to the housing section of Monaghan County Council asking them to coordinate negotiations with the ESB on behalf of their tenants who were affected by the power surge. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

**Page 12** - Regarding correspondence received from the Dept of Rural Transport and Community Development, Cllr Cathy Bennett proposed that this Municipal District write to Minister Michael Ring TD asking him to extend Clar funding to all areas. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the additional correspondence from Clones Community Forum and proposed that this Municipal District support their request for funding for the Cassandra Hand Rose competition at the same level of support we gave them last year. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

### **3. Ulster Canal Greenway**

Ms Roisin Moore (Nic An Larla) gave her report on the proposed Ulster Canal Green way from Smithborough to Middletown. The members all thanked Ms Moore for the report. Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that he was glad to see that the landowners were been consulted regarding the project as they will play a massive role in its success. Cllr Pat Treanor spoke of the importance of Greenways. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked about the current works near to Maurice Grahams, he also asked about the term transport used in relation to the Greenway and enquired Fermanagh Omagh District Council were involved in this project. Ms Moore stated that works at Maurice Grahams were now complete and stated that the term transport is with reference to sustainable transport i.e. walking and cycling. Ms Moore said that the proposed Greenway will pass major employers in the area and it

is hoped that they will be used by employees who have no other form of transport. Regarding Fermanagh/Omagh District Council, Ms Moore stated that the Canal and Canal Greenways were included in all of the neighbouring local authorities' development plans. Cllr Cathy Bennett stated that she would like to see some sort of walkway/greenway included for Sliabh Beagh.

#### **4. Draft Budget 2019 for Ballybay Clones MD**

Mr Kevin McNally spoke on the proposed budget for 2019, he highlighted some issues and stated that extra funding was being sought in some areas. Mr Kevin McNally also added that proposed changes to the Municipal District Area would affect the roads budget.

Cllr Sean Gilliland spoke of the importance of funding being made available for the holding of football matches in St Tiarnachs park. He also thanked the staff for their hard work regarding Town and Village funding.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked could these figures be changed, he added that there were some big reductions in some of the road budgets. Cllr Pat Treanor added that the community was not happy with the state of our roads, Mr Kevin McNally stated that the roads budget will be dependent on government funding and that it had been decided at County Council level that the roads budget will be split based on the length of roads in the Municipal District rather than the condition of them.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney felt that we should be looking for an increase in our budget, Mr Adge King added that traditionally the draft budget was based on what we received in the previous year. A lot of the figures are based on government grants and may be increased or decreased. Mr King added that very few of the budget figures come from the revenue budget of Monaghan County Council. Mr Colin Murphy added that no matter what figure we request for roads we will only get our agreed Municipal District percentage of this funding. Mr Murphy added that our roads budget will drop by 3% due to changes to the Municipal District boundaries. Cllr Sean Gilliland asked that if the Councils road budget was doubled would the Municipal Districts budget be doubled minus 3%, Mr Colin Murphy agreed it would be.

Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of the funding for Hollywood Park, she added that no significant works had been done to Hollywood since the 1970s. Cllr Cathy Bennett stated that she was very disappointed that Hollywood had not received funding through Town and Village scheme and proposed that this Municipal District write to the Dept asking them to reconsider funding for Hollywood Park under the Town and Village scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney pointed out that there was no money in the budget for public lighting, Mr Adge King stated that this was done at county level.

#### **5. Report by Municipal District Coordinator**

**Mr Kevin McNally gave his report.**

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

As advised at the last meeting after a procurement process the Council has awarded the contract for the refurbishment of the former Clones Post office to Rodney Brady Ltd. Works have commenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will be completed by the end of Q1 2019. Separate procurement processes will be run for specialised items of fitout.

### **Clones Renewal Scheme**

Part 8 process has commenced. A number of projects had been brought to the Council meeting for its consideration. A separate Part Eight application had recently been lodged for development of the former flower shop and An Bonnan Bui buildings on Fermanagh Street. Separately Tenders are currently being sought for the demolition of the building adjacent to the Paragon bar. Closing date for these works are 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. This work will complement the work of our colleagues in the Councils Housing Section.

### **Ballybay**

The Paul Hogarth Company has been developing several draft proposals for draft projects in respect of the Ballybay Economic and Public Realm plan. The consultant is currently evaluating the feedback received at the Ballybay family fun day. A further meeting with the Ballybay Regeneration committee will be arranged in the next week.

### **Sliabh Beagh Branding**

A focus group meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August in respect of the proposed branding for the Sliabh Beagh area and for the design and procurement of way marker signs. A further meeting is planned for tomorrow at 7.00 in the Sliabh Beagh hotel. The Consultant has developed proposals, and these will be presented to the focus group for their feedback.

### **MD events**

Various projects/initiatives in the Municipal District have been shortlisted for awards – these are as follows:

- 9<sup>th</sup> November Dublin IEI Remodelling and refurbishment of Clones Market House (2 Complementary tickets provided)
- 17<sup>th</sup> November Vienna Finalist in the Innovation in Politics Awards Peace Link Project (Chair of MCC, MD Cllr Pat Treanor invited also CE)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November Chambers Ireland Dublin – Redevelopment of Ballybay Town Park (other sections of the Council have projects will be invited)
- 28<sup>th</sup> November Kilkenny Bank of Ireland Enterprise Towns event – Primarily Town Team but MD presence also (other MDs will be present)

### **Match funding requirement for clar schemes that MCC is delivering**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Funding Received</b>	<b>Required Match Funding from MD</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
<b>Swans Cross Bus Shelter</b>	19800	1980	21780
<b>Rockcorry N.S.</b>	13500	1350	14850
<b>Drumcorrin N.S Drum</b>	6750	675	7425
<b>Total</b>	40050	4005	44055

### **Mr Seamie Mc Mahon gave a report on the naming of the Municipal District building.**

At the request of the elected members of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District a process was started to rename the new offices of the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District.

An advertisement was placed in the Northern Standard on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September inviting members of the public to make submissions. The closing date for submissions was the 12<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00PM.

24 submissions were received, the proposed names were as follows:

- James Connolly House
- The Market House – The Old Market House -The Hinterland Market House
- Thomas Bracken House
- Sir Thomas Lipton
- Martin McCabe (former County Librarian)
- The Lennard Building
- Teach Tiarnach
- In honour of PJ Maguire former chairman (25 consecutive years) of Clones TC
- Nicholas Ellis House
- Clones Town Hall

“James Connolly House” was the most popular name with 9 submissions, one of these submissions came from Denis Sheridan SIPTU Industrial Organiser. This submission stated that it was on behalf of nearly 2000 SIPTU members in Monaghan.

The next most popular is “The Market House” with 5 submissions, these submissions include slight variances like the Old Market House and the Hinterland Market House.

“Thomas Bracken House” received 2 submissions and the other suggestions each received 1 submission.

A public consultation meeting will now take place to discuss all the submissions.

### **Mr Colin Murphy gave his report**

#### **Roads Programme**

The Bitmac Contractor has finished works on the adopted 2018 programme except for 1km on the R181 between Shantonagh and Shercock and all roads have now been surface dressed. There were additional patch repairs carried out by the Municipal District on the R212 Clones Scotshouse road as far as Bells cross when repairs were being carried out on behalf of Irish Water under the watermains replacement contract. The Municipal District also carried out works, consisting of spreading of plainings and surface dressing on the LT40121, at Ummerfree, Corduff as this is one of several particularly bad LT roads in this area. There have been a few small savings made on the Roads programme this year and it is proposed to use these savings to complete the 200m overlay on the extremely poor section of Regional Road at Corravaken Chapel in Rockcorry.

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

Doohamlet –Works are ongoing on the cycle path and It is anticipated that they will be complete by the second week in November

### **Aghabog Footpath.**

Works is ongoing on the footpath in Aghabog with a proposed completion date of the end of the month.

### **N54 Works**

The footpath out as far as the last house at Clonfad bridge on the N54 is complete and the contractor (Lagan) has started preparatory drainage works for the overlay from Applegreen to Clonfad bridge. Overlay Works are planned to start next week and last 2 weeks.

### **98<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Crossing (LCSI)**

A contractor has been appointed for works on the pedestrian crossing on 98<sup>th</sup> avenue with a projected start date of the end of October. Works should last under 2 weeks.

### **Junction with the R183-LP3200-Ballintra Chapel road**

The Municipal District had a valuation of the derelict bungalow on the corner of this junction carried out. On foot of this the owner of the property was offered the full value on the valuation for the property, which he declined. Roads Section are going to see if they can make any headway on the negotiations. In the meantime, the Municipal District are proceeding with upgrading the junction, including feedback signage, anti-skid surface, road lining, chevrons and additional signage on the approaches.

### **Billy Fox Memorial Park**

The contractor (James Oliver Hearty) has started upgrading works in the Park with a 4-6-week programme of works. (Path upgrade, fencing and viewing stand at waterfall)

### **Public Lighting**

There are 7 No lights in the estate at Lios Ghortin, Clones, and 12 No on the public road (Millbrook Road), which are not working. The Municipal District have used part of its public lighting allocation to have these lights repaired and replaced with new LEDs. In addition, the Municipal District proposed to energise a light in Ceim NaCarraige, Rockcorry and to underground public lighting cables in Doohamlet as part of the Cycle path works to supplement grant funding for lanterns provided by Corporate Services.

The members thanked everyone for their reports.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the proposed works to the lighting at Lios A Ghortin, regarding the proposed works on the N54 he asked have other utilities been contacted and would ducting be laid as part of this. Cllr Pat Treanor also asked about traffic calming in the area and asked could traffic feedback signs be erected. Cllr Pat Treanor asked about the proposed demolition of the building formerly Boyle Sports and about the next stage of the Clones Renewal Scheme.

Cllr Sean Gilliland congratulated all on the upcoming award ceremonies, and thanked Cllr Pat Treanor for the submission of The Peace Link to the Innovations of Politics Awards. Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that we adopt the matched Clar funding, this was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed

by all. Cllr Cathy Bennett also thanked Cllr Pat Treanor and stated that he should attend the event in Vienna.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney requested that Clones Town Hall should be included as a submission for the naming of the building. Cllr Hugh Mc Elvaney raised the issue of speeding at Gransha and stated that it was taking too long to get this addressed, he added that he hoped the new lights on 98 Ave would be done up to standard. Regarding the closure of the road between Swans Cross and Monaghan town, Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that the road should only be closed for 1 week and not the proposed 2.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that the crossing at 98 Avenue would be a raised Zebra Crossing, he added that the Municipal District would follow up with the TII regarding speeding at Gransha school. Mr Murphy also stated that utility companies had been informed about proposed works on N54 and that ducting would be laid and that it was too late to include traffic calming, but traffic feedback signs could be looked at for the area.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that it was hoped that works would begin on Clones Renewal Scheme in Q1 of 2019. Regarding the naming of the building Mr McNally stated that the Municipal District would recommend a name to the CPG and from there it would go before the full council. He stated that public consultation would take place in the next fortnight.

#### **6. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Page 3 - Cllr Cathy Bennett welcomed the works to be carried out at Bothar Na Mullan and asked for a report at next month's meeting.

Page 3 - Cllr Pat Treanor asked that a social clause be contained in the tendering of the Clones Renewal Scheme.

Page 3 – Cllr Cathy Bennett thanked all who were involved in the Sliabh Beagh Masterplan and asked can INTEREG or SEUPB be contacted to discuss walkways. Cllr Cathy Bennett proposed that this Municipal District seek funding for the Sliabh Beagh Masterplan so that it can reach its full potential, and also can the possibility of a Greenway be investigated for the area. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all. Cllr Sean Gilliland also congratulated everyone on the launch of the Masterplan.

Page 5 – Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the extension of the footpath on the N54, he also thanked landowners for allowing the works to be carried out on the River Finn.

#### **7. Chief Executive Orders**

Chief Executive orders BCMD 46/18 to 49/18 were noted by the members

#### **8. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Scotstown GAA on the recent success of their men's and women's teams

- Sean McDermott's GAA on the minors winning the Div. 2 Championship

9. **A.O.B**

Cllr Sean Gilliland thanked Cllr David Maxwell for attending at the signing of the various legal documents prior to today's meeting, he added that it was great to see that the works at the Old Post Office had begun and looked forward to its completion

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled November 19th at 10.00am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator

*Date*

*15/10/2018*