

**Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.**

**Chair:** Cllr D. Maxwell, Cathaoirleach

**Present:** Cllrs. Aughey, Bennett, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Connolly, Coyle, Crowe, Gilliland, Keelan, McElvaney, McKenna, McNally, O'Hanlon, P. Treanor and S. Treanor.

Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive, Mr. A. King, Mr. P. Clifford and Ms. P. Monahan, Directors of Services, Mr. J. Murray, Head of Finance, Mr. A. Hughes, Senior Planner, and Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator.

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach referred to the recent tragedy in Castleblayney which resulted in the death of Stephen Marron from Castleblayney. The Cathaoirleach paid tribute to the Castleblayney Fire Service and the Ambulance Service.

Cllr A. Campbell proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife, children, parents and wider family circle of the late Stephen Marron, RIP. Cllr J. Crowe seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Votes of sympathy were also recorded with Cllr Colm Carthy and the Carthy and Kelly families on the death of Mr. Tom Kelly RIP, uncle of Cllr Carthy and a former engineer with Carrickmacross UDC.

Sympathy was also extended to the family of the late Gabriella Bonner, Clones, RIP, a former member of Clones Town Council.

The Chief Executive associated himself and the staff with the votes of sympathy.

**1. Casual Vacancy:**

- (i) To fill casual vacancy on Monaghan County Council arising from the resignation of Cllr Eva Humphreys.

Cllr. Gilliland stated that he was delighted to propose the co-option of Richard Truell, Crappagh, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan, to fill the vacancy on Monaghan County Council for the Ballybay-Clones electoral area. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Campbell.

The Council unanimously agreed that Richard Truell be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy on Monaghan County Council.

Cllr Gilliland then introduced Cllr Truell to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr Truell and wished him well for the remaining term of the current Council. All members present congratulated Cllr Truell on his co-option.

The Chief Executive, Mr. E. O'Sullivan also welcomed Cllr. Truell and wished him every success during his term on the Council.

Cllr. Truell thanked his proposer and seconder, the Cathaoirleach, elected members and the Chief Executive for their warm welcome. He said he was looking forward to working with them

for the betterment of the county. He acknowledged the work done by his predecessor, Eva Humphreys, and wished her every success in her future career.

**(ii) To fill vacant positions on various Committees**

*On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Campbell, it was agreed that Cllr Truell would be elected to fill the vacant positions on the following Committees:*

- SPC for Transportation and Environment
- Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
- Disability Steering Committee
- Clones Erne East Partnership
- County Monaghan Heritage Forum

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

**(i) Minutes of Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

*On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, be confirmed.*

**(ii) Minutes of the Statutory Budget meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

*On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was agreed that the minutes of the Statutory Budget meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018, be confirmed.*

**3. Correspondence.**

**The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda for the meeting:**

- Letter from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Simon Coveney, T.D, regarding Brexit.
- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, T.D, regarding Brexit.
- Email from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality, Charlie Flanagan, T.D. regarding Brexit and its impact on Monaghan.
- Letter from the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris T.D, regarding Cervical Check.
- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, T.D, regarding Stand4Women Campaign.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Mr. Shane Ross regarding road issues and funding allocations.
- Letter from the Office of Public Works regarding Flood Schemes.
- Email from Irish Water regarding complaints procedure.
- Letter from Irish Water regarding the Irish Water Complaint Process.
- Letter from the Cathaoirleach of the 1916-1921 Club regarding The Centenary of the founding of the first Dáil.
- Letter from Senator Robbie Gallagher regarding the Tenant Purchase Scheme

- Email from Mr. Brendan Smith, T.D. regarding funding increase for the non-national road works programme.
- Resolution from Kilkenny County Council regarding DNA analysis of the children found in septic tanks in Tuam.
- Resolution from Kilkenny County Council regarding the immediate implementation of 24/7 Cardiac Care in UHW.
- Letter from Liam Kenny, AILG thanking CE and MCC staff for all their help at the Autumn Conference 2018.

**The following additional correspondence was circulated at the meeting:**

- Letter of acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality, Charlie Flanagan, T.D. regarding the death of Shane O'Farrell.

**Proposals arising out of correspondence:**

*On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr McNally it was agreed that this Council expresses serious disappointment at the correspondence from the Office of Public Works that the flood alleviation works under the CFRAM programme for Ballybay, Inniskeen and Monaghan Town are not in the first tranche of projects to be progressed and requests local Minister Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister with special responsibility for flooding, Kevin Boxer Moran TD to expedite these schemes.*

*Cllr Coyle proposed, Cllr McNally seconded that Monaghan County Council demands of the political parties to the Northern Ireland Assembly, in particular Sinn Fein and the DUP, an immediate resumption and intensification of negotiations to have the N.I. Executive resume its responsibilities for the people of Northern Ireland by whom they have been elected, at this critical time, in view of Brexit, etc.*

A vote by show of hands resulted in 9 for 7 against and 2 abstentions.

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion carried.

*Cllr O'Hanlon proposed, Cllr McNally seconded that the Council writes to An Taoiseach requesting, that in the event of a Hard Brexit, what additional Gardai, Custom officials and other facilities will be put in place along the border.*

A vote by show of hands resulted in 9 for, 8 against and 1 abstention. The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal carried.

**4. Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000**

The members considered the report from the Senior Planner in relation to the application for permission to consider demolition of both three storey properties, erect a temporary structural support to the adjoining buildings, to construct a three storey development containing 4no. 2 bed residential units and 2no. 1 bed residential units, with integrated bin stores and all associated site works at the premises known as An Bonnán Buí and The Flower Shop, Lower Fermanagh Street, Clones.

*On the proposal of Cllr Gilliland, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor it was agreed that the Council that the Council approve the granting of permission for the proposed demolition of both three storey properties, erect a temporary structural support to the adjoining buildings, to construct a three storey development containing 4no. 2 bed residential units and 2no. 1 bed residential units, with integrated bin stores and all associated site works at the premises known as An Bonnán Buí and The Flower Shop, Lower Fermanagh Street, Clones (Ref 18/8013) to comply with report from the Senior Planner and in accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2000.*

**5. To consider Section 183 Notice relating to the disposal of land at Drummond Otra, CMX**

The members noted the terms of the Section 183 notice in relation to the disposal of .0449 hectares at Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross. The disposal had previously been before the Council in July 2018, but due to a mapping error, the wrong area of land had been submitted. The error had now been corrected by the issue of a new Section 183 Notice in respect of the area being disposed of.

*On the proposal of Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr Keelan, it was agreed that the Council approve the disposal of .0449 hectares in the townland of Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross in accordance with the terms of notice dated 16 November, 2018 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.*

**6. To approve the following borrowing proposals for Council Projects**

The members noted the report from the Head of Finance recommending the raising of loans for the following projects:

- Clones Market House €1,300,000
- Landfill Capping and Remediation €700,000
- Monaghan Town Hall €1,500,000

*On the proposal of Cllr McElvaney, seconded by Cllr Gilliland it was agreed that the Council approve the raising of a loan of €1,300,000 for the Clones Market House refurbishment project in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Aughey it was agreed that the Council approve the raising of a loan of €700,000 for the Landfill capping and remediation, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Aughey, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that the Council approve the raising of a loan of €1,500,000 for the former Monaghan Town Council office refurbishment project in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001.*

**7. To consider Taking In Charge of Sean Mhuileann Estate, Ballinode**

The members noted the report from the Senior Planner recommending the taking in charge of Seán Mhuileann Estate, Ballinode.

*On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllrs Aughey and S. Treanor it was agreed that the Council approve the taking in charge of Sean Mhuileann Estate, Ballinode in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.*

**8. To consider the Noise Action Plan (2018-2023)**

Mr. Gary Toye, Assistant Engineer, gave a presentation to the elected members on the Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023. The Plan has been prepared by the Council for major roads carrying more than three million vehicles per annum, which in County Monaghan comprises the national road, N2 and small sections of regional roads around the towns of Monaghan (R162 & R937), Castleblayney (R181 and R938) and Carrickmacross (R927). This is the second plan devised for Co. Monaghan, the first one being for the period 2013-2016.

The purpose of the Plan is to endeavour to manage the existing noise environment on the N2 and major roads within the three towns and protect the future noise environment within the action planning area. Management of the existing noise environment will be achieved by prioritising areas for which further assessment of the future noise environment will be achieved through the planning process such as land-use planning, development planning, sound insulation measures, traffic planning and control of environmental noise sources.

Mr. Toye outlined the main points of the Plan and responded to queries from the elected members.

It was agreed that the Monaghan County Council Noise Action Plan 2018-2023 be noted.

**9. To consider MCC Draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy**

The members considered the Monaghan County Council Draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy. It was noted that the document had been considered by the PPN and the Joint Policing Committee. The draft Strategy applies where the Council has properties let under the Housing Acts 1966 to 2009; and properties subject to Chapter 4 tenancy agreements (Rental Accommodation Scheme). The strategy must also apply where the authority has provided sites for Travellers.

Following a short discussion on the matter, Cllr S. Treanor proposed, Cllr P. Treanor seconded, and it was agreed that the Monaghan County Council Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy be adopted.

*On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr Keelan it was agreed that this Council corresponds with the Minister for Justice, Charlie Flanagan TD and the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy TD seeking their direct intervention in resolving the protracted dispute between An Garda Síochána, local authorities and other stakeholders that is preventing the roll out of CCTV.*

*On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Conlon it was agreed that Monaghan County Council calls on the Gardai to patrol Dublin Street and Old Cross Square more vigilantly to prevent the anti social behaviour that is presently out of control and needs to be addressed urgently.*

**10. To consider nomination to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee**

*On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr S. Treanor, it was agreed that the Council approve the nomination of Mrs. Rosemary McDonald to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.*

**11. To consider recommendations and minutes from Corporate Policy Group**

*On the proposal of Cllr P. McNally, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, it was agreed that the Council approve the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 20 November 2018 and the recommendations contained therein.*

**12. To receive the Management Report – November 2018:**

The members noted the Management Report for the month of November which had been circulated with the agenda. The Chief Executive responded to a number of queries from the members in relation to the report.

**13. To receive reports from Members attending Conferences/Training events :**

The members noted the reports from Cllrs. Bennett, Conlon, Coyle, Gilliland, Maxwell & McNally in relation to their attendance at the following conferences/training events:

- Single Water Utility and Irish Water, Co Donegal
- AILG Training, Co Sligo
- AILG – Autumn Seminar, Co Monaghan
- LAMA Spring Training, Co Donegal
- AILG Training, Co Leitrim
- LAMA – Autumn Seminar, Co Kerry

**14. Business submitted by the Chief Executive.**

The Chief Executive informed the members, as follows:

**Monaghan Alerts** – Confirmation of gritting/salting will be notified via Monaghan Alerts to all those who had signed up to the alerts. He encouraged all members and members of the public to sign up to the alert service.

**Urban Regeneration Development Fund:** The Council had been allocated circa €900K under this fund to continue the design and implementation of the Dublin Street Regeneration Plan.

**Regional Enterprise Development Fund:** He welcomed the allocation of just under €5m for the Monaghan Bio Connect Research Centre which will be located at the Monaghan Mushrooms complex. Bio Connect will provide for 250 biotech direct jobs 150 of which will be new.

**North East Engineering Network:** Monaghan County Council has established a company, in partnership with Louth and Cavan County Councils and DKIT. The local authority partners will contribute €40,000 to the project, with the EI RDF contributing €250,000. It is hoped that the project will culminate in the development of an engineering centre of excellence in the region.

**Visit to Alytus, Lithuania:**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr D. Maxwell informed the members that he had led a delegation to Alytus in Lithuania the previous weekend, with a view to bringing the Agreement of Friendship between the Monaghan and Alytus to a formal twinning. The visit to Alytus had been very informative and he stated that it was proposed that children from a school in Alytus would link up with a school in Monaghan in April 2019

**15. Update on N2 National Primary Road Schemes**

Ms. P. Monahan informed the members that a pre-start meeting had been held the previous day between officials from the Council's Roads Section and the Consultants for the project – Jacobs Engineering to discuss such matters as mobilising offices, preliminaries and the work programme. She stated that it was hoped to sign the contract in early December and that the Consultants would attend the monthly Steering Group meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The duration of the contract was forty months. As indicated previously, the Consultants would meet with CPG/Council and she expected that this would take place at the end of Q1 2019.

**16. Matters arising out of the minutes of Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.**

Matters arising out of the minutes of Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November were responded to by the relevant officials.

**17. To receive update on North South Interconnector project.**

Following a discussion on this item it was agreed that the requests/motions put forward at the November Council meeting would be renewed.

**18. To receive update on the Ulster Canal project.**

In response to a query from Cllr P. Treanor, the Chief Executive stated that no allocation had been received under the first tranche of funding under the Rural Regeneration Fund. There will be a further announcement early in 2019 and he would be hopeful that the Ulster Canal project would be allocated funding.

**19. Questions:**

**Cllr P. Connolly asked:**

1. In view of the Unfinished Development (UFD) "Chapel Court" Carrickroe
  - (a) In view of the dilapidated condition of the stonework on the exterior of the development what plans have Monaghan County Council to erect guttering to prevent further deterioration to the stonework?
  - (b) In view of the fact that "Chapel Court" is empty and unfinished and empty for approximately 12 years will Monaghan County Council consider doing a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on this premises a view to when acquired putting the property forward for auction?

**Reply: The Council are currently investigating the possibility of acquiring this property through the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act.**

2. In relation to the Unfinished Development (UFD) of 6 houses at Cnoc Na Greine, Tydavnet Village and the fact that these houses remain unfinished and unoccupied for well in excess of 12 years and despite the fact that there is an acute shortage of houses for sale in the area and that a demand for such houses exists and the fact that Monaghan County Council have tried on a number of occasions to negotiate with the new owners in recent years to ensure a resolution and completion of this development to no avail will Monaghan County Council now consider doing a Compulsory Purchase of this UFD and when complete put the houses up for sale on the open market? The Village community welcome the recent enhancement works carried out by Monaghan County Council at this site.

**Reply: Monaghan County Council has offered to purchase six unfinished houses at Cnoc na Greine however the Developer has indicated that as market prices are increasing to a level that will make completion of the houses feasible there is an intention to complete the houses and sell them on the open market in the near future. Monaghan County Council has considered the possibility of acquiring the houses through the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process however given that market prices are increasing and the houses in question are not considered to be derelict the CPO process will not be used at present. Monaghan County Council will keep the situation under review and will consider acquisition of the houses through the CPO process if the houses do not come to the market.**

**Cllr C. Carthy asked:**

3. Will the Local Enterprise Office consider sending a correspondence letter to all businesses and commercial rate payers in the county highlighting services, courses and supports available to them through the LEO (i.e. website support, training in social media, marketing etc)?

**Reply : Monaghan LEO has a data large data base of LEO clients and rate payers which we use to communicate on a regular basis. Larger industries would not qualify for assistance as our brief is to assist companies with less than ten employees. In relation to commercial rate payers, the LEO remit excludes the retail and service sector, but we do facilitate training and support for these sectors through town teams and local chambers. In relation to training,**



**we advertise programmes and courses regularly in the local press. All companies can apply but in general we target small SMEs.**

**Cllr C. Carthy asked:**

4. When is it envisaged the initial results of the re-valuation of rates in Co. Monaghan will be completed?

**Reply: Provisional valuation certificates (PVC) to be issued to rate customers in March 2019.  
Representations to be received by the valuation office within 40 days  
Final valuation certificates to be issued to rate customers in September 2019.  
New valuations to apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.**

5. In welcoming the newly published walking guide to south Monaghan, has Monaghan County Council any plans to signpost these walks at indicated points of interest?

**Reply: Monaghan County Council supported the design and print of these walking guides, published by Carrickmacross Tourism. A risk assessment of walking routes is required before appropriate signage can be considered.**

6. The Giant's Causeway in Co. Antrim is a huge visitor attraction and is seen by a high volume of tourists; has Monaghan County Council ever sought to market 'Finn McColl's seat' just outside Carrickmacross as part of Ireland's Ancient East? If not, would the Tourism section consider this as a project to try and attract increased tourism to south Monaghan?

**Reply: Preparatory funding has been sought through LEADER to appoint consultants to develop plans for key heritage sites in the county which offer the most potential in terms of attracting future visitors.**

7. When is it envisaged the funding applications made by Monaghan County to the Rural Regeneration Fund will receive confirmation on whether they have been successful or not?

**Reply: An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, T.D., and the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring, T.D., announced details of the first set of successful applicants under Category 1 for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. It should be noted that this was an initial announcement of successful applicants. Due to the high volume of applications for the Fund in both Categories 1 and 2, Category 1 applications were prioritised in the process, which remains ongoing. It is expected that there will be further announcements of successful applicants, in both Categories 1 and 2, early in 2019.**

**Cllr N. Keelan asked:**

8. In welcoming the introduction of the Local Lane Improvement Scheme (LIS), how many lanes are currently on the waiting list for surfacing across the county; how many lanes were taken off the list and why; also will this Council advertise the fact that this scheme will close for applications on the 31st of December 2018 until further notice?

**Reply: There are currently 87 lanes on the list. 82 lanes were taken off the list for various reasons including: works were already completed, eligibility reasons such as only one**

landowner or there was no occupied dwelling on the lane. The scheme application deadline was advertised on the 4<sup>th</sup> October in the local press and this advert is also in the Northern Stand dated 29<sup>th</sup> November and on the Monaghan County Council website and social media pages.

**Cllr N. Keelan asked:**

9. As discussed at the County Council Budget meeting on the 20th of November last, what savings have been made in monetary terms since the abolition of the five town councils in 2014, namely Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Monaghan, Ballybay and Clones given that the number of council seats have been reduced by 47 Town Council members to 18 County Council seats?

**Reply: Based on expenditure for 2013, the last full year in which the Town Councils were in operation the estimated annual saving is €348,000.**

10. What role has this Council in relation to ongoing monitoring and policing of planning conditions etc. of heavy industry, such as the mining and quarrying industry?

**Reply: The Planning Authority is legally required to investigate and take specific steps where it becomes aware that unauthorised development has been or is being carried out. Such unauthorised development may relate to physical works and / or the non-compliance with conditions attached to a planning permission. The Planning Authority does not conduct an ongoing process of compliance monitoring of all permissions**

11. In relation to the risk of E.Coli infection what actions, if any, is this Council taking, in conjunction with Irish Water, to carry out ongoing testing and inspections of water sources including wells across the county?

**Reply: For all public supplies Monaghan County Council in conjunction with Irish Water carry out sampling every month at the consumers tap. Up to the end of October 2018 78 regulatory samples have been taken in Monaghan all of which are tested for the presence of E Coli. If E Coli is found in a sample the EPA and HSE will be notified.**

**For private group water schemes Monaghan Council are the supervisory authority. As part of this function we arrange for the sampling and testing of all group water schemes in the county. Up to the end of October 2018 113 regulatory samples have been taken all of which are tested for E Coli. If E Coli is found in a sample the GWS and HSE are notified.**

**On confirmation of detection of E Coli the HSE will issue an advice to Irish Water or Monaghan County Council were relevant, on what action should be taken up to and including issue of a boil notice.**

**Results from testing are available online at [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie) or [www.monaghan.ie](http://www.monaghan.ie) or on request.**

**Responsibility for monitoring quality of water supplies from private sources e.g. well or borehole which supply individual private dwellings is with the individual home owner. Such home owners may be eligible for a well grant to upgrade their water supply and/or install water treatment systems by applying to Monaghan County Council.**

**Cllr N. Keelan asked:**

12. In the interest of road safety when will the 60km speed limit be moved out past the very busy bus-stop adjacent to the Dundalk road and N2 Carrickmacross bypass as discussed and raised on numerous occasions at council level?

**Reply: The County speed limit reviews continue with the TII on a pre-determined time line and once completed by February 2019, the speed limit applications will be submitted for adoption. Referencing the bus-stop adjacent to the Dundalk Road and N2 Carrickmacross Bypass, a survey of speed patterns was conducted in September. Based on the recently reported findings, the TII Consultant concurs that a speed limit of 60/km/hr is deemed more appropriate for this location.**

**Cllr A. Campbell asked:**

13. In welcoming the extra allocation of €290,841 for the LIS scheme to improve local lanes in rural areas.

- (a) Can the Council outline how many extra lanes will be covered by this allocation?

**Reply: 15 local lanes will be completed by year end.**

- (b) Have the Council wrote to Department seeking an increase on this for next year and also that this funding is allocated earlier in the year?

**Reply: Yes.**

14. What the latest update on the proposed upgrade of the N2 between Castleblayney to Ardee?

**Reply: A design consultant has been appointed to take the works to Phase 4 design.**

- (a) What is the exact scope of work proposed?

**Reply: The Consultant is appointed to provide engineering consultancy services through Phases 0/1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Process. This includes Scheme Concept and Feasibility studies, Route Selection, Design, Environmental Evaluation and the Statutory Process.**

- (b) What timeframe is this work envisaged to take?

**Reply: Design phases to be completed within four years. All Phases 0/1 to 4 are programmed to be complete within four years.**

15. Within the area of Castleblayney/Carrickmacross around housing with applicants who are on the waiting lists for housing.

- (a) How many applicants are receiving HAP payments?

**Reply: 190 of these are in the Municipal District of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney.**

- (b) How many applicants are receiving RAS payments?

**Reply: Castleblayney/Carrickmacross MD = 32**

**Cllr P. Treanor asked:**

16. When will the new Council houses at Maple Grove, Smithborough be completed and occupied?

**Reply: Maple Grove will be substantially completed in December 2018 and occupied in Quarter 1 2019.**

17. When will the Oaklee houses at Eanaigh Ealta, Clones, be completed and occupied?

**Reply: Oaklee Housing Association have informed us that the properties are now completed – November 2018. The Housing Authority have made their nominations and the Housing Association will be carrying out their assessments including interviewing the nominated households.**

18. What is the timeline for having the derelict buildings on Fermanagh Street and Analore Street, Clones, be demolished, rebuilt, and occupied?

**Reply: Estimated Programme;**

- **Appoint Contractor Q1 2019**
- **Begin Demolition Q1 2019**
- **Substantial Completion Q3 2020**
- **Begin Occupation Q4 2020**

**These dates are subject to Stage 3 approval to proceed to Tender and Stage 4 Approval to appoint a contractor being Approved by the Department for Housing, Planning and Local Government.**

**16. Notices of Motion:**

**Cllr P. Treanor proposed, Cllr B. McKenna seconded:**

1. That this Council asks the Minister for Health to request the H.S.E. to include the Medical Report, required by a person over 70 applying for a driving licence for a car, to be included in the Medical Card services.

Currently, if you're under 70 the fee for a 10 year licence is €55. It is free for over 70's, but a Medical Report is required. This can cost €40 - €60 for a visit to your G.P.

If the person over 70 has an illness that limits their licence to 1 year, that means a visit to the G.P. each year for 10 years, costing nearly 10 times the fee to an under 70's person.

That if passed, this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities and local Oireachtas Members, seeking their support.

Following a short debate on the motion, the Cathaoirleach put it to the members and it was agreed.

**Cllr S. Conlon proposed, Cllr B. McKenna seconded:**

2. That Monaghan County Council writes again to the National Ambulance Service representatives William Merriman and Tom Howell, seeking clarification on the commitments given that 'six additional paramedics were being assigned to Monaghan in the near future.

Following a short debate on the motion, the Cathaoirleach put it to the members and it was agreed.

**17. Votes of sympathy/congratulations.**

It was agreed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the following:

- The family of the late Professor Brendan O’Grady, RIP late of Prince Edward Island Canada.
- Cllr Paudge Connolly on the death of his aunt.

It was agreed that a vote of congratulations would be extended to the following:

- St. Mary’s N.S. Threemilehouse on winning the Leon Quinlan Memorial Award for delivering the Water Safety Primary School Aquatics Programme.
- Truagh Gaels GFC on winning the Senior Football League.
- Truagh Gaels GFC on winning the U17 football League Division 3 final
- Monaghan Harps GFC on winning the U17 Football League Division 1 final.

**18. Conferences/Training**

*On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Crowe it was agreed that the Council be represented at the following conferences by the member listed.*

Promoting Authority	Subject/Theme	Venue	Dates	Members Selected
<b>Celtic Conferences</b>	‘Entitlement to Health Services’	The Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	Cllr. D. Maxwell

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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