

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at 3.00pm.**

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian McKenna presided.

**Present:** Cllrs. Paudge Connolly, Raymond Aughey, David Maxwell, Sean Conlon.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Seamus Treanor

**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, An Cathaoirleach welcomed Kieran Murtagh and Agne Slikaite from the Coral Leisure Centre.

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Aughey, seconded by Cllr. Connolly, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be confirmed.

#### **2. Matters arising:**

Cllr Maxwell asked for progress on the signage for Rossmore Park. Mr McElwain responded that signs for Car Park was in place last week, fingerpost signs have arrived and will be erected shortly and are waiting on maps from Coillte.

#### **3. Presentation on Coral Leisure Centre:**

A presentation on the subject of Nutrition, Healthy Eating and Obesity in childhood was given by Kieran from Coral Leisure Centre.

A discussion took place. All members thanked the Coral Leisure Staff for their hard work in visiting schools with information and highlighting ways to combat obesity.

Cllr McKenna thanked Kieran and Agne for their presentation.

#### **4. Presentation by Monaghan Town Team:**

Cllr McKenna welcomed Alan and Trevor who gave a presentation on the Town.

Cllr Maxwell proposed they go into committee to discuss the Switch-On of the Christmas Lights, seconded by Cllr Conlon.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Aughey the meeting came out of committee.

Cllr Conlon asked the Executive to follow up on the ban of lorries from the town.

Cllr Conlon asked that a Pay Parking App be investigated.

Cllr Aughey stated that the location of the Town Team Co-ordinator should be central to the town and asked the Executive to consider moving him back. Mr Murray advised that he will bring their recommendation to Corporate and will have a response for the November meeting.

Trevor advised that he will submit the Budget request for the Town Team in writing to the members.

Cllr McKenna thanked them both for their presentation.

## **5. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:**

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members. The report was discussed and questions raised answered.

Cllr Connolly asked for the result of the Glaslough Car Park survey to which Mr McElwain responded that he will email summary to the members. The members requested that the survey to include a weekend day.

Cllr McKenna advised that he had received complaints regarding the length of time the roadworks at Corracrin were taking and sought clarification for the reason for delay.

Mr McElwain stated that he will seek a report from Roads Section. Cllr Maxwell proposed that a monthly update be obtained and emailed to members.

Cllr Maxwell requested that an Information sign be erected stating date of commencement and completion of road works from Coolshannagh to Flack's Garage. Also, there are now two lanes from the Bye-Pass to Bogues when there is only room for one. Mr McElwain to refer the matter to Roads Section.

Cllr Aughey reported a hole dug with a cone in it at Teagasc, Coolshannagh to which Mr Deeney responded it will be investigated.

Cllr Connolly asked for a report on cameras at Scotstown Junction and also Annyalla to which Mr McElwain responded that Roads have the on-site survey completed but required time to put the report together.

Cllr Connolly asked could the Contractor be requested to finish the wall at the Convent to which Mr McElwain responded that he has asked the contractor either to complete the wall or to move the Barrier on the footpath in tight against the wall.

## **6. Questions and Answers:**

Cllr Aughey asked:

1)When does Monaghan MD intend to replace the broken trees in the Lower Courthouse car park?

**Response: Monaghan MD will consider planting replacement trees in the current planting season.**

2)What are Monaghan MD 'S plans to replace the temporary Monaghan Foodie Destination welcome signs with more permanent welcome signs on the approach roads to the town?

**Response: The Monaghan MD has applied to Traffic Infrastructure Ireland (TII) through our Road Section for Welcome to Monaghan Signage. The Road Section have been in discussion with the TII on design.**

3)Can Monaghan MD investigate implementing the Shop Front Scheme Grant, Paint Grants and Painting Grants for businesses and premises within the Monaghan MD area?

**Response: The Monaghan MD are not aware of any current Shop Front Scheme Grant available. The MD will continue to investigate and seek such grants should they be launched.**

4) Can Monaghan MD conduct a traffic survey report on the Clones Road from the Margaret Skinnader Roundabout as far as the Monaghan Business Park on the Clones Road including all junctions and accesses and liaise with all relevant stakeholders?

**Response: In order to carry out comprehensive traffic survey, a significant budget and resources would be required to monitor all the junctions and accesses at the locations specified. However, we can confirm that traffic surveys have been completed recently for the R186 / N54 Junction and will be assessed within the next 2 weeks.**

**Additional Traffic surveys are planned on the N54 Clones Road and N2 in the next few weeks. Furthermore, there are traffic count surveys planned to be carried out for the Margaret Skinnader Roundabout in 2019 as part of TII Safety Scheme for this location. Monaghan County Council in conjunction with the TII have targeted funding for upgrading of the roundabout.**

Cllr Connolly asked:

1) What plans have Monaghan MD to erect safety barriers on sections of the Killyneil road between Castleshane and the Armagh road (Old Creamery) due to the fact that in places there are 2 to 3 metre drops in the roadway without any form of protection?

**Response: Before considering the erection of a crash barrier to current TII standards, certain parameters must be considered such as setback working width and clear zone. To meet these standards substantial additional works would be required such as verge widening for working width and barrier pinning works to support barrier posts as most of this road is built over soft ground. This would require significant budget and resources to carry out to meet current standards and as such there is no plan to have this put in place.**

Cllr McKenna asked:

1. Will this Municipal District ensure that the walkway from Old Cross Square to the housing development in Rooskey Vale is power washed as it is in a poor state following the recent cleaning of the Shambles river?

**Response: This query was investigated and the walkway in question was in good condition at the time of inspection with no debris evident following recent works on the Shambles River. The contractor as part of his works swept the walkway.**

## **7. Correspondence:**

Letter from Minister for Justice dated 21 September acknowledging receipt of letter regarding CCTV.

Letter of thanks from Monaghan Model School dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Letter from Helen Murphy dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Letter from an Garda Siochana dated 12<sup>th</sup> October regarding Cois Cnoic.

## **8. Congratulations:**

Darren and Denise McKenna on winning the NDC & Kerrygold Quality Milk Awards.

## 9. AOB:

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Aughey, all members agreed that we write to the HSE Dublin NE with regard to the ambulance service in the North Monaghan area asking the following:

1. What are the current staffing/crew levels attached to the ambulance base at Roosky Monaghan for each day of the week on a 7-day 24 hour basis?
2. What plans are there to increase the level of ambulance crews based at Roosky in Monaghan town?
3. In relation to emergency health situations and in the event of major trauma following an accident is the Northern Ireland Helicopter Emergency Medical Service permitted to land in the Republic of Ireland to attend to emergencies and trauma cases?

Cllr Maxwell asked that we write to O'Brien Press, publishers of Irelands Ancient East, requesting them not to print anymore until the anomaly is changed and Monaghan promoted.

Cllr Maxwell requested we go into committee to discuss a letter of complaint.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 15th Day of October 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meetings Administrator