

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 16th July, 2018 at 3.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian McKenna presided.

Present: Cllrs. Paudge Connolly, Raymond Aughey, David Maxwell, Seamus Treanor.

Apologies: Cllr. Sean Conlon

In Attendance: Nuala Woods, Acting Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Treanor, seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 18th June, 2018 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr Treanor asked for an update on the taking in charge of Dummies Lane to which Mr McElwain responded that this is a private lane which the Council have been asked to take in charge. There has been a change in Solicitor and he will request a report from this Solicitor for our next meeting.

Cllr Maxwell asked to make a Statement before the meeting went ahead and all members agreed. He said that Cllr Treanor stated at the June MD meeting that Cllr Carthy was at the first County Council meeting in 2014 which Cllr Maxwell denied that he was there and called Cllr Treanor a liar. He added that he had since checked the minutes and Cllr Carthy was in fact at the meeting. Cllr Maxwell wished to withdraw his comments and apologised to Cllr Treanor for calling him a liar.

Cllr Maxwell added that Cllr Treanor stated at the June meeting that himself and Cllr McKenna were shoehorned to meetings and getting €1000 per week, and that Cllr Treanor refunded €23,500 to the Council Executive. Cllr Maxwell checked this and advised the meeting that the expenses were never claimed by Cllr Treanor so therefore were not refunded.

Cllr Treanor advised that anti-social behaviour was ongoing at Horseshoe bridge and asked could anything be done. Mr McElwain advised that a new camera has been installed we will monitor the situation.

Cllr Connolly asked that we write to the Department seeking clarification on CCTV issues.

Cllr Aughey asked for an update on LUTS to which Mr McElwain responded that a meeting will be arranged.

Cllr Aughey advised that there is a lot of anti-social behaviour taking place at Oriel Park Playground and that the Teach na nDaoine Association have requested a meeting to discuss the situation. Meeting to be arranged.

3. Expression of Interest Form for Events in Public Space:

An Expression of Interest Form was submitted by An Puc Fada to erect a Marquee on Mill Street and 5 no picnic benches for the Blues Festival from the 8th to 10th September. On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McKenna, it was agreed to consent to this and all members agreed.

4. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

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

Cllr McKenna queried when would the Report on Emyvale Public Realm be finalised to which Mr McElwain responded that the deadline was extended and would have report for September meeting.

Cllr McKenna congratulated Monaghan Town on achieving runner up in the National Best Kept Town in Ireland. Cllr Connolly asked was Ghost Trail Event taking place in Rossmore and that every encouragement should be given to Friends of Rossmore Society for this Event.

All members agreed to subject to Public Consultation if Road Closure Application submitted for Monaghan Town Runners 10 miler.

Cllr McKenna commended all concerned with the development of the Roddy Den Drum structure.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Treanor, all members agreed to go into committee to discuss the Giants Project in Rossmore Park.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, all agreed to come out of committee.

Cllr McKenna announced that all members agreed to allocate €10,000 towards completing the hands of the Giant structure in Rossmore Park and €15,000 towards a second giant in conjunction with playground works.

Cllr McKenna complimented the company who carried out the road overlay works in the town. Cllr Treanor concurred and asked that hedges on footpaths at Stanley Terrace, Mullaghduin to Cornacassa be trimmed. Cllr Connolly added the footpath leading to Rossmore Park also needs attention.

Cllr Maxwell explained the reason why no road overlay was carried out at this time on the North Road was because the TII are allocating a bigger grant next year towards this road as more substantial works were required.

5. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1. In view of the restricted nature of car parking adjacent to the children's playground in Ard Bannagher, Glaslough and the fact the traffic movement in a restricted space could pose a danger for children what plans have Monaghan Municipal District to create additional car space and parking to make the area safe for children?

Response: Monaghan Municipal District will carry out a parking survey in this estate and investigate the need for additional car parking spaces and proposed locations.

Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Can the MD contact TII with regard to safety for the increasing number of pedestrians on the N2 between the junction at Knockconan and St Mellans GFC?

Response: Monaghan Municipal District will refer your query to the Roads Section for discussion with the TII.

2. Does the MD have any plans to deal with the loose stones on the Cycle Lane Monaghan to Emyvale in the verges, treacherous for runners/ bikers ?

Response: Monaghan Municipal District will arrange to have the hard verge along the realigned section of the Emyvale Road swept under national road maintenance works.

3. Can the MD state what steps it is taking to combat the lack of signage within Rossmore Park?

Response: The trail marker posts are in place. The associated walking route maps have been agreed and finalised with Coillte. The trailhead signs have been ordered for the park and are due in end July/early August.

Cllr Sean Conlon asked:

1. Can the Municipal District confirm to members that following a query I made at the May County Council meeting regarding the Moyles junction at Rackwallace, has the request been submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for the installation of a right turn lane at this hazardous junction on the N2 south of Monaghan Town?

Response: The N2 / L5520 Junction at Moyles was assessed by Monaghan County Council in 2016 regarding the possible provision of a Ghost Right Turn provision. Due to low AADT, absence of recorded collisions associated with right turn movements and no indication of through flow being inhibited; It was recommended not to provide a Ghost Right Turn provision.

Also, this site in the two years since has not been identified by the TII through the Network Safety Analysis which is an annual safety review based on recorded collisions on all national roads. However, Monaghan County Council will undertake a review of this 2016 Report in conjunction with the TII Safety Section.

6. Correspondence:

Letter from An Garda Síochána dated 26th June regarding re-marked layout at New Terrace and N54 Derry Road.

Letter from Dept of Rural and Community Development dated 27th June in relation to alternative grant aid for the Public Defibrillators Scheme.

7. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to:

Fr. Sean Mulligan on being ordained a priest in our Diocese.

The Monaghan Town Country Music Festival and volunteers for all their good work on another successful festival.

8. AOB:

Cllr Treanor criticised the two major parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael for their decision not to contest the next Election for the position of Irish President.

Cllr Connolly stated that Road Signs and Bollards need to be cleaned.

He added that the Tydavnet Junction is extremely dangerous and suggested that a surveillance camera should be installed for a period of time to which Mr McElwain responded that he will bring the request to the Roads Section.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 18th Day of July 2018

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator