

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 17th December 2018 at 3.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian McKenna presided.

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

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 commended Monaghan Town Centre Co-ordinator, Trevor Connolly and all concerned on winning the Best Enterprising Town at the National Enterprise Town Awards 2018 held at a ceremony in Kilkenny.
Cllr McKenna also welcomed 9.5 million fund under Peace IV for the development of a new Peace Campus at the Machinery Yard site. He also welcomed the recent funding for the Bio-Technology Innovation Centre which is expected to attract 250 hi-tech jobs.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 19th November 2018 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr Maxwell asked for a Report on LUTS to which Mr Murray responded that it has gone to TII for their input and will be presented early in the New Year.
Cllr Connolly asked for an update regarding his previous question on High Street/Mill Street.
Cllr Maxwell asked when the signage for Rossmore would be erected to which Mr McElwain responded signage and maps for walking routes will be erected early January.
Cllr Conlon asked for update on Belgium Park wall to which Mr Deeney responded that he had contacted the Heritage Officer and the MD will seek funding for works.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.
Cllr Connolly stated that the Emyvale Community Plan was a great document and hoped that the public will give their input, also the community meeting held in Ballinode was good with the people of the area giving their own ideas.
Cllr Aughey congratulated the Town Team on winning the Best Enterprising Town Regional Award.
Detailed works for the €421,000 fund received under the Outdoor Recreation Scheme to be circulated to the Members.

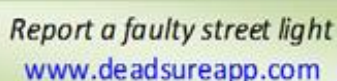
4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1. To ask Monaghan MD for an update into the proposed survey in relation to a previous request for increased car parking spaces adjacent to the play/recreation area in Ard Bannagher Glaslough with a view to leaving it a safer place for children to play?
Response: Data will not be available to provide a response until Monday 17th December.
2. To ask Monaghan MD for an update in relation to the recent survey carried regarding traffic turning difficulties at the Tydavnet/ Clones Rd junction?
Response: A camera Survey was commissioned for the junction of the N54 Clones Rd (R166 Scotstown Road) junction to assess the turning movements of various categories of vehicles at the junction. The results are required to be analysed and a report will be forthcoming in the New Year.

Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Can the MD outline the current position with the Monaghan CCTV Scheme and provide an update for members in this matter?
Response: The CCTV scheme is held up nationally as the local authorities are still in dispute with the role of the Data Controller as conditioned in the Department of Justice Grant Scheme.
2. Can the MD outline what steps and actions it is taking to counteract Anti-Social Behaviour in the Car Parks and surrounding areas of Peter's Lake?
Response: The Municipal District ensure areas are lit to required standards. Seating and a picnic bench have been removed from the North Road side of the lake, and the MD are also cutting back landscaping to ensure areas are open and over looked. All complaints are also reported to the Gardai.
3. Can the MD liaise with all the stakeholders and investigate the possibility of contracting a private security company to monitor the public car parks in the town as a deterrent to curb Anti-Social behaviour?
Response: The proposed Monaghan Town CCTV is still the best solution to the monitoring of the public car parks in the town and the Municipal District will advance this scheme when the current impasse is resolved.
4. Can the MD conduct a public lighting feasibility study and liaise with the relevant stakeholders in the small entry leading from Old Cross Square to Saint Davnet's Complex?
Response: There are a number of public lights out of order at present. The Council have been in contact with the relevant stakeholders to get all existing lights repaired. Monaghan County Council has set up the deadsure app where the public can report a faulty public light directly on the system. The app can be accessed on the Monaghan County council website, under Report it.



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www.deadsureapp.com

5. Can the MD outline what plans it has to extend or gain access to more Long Stay Parking spaces in the main Car parks in the town surrounds?

Response: As per the Car Park Strategy there is sufficient number of long stay car parking spaces in the town. The Council are still seeking and progressing additional car parking to cater for future needs.

Cllr McKenna asked:

1. Has the traffic survey through Clontibret village been completed; what were the findings and what, if any, proposals are there to control the speeding of vehicles through the village?

Response: The traffic survey in Clontibret was conducted for seven days and completed on the 8th October 2018. The findings are attached. Proposals been considered are outlined on the attached draft drawing and in summary the preliminary findings call on the need to re-erect 2 no. speed activated feedback signs. When these signs are erected in early 2019 a traffic survey will be reconducted accessing if road user behaviours have changed and to establish if further traffic calming measures are required.

2. That a speed survey is carried out on the stretch of road from Connolly's Bridge towards Ballinode past McAree Engineering for a distance of approximately 700 metres to determine what measures are required to slow speeding traffic leaving the village.

Response: A traffic movement survey can be established at this location before year end.

5. Sympathy:

To Noel Treanor on the death of Pat Meehan, Tamlet, Emyvale, Co Monaghan.

To David Hamill on the death of his father, Jim Hamill, Killyconnigan, Monaghan.

To Fern Ross on the death of her father Gary Ross, Tamla, Monaghan.

6. AOB:

Cllr McKenna wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 17th Day of December 2018

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator