

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 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:** John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Matthew Lambe, Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer.

At the outset, An Cathaoirleach congratulated the Town Team and all concerned on coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the Foodie Destination Awards and wished them well in the future, congratulated all concerned on another successful Blues Festival and all members agreed.

Cllr Maxwell proposed that the Town Team give a presentation on an Overview and Update for Christmas at our October meeting.

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be confirmed.

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

Cllr Aughey queried any progress on Oriel Park to which Mr McElwain responded the Sports Capital Grant is now open for applications and an application will be made to resurface the MUGA. The Sports Capital Grant is not suitable for playgrounds.

Cllr Connolly asked for a reminder letter to be issued to the Department regarding an update on CCTV grant for the town.

Cllr Aughey stated that the Monaghan Town Runners had a very successful event with 625 runners participating and thanked the Council for their help.

Cllr Connolly asked could hedge owners on the Ballyalbany to Milltown road be notified to cut their hedges. Cllr Connolly asked for feedback on the Parking Survey in Ard Banagher, Glaslough to which Mr McElwain advised he will have it for October meeting.

Cllr Connolly asked for a survey to be carried out at the Tydavnet Junction to which Mr McElwain responded that a survey has commenced and will request a report from Roads Section.

### 3. Presentation on the Greenway:

A presentation on the proposed new section of the Greenway from Smithborough to Monaghan and from Milltown to Monaghan was given by Roisin Nic An Iarla. Questions and Answers followed. Cllr McKenna thanked Roisin for her presentation and wished her well with the Project.

### 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.

Mr Lambe advised that works on The Shambles were planned to be complete this week and the Greenway will be open for the Marathon at the end of the month. Cllr Maxwell advised that the dredging works has caused the hedge of a private owner to collapse and asked that safety works be carried out along this garden. Mr Lambe stated that this would be investigated.

Cllr Treanor asked could the illegal parking of vehicles on footpaths at Cois Cnoic be investigated to which Mr Lambe responded he will investigate.

Cllr Aughey stated that the Foodie Destination Judges were complimentary of the Rossmore Giant, Cllr Connolly added that the Giant's Trail is a great attraction and together with the proposed Playground, the Park will require additional car parking spaces.

### 5. Questions and Answers:

#### Cllr Connolly asked:

1. What plans are there to address Road safety issues in Ballinode Village at the junction of the Scotstown/ Ballinode Road junction and in the village itself under the low-cost Road Safety initiative?

**Response: Following public consultation, it is proposed to install a Driver Feed Back Sign at the Scotstown entrance to Ballinode village and 2Nr. Table Top Ramps on the LT16102 beside the play area under the low-cost safety scheme.**

#### Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Can Monaghan MD conduct a visual audit/ inspection of all the gullies and drains in Monaghan Town and take whatever remedial actions that are necessary and share results of the audit/ inspection with members.

**Response: Monaghan MD staff carry out routine maintenance to all gullies and drains in the Monaghan town area. Visual inspections are carried out and necessary maintenance works conducted.**

2. a. In the interests of road safety, can Monaghan MD investigate the implementation of Traffic Calming Measures within the Drumbear Wood Housing Estate.

**Response: The Housing Estate at Drumbear Wood has a 30km/h speed limit as per Monaghan County Council Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (Housing Estates) County of Monaghan Bye-Laws (No. 1) 2016. Issues with vehicles not adhering to this speed limit is a matter for the Garda Síochána. Road line marking is planned at a number of junctions within the estate.**

b. In the interests of road safety, can Monaghan MD investigate the implementation of Traffic Calming Measures in the vicinity of Old Park Court on the Clones Road.

**Response: Additional Traffic calming measures were installed as part of the 2017 Pavement improvement Scheme on the N54 (Clones Rd) in the vicinity of Old Park Court. The TII and Monaghan County Council will continue to monitor this location regarding matters related to road safety.**

c. In the interests of road safety, can Monaghan MD investigate and report back to the members the current effectiveness of the Traffic Calming Measures on the Mall Road especially the split ramps.

**Response: Monaghan MD will carry out a Traffic Survey on the Mall RD over the coming weeks to ascertain effectiveness of the split ramps.**

3. Can Monaghan MD outline its role in dealing with the Anti- Social Behaviour at Peter's Lake and other areas in Monaghan Town?

**Response: The Monaghan MD report any anti- social behaviour incidents to An Garda Síochána. The MD work with An Garda Síochána and implement infrastructural requirements were possible to reduce or prevent anti- social behaviour.**

4. In the interests of cutting down on plastic waste and litter can Monaghan MD investigate the cost and installation of bottle filling stations in Monaghan Town to encourage people to refill bottles rather than buy new plastic bottles?

**Response: Environmental Services have installed two such bottle filling stations in the District during August 2018. In co-operation with Monaghan Tidy Towns and Glaslough Tidy Towns bottle filling stations have been located at Monaghan Branch Library and at Oakland Recreation Centre for the public to use.**

**Cllr Conlon asked:**

1) I ask of the Municipal District Executive to provide an update, with proposed schedule of installation, of directional signage for the trails throughout Rossmore Park.

**Response: The signs are ordered, and the sign manufacturer has stated that the signs will be ready by mid-October. As soon as the Signs are delivered MCC will erect same ASAP.**

2) Regarding the Road Safety measures at the Rossmore Business Park on the Castleblaney Rd near the Corlat roundabout I requested at the September 2017 MD meeting, will Executive outline a proposed schedule of installation, and outline what measures are included that will enhance road user and pedestrian safety.

**Response: It is proposed to install 2Nr. Driver feedback Signs (DFS) (1Nr. Northbound and 1Nr. Southbound) on the R937 approaching the Rossmore Business Park as a part of the Low Cost Safety Scheme. These DFS's will inform vehicle users of their speed. At present these sign are been procured with an installation and commissioning date proposed for week ending the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.**

3) Following recent statements by Housing Minister Eoghan Murphy regarding lack of uptake by some County Councils of Department supports and assistance, will Executive clarify that fulsome engagement has been ongoing by Monaghan County Council with the Housing Department specifically regarding HSE lands at St Davnets, Rooskey as well as

provision of emergency accommodation for people presenting as homeless within County Monaghan.

**Response: The Council has made officials from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government aware of its interest in the HSE lands, however the main dialogue in relation to the land has been directly with the HSE.**

**Monaghan County Councils Executive can confirm that fulsome engagement with the Department in relation to supports and assistance available to Local Authorities takes place within our Housing Department in regard to the provision of emergency accommodation for people presenting as homeless within County Monaghan.**

**Monaghan County Council along with Cavan County Council and Louth County Council are part of the regional homeless forum, with Louth as the lead agency.**

**Monaghan County Council Housing Section fully engages with the supports and assistance provided by Central Government in making provisions for homeless persons. This includes the provision of emergency accommodation.**

**Homelessness is a complex issue and it requires engagement with the client, statutory agencies, NGO's and charities. Working together we can and do make a difference in the lives of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.**

**Cllr McKenna asked:**

1. Will this M.D. contact Coillte as a matter of urgency requesting they trim hedges where they have planted along Regional Road No. 186 at Drumfurrer, Carrickroe and along county road LT11404 & LT11405. Indeed, we should request that they trim all hedges where they have plantations along the roads, particularly roads leading to Sliabh Beagh?

**Response: The Municipal District has contacted Coillte requesting that the cut/trim all their roadside hedges.**

2. That contact is made with the National Roads Section to have the fence along the N2 at Cloghan repaired to prevent cattle exiting onto the N2 and causing a possible fatality given that this was reported to the Roads Department over six months ago. Surely it is time it was addressed.

**Response: The Municipal District has contacted Roads Section in relation to this matter.**

## **6. Correspondence:**

Letter from Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality dated 30<sup>th</sup> July acknowledging receipt of letter regarding update on CCTV.

Letter of thanks dated 17<sup>th</sup> August from Monaghan Town Country Music Festival.

## **7. AOB:**

Cllr Aughey asked for a speed survey to be arranged on the Mall Road.

Cllr Aughey advised that the bus from the Bus Eireann Station to the Airport is constantly late and an RTI is urgently required. All members agreed that we write to Bus Eireann highlighting the difficulty the delay is causing and ask for RTI to be installed.

Cllr Treanor advised that he had received an email from an Australian tourist who wished to bring to our attention the appalling condition of the toilets at the Monaghan Bus Station.

Cllr Treanor asked that this matter be brought to Bus Eireann's attention.

## **8. Sympathy:**

Sympathy was extended to Cllr Connolly on the death of his Aunt Agnes Sorbeg.

## **9. Presentation on Monaghan Integrated Development :**

A Presentation was given on Monaghan Integrated Development by Francie McCarron and Gabriel O'Connell.

A discussion followed. Cllr McKenna acknowledged all the work done for people who need help and support. He thanked them both for their Presentation and wished them well.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 17th Day of September 2018

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

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Meetings Administrator