

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Monaghan, on Monday 4th March, 2019 at 10.00 a.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, R. Truell.

Mr. E. O’Sullivan, Chief Executive, Mr. A. King, Mr. P. Clifford and Ms. P. Monahan, Directors of Services, Mr. C. Flynn, A/Director, Mr. J. Murray, Head of Finance, Mr. A. Hughes, Senior Planner, Mr. T. Gourley, Senior Executive Planner, and Ms. C. Thornton, Meetings Administrator.

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach expressed his sympathy to Cllr Jackie Crowe on the recent death of his sister Ann McMahon, RIP.

Cllr Carthy proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Cllr Jackie Crowe and his family on the death of his sister Ann. The proposal was seconded by Cllr McKenna and passed unanimously. All members joined in the expression of sympathy to Cllr Crowe as did the Chief Executive on behalf of the management and staff.

Cllr Crowe thanked everyone for the expression of sympathy and expressed his gratitude to those who attended the wake and funeral of his late sister.

A minute’s silence was observed, following which the Cathaoirleach adjourned the meeting for a short period as a mark of respect.

Urgent Business:

On resumption, the Cathaoirleach informed the members that he had received a notice of urgent business in the names of Cllrs O’Hanlon and Coyle, as follows:

That Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to implement the Fire Safety in Ireland report of the Fire Safety Task Force May 2018 and that a meeting be facilitated with the Minister in relation to this report.

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr Coyle, it was agreed to go ‘Into Committee’ to discuss whether to accept the motion submitted as urgent business.

It was agreed to the motion of urgent business at the end of the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Keelan, it was agreed that the Council revert to public session.

Cllr McKenna apologised to the Cathaoirleach for the inappropriate comment made at the last meeting and stated that he wanted to unconditionally withdraw the comment. The Cathaoirleach accepted Cllr McKenna’s apology.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

(i) Minutes of Council meeting held on 4th February, 2019

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr Coyle, it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 4th February 2019, be confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

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

- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach regarding Brexit.
- Letter from the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris T.D, regarding Medical Reports needed for a driving licence.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr Eoghan Murphy, T.D, regarding attendance by Elected Members at Out of Region Training Events in 2019.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris T.D, regarding Cervical Check.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr. Pascal Donohoe T.D, regarding excise duty on alcohol.
- Letter from An Garda Síochána regarding Garda Resources.
- Email from Mr. Brendan Smyth, T.D regarding Broadband.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D. regarding Leaving Certificate students who suffer bereavement, serious illness or injury during the period of the Leaving Certificate examinations.
- Letter of acknowledgement from the Office of the Taoiseach regarding supports for beef farmers.
- Letter of acknowledgement from the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Ms. Josepha Madigan, T.D regarding the Heritage Council Community Grants Scheme.
- Email from the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys, T.D regarding Public Lighting.
- Resolution from Leitrim County Council regarding Speech Therapy in Primary & Post Primary schools.
- Resolution from Sligo County Council regarding Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation Strike.

The following additional correspondence was also circulated:

- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Mr. Michael Creed, T.D. regarding supports for beef farmers.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Ms. Josepha Madigan, T.D regarding the Heritage Council's Community Grants Scheme.
- Letter from the Office of the Health Service Executive regarding respite services in the Cavan/Monaghan area.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding the Electoral Register Reform Project – consultation period closing date.

Proposals arising out of correspondence:

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr McNally it was agreed that Monaghan County Council expresses its total disappointment at the failure of An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar T.D, The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Richard Bruton TD and all government Ministers, to deliver a fit for purpose broadband, telecommunications infrastructure for County Monaghan; with the result that 48% of homes, farms and businesses in County Monaghan, do not have access to a proper broadband service.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr McKenna, it was agreed that Monaghan County Council writes to Minister Finian McGrath outlining the disappointment at his response the matter in relation to respite Services in Annalee View and ask that the he responds to the issues outlined in the motion.

- *No respite available in Annalee since end of August 2018.*
- *2.5 years waiting lists*
- *Plans to resolve the lack of respite both short term and in the long term.*

That the Minister provides funding for the provision of standard care in respite centre for Cavan/Monaghan.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr Keelan, it was agreed that Monaghan County Council reply to Minister Simon Harris letter in relation to the Medical Report required for older people renewing their driving licence and ask him to review this policy.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that the Council adopt the resolution from Leitrim County Council (Manorhamilton Municipal District) calling on the Minister for Health and the Minister for Education and Skills work together in providing Speech Therapy in primary and post primary schools for children with special needs.

3. To consider Section 183 Notices

The members noted the reports circulated in relation to the following proposed disposals.

(i) Disposal of land at Largy, Clones to AHC Ltd

On the proposal of Cllr P. Treanor, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed that the Council approve the disposal of 0.02952 hectares in the townland of Largy, Clones in accordance with the terms of notice dated 12th February 2019, under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

(ii) Disposal of land at Annahagh to Leslie Crawford

On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr Connolly, it was agreed that the Council approve the disposal of 0.1114 hectares in the townland of Annahagh, Monaghan in accordance with the terms of notice dated 7 February, 2019 under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

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

- (i) Extension to public car park at Shirley House Lane, Carrickmacross.

Mr. T. Gourley, Senior Executive Planner referred to the report which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. He stated the proposed works consist of the demolition and removal of an existing dwelling and boundary walls of the site for the purpose of extending the car parking area, level site, construction of retaining wall, installation of fence, drainage, kerbing and resurfacing of entire car parking area and all associated site works. A notice pursuant to Section 81(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) was published in the Northern Standard on the 8th October, 2018. This notice indicated that the Council would duly consider any submissions or observations received during the consultation period. In total, six objection letters were received, but one was received after the closing date for submissions. The report which had been circulated outlined the full planning assessment of the proposal and included the Council's response to the objections received. Having considered the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, it was recommended that Monaghan County Council proceed with the development as proposed, subject to the nine conditions included in the report.

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr McNally, it was agreed that the that the Council approve the granting of planning permission for the proposed extension of the car park at Shirley House Lane, Carrickmacross (Ref 18/8014) to comply with the report from the Senior Planner, in accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001 (as amended).

5. To consider the Chief Executive's Report on the County Development Plan 2019-2025 Material Alterations Submissions

Mr. A. Hughes, Senior Planner gave a presentation to the members. He outlined the stages involved to date in the preparation of the draft Development Plan. He referred to the Code of Conduct for Councillors and the Code of Conduct for Employees prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001 which, he stated, must be observed by both the elected members and officials in the making of a County Development Plan.

Mr. Hughes also stated that where an individual has a conflict of interest in respect of a particular submission, portion of land, or a matter being discussed, that conflict should be declared and the individual should vacate the chamber for the period of the related discussion, and should abstain from any associated vote.

At this point Cllr Connolly stated that he had consistently expressed concerns that issues raised relating to the Plan are not being addressed by the Planning Authority. He stated that he would not be in voting in favour of a plan that may be adopted without any guidance/clarification having been received from the Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government in relation to the 'Flemish Decree'.

The Chief Executive stated that the function of the Council, at this meeting, was to consider the Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received in respect of the material alterations voted on last December. Following the Senior Planner's explanation of each submission received, the members will consider the recommendation from the Chief Executive following which a vote will be taken.

Mr. Hughes stated that the Plan when adopted will be subject to a review after two years and any such issues can be revisited at that time.

He stated that in accordance with Section 12(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 only submissions or observations with respect to the proposed amendments of the draft County Development Plan 2019-2025 shall be taken into consideration before the making of any amendment, and that any further modifications made by the members to these amendments can only be minor in nature and not relate to an increase in the amount of land zoned for a particular purpose. Three of the submissions received (Submission No. 6, 9 and 10) did not specifically relate to any proposed amendment and accordingly they cannot be taken into consideration in the making of the Development Plan.

Mr Hughes then proceeded with the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on submissions.

Mr Hughes indicated that legislation required that the submission from the Department be considered first and that as submissions Nos 7 & 11 raised some common issues, that they should be considered together.

Submission Ref No. 7 – Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

Submission Ref No 11 – Northern & Western Regional Assembly

The Department submissions raised concerns about one zoning amendment in Monaghan Town (Map alterations MDP1 No.4 in Appendix 1 in Chief Executive's Report), three zoning amendments in Carrickmacross (Map alterations CKDP1 No.1, CKDP1 No.8, and CKDP1 No.10 in Appendix 1 in Chief Executive's Report) and also raised concerns about the zoning amendment in Castleblayney (Map alteration CYDP1 No 3 in Appendix 1 in Chief Executive's Report).

The NWRA submission also raised concerns about the three 3 zoning amendments in Carrickmacross.

Having regard to the Departments' submission, the Chief Executive's recommendation was that the zoning amendments in Carrickmacross and Castleblayney not be included and that the lands be excluded from the settlement envelope and remain in the rural area. The Chief Executive's recommendation in respect of the zoning amendment in Monaghan Town was that the lands should be zoned and retained within the settlement envelope on the basis that they have the potential to offer an additional supply of housing lands which will assist in realising the population growth target of at least thirty percent for Monaghan Town, as set out in the draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and also help to develop Monaghan town's critical mass and support its important role as a county town in accordance with the NPF.

Proposed Amendments – Castleblayney – Refer to Appendix A

Cllr Crowe proposed, Cllr Campbell seconded

1. *Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that lands identified in draft plan submission No. 2 be included within the settlement envelope of Castleblayney and zoned as Residential B. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-*

Reasons

- i. The lands are considered an infill opportunity given that they are bounded on three sides by existing development
- ii. The zoning of the lands will consolidate the existing residential lands and utilise existing services.
- iii. The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
2	0.89	Annahale, Castleblaney

The Cathaoirleach put Cllr Crowe's proposal to the meeting and it was agreed unanimously.

Proposed Amendments – Carrickmacross - Refer to Appendix B

Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr Carthy seconded,

1. *Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that part of the lands identified in draft plan submission No 34 and coloured dark blue on the attached Map E be included within the settlement envelope of Carrickmacross and zoned Strategic Residential Reserve. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-*

Reasons

- i. *The zoning of the lands will consolidate the existing settlement boundary and utilise existing services.*
- ii. *The lands are considered an infill opportunity given that they are bounded on three sides by existing development*
- iii. *The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy*

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
34	1.0	Lurgans

2. *Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that lands identified in draft plan submissions No.'s 60 & 67 on the attached Maps B and C be zoned Proposed Residential B. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-*

Reasons

- i. *The zoning of the lands will consolidate the existing settlement boundary and utilise existing services.*
- ii. *The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy*

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
60	1.02*	Cloghally
67	0.42	Cloghally

*includes area of 67

The Cathaoirleach put Cllr McNally's proposals to the meeting and they were agreed unanimously.

Proposed Amendments – Carrickmacross - Refer to Appendix C

Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr Carthy seconded

1. *Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that part of the lands identified in draft plan submission No 74 as site 1 on the attached Map F be included within the settlement envelope of Carrickmacross and zoned Strategic Residential Reserve. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-*

Reasons

- i. *The lands are in close proximity to the town centre and are accessible to both the R178 Carrickmacross to Shercock Road and the LP8900 Lurgans Road.*
- ii. *The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy*

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
74	5.7	Lurgans

The Cathaoirleach put Cllr McNally's proposal to the meeting and it was agreed unanimously.

Submission No.	Name	Decision
1	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
2	Keep Ireland Open	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
3	Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
4	Meath County Council	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
5	Louth County Council	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
8	Irish Water	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
12	Transition Monaghan	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members
13	Department for Infrastructure, NI	Chief Executive's recommendation noted and agreed by members

Mr Hughes outlined to the members that the proposed amendments had been previously assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Habitats Assessment and thus the motions passed by the members had been sufficiently assessed as part of the material amendments.

Mr Hughes began to take the members through the contents of Volume 1 of the Proposed Material Alterations chapter by chapter.

While Mr Hughes was outlining the amendments in Chapter 4, Cllr McKenna sought clarification on whether or not the Flood Risk Management Guidelines would apply if assessing an application on lands zoned as Industry, Enterprise and Employment, if the lands were subject to potential flood risk. Mr Hughes confirmed that even if the lands were zoned as Industry, Enterprise and Employment, this would not preclude the planning authority applying the guidance set out in the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines as required by law. Cllr Connolly raised the issue of a live planning application on lands that were being zoned under the development plan as Landscape Protection/Conservation as they were identified as being at risk of flooding. He stated that these lands had been 'zoned red in the last three plans' and he felt it was wrong to change the zoning now while a planning application was being considered.

At this point (11.20am) Cllr Aughey declared an interest and left the meeting.

Mr Hughes responded by stating that it would not be appropriate to discuss a live planning application at a council meeting about the development plan. He stated that there was a legal obligation to make the development plan and that the matter of the zoning on the lands which are the subject of the planning application had been considered during the Council meeting on 4th December 2018. At that meeting the Council had made a decision on the matter and it could not be discussed further as this meeting was to discuss the submissions made in respect of the Material Alterations to the development plan.

Cllr McKenna queried if changing the zoning of these lands to red would have any effect on the consideration of the planning application and if the planning office would still have regard to the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS) for Monaghan Town when assessing the proposed development. Mr Hughes stated that regard would still be had to CFRAMS and the issue of potential flooding of the site. Cllr McKenna stated he was satisfied that this had been clarified.

In response to Cllr Connolly stating that the issue of flood risk had been raised at the last minute when a planning application had been submitted, an Cathaoirleach, Cllr Maxwell stated as there had been discussion regarding this matter all through the development plan process and the draft development plan had zoned the lands as being at flood risk a year ago. He added that a vote had been taken regarding the zoning of these lands at the Council meeting on 4th December 2018 and that Cllr Connolly had no right to overturn that decision now. Cllr Connolly replied by stating that a flood report relating to the lands had been submitted in January. At this point Mr Hughes stated that the assessment and consideration of a planning application was an executive function and it was recommended that the matter should not be discussed at the meeting

Cllr McNally stated that the Council was the 'laughing stock of the country fifteen years ago' and that the promise of jobs should never be used as a reason for zoning or rezoning.

Cllr Carthy stated that three submissions didn't address the Material Alterations and no discussion was had on them, so this matter should not be discussed any further.

In response to Cllr Connolly stating that members were 'going with the flow', Cllr O'Hanlon asked that he withdraw the comment, at which point Cllr Connolly did so.

The Cathaoirleach stated that there was the option of proposing a material contravention of the development plan and that this could be considered if the flooding issue on the site was satisfactorily resolved in the future.

Cllr Aughey was asked to re-join the meeting.

Mr Hughes continued to take the members through the contents of Volume 1 of the Proposed Material Alterations chapter by chapter. While outlining the Material Alterations in Chapter 15 Cllr Connolly raised the issue of requiring legal agreement from the land owners for the provision of visibility splays over their lands. Mr Hughes again stated that this matter had been considered during the Council meeting on 4th December 2018. At that meeting the Council had made a decision on the matter and it could not be discussed further as this meeting was to discuss the submissions made in respect of the Material Alterations to the development plan.

Both Cllr Gilliland and an Cathaoirleach welcomed the relaxation on visibility splays outlined by Mr Hughes.

Cllr Conlon raised the issue of a site zoned as Industry, Enterprise and Employment in the middle of a residential area but hasn't been built on and queried if there would be an opportunity to review this. Mr Hughes stated that there was a policy contained within the draft development plan that deals with residential zoning and a legal requirement to carry out the statutory two year review. He added that the precise methodology of the review had not yet been determined.

Cllr McNally stated that expectations had to be carefully managed at the two year review, and that there had to be evidence of progressing sites through the planning application process for them to be considered.

Mr Hughes concluded his presentation by thanking the members for their comprehensive input into the process over the two years, and stated that a proposal was required to be made to make the development plan with or without the amendments.

An Cathaoirleach reiterated that there are mechanisms to amend the development plan in the future and that the material contravention process could also be invoked to address any anomalies arising.

Making of Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 – (Refer to Appendix D)

Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr McKenna seconded,

It is proposed to make the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 in accordance with the draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 with:-

- a. the proposed amendments set out in Volumes 1 and 2 of the Material Alterations,*
- b. as amended by the recommendations set out in the Chief Executive's Report on the Material Alterations, and*
- c. as amended by motions passed at the Council Meeting on 4th March 2019.*

The Cathaoirleach put Cllr McNally's proposal to the meeting. A recorded vote was called for which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. Aughey, Campbell, Carthy, Conlon, Coyle, Crowe, Gilliland, Keelan, Maxwell, McElvaney, McKenna, McNally, O'Hanlon, P. Treanor and S. Treanor, R. Truell.

Total 16

Against: Cllr Connolly

Total 1

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal carried.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the members and officials for the work undertaken in preparing the County Development Plan 2019-2025.

The Chief Executive concurred with the comments of the Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor it was agreed that the Council writes to the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government requesting a meeting to discuss issues around "local needs" particularly the Flemish Decree.

In response to a query from Cllr McNally regarding how long the Minister had to make a direction in relation to the development, Mr Hughes stated that the development plan would come into effect on 1st April and the Minister had until then to intervene.

6. To consider Monaghan Age Friendly Strategy 2012-2017 Progress report

Ms. Bernie Bradley gave a presentation to the members during which she explained that the first Monaghan Age Friendly Strategy was launched in 2012 and Monaghan Age Friendly Alliance has been collectively delivering the actions within the strategy over the past seven years. The Monaghan Age Friendly programme has been a successful programme to date with several initiatives, policies and programmes that have impacted positively on the lives of older people. Monaghan Age Friendly programme has also developed several policies and programmes that have been rolled out nationwide.

A progress report from the *Age Friendly Strategy 2001-2017* has been produced and the public consultation process for the development of a new Age Friendly strategy for county Monaghan is underway. The new strategy will build on the progress to date. The new strategy will also identify and aim to address the current issues and challenges that are experienced by older people in County Monaghan today. In addition to public consultation meetings being held in early March throughout the county, individuals, organisations and service providers have been invited to share with their views, opinions and experiences of the issues impacting on older people in county Monaghan. These views are important and will shape and inform the work of Monaghan Age Friendly programme in the coming five years.

On the proposal of Cllr Gilliland, seconded by Cllr Connolly it was agreed that the Progress Report on the Monaghan Age Friendly Strategy 2012 – 2017 be noted.

7. To receive the MCC Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019

Mr. C. Flynn, A/Director of Corporate Services outlined the main points of the Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2019.

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Conlon, it was agreed that the Council adopt the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2019, in accordance with the Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

8. Diospoireacht as Gaeilge

Dúirt an tUas. Nial O'Connor, Oifigeach Gaeilge, gur seoladh an Scéim Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta don bhliain seo 2019. Mar is gnáth, bronnfar 36 pháirtscoláireacht ar scoláirí meánscoile chun freastal ar Choláiste Gaeltachta. Bronnfar na scoláireachtaí orthu siúd a n-éiríonn leo in Amharclann an Gharáiste, Muineachán ar an 9 Bealtaine. Dhearbhaigh sé go bhfuil Scéim na Gaeilge á feidhmiú ar bhonn leanúnach.

Mr. N. O' Connor, Irish Language Officer, stated that the Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme for 2019 had been launched. As in previous years, 36 part-scholarships will be awarded to secondary school students in the county to enable them to attend a Gaeltacht College. The presentation of the scholarships to the successful students will take place on 9 May in the Garage Theatre, Monaghan. He confirmed that the implementation of the Scéim na Gaeilge is ongoing.

Dúirt an Comh P Treanor, mar Chathaoirleach ar Choiste Gaeilge na Comhairle, gur socraíodh an plé chun teacht le seoladh Seachtain na Gaeilge idir 1-17 Márta agus mhínigh sé roinnt imeachtaí atá beartaithe don tréimhse úd.

Mhol sé an Chomhairle ar son na Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta a bhronnadh, rud a chuireann an Ghaeilge chun cinn chun go maire sí mar theanga bheo. D'iarr sé go dtabharfaí cóip de Scéim na Gaeilge do bhaill foirne nua na Comhairle agus go n-eagrófaí ranganna Gaeilge do bhaill tofa agus foireann araon. D'iarr sé freisin go ndéanfaí post lánaimseartha den phost mar Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Agus an Comh Treanór á fhreagairt aige, luaigh an Príomhfheidhmeannach go gcinnteodh sé go bhfaigheadh baill nua foirne cóip den Scéim agus go n-eagrófaí ranganna Gaeilge dóibh siúd a gcuirfeadh suim iontu idir bhaill tofa agus foireann na Comhairle.

Cllr P. Treanor, as Chair of the Council's Coiste Gaeilge spoke on this item. He stated that the discussion was scheduled to coincide with the launch of Seachtain na Gaeilge which runs from the 1st to 17th March. He outlined a number of events that were scheduled to take place during that period.

He complimented the Council on the provision of the Gaeltacht Scholarships which would help in the promotion of the Irish language and ensure its continuity. He requested that new Council staff would be presented with a copy of the Scéim na Gaeilge at induction and that Irish language classes would be organised for elected members and staff. He also requested that the post of Irish Language Officer would be a full-time post.

In response to Cllr Treanor, the Chief Executive stated that he would ensure that new staff receive a copy of the Scéim at induction and that Irish language training would be arranged for interested members and staff of the Council.

9. To approve Ms. P. Monahan, Director of Community as a member of the LCDC

The Cathaoirleach stated that the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) have been established in all local authority areas since Autumn 2014 and the initial membership has been agreed in all cases. On occasions, however, it may be necessary to review and revise the membership from time to time. Any new members appointed must be approved by the local authority (Section 128C(3)(b)). As Ms. P. Monahan has been appointed as Director of Community it was necessary to have her approved as a member of the LCDC.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr McElvaney it was agreed that Ms. Patricia Monahan, Director replace Mr. Paul Clifford, Director, as a member of the Local Community Development Committee.

10. To consider recommendations and minutes from Corporate Policy Group meeting

The members noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 19th February, 2019 which had been circulated.

Naming of Clones Market House:

Cllr McElvaney proposed, Cllr Coyle seconded

That the refurbished Market House be named Clones Town Hall.

Cllr P. Treanor proposed, Cllr Bennett seconded, that Monaghan County Council acknowledge and respect the results of the public consultation process in relation to the re-naming of the Ballybay/Clones MD office (Old Library) approve the name Teach Sheamus Ó Chonghaile/James Connolly House.

Cllr McNally stated that this matter should be resolved by the members of the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District and suggested that the matter be referred back to the MD members for consideration and resolution. Cllr Connolly supported the suggestion.

Cllr McElvaney stated that he was prepared to withdraw his proposal in favour of Cllr McNally's suggestion.

Cllr P. Treanor stated that he was not willing to withdraw his proposal and requested that it be put to the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that if Cllr Treanor's motion was put to the meeting and decided upon that it could not be re-visited by the Council for a period of six months, save as provided for by Standing Order No. 19.

The Cathaoirleach then put Cllr Treanor's motion to the meeting.

A recorded vote was requested which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs Bennett, Carthy, Conlon, Crowe, Keelan, McKenna and P. Treanor **Total 7**

Against: Cllrs. Aughey, Campbell, Coyle, Gilliland, Maxwell, McElvaney, McNally, O'Hanlon and R. Truell. **Total 9**

Abstentions: Cllrs Connolly and S. Treanor. **Total 2**

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion defeated. It was agreed that the matter be referred back to the Ballybay Clones Municipal District for further consideration and resolution by the Municipal District.

April Council meeting: It was agreed that in order to facilitate the Annual Awards Ceremony that the April Council meeting will commence at 2pm on Monday 1st April, with the Awards Ceremony following at 7pm that evening.

March CPG meeting: It was agreed that the March CPG meeting would be re-scheduled to Tuesday 26th March 2018 at 2pm in the Conference Room, The Glen.

On the proposal of Cllr B. McKenna seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 19th February 2019 and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

11. To receive the Management Report – February 2019:

The members noted the Management Report for the month of February which had been circulated with the agenda.

On the proposal of Cllr Conlon, seconded by Cllr Carthy, it was agreed that this Council corresponds with the relevant agencies involved in the polling day activities to ensure

- (i) Optimum conditions prevail at all polling booths to ensure the principle of "Access for All" applies in order to facilitate our disabled and elderly citizens*
- (ii) A heightened awareness exists among polling clerks of the franking process in validating ballot papers.*

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

The members noted the reports from Cllrs. Carthy, Connolly, Coyle & McKenna in relation to their attendance at the following conferences/training events:

- AILG – Autumn Seminar, Co. Monaghan
- AILG Training Seminar, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
- Understanding the Asylum Process in Ireland, Co. Cork

13. Business submitted by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive informed the members that Local Enterprise Week was being held from 4th to 9th March, 2019. A diverse range of events aimed at all stages of business and sectors has been planned for Local Enterprise Week. He encouraged anyone starting a business or wanting to grow their business to avail of the events organised during Enterprise Week.

14. Matters arising out of the minutes of Council meeting held on 4th February, 2019

Matters arising out of the minutes of Council meeting held on 4th February 2019 were responded to by the relevant officials.

15. To receive update on North South Interconnector project.

On the proposal of Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr McNally it was agreed that Monaghan County Council totally rejects and expresses its outrage of the arrogances of the Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment Richard Bruton TD in his correspondence again stating, "The project is an operational matter for Eirgrid and ESB networks and one in which I as Minister have no function", this is clearly untrue, he also refers to the reports published in September 2018 and repeats the AC overhead line is the most beneficial way. Monaghan County Council again request the Fine Gael party grouping on Monaghan County Council and Minister Heather Humphreys TD to immediately facilitate a meeting with Minister Richard Bruton TD.

On the proposal of Cllr Keelan, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, it was agreed that given that the planning for the North South Interconnector is now null and void in the North and given that this project cannot proceed until this planning application is granted in its entirety: that this Council writes to An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD, Minister Richard Bruton TD, Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment, Minister Heather Humphreys TD, and Eirgrid, demanding that no further work, or tax-payers money be spent on this project until the planning application in the North is fully resolved.

On the proposal of Cllr Keelan, seconded by Cllr P. Treanor, it was agreed that despite, repeated requests for meetings, that this Council notes its deep disappointment at the lack of interest and response from An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD, Minister Richard Bruton TD, and local Minister Heather Humphreys. That this Council renews its requests for meetings with all of the above.

16. Update on N2 National Primary Road Schemes

Ms. P. Monahan, Director stated that Jacobs Engineering were working on Phase 2 of the programme and were proposing to undertake a public consultation process towards the end of April 2019 when the study area will be on public display. Regarding the original N2 Clontibret to the Border Scheme she stated that road standards and environmental standards had changed since 2012 and the preferred route chosen then will now form part of the new study area. Jacobs Engineering had been invited to give a presentation at the March CPG meeting and also at the April Council meeting.

17. To receive update on the Ulster Canal project.

There was no discussion on this item.

18. To receive presentation from John O'Sullivan, Commissioner of Valuation Services

The Cathaoirleach welcomed John O' Sullivan, Commissioner of Valuation at the Valuation Office, Dublin and invited him to make a presentation to the Council members

Mr. O'Sullivan then gave a presentation to the members during which he outlined the role of the Valuation Office and its function with regard to the Rating System in Ireland. The Valuation Office are responsible for the valuation of commercial properties in Ireland since 1830 generating €1.4 Billion approximately in Local Authority revenue each year.

The 2019 Revaluation programme is currently underway in 7 no. counties including Monaghan. This reassessment of the rateable value of all properties in County Monaghan at the same time will lead to a redistribution of commercial rates between ratepayers. This exercise is revenue neutral for Monaghan County Council. This re-assessment will be carried out every 5 to 10 years to maintain fairness of the rating system. The outcome of this re-assessment is a New Valuation List containing modern valuations of all rateable properties in County Monaghan.

Mr. O'Sullivan explained the process involved in the calculation of a property valuation to Members and gave examples of same. Mr O'Sullivan presented specimen documents that will be issued to rate payers in the coming weeks. The first phase of proposed Valuation Certificates will be issued to County Monaghan rate payers on the 15th March 2019. Rate payers are encouraged to examine the information contained on their proposed certificates and avail of the walk in clinic's if they have an issue with their Valuation.

The following walk in clinic's have been organised for County Monaghan:-

Monday 25 th & Friday 29 th March	Monaghan County Council, Glen Road, Monaghan
Monday 25 th March	Gate Lodge, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan
Wednesday 27 th March	Clones Market House, The Diamond, Clones,
Thursday 28 th & Friday 29 th March	Carrickmacross Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross

Monaghan County Council will publish an indicative Annual Rate Valuation (ARV) on its website before the proposed Valuation Certificates are issued on the 15th March 2019.

The rate payer has 40 days from the issue of the proposed Valuation Certificate to make representations to the Valuation Office. This is in an informal process with no fee.

The new valuation list will be published on the 17th September 2019 and become effective for rates purposes from January 2020. The Ratepayer has the right to appeal to the Valuation Tribunal following the re-valuation process, the Valuation Tribunal is an independent entity to the Valuation Office.

19. Questions:

Cllr C. Carthy will ask:

1. Has the review of Street Lighting in Carrickmacross Main Street concluded and, if so, what is the position of the Council executive in relation to making changes to the current lighting?

Reply: A review of the street lighting in Carrickmacross Main Street was carried out on Wed 20th Feb 2019. A number of locations were identified where lighting should be enhanced. Proposals for these locations have been prepared and will be considered at the next MD Council meeting.

2. Can the Council give a breakdown of those people on the housing list over 5 years (age profile, family size etc) and indicate reasons why these families have been waiting so long?

Reply:

	Bed/Family Size
264 families are on list 6- 11 years	1 bed - 113 2 bed - 85 3 bed - 52 4 bed - 12 5bed - 2
44 are on waiting list Over 12	1 bed x 29 2 bed x 12 3 bed x 3

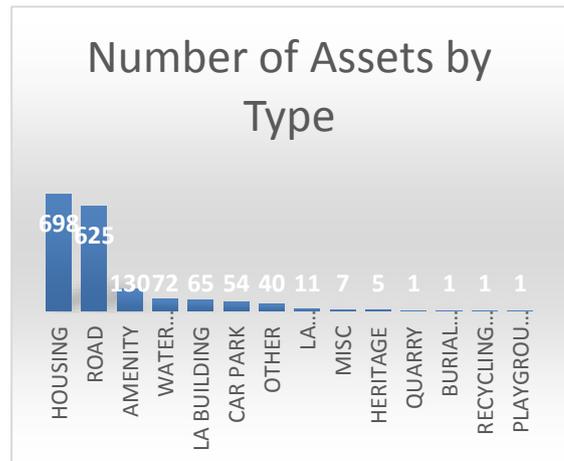
Of the 308 on the Housing List over 5 years:

- 107 are in HAP accommodation
 - 69 are in RAS Accommodation
 - 47 are receiving Rent Supplement.
 - 1 is in Voluntary Housing
 - 2 are in Health Service Executive Accommodation
 - 30 are existing Local Authority Tenants who are on the housing transfer list
 - 36 are living with parents
 - Of the very long term applicants, the majority have special needs requirements and require sheltered accommodation/supported accommodation that is very specific to their needs.
3. Can the executive provide details and maps to the members indicating the land Monaghan County Council has in its ownership; also, can you indicate the preferred use of each plot?

Reply: As of December 2018, Monaghan County Council currently have 56 buildings and 1,711 parcels of land in the Property Interests Register, totalling 1,160 hectares throughout the County. The table below shows breakdown of these Property Assets. It is not possible to provide maps of all assets to members.

Asset Number by Type

Asset Type	No.
HOUSING	698
ROAD	625
AMENITY	130
WATER SERVICES	72
LA BUILDING	65
CAR PARK	54
OTHER	40
LA BUILDING CAMPUS	11
MISC	7
HERITAGE	5
QUARRY	1
BURIAL GROUND	1
RECYCLING CENTRE	1
PLAYGROUND	1
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4. Has the Council any plans to develop social housing units for single people under the age of 55 owing to the low number of suitable units available to that group?

Reply: The Council are developing 2 bed units in the development in Bree, Castleblayney and incorporating 2 bed units in the development at Latlorcan, Monaghan. These units will be considered for occupation by single persons, couples and small families.

Where opportunities arise - either through own build development, turnkey developments, single house acquisitions and Approved Housing Schemes - the Council will endeavour to seek a mix of unit types to provide a balanced blend of households within new housing developments

Cllr R. Aughey will ask:

5. Can Monaghan County Council please provide a report for the Mobile Phone Blackspots in the County?

Reply: Comreg have been working on a national blackspot map since early in 2018 which has now been released. This is intended to represent data from all service providers about 2G, 3G and 4G coverage. As 5G data becomes available. Comreg has indicated that this too will be featured. The Department of Rural and Community development have accepted that this map will become the definitive source for blackspot information.

Please follow this link to see the ComReg Outdoor Mobile Coverage Map:
<https://coveragemap.comreg.ie/map>

Cllr R. Aughey will ask:

6. Can Monaghan County Council share it's County Tourism Strategy with members and the wider community?

Reply: The Co Monaghan Tourism Strategy 2015- 2020 and the Monaghan County Council Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017 -2022 are available for download on the Council Website.

7. Can Monaghan County Council investigate the feasibility of doing a complete audit of its Housing stock?

Reply: Monaghan County Council inspects it's Housing Stock on a 5 year cyclical basis. More than 300 houses in the ownership of Monaghan County Council are targeted and inspected every year and additional inspections are undertaken by staff in dealing with more than 1,000 Response Maintenance requests annually.

Monaghan County Council's own technical staff undertake inspections for Response and Planned Maintenance, inspections for Energy Efficiency upgrades and adaptations of social housing for people with disabilities and inspections for work prior to re-letting every year. The inspections undertaken at present are sufficient for the purposes of ensuring that Monaghan County Council's housing stock is maintained and upgraded as required however if the opportunity arises to gather additional information through an exchequer funded housing stock survey it will be examined.

Cllr N. Keelan will ask:

8. Given the increasing number of our citizens purchasing electric vehicles and given that car manufacturers are rapidly moving away from the petrol/diesel combusting engine,
(a) how many electric charging points have been put in place across our county?
(b) what plans have this Council in conjunction with SEAI /ESB and other stakeholders to roll out a scheme of extra charging points in the county?

Reply: Monaghan County Council have not provided any EV charging points in the County. A number are installed, owned and operated by Ecars a subsidiary of ESN in our main Towns.

9. In the interest of road safety, when is it hoped to commence works on improving the very dangerous Tullyvaragh junction on the N2; as a follow on from a report commissioned recently, what is the up to-date position in relation to putting in place a shadow lane at the next junction north of Tullyvaragh at the townland at Drumharriff given the number of serious accidents that have happened at this location?

Reply: Works to the Tullyvaragh Junction are at tender stage and should commence by June 2019.

An assessment of Drumharriff junction was undertaken in June 2018. The results of the assessment indicated that the volume of traffic movements fell below the TII threshold for junction upgrade, and in addition there was no significant collision pattern identified at the location. On foot of these findings, no works are scheduled for this junction presently.

10. In relation to the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP), how many families/individuals are availing of this payment across the county at present; given that this payment is made directly to private landlords how much per annum is this scheme costing the tax payer?

Reply: There are currently 536 active HAP tenancies in County Monaghan.

The cost is broken down as follows: -

- Total paid to landlords each month €261,153.18
- Total differential rent payable by HAP tenants each month €111,793.67
- Cost per month €149,359.51

Cllr N. Keelan will ask:

11. In commending this Council's housing section in conjunction with a number of housing associations across the county in relation to the provision of much needed secure housing for our citizens, what plans have the Council to provide affordable housing units for those families who can't get onto the Local Authority Housing List given that the income thresholds are so low?

Reply: The possibility of providing Affordable Housing in County Monaghan through the use of the Serviced Sites Fund was explored in 2018. The Serviced Sites Fund for the provision of Affordable Housing is not applicable in County Monaghan as analysis has shown that second-hand house prices in County Monaghan are in most cases less than the cost of construction. Monaghan County Council made a submission to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government regarding the need for Affordable Housing for people who do not qualify for social housing but so far, no alternative scheme has been provided.

In the absence of an Affordable Housing Scheme that suits County Monaghan efforts by Monaghan County Council will continue in the direct provision of additional social housing which can be sold under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

12. Has there been any further update from the Department in relation to the Local Needs Policy in order to give clarity to those families wishing to build a home in rural areas across County Monaghan and also given that this Council is in the final stages of adopting a County Development Plan for the next five years, not to mention the fact the this 'locals only rule' may be illegal as per European court ruling dating back to 2013; will the Council executive undertake to ring, write and meet with the Department officials to impress upon them that the lack of response to-date on this important issue is totally unacceptable?

Reply: Planning Section have received no further updates on this matter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government since its last email of 17 October 2018, detailed below;

Following engagement between the European Commission and the Department regarding the 2013 European Court of Justice ruling in the "Flemish Decree" case, a working group, comprising senior representatives from the Department and planning authorities, was established in May 2017 to review and, where necessary, recommend changes to the 2005 Planning Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing, issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The objective is to ensure that rural housing policies and objectives contained in local authority development plans comply with the relevant provisions of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union relating to the free movement of persons.

The Working Group referred to has concluded its deliberations and, taking account of the Group's analysis and recommended outcome, the Department has been engaging with the European Commission on the matter with a view to issuing to planning authorities, by the end of this year, revisions to the 2005 Rural Housing Guidelines – specifically revisions to the "local needs criteria" therein - that take account of the

relevant ECJ judgment. It may be possible to finalise the Guidelines earlier than that, subject to the completion of outstanding work.

Cllr A. Campbell will ask:

13. With regards to the Market House in Castleblayney.
- (a) What is the update on the internal structure of the building?
 - (b) What work will Monaghan Council do to alleviate the structure?
 - (c) How long will this work take?
 - (d) Can Monaghan County Council look at a one way system around the Market House and also look at improving Car Parking facilities around the area and Muckno Street as local businesses and residents are badly impacted with this closure?
 - (e) Will Monaghan County Council undertake a feasible study for possible uses of the building?

Reply: Monaghan County Council appointed Alan Clarke and Associates Structural Engineers in December 2018 to advise and to carry out a structural stability and safety risk assessment of Castleblayney Courthouse/Market House. The collapsed wall was identified on the 24th January as part of the internal assessment. The wall is one of the main internal masonry loadbearing walls and was providing support to a significant portion of the adjacent floors and stairs and much of the roof at the north western end of the building. The internal floors near this wall which were relying on the wall for support have also collapsed. The roof remains in place however it is apparent that the distortion in the roof line is due to the loss in roof support which was provided by the collapsed internal loadbearing wall. The Council has been advised that the collapse of a significant portion of the roof is imminent.

There is a significant concern of further collapse and for this reason an exclusion zone has been installed. The Council has also been advised to install further concrete bollards around the building to provide some further safety and these will be installed in the coming weeks. Monaghan County Council have been in contact with IPB the Council's insurance company and they are also very concerned about public safety and negligence liability. IPB are offering support and advise to the Council in determining the most expedient course of action in minimising danger to the public.

Whilst the timeline on work needed at the Market House is dependent upon the course of action taken, it is envisaged that restrictions in Market Square will be in place for the coming months. Whilst the Council is open to suggestions for future uses, the first step to be undertaken is a structural stability and safety risk assessment report on the building.

14. What is the update in relation to the upgrade of the N2?

Reply:

- **Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd have been appointed to advance 2 major projects on the N2; N2 Ardee to Castleblayney and N2 Clontibret to Border.**
- **Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) completed. TII approval received to move to Phase 2 (Route Options).**
- **Under Phase 2, the study area will be developed, and traffic surveys will be conducted over the next three months.**
- **Presentation from consultants to CPG scheduled for 19th March 2019.**

- **Subject to TII approvals, scheme website to be operational end April ahead of public consultations.**

15. In relation to the Hope Castle and Annex in Castleblayney,

- Has Monaghan County Council gone to the market to look for expressions of interest in the project as was recommended by the recent report?
- What plans has Monaghan County Council got to promote the Lough Muckno area for recreation, Tourism, and fishing in the upcoming season?

Reply: Monaghan County Council was awaiting the outcome of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund before advancing its route to market and the seeking of expressions of interest in respect of Hope Castle and the Annex.

Following receipt of an allocation of €117,772 towards the development of facilities at Lough Muckno, work has commenced at the Ski-Club with a view to seeking Expressions of Interest in its operation as a commercial water sports centre. In addition, a new walkway/cycleway linking it to the Dundalk Road will be constructed this summer together with facilities for triathlon swimmers.

The promotional efforts for the county in 2019 (to include Lough Muckno and its offering) include new tourism app, literature, on-going social media promotion, PR and #MyMonaghan publicity campaign. Funding has been provided to the Lough Muckno Matches and Festival group to run angling festivals on the lake for 2019 and the council has also contributed to the European Police Championships which will take place on Lough Muckno from 26 -31 August inclusive. PR activity will be undertaken around these events and the official launch of the new angling stretch at South Lodge.

16. In Regard to the Castleblayney Waste Water Treatment plan upgrade.

- Is this project still on track to be commissioned and to commence in March 2019?
- What is the total cost of the works to date on this project?
- When will this plant be signed over to Irish Water?

Reply: Civil Engineering works are at an advanced stage with the new access road, gravity sewer line from Muckno St, new pumping station substantially complete. Civil Engineering works within the existing WWTP are continuing and the M & E fit out is progressing well. Commissioning works are currently programmed now to commence in June 2019.

Upon satisfactory completion of the commissioning phase the contractor will continue to operate the plant for a 12-month period until handover to Irish Water. EPS is the Main contractor and the plant is being upgraded under a Design, Build Operate Contract. The value of the investment is approximately €4.4m.

17. What applications has Monaghan County Council in to TII for LED energy Retrofit Scheme for 2019?

Reply: Monaghan Co Council currently has applications submitted TII for 300 public lights on the National Primary & National Secondary route lighting under the LED Energy Retrofit scheme.

Cllr P. Treanor will ask:

18. Cé mhéid Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta a bhfuil bronnta ar daltaí scoile I gContae Mhuineacháin ar feadh cúig bhliain anuas.?

How many Gaeltacht Scholarships have been presented to Monaghan students in the last 5 years?

Reply: There has been 36 half-paid scholarships presented to students in Co Monaghan each year, from 2014-2018. The same number will be awarded in 2019.

19. Ceann de na cuspoirí atá san Scéim Gaeilge ná 'Béidh deiseanna ag an bhfoireann cur lena gcumas Gaeilge. Socrófar freastal ar oiliúint oiriúnach teanga maraon le teastas líofachta chun tacú la baill foirne is iad ag iarraidh cur lena gcumas Gaeilge.' Cathainn a mbéidh ranganna Gaeilge ar siúil don fhoireann agus comhairleoirí ?

An objective of the Sceim Gaeilge is: 'Opportunities to develop the Irish language competence of staff will be provided. Appropriate arrangements will be made for the provision of Irish language training and proficiency testing certification for staff in order to support staff in maintaining their proficiency in the Irish language.'

When will language classes be arranged for staff and councillors?

Reply: Staff and Councillors will be contacted to ascertain the level of interest in participating in conversational Irish Classes.

Cllr S. Coyle will ask:

20. As EUROSTAT has classified the Border & Western Region (NWRA) as moving from the classification of "Developed" to a "Transitional Region" or underdeveloped/under invested for ERDF funding for the period 2021-2027, what benefits do Monaghan County Council foresee to County Monaghan of this reclassification as among the weakest in the Country and in the EU?.

Reply: The benefits of moving from the classification of "Developed" to a "Transitional Region" would be better explored at Assembly level. In their recent presentation to Monaghan County Council the NWRA stated that the county benefitted from EU investment from 2007- 2013 in the form of ERDF totalling €5.3m. The NWRA states that a further €6.2m was invested in Co. Monaghan through Enterprise Ireland in the current 2014-2020 programme, as a "Developed" region. The State can recoup up to 50% of the cost of programmes for areas classified as "Developed". For areas classified as "Transitional Region", the benefit to the State is that the recoupment level applies at 70%. The benefit to the State is obviously the higher rate of recoupment that applies to counties in regions classified as "Transitional". There is no direct benefit to Co. Monaghan as all funding is managed through the State and allocated by the NWRA.

Under the current programme, the Border and Western Region is classified as "Developed", but the NWRA anticipate the region will be classified as a "Transitional" region post-2020.

21. What response has Monaghan County Council had from the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Shane Ross T.D, on the request for additional funding for Public Lighting and an urgent meeting, with in excess of 40 projects, priced at approximately €600,000 awaiting funding in the Ballybay/Clones L.E.A., with many urgently required, for health & safety at very busy pedestrian and vehicular locations?

Reply: There has been no response to the Councils request for additional funding.

20. Notices of Motion:

1. In the absence of Cllr Conlon, notice of motion 20 (1) was deferred until the next meeting.

Cllr Connolly proposed, Cllr Coyle seconded

2. That Monaghan County Council recognizes the selfless commitment of the Irish Defence Forces (Navy, Army and Air Corps) to the people of Ireland in defence of the nation and in the protection of the internal security of the State. In particular it acknowledges the role played by the Defence Forces in multinational peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, maritime security and fishery protection. That this Council in its support for the campaign for Respect and Loyalty calls on the Government to immediately take action to resolve the issues relating to the pay and conditions of service of Defence Force members as they are seriously impacting retention and recruitment.

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

Cllr Coyle, Cllr McNally seconded

3. That Monaghan County Council requests a meeting with the HSE and Department of Health seeking greater investment in home help services in the County?

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

21. Votes of sympathy/congratulations.

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

- Paul Clifford Director of Services on the death of his aunt Sheila Agnew.
- The family of the late Liam Nicholl, Clones a former member of Clones Town Council.

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

- Ballybay Community College, players, team management, Principal, parents and staff on winning the Senior O'Doherty Cup 2019 and wishing them good luck in the final on 23rd March.
- Marina Martin, Branch Manager, Bank of Ireland Ballybay and staff on being shortlisted for a national Customer Award for their outstanding service and work for the Ballybay community, following the ATM theft on 16 December 2018.
- Tearman O'Rourke, Monaghan Harps Handball Club on winning the Ulster U16 handball title 40 x 20.
- Eoghan McGinnitty, Monaghan Harps Handball Club on winning the Ulster Minor handball title 40 x 20.
- Castleblayney Hurling Club on their recent success in the All Ireland Club Hurling series.

22. Conferences/Training

There were no conferences proposed at the meeting.

Urgent Business

Cllr O’Hanlon proposed, Cllr Coyle seconded

That Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to implement the Fire Safety in Ireland report of the Fire Safety Task Force May 2018 and that a meeting be facilitated with the Minister in relation to this report.

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

Cllr O’Hanlon requested that the resolution be circulated to all County Councils and Conor Faughnan, Automobile Association.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____

Appendix A

Monaghan County Development Plan 2019 - 2025

Consideration of Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with
Section 12(8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Proposed amendments to the draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

Proposed Amendments – Castleblaney

1. Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that lands identified in draft plan submission No. 2 be included within the settlement envelope of Castleblaney and zoned as Residential B. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-

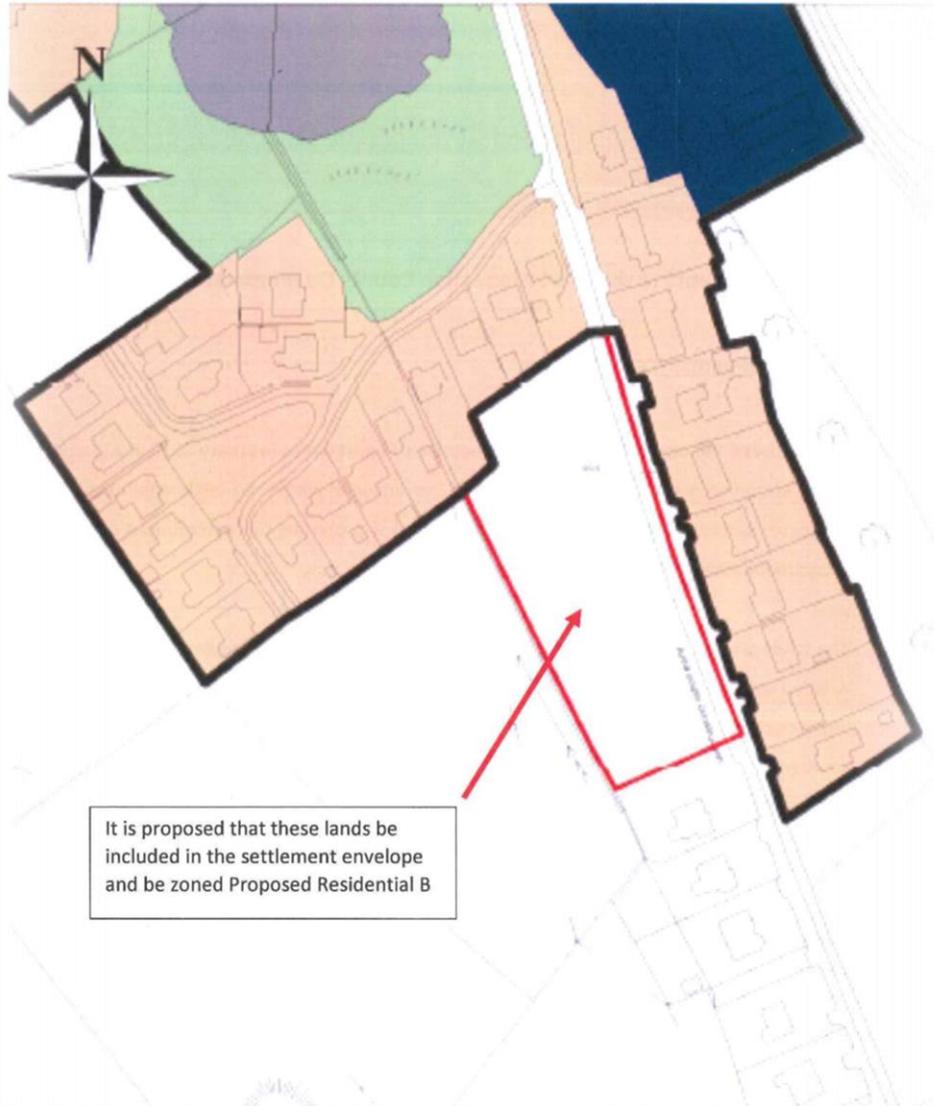
Reasons

- i. The lands are considered an infill opportunity given that they are bounded on three sides by existing development
- ii. The zoning of the lands will consolidate the existing residential lands and utilise existing services.
- iii. The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
2	0.89	Annahale, Castleblaney

Appendix A (contd)

Map A - Submission No.2- Annahale



Appendix A (contd)

Proposed

Sueie Goode.

Seconded

A Campbell

Date: 4 March 2019

Appendix B

Monaghan County Development Plan 2019 - 2025

Consideration of Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with Section 12(8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Proposed amendments to the draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

Proposed Amendments – Carrickmacross

1. Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that part of the lands identified in draft plan submission No 34 and coloured dark blue on the attached Map E be included within the settlement envelope of Carrickmacross and zoned Strategic Residential Reserve. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-

Reasons

- i. The zoning of the lands will consolidate the existing settlement boundary and utilise existing services.
- ii. The lands are considered an infill opportunity given that they are bounded on three sides by existing development
- iii. The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
34	1.0	Lurgans

2. Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that lands identified in draft plan submissions No.'s 60 & 67 on the attached Maps B and C be zoned Proposed Residential B. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-

Reasons

Appendix B (contd)

- i. The zoning of the lands will consolidate the existing settlement boundary and utilise existing services.
- ii. The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
60	1.02*	Cloghvally
67	0.42	Cloghvally

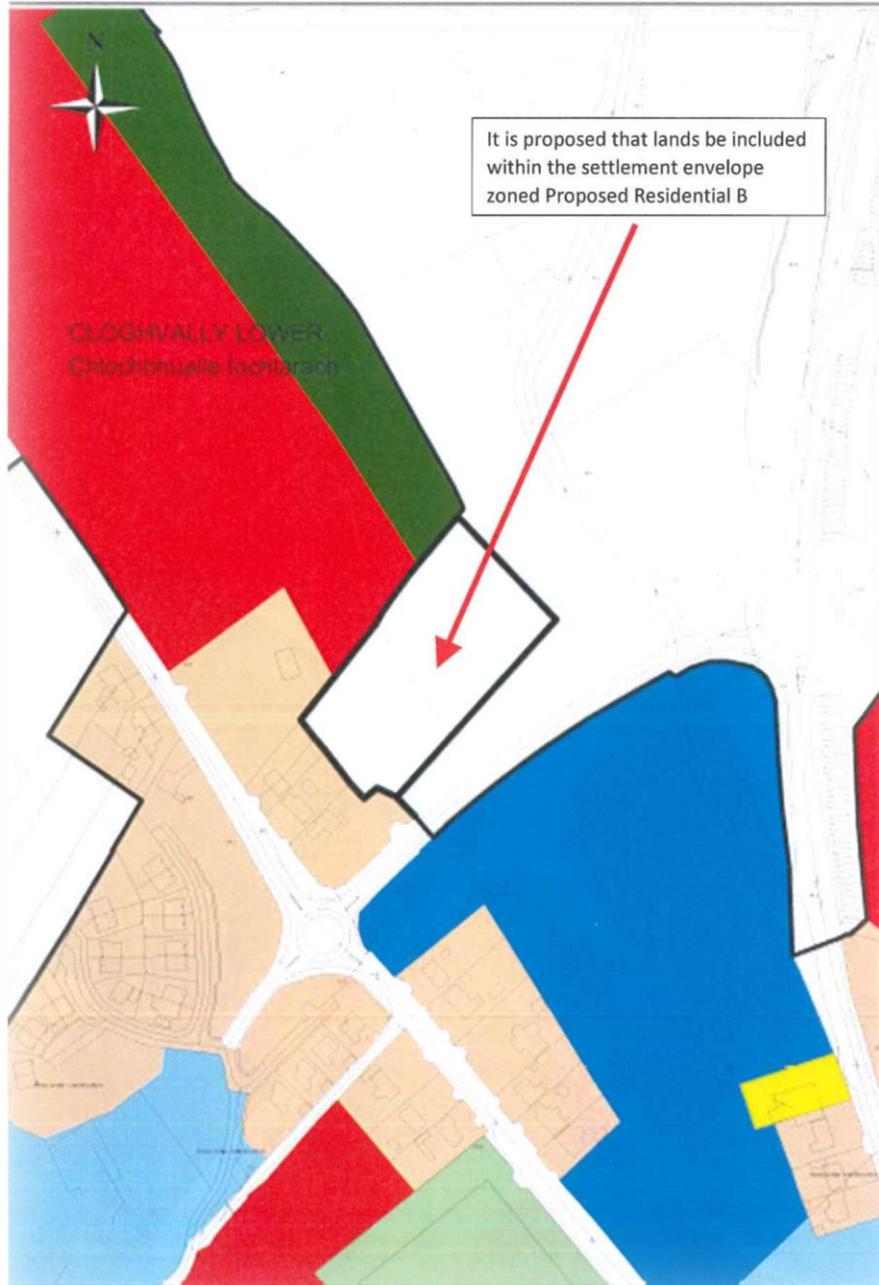
*includes area of 67

Map E - Submission No 34 – Lurgans



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Map B - Submission No 60 – Cloghally



Appendix B (contd)

Map C - Submission No 67 -Cloghvalley



Appendix B (contd)

Proposed



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Seconded



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Date: 4 March 2019

Appendix C

Monaghan County Development Plan 2019 - 2025

Consideration of Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with Section 12(8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Proposed amendments to the draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

Proposed Amendments – Carrickmacross

1. Having considered the contents of the Chief Executive's Report dated February 2019, it is proposed that part of the lands identified in draft plan submission No 74 as site 1 on the attached Map F be included within the settlement envelope of Carrickmacross and zoned Strategic Residential Reserve. The reasons for proposing this amendment contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive are as follows:-

Reasons

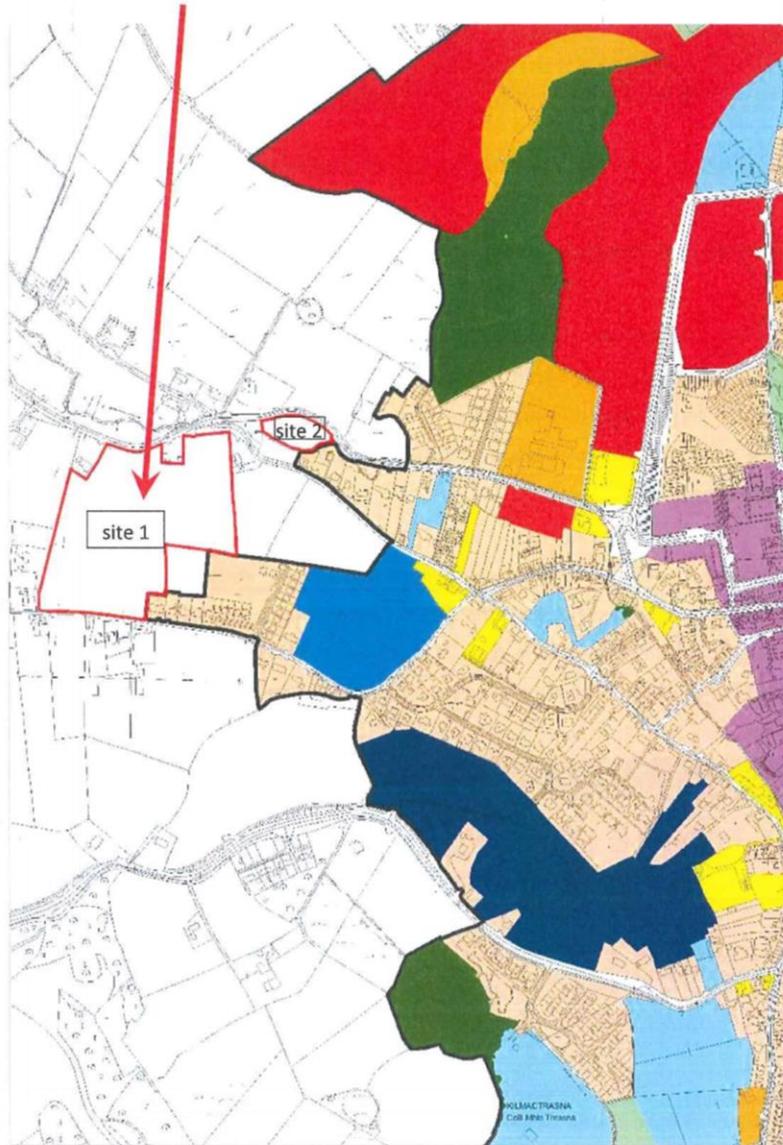
- i. The lands are in close proximity to the town centre and are accessible to both the R178 Carrickmacross to Shercock Road and the LP8900 Lurgans Road.
- ii. The proposal will not result in an increase in the amount of lands zoned for Residential A or B from that proposed in the Draft Plan, and thus is consistent with the Core Strategy

Submission No.	Area in Hectares	Location
74	5.7	Lurgans

Appendix C (contd)

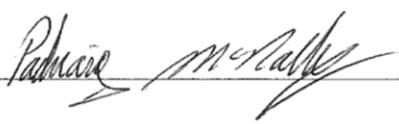
Map F - Submission No 74 – Lurgans

It is proposed that lands indicated as site 1 be included within the settlement envelope and zoned as Strategic Residential Reserve



Appendix C (contd)

Proposed



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Seconded



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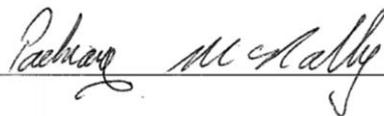
Appendix D

**Proposal to make the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019 – 2025
in accordance with Section 12(10) of the Planning and Development Act
2000 (as amended)**

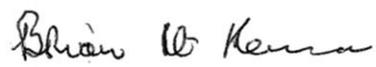
It is proposed to make the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 in accordance with the draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 with:-

- a. the proposed amendments set out in Volumes 1 and 2 of the Material Alterations,
- b. as amended by the recommendations set out in the Chief Executive's Report on the Material Alterations, and
- c. as amended by motions passed at the Council Meeting on 4th March 2019.

Proposed



Seconded



Date: 4th March 2019