

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 17th December 2018 at 10.00am in The Ballybay Clones Municipal District Offices, Clones, Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sean Gilliland, presided

The following members were also present: - Cllrs: Cathy Bennett, Pat Treanor Hugh McElvaney, Cllr Seamus Coyle and Cllr Richard Truell

In Attendance Adge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer, Gabriel Hurson Assistant Engineer and Martin Taylor Assistant Engineer.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting. The elected members and the executive welcomed Cllr Richard Truell to his first Municipal District meeting.

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed the previous minutes, Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded the proposal and they were agreed by all.

2. Correspondence

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the fact that the Municipal District was now using the new minute pad system. Cllr Hugh McElvaney requested that he still would receive his meeting information in hard copy.

Page 11 – Cllr Pat Treanor said that although the extra money for roads was welcomed it was still not enough. Cllr Seamus Coyle agreed with this and asked could the figures for the total cost of fixing the roads in our Municipal District be updated to reflect the increased costs. Cllr Sean Gilliland agreed that the money was not enough to address the problems. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked how much of the extra money received was spent in the Municipal District, Mr Colin Murphy stated approx. 55% of recent additional allocation was spent in this Municipal District.

Page 13 – Cllr Pat Treanor stated that he was very disappointed with the response received from ESB, regarding the recent damage to household electrical appliances in Ballybay. Cllr Seamus Coyle added that the ESBs treatment of their customers was a disgrace. Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that not all house insurances cover power surges, he requested that the Councils Housing Section make tenants aware of this.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney sought an update on the speed limit issue on the N54 at Gransha. Mr McNally noted that to date no response had been received from the TII. Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that this issue Gransha must be kept on the agenda.

Regarding additional correspondence from the Clones Knitters and Crocheters, Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that the Municipal District give them €200. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

3. Section 183 Notice Clones Technology Park

Mr McNally noted that the proposed Section 183 relates to addressing an historic issue at the Clones Technology Park. Clones Town Council previously agreed to provide the necessary lands to Monaghan County Enterprise Fund for the construction of the Park in the early 2000s. During the land transfer process, it was noted that a section of the site was unregistered. The Council have been in occupation of the lands for well more than 25 years and is now going through the process to have the lands registered in its name. Once this process has been completed it is proposed to have these lands transferred to Monaghan County Enterprise Fund. If agreed the section 183 proposal will be forwarded to the Council CPG for consideration.

The proposed Section 183 was proposed by Cllr Pat Treanor and seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all

4. Naming of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District offices

Mr Kevin McNally gave a report on the process for the naming of the building formerly known as the Market House Clones. The report stated that this Municipal District would forward one name to the Councils Corporate Policy Group who in turn would consider the proposal and forward same to the full council for consideration. Monaghan County Council would consider the recommended name for the offices at its next available meeting.

Mr Kevin McNally outlined all the submissions that were received, it was noted that James Connolly House was the most popular name suggested.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the report and proposed the Municipal District offices be named James Connolly House, this was seconded by Cllr. Cathy Bennett.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney spoke of his delight that the building was now in use after so many years. Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed the Municipal District offices be named Clones Town Hall. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Seamus Coyle.

No further proposals were made.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland called for a vote. Clones Town Hall received 4 votes and James Connolly House received 2 votes.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland confirmed that the name to be forwarded to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration will be Clones Town Hall.

Cllr Pat Treanor stated that the majority of the people in Clones had been ignored and that the public ended up having no say in the process.

5. Report by Municipal District Coordinator

Mr Kevin McNally gave his report.

Former Clones Post Office

Works are progressing well. It is envisaged that they will be completed by the end of Q1 2019.

The Council has undertaken a review of the options available to manage the facility once completed. The Management Team has decided that the facility will be operated by the Ballybay Clones Municipal District. We are now in the process of preparing the necessary terms and conditions to enable the various studios to be leased to interested artists.

Ballybay Economic and Public Realm plan.

The Paul Hogarth Company presented the final draft of the Ballybay Economic and Public Realm to the Ballybay Regeneration Committee on 11th December 2018. The plan was approved and serves as an excellent document for the town to seek funding from various future funding streams.

Municipal District events

The switching on of the Christmas Lights in Clones occurred on 25th November. There was a great attendance on the night. I would like to thank the Emmet Og Ladies GAA team for switching on the lights and acknowledge the work of the Clones Town Team and Clones Chamber of Commerce for arranging for the installation of the New Christmas tree which I think everyone will agree looks well. These works have been supported by the Ballybay Clones Municipal District.

I would like also to acknowledge the work of the Ballybay Chamber of Commerce and the Ballybay Christmas light committee in their work in erecting the Christmas lights in Ballybay. These works have been supported by the Ballybay Clones Municipal District.

Bank of Ireland Enterprise Awards

Following on from the excellent presentation given by Clones Town Team in August last, Clones Town Team was 2nd runner up in the Connaught Ulster region of the Bank of Ireland Enterprise Awards event held recently in Kilkenny. I would like to acknowledge the work of the Clones Town Team in their work on this project.

The recent improvement works to the playground at Ballybay Town Park were unsuccessful in its category at the Chambers Ireland awards. The Councils playground accessible policy which was developed by the Councils Accessible Officer Ms Bernie Bradly was successful in its category. The works to the Ballybay Town Park playground assisted Bernie in the preparation of the policy and I would like to acknowledge her work in this regard.

Mr Colin Murphy gave his report

Roads Programme

The 2018 roads programme is now complete

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Doohamlet –Works will be complete this week. The energising of the public lighting will occur in the new year.

Aghabog Footpath.

Works are complete apart from the planting of hedging.

98th Avenue Pedestrian Crossing (LCSI)

The lights at the pedestrian crossing will be energised and once this is complete the table top ramp will be installed.

Mr Gabriel Hurson gave a summary of the works at Ballintra junction.

Cllr Seamus Coyle was delighted with the works but believed that more needed to be done. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the council could not carry out anymore works unless they acquired the derelict site. The owner of the site wanted €100,000 and the council would not have such funding.

Regarding CPO Mr Kevin McNally stated that this could end up costing as much as €50,000. The members requested that the CPO process be investigated. Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the driver feedback signs at Scotch Corner.

Mr Martin Taylor gave a detailed report on public lighting. He stated that within the previous four years, Monaghan County Council have installed 94 public lights through various funding streams. A need for a further 193 lighting columns has been identified. A review of these sites was carried out under 6 headings

- Class and proximity to the Road
- Presence of a footpath
- Existing Public Lighting in the Area
- Users of the Area
- Amenities in the Area
- Opening times of the Amenities

Sites were then prioritised in terms of High, Medium and Low, there were a total of 6 no sites that was awarded a high priority as listed below.

Village/Town	Location	Works Description Bases (no.)	Estimated Total Cost	Priority
Clones	Roslea Road Extn	2	€7,018.50	High
	Scotshouse Road	5	€20,343.13	High
	Clonkeencole, Roslea Road - Housing Estate Taken in charge - 6 houses, approx 100m	3	€8,859.00	High
Rockcorry	Corravacan Church	5	€13,958.75	High
Threemilehouse	St. Marys Church	2	€5,316.00	High
Connors	St. Alphonus Church	4	€11,834.50	High

From this list, the high priority sites were ranked in order from 1st to 6th with 1st having the most critical requirement for public lighting. This list can be seen below.

Village/Town	Location	Works Description Lighting (no.)	Estimated Total Cost	Priority Order
Clones	Clonkeencole, Roslea Road - Housing Estate Taken in charge - 6 houses, approx 100m	3	€8,859.00	1st
Connors	St. Alphonus Church	4	€11,834.50	2nd
Rockcorry	Corravacan Church	5	€13,958.75	3rd
Clones	Roslea Road Extn	2	€7,018.50	4th
Threemilehouse	St. Marys Church	2	€5,316.00	5th
Clones	Scotshouse Road	5	€20,343.13	6th
TOTAL ESTIMATES		No of PL	Total Est Cost	
		21	€67,329.88	

The members thanked Mr Martin Taylor for his detailed report. Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of Cluain Mhuire in Ballybay, she stated that they had been promised lights 3 years ago. Cllr Seamus

Coyle spoke on the high costs associated with public lighting and he proposed that Monaghan County Council seek an immediate meeting with the Minister and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport officials to demand emergency funding for public lighting in the Ballybay Clones Municipal District. This meeting was been sought in light of the detailed report prepared by the Municipal District which highlighted health & safety issues of residences and communities across the area. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this Municipal District write to the TII requesting public lighting on the N54 from Smithborough to Scotstown Cross. This was seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

Cllr Richard Truell requested that the R189 near the Church of Ireland Newbliss be considered for lighting. Mr Martin Taylor said he would investigate this site. Cllr Hugh McElvaney questioned why the road at Cremartin was considered low priority, Mr Martin Taylor stated that this was because there was no footpath.

Mr Adge King spoke on the great work that had been done to date and spoke on the costs of running the lights. Cllr Sean Gilliland felt that all schools should be considered high priority and that communities should be made aware of the funding opportunities available for them to look for lights.

Cllr Sean Gilliland also welcomed the Paul Hogarth report on Ballybay and spoke on how well the Christmas lights in both Ballybay and Clones looked.

6. Questions

Submitted questions and answers were noted.

7. Notice of Motion

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed that Monaghan County Council carry out a complete review/audit of all Disabled/Wheelchair Car Parking Spaces across the Municipal District i.e. their location/suitability to ensure they are respectful of the dignity, conducive to independent living of the user, as currently a number across the M.D., exit on traffic zones i.e. public streets/roads, onto raised footpaths, are located at bottom of sharp inclines/hills, not located close to the vicinity of essential services for persons with a disability i.e. Doctors Surgery's/Pharmacies etc. and above all this Municipal District urge all persons to be respectful of the needs of Persons with a Disability and NEVER to impede a Disabled Car Parking Space."

This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all. The members commented on how important this issue was.

8. Matters arising from previous minutes

Page 2- Cllr Cathy Bennett asked for monthly updates on the Bothar na Mullan site in Scotstown.

Page 2- Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on the issues with water in Ballybay and he asked that we continue to monitor this.

Page 4- Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the overlay at the N54 and the issues of speeding near the play park, he asked that the driver feedback sign on the Newtownbultur Road be placed along this stretch of road. Cllr Treanor also asked for an update for yellow boxes at Applegreen and at Fitzpatrick sq. Cllr Pat Treanor also welcomed the repair works carried out at Lough Ooney and Legnakelly. Mr Gabriel Hurson stated that the driver feedback sign on the Newtownbultur Road was going to be place on the Roslea Rd but that others had been ordered and would be made available in the new year. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the yellow boxes will be completed in the New Year.

Page 5- Cllr Cathy Bennett asked about Corlatt, Kipperdog and the Scotstown to Ballinode road, Mr Colin Murphy said that Corlatt will be finished early next year, Kipperdog was now open and that the Scotstown to Ballinode rd was temporarily fixed. Cllr Cathy Bennett felt that more work needs to be done on this road. Cllr Cathy Bennett also spoke on Hollywood lake and her hopes that funding would be made available.

9. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive orders BCMD 61/18 to 76/18 were noted by the members.

Cllr Cathy Bennett raised the issue of increasing cost on CE order 74/18. Mr Kevin McNally stated that this was in line with procurement policies.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked for clarification regarding CE order 64/18. Mr Kevin McNally stated that this order was to address ongoing issues at the traffic lights in Clones.

10. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following:

- Monsignor Larry Duffy on been appointed Bishop Of Cloghrt
- Larry Fryers on winning his 9th professional boxing match

Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- The Campbell family on the death of Margaret Campbell
- Martin Duffy and family on the death of Seamus
- Kevin, Kathleen Lennon and Cunningham family on the death of Dessie Cunningham
- Noel Duffy and family on the death of Nan Duffy
- The Toye family on the death of Leo
- Sean Bonner and family on the death of Gabi

11. A.O.B.

Cllr Sean Gilliland asked about the works at the old cinema site and asked about the barriers alongside the Lennard arms. Mr Kevin McNally stated that a temporary car park was going in at the cinema site and that the council were looking into more long-term plans for this site. Regarding the Lennard Arms the barriers have been placed on the Annalore st side due to health and safety reasons. Due to the deterioration of the building it was necessary to close the footpath that runs alongside it.

Cllr Sean Gilliland passed on his congratulations to Mr Adge King on securing funding for the new Peace Campus in Monaghan town. Cllr Sean Gilliland said this was great news for the county and all the members agreed. Mr Adge King thanked everyone and stated that it was a team effort from all. Cllr Sean Gilliland asked that the Municipal District write to the Chief Executive and Directors to congratulate them on this.

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on the robbery of the ATM machine from Bank of Ireland Ballybay and proposed that this Municipal District totally condemn the actions of those involved in the theft of the ATM at Bank of Ireland Ballybay in the early hours of Sunday (16th Dec) morning. The Municipal District request anyone with information in relation to this incident to forward it to An Garda Siochana immediately. This Municipal District will offer support to Bank of Ireland management and staff at this time and offer assistance to have emergency ATM facilities restored to Ballybay which would be accessible to the public over the Christmas period. The negative impact on business and community of not having ATM services in Ballybay over Christmas would be enormous. This was seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland and agreed by all.

Cllr Sean Gilliland added that Minister Shane Ross is camouflaging the failure of law and order in rural communities by introducing new speeding laws, he added that more Gardai were needed urgently. Cllr Pat Treanor added that rural Ireland has been abandoned by the Gardai .

Cllr Sean Gilliland thanked all the staff for their hard work throughout the year and also paid tribute to the elected members, he wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled January 21st at 10.00am.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

21/01/2019