

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 15th April 2019 at 10.00am The Diamond, Clones , Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Sean Gilliland, presided

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

In Attendance Kevin McNally Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer.

Apologies Adge King, Director of Services,

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Presentation by Cairde Activation Centre Clones

The Cairde group gave a detailed report on their findings from 'Make Way Day', the report highlighted the serious issues facing them regarding the footpaths and walkways around Clones Town. The members welcomed the report and thanked the Cairde members. The Md is to investigate the issues that were highlighted

2. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed the previous minutes; Cllr Seamus Coyle seconded the proposal and were agreed by all.

3. Correspondence Sent

The correspondence sent was noted by all present.

4. Correspondence Received

Cllr Cathy Bennett spoke on the correspondence received from Minister Heather Humphries TD. She welcomed this letter and asked that Monaghan County Council submit applications for the development of Hollywood lake.

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke about correspondence from Irish Water and said it was disgraceful. Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed that this MD again write to Irish Water asking them to attend Mays MD meeting to discuss on going issues with water quality in the Ballybay area, this was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on the additional correspondence from Enterprising Monaghan requesting funding for the repair to the pontoon at the Ballybay Wetlands Centre. Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed that this MD allocate €5000 to this project, this was seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland and agreed by all.

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on correspondence from the Valuation Office and stated that he was disappointed with their response. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this MD write to them again inviting them to attend the next MD meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

Cllr Pat Treanor also spoke about the request for funding from Gransha NS, Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this MD allocate €1000 to the installation of a MUGA at Gransha NS, this was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

A discussion was had regarding the lack of correspondence from Eir regarding ongoing issues within the MD. Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that this MD write to Eir requesting that they attend Mays MD meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Cathy Bennett and agreed by all.

5. Consideration of the Naming of the Clones Offices of the Ballybay Clones MD

Cllr Sean Gilliland reminded the members of what had been said at the last meeting, if there was no agreement then the issue will be suspended. Cllr Pat Treanor felt the issue was straight forward, the public had spoken and should be listened to, he added that there were great examples of where public consultation had been a success in the past. Cllr Hugh McElvaney stated that he was still willing to compromise and call the building the Clones Market House. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that this issue reminded him of the old style politics of 'winks, handshakes and backhanders', Cllr Seamus Coyle asked that this statement be withdrawn, Cllr Pat Treanor refused. Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that he was disappointed that this could not be resolved and that he was left with no alternative but to suspend the process.

6. Municipal District Coordinators Report

Mr Kevin McNally gave his report:

Former Clones Post Office

Works to the refurbishment of the building and nearly completed. The certificate for substantial completion will be issued shortly. Tenders for the fitout aspect of the project have been received and assessed. Number of contracts have been awarded for this element of the project. We are now in the process of preparing the necessary terms and conditions to enable the various studios to be leased to artists.

Sliabh Beagh

The iconic sign proposed for a site in the vicinity of the penal cross in Knockatallon is at production stage and is nearly completed. Tenders are currently being sought for the construction of the base that the sign will be erected on and the installation of path to allow people to access the sign.

Ballybay Town Park

Part Eight Planning permission has been received for works to Ballybay Town Park – these works are being funded from allocations received under the Departments Outdoor Recreation Programme. A landscape architect has been appointed to provide advice on planting. It is envisaged that tenders for the construction aspect will be sought in late May.

Ballybay Courtyard project

Part Eight Planning application for works to the Ballybay Courtyard project has been submitted and will be considered by the Council at its May meeting. These works consist of the development of an access roadway to the site and the provision of a temporary carpark. The tender process for construction of the access roadway is nearly completed and subject to Council approval of the planning application it is programmed that works will commence in June. Separately we are in the process of procuring a masterplan for this site. Tenders have been received and are being assessed.

Ulster Canal Greenway update

Ballybay – Clones Municipal District are exploring the feasibility of extending a new greenway, roughly along the line of the disused Ulster Canal, from Smithborough to Clones. This project is being funded by funding from the Municipal Districts allocation. The Municipal District have procured consultants, Fehily Timoney/Clandillon Civil Consulting to aid in developing a feasibility study. The consultants have undertaken walk over surveys of the lands in the vicinity of the route over the coming weeks. We hope to present a draft of the consultant's report at the next Municipal District meeting.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Ballybay Chamber of Commerce in working with the Municipal District in delivering a successful Civic Award to Ballybay Community College in recognition of their recent All Ireland Colleges Senior Rice Cup Final win and also to Jamie Hughes in his success in the Special Olympics on Thursday last.

The MDs Community awards night is scheduled to take place in the Creighton Hotel on 2nd May.

Mr Colin Murphy gave his report:

Roads Programme

Tenders for the Bitmac Contract have been received and are currently being assessed. The projected start date is still the 13th May for works. The contractor will be starting in the Ballybay-Clones MD this year. Drainage works is complete on the 6 roads on the 2019 Roads Programme, the LP4007 at Lacken Bridge, LP3403 Ballybay to Cremartin Road, LS6210 Doohat to Drunanan, LS 8103 in Laragh, the LT80001 Drumhonnion Rd and on the LP4020 Corvally Church Road this week.

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Latton - Tender for the works will be going up next week with submissions to be received by the first week of May.

Scotshouse - We have tendered for the services of landscape Architect, to help finalise the design of the Park

Ballybay Town Park - Part 8 planning for the works in the Ballybay Town park has been approved. A landscape architect has also been appointed to advance the works.

Regional Road Signs

A gang is progressing through the MD with cleaning and repairing of signs on the Regional Road Network and intersecting road junctions within the MD boundary

Clonkeencole

Works are continuing to improve access and parking at Clonkeencole Community Centre, in addition to the removal of the large evergreen trees at the pedestrian access and the installation of additional lighting.

Swanns Cross Bus shelters

The 2 bus shelters have been installed at Swanns Cross and work is complete.

Cycle Path in Mulladuff

Works have also been completed on the installation of a cyclepath around the perimeter of Mulladuff Green in the Area.

Billy Fox Memorial Park

The MD end of the work on the Billy Fox Park is now fully complete. There are still a few small items that the development association still have to complete as part of their end of the works

Extension of footpath out to Famine Memorial Graveyard

Works on the footpath have commenced on the Scotshouse road. We are currently waiting on Eir to underground the existing overhead cables

Cannons Lane

Works are ongoing on Cannons Lane. The hedge has been removed and the drainage and additional width to the road have been installed. The fencing is currently being erected.

Threemilehouse Residents Association

Works on installing a fenced off area so that the residents can locate a storage shed and tools is complete.

The members thanked them for their reports.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked about the report on the canal greenway, Mr Kevin McNally stated that it was hoped to keep the greenway as close to the original route but unfortunately due to some building developments this was not always possible.

Cllr Richard Truell thanked the staff for the work at the new Bus Shelters at Swans Cross, he raised an issue about potholes on the Drum to Cootehill rd. Mr Colin Murphy stated that he would look into this.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed all the works and added that the Bog Rd need to be addressed as a matter of urgency, Mr Colin Murphy stated that it was on the 2020 Roads Programme.

Cllr Cathy Bennett asked about the Roslea Road out of Scotstown, Mr Colin Murphy stated that this work would need to be tendered for.

7. Questions

Cllr Richard Truell asked

Q1. I request that Monaghan County Council examine the requirement for traffic calming measures on the R183 Newbliss Clones road, approaching Clones town before Largy college as it gets very busy here during school time.

Answer: The Municipal District will review this location to determine if additional traffic calming measures are required. Any works will be subject to compliance with the Councils policy on traffic calming measures and the availability of funding.

Q2. I request that Monaghan County Council examine the need for a safety railing at Smithborough Presbyterian Church and safety measures on the road from Eire Og GAA Pitch as its dangerous for both using the church and GAA pitch.

Answer: The Municipal District have received funding this year under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme to carry out works at this location. As part of these works a safety railing will be erected at Smithborough Presbyterian Church.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked

1).What plans have Monaghan County Council to address the serious flooding problems which arose recently on the LS07201 Roadway at Tullycarragh, Drumhowan, the flooding is very dangerous for motorists using the road?

Answer: The Municipal District have examined this location and determined that the problem arose from overgrow land drains on private property restricting the flow of water during the prolonged rainfall. This was relayed to the land owner concerned.

(2).Can Monaghan County Council examine the possibility of introducing 2 Hour Parking on St. Patricks Street, Ballybay, as residences of the area are finding vehicles parking for long periods preventing essential services and deliveries accessing their prosperities?

Answer: The Municipal District will undertake a review of the parking bylaws in Ballybay.

(3).Can Monaghan County Council confirm the timescale for the completion of an Area Plan for Latton?

Answer: Monaghan County Council are currently working on 8 Community plans, this comprises of finishing off 4 from last year and starting 4 more in 2019. Subsequent to completion of these, Latton may be considered for the next phase.

(4).What corrective works are Monaghan County Council proposing to take to address the Infrastructural Defects of Sewerage Lines/Footpaths etc at the Alders Estate, Clones Rd, Ballybay to enable the estate to be Taken in Charge by this Local Authority?

Answer: This estate is in private ownership and Monaghan County Council have not received a request to take it in charge.

(5).What progress has been made by Monaghan County Council in the naming of the Housing Estate on the Roslea Rd, as discussed by the Municipal District a number of months ago?

Answer: Monaghan County Council are currently undertaking discussions with residents in the area.

8. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Page 3 :- Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on the Part 8 planning application regarding Scotshouse, Mr Kevin McNally stated that this was going ahead.

Page 4:- Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on the extension of footpath to Famine Graveyard, Mr Colin Murphy stated it was delayed due to Eir not moving the telegraph poles.

Page 4:- Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the progress regarding the speeding review at Gransha NS

Page 5:- Cllr Seamus Coyle asked about alternatives to ramps at Sra Rd, Mr Colin Murphy stated that other alternatives included, signage, chevrons and anti-skid road surface.

Page 7:- Cllr Richard Truell asked about ramps in Drum Village, Mr Colin Murphy stated that ramps would not be installed. The members had a discussion on various type of traffic control systems. Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that drivers had to take responsibility for the speed they drive.

Page 8:- Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on the possibility of employing a Business Coordinator, Mr Kevin McNally stated that a draft proposal was been worked on.

9. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive orders BCMD 20/19 to 2119 were noted by the members.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked about the contract for cutting the grass and should it include old graveyards specifically, Edergole graveyard. The MD will investigate this further.

10. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy

Members extended a vote of Congratulations to the following:

- To Largy College on their debate team reaching the All Ireland Final

11. A.O.B.

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke about ongoing issues at Pearse Place Ballybay and proposed that Monaghan County Council examine the provision of a rear roadway entrance to Pearse Park to address the parking difficulties on the Castleblayney road, this was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

The members were reminded that annual presentation evening would take place in the Creighton Hotel Clones on Thursday 2 May.

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled May 20th at 2.00pm.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date
20/05/2019