

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 25th February 2019 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, Seamus Coyle and Richard Truell

In Attendance Aidge King, Director of Services, Kevin McNally, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked the executive for organising an earlier visit to the new Arts Studios at the old Post Office and stated the work was of a very high standard. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that it was great to see further dereliction being addressed in Clones Town. All members passed on their congratulations to all involved

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed the previous minutes, Cllr Richard Truell seconded and they were agreed by all.

2. Correspondence

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the correspondence from TII regarding the N54 at Gransha. The speed limit review committee have met and the public consultation regarding various speed limits in the county including that at Gransha has begun as of Monday 25/02/2019. It is proposed to reduce the speed to 80km during school times. Monaghan County Council had hoped this would be reduced to 60km during school times. Cllr Pat Treanor appealed to the public to look at the document and make submissions where they feel it necessary. Cllr Sean Gilliland asked Mr Michael Fisher to publicise this public consultation process in the Northern Standard. Other changes to local speed limits were discussed. Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed that this MD make a submission to the Speed Limit Review Committee requesting that the speed limit at Gransha NS be reduced to 60Km during school times, this was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked who has the final decision regarding this, Cllr Pat Treanor stated that it was a reserved function.

Cllr Seamus Coyle stated that he was disappointed that an Irish Water representative was not in attendance at the meeting as had been requested. Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed that this MD request that a representative of Irish Water attend the next monthly meeting of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District on Tuesday 26th March at 10.00am in Ballybay Civic Offices to discuss the decolourisation of water from Kilkit Water Treatment Plant to Ballybay and the surrounding areas. Cllr Seamus Coyle noted that the MD wanted to know what measures Irish Water were putting in place to address the unacceptable water quality been supplied to households in the area. This was seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland and agreed by all.

3. 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. Tenders for the fitout aspect of the project are due to be returned by the end of the month. We are now in the process of preparing the necessary terms and conditions to enable the various studios to be leased to artists.

It is hoped that the building will be operational during April.

Sliabh Beagh

On the 14th February 2019 the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership reviewed and approved the final design and model of the iconic sign proposed for a site in the vicinity of the penal cross in Knockatallon. The artist has now been instructed to proceed to production stage. The committee have also approved the branding and signage strategies for the area. We are awaiting confirmation of the dates when the sign will be ready and hope that it will be installed by April this year. Contractor has been appointed to commence the improvement to a number of picnic areas in the locality. These works are well progressed.

Ballybay Town Park

Part Eight Planning application has been submitted for works to Ballybay Town Park – these works are being funded from allocations received under the Departments Outdoor Recreation Programme. Procurement of a landscape architect to provide advice on planting etc is nearly completed.

Ballybay Courtyard project

Part Eight Planning application for works to the Ballybay Courtyard project has been submitted. These works consist of the development of an access roadway to the site and the provision of a temporary carpark. Separately we are in the process of procuring masterplan for this site.

Meeting is proposed with Ballybay Regeneration Committee for Thursday 28th February at 6.00pm. There are a number of items on the agenda for the meeting such as the finalisation of the Ballybay Economic and Public realm plan.

Rural Regeneration Funding

Clones Town Centre Regeneration

Funding of €377,350 has been awarded for Clones under the Rural Regeneration Programme.

This proposal involves the regeneration of Clones town centre and consists of the development of three sub-projects to tender stage; Heritage Project at the Diamond, St Tiarnach's Plaza and Fermanagh Street Business Hub. This funding has to be matched by the Council by 25% - so the total value of the project is €503,000.

Ballybay Town Centre Renewal

Funding of €410,000 has been awarded for a project in Ballybay under the Rural Regeneration Programme. This funding has to be matched by the Council by 25% - so the total value of the funding is €547,000. The project consists of development of new street off Main Street. Phase 1 is being funded under the Town and Village Renewal Programme. This additional funding will advance the project to phase 2 i.e. to shovel-ready stage. Funding was also being provided for the preliminary design of path networks and a business hub in Ballybay.

Local Enterprise Week

This year's Local Enterprise Week is occurring on Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March. There are a large number of events are planned, details of which are available on the Monaghan Local Enterprise Office website.

Mr Colin Murphy gave his report

Roads Programme

Drainage works are complete on 5 of our roads on the 2019 Roads Programme, the LP4007 at Lacken Bridge, LP3403 Ballybay to Cremartin Road, LS6210 Doohat to Drunanan, LS 8103 Laragh and the LT80001 Drumhonnion Rd. Works are due to commence on the LP4020 Corvally Church Road this week.

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Latton, a level survey of the village has been completed and we have begun looking at different design options for the location of the footpaths.

Scotshouse, a meeting has taken place with a number of residents in the area. Part 8 planning documents are currently being prepared with a view to having these ready the first week in March.

Opening outlets on Regional Roads

A contractor (NC Plant Hire) has completed works opening outlets and cuts on all the Regional Roads in the MD.

Billy Fox Memorial Park

Works are substantially complete on this project

Cycle Path in Mulladuff

Tenders have been received and assessed for the cycle track in Mulladuff. A number of things have to be clarified in relation to their insurance. Works will commence once the contractor has clarified the issues highlighted by IPB.

Extension of footpath out to Famine Memorial Graveyard

Works on the footpath are due to commence in early March.

Cannons Lane

It is intended to commence works on the first phase of works on Cannons Lane in early March. There is a double hedge along the first section and it is the intention to remove the hedge on the lane side for a length of the first 4 residents and widen the lane to allow for a pull in area for meeting traffic.

Threemilehouse Lighting

Quotes have been received for provision of an additional light beyond the church opposite the school and for upgrading the light in the Priests garden. The council will upgrade the public lighting on the brae up to the church as part of their upgrading programme at no additional cost to the MD.

Threemilehouse Residents Association

Agreement has been reached with Housing Section regarding a location for the storage shed for their grass cutting equipment. This should be installed by the end of March.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the reports and requested that the issue of the lights at Threemilehouse would be discussed at the in-committee meeting. Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the announcement of funding for the MD and spoke of the visit by Ministers Michael Ring and Heather Humphreys to Clones on Friday 15th February. Cllr Sean Gilliland congratulated all involved in the projects that the ministers visited.

Cllr Pat Treanor also welcomed the funding and spoke of the great work done by the staff and all our local TDs for securing the funding. Cllr Pat Treanor hoped that Phase 2 money would be secured for the projects involved. Cllr Pat Treanor appealed to Monaghan County Council to work closely with Waterways Ireland regarding the Ulster Canal.

Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed the funding for the area but spoke of his disappointment that the ministers hadn't visited Ballybay. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked for a breakdown for what the monies would be spent on in Ballybay and what monies had been secured by Monaghan County Council under the Clones Renewal Scheme. Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed the funding to the Ulster Canal and spoke about how planning for this project was initially received in 2013, he also welcomed the proposed works at Cannons Lane. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked for clarification of the anti-skid surfacing at Drum.

Cllr Cathy Bennett also welcomed the funding received however was disappointed that once again the areas around Scotstown had been ignored. Cllr Cathy Bennett proposed that this MD write to Minister Michael Ring and Minister Heather Humphries requesting that they visit the Sliabh Beagh and Hollywood areas that require much needed funding.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney added his congratulations to all involved in the funding applications and asked that the members receive regular updates regarding the various projects. Cllr Richard Truell also added his congratulations.

Mr Kevin McNally gave an update on the Clones Renewal Scheme and stated that there was approx. €3.5m funding secured. The procurement process for this scheme is currently ongoing. Mr Adge King added the money for the Clones Renewal Scheme was secured but that due to the complexity of the scheme it would not be allocated until contractors appointed. Mr Kevin McNally noted that the funding received was to advance projects to construction ready stage. A further report on the status of the projects would be given at later Municipal District meetings.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that anti-skid surface was now in place at both Schools in Rockcorry and Drum.

Questions

Cllr Richard Truell asked:

Q1: I request that Monaghan County Council assess the current signage at Annalore Bridge on the R189 Newbliss to Clones Road: the assessment should include the current safety signage and road marking and if it is of a sufficient standard that meets road design regulations, what additional safety

warning signage and road markings can be added to the current layout to increase safety at the Bridge as there has been some near misses and accidents in the past.

The Municipal District will assess the signage and road markings at Analore Bridge. Any proposed works will be subject to available funding.

Monaghan County Council has received funding of €20,050 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to undertake bridge rehabilitation works at this location. These works will be completed in 2019.

Q2: I request that Monaghan County Council examine the requirement for the addition of traffic calming measures on the R183 Swans Cross Road approaching Newbliss village.

The Municipal District will review this location to determine if suitable safety measures are required to address the issue. Any proposed works will be subject to available funding.

Q3: I request that Monaghan County Council consider erecting an outdoor shed for the residents of the village of Threemilehouse to store their garden tools i.e lawn mower and strimmer etc, which are needed for the up keep and cleaning of the village. The residents maintain a high standard of upkeep in their village and the provision of a shed/ storage area would greatly assist them in their activities in the village.

The Municipal District in conjunction with the Councils Housing Section have identified a location for an outdoor storage shed and will install a concrete base and fence surround in the coming weeks for the shed. This work will facilitate the installation of a shed by the Resident's association.

Q4: I request that Monaghan County Council issue a response on any proposals that are in place to purchase/ upgrade the "derelict" properties on the Monaghan Road into Rockcorry village, also known as "Tea Pot Row" and "Widows Row" out the Ballybay Road. Have any discussions taken place with regards to this area to date and if so, what are the future plans for the area?

Monaghan County Council has no plans to acquire the properties in Rockcorry known as Tea Pot Row and Widows Row. The Council understands that the owner of Tea pot row is undertaking a feasibility study exercise to examine various options as how to redevelop this site. It is hoped that this process will be completed in the coming months.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked:

(1).On the section of road between Tullycorbet to Kilnacran Cross,can Monaghan County Council examine and have works completed to address the following issues-

(A).Safety measures on the very dangerous corners in the Townland of Cordevlis,Baddox,preferable safest works,would be the removal of corner/hedge row?

The Municipal District will review these locations to determine if suitable safety measures are required to address the issue. Any proposed works will be subject to available funding.

(B). Will Monaghan County Council address the flooding issue's on the section of roadway in the in the Townlands of Kilnavan/Corvalley, Braddock, as the flooding is a cause of great inconvenience to local residences and road users?

The Municipal District will review this location to determine if suitable measures are required to address the issue. Any proposed works will be subject to available funding.

(2). Will Monaghan County Council immediately carry out the renewal of Road Safety Markings at Latton Village and Veldins Cross, Latton (LP03012), in the interests of safety?

Road Lining works within the Municipal District generally take place on a quarterly basis to achieve best value for money. These locations have been placed on a register and will be renewed when the contractor is next appointed to carry out works in the Municipal District.

(3). Can Monaghan County Council examine and have cut very dangerous overhanging Tree's/Branches out the Clones Rd, Ballybay (R183)?

This land is in private ownership. Under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads act, the owner or occupier of land is obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road, and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

In accordance with this legislation, the Municipal District will write to the owner of this land requesting that they cut the trees in question.

(4). Will Monaghan County Council carry out a further examination of the Ramps on the Castleblayney Rd., Ballybay (R183), as there is ongoing complaints of their height ?

The Municipal District will examine the ramps on the Castleblayney Road in Ballybay and revert back in due course.

(5). As Monaghan County Council deliver an excellent Winter Salting/Gritting Programme of roads, can the Rockcorry-Doapey Creamery Road be added to the Programme, as this road carries heavy traffic on a daily basis, including 5 schools buses, including a bus to a Special Needs Facility?

Monaghan County Council are currently treating over 610km of road on each call out. The 610km is split over 8 routes with 8 gritters deployed per call out. At present the winter maintenance operation is at full capacity and cannot include any additional kms. To treat all roads suggested by the Councillors we would require a substantial further investment in the operation which would include additional plant and labour costs. We get a limited budget from TII and DTTAS for these works with the balance taken from own resources. At present the programme can't be extended given existing plant and labour resources.

In relation to schools, community centres and business premises the Roads Dept operate a Salt bin purchase scheme whereby boards of Management and community groups can buy a salt bin for use within the carparks entrances etc.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

Page 1- Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of the request for further funding for the public lighting and in particular a meeting with Minister Ross. Mr Kevin McNally stated that this request had been forwarded to Carmel Thornton for consideration by the full council.

Page 4- Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that the members be given a site visit for the proposed new Fire Station in Ballybay.

Page 7- Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of Drumlane Cross. Mr Colin Murphy stated that he had identified the problem and would speak to the land owner. Cllr. Seamus Coyle also asked about the R190, Mr Colin Murphy stated this would be reviewed.

Page 9- Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on the issue of the ATM Machine in Ballybay and proposed that this MD write to Bank of Ireland Management and Staff congratulating them on the quick installation of the new ATM machine which is essential for the business and community of Ballybay. Cllr Seamus Coyle also asked that his previous motion regarding a survey on disabled parking be forwarded to the entire council.

Page 9- Cllr Cathy Bennett asked that a monthly report on Bothar na Mullan be given to the members, she welcomed the new parking at Corlatt and thanked the staff involved.

Cllr Sean Gilliland spoke of damage to bridges in the Lough Egish Area. It was noted that Sat Nav was taking trucks off the main road and this is causing a major problem. Cllr Sean Gilliland requested signage to address this.

5. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive orders BCMD 03/19 to 10/19 were noted by the members.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the proposed installation of gym equipment at Barry McGuigan Park Clones.

Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- Brendan Reilly and Family on the death of his wife Mary
- Family of John Martin
- Lorraine Rooney and Family on the death of Paddy
- The McQuillan Family on the death of Francis
- Eileen Nicholl and Family on the death of Liam

6. A.O.B.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked that Ballybay Main street gets a good clean up as there are lots of weeds etc. It was stated that this work would be undertaken in the next few weeks. Cllr Pat Treanor reminded everyone that the Clones Spring Clean will take place on Saturday 9th March. Cllr Cathy Bennett spoke of blocked storm drains in Scotstown Village. Mr Kevin McNally noted that this issue would be added to the customer query register.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled March 26th at 10.00am.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

26/03/2019