

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 10th June 2019 at 2pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Conlon presided.

Present: Cllrs. Paudge Connolly, David Maxwell, Raymond Aughey, Seamus Treanor, Brian McKenna and Cathy Bennett.

In Attendance: John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 20th May 2019 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr. Maxwell asked for an update on the CCTV for Monaghan town to which Mr McElwain responded that the Application has been submitted to the Department.

Cllr McKenna asked had any progress been made on the provision of a bus shelter in Emyvale. Cllr Connolly advised that the location was an issue that had to be agreed. Mr McElwain advised that the location had been discussed, the front of the Community Centre. Funding to be applied for from the NTA. Cllr McKenna asked that it be kept as a priority. Cllr Bennett referred to Cllr Connolly's motion in relation to the HSE building in Scotstown and asked that a letter be issued to Cathal Hand, HSE seeking an update/clarification on this issue. All members agreed.

Mr McElwain advised the members that the Executive and members met with An Garda to discuss anti-social behaviour in the town. There are a number of issues that the MD were asked to investigate and a number of issues that An Garda need to address. Cllr McKenna suggested that a sub-committee be formed to include An Garda, Planner, Engineers, Housing and business people to address these issues.

A discussion took place on anti-social behaviour in the town, the causes and ways to prevent it, including considering locking of gates at alleyways in Dublin Street.

Cllr Conlon asked, what is the current number of cctv cameras at Mullaghmatt/Cortolvin and how many are operating.

Cllr Maxwell proposed that there should be two sub-committees - Dublin Street and Mullaghmatt and that the meetings should be open to any member to attend. Tuesday, 25th June at 10am was the proposed date and all relevant Stakeholders for Dublin Street to be invited. Cllr Treanor seconded this proposal. All members agreed.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Cllr Maxwell congratulated the last Municipal District members on having the foresight to go ahead with Rossmore Forest Play Park. He asked that a large sign be erected – No dogs allowed, Guide Dogs only.

Cllr Treanor asked for an update on the provision of a Disabled Space for a lady in Glaslough.

Cllr Connolly stated that more parking spaces are required in Rossmore Park. He added that a telephone number should be displayed for the public to report dogs in playground, anti-social behaviour and littering. Cllr Aughey agreed.

Cllr Connolly asked for an update on the Monument for Mousewood Graveyard to which Mr McElwain responded that the Community are proceeding with this.

Cllr Maxwell proposed we go into Committee, seconded by Cllr Aughey and all members agreed.

Cllr Conlon formally proposed that the outdoor exercise machines in the vicinity of Peter's Lake be transferred to Rossmore Park which was unanimously agreed by all members.

Mr McElwain advised that this transfer would be subject to An Coillte Approval.

Cllr Bennett asked why is there no right hand turn when you exit Lakeland Dairies to which Mr Deeney responded that he will check with Roads Section.

Cllr McKenna advised that there is no CI 804 edging on roads that have been tarmaced which is a serious problem to which Mr McElwain requested the locations of the roads to be submitted to Mr Deeney for investigation.

Cllr Conlon referred to Point No 6 of Roads Program 2019 and made a Preliminary Statement that a Dual Carriageway would be the only option that would be considered by all members of the Council, not a re-alignment or a 2 + 1. He added that the members have discussed and are aware of this. Local consultation takes place on the 18th-19th June in the Four Seasons Hotel.

Cllr McKenna stated that the Margaret Skinnader Roundabout flower bed is a dreadful eyesore and requested that it be cleaned up. Cllr Conlon agreed and asked had there been any cutbacks on Outdoor Staff. Cllr Connolly asked what the position is on recruiting a new Gardener to which Mr McElwain responded that Interviews will be held this week.

Cllr Bennett asked that the footpath from Scotstown village to the school be surveyed as it was in a horrendous state.

Cllr Aughey asked to go in-committee.

Cllr Bennett stated that there are two housing developments – The Ferns and Gola Crest, with no adequate Childcare Facilities. She asked what the OPW development was used for on the Roslea Road. Mr Murray advised that it is usually private developers who provide Childcare Facilities and will check out the OPW development.

5. Correspondence

Letter of acknowledgement from Finian McGrath TD Minister for Disabilities dated 29th May 2019.

The next MD meeting was scheduled for Monday, 8th July at 2.30pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 10th Day of June 2019

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator