

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 3.00pm.**

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian McKenna presided.

**Present:** Cllrs. Paudge Connolly, David Maxwell, Raymond Aughey and Sean Conlon.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Seamus Treanor

**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. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 be confirmed.

#### **2. Matters arising:**

Cllr Connolly asked for an update on the Clones Road junction to which Mr McElwain responded that the Road Section had surveyed the junction over 24 hours with little fault noted. It is proposed to make minor alterations to line markings and some additional road signage. The members asked if there was a more detailed report and could it be circulated to them prior to the LUTS meeting.

#### **3. Commitments from MD Allocation:**

Bio-connect Innovation Centre:

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Connolly and approved by all members that an amount of €370,000 would be committed to the Bio-connect Innovation Centre Project from the MD Allocation in support of the Project, Total project spend 7 million. Cllr Conlon reiterated that we should have a built-in mechanism to the funding to address the possibility of something adverse occurring or the project not flourishing as they hoped.

Rossmore Park Playground and Rossmore Recreational Fund:

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Maxwell and approved by all members to match funding required of €250,000 in support of major enhancements at Rossmore Park. This match funding enables over a one million euro to be spent in Rossmore Park this year. Cllr McKenna asked for an update on Milltown Sewerage Scheme.

#### **4. Presentation by Monaghan Town Centre co-ordinator:**

Mr Connolly, Town Centre Coordinator gave a comprehensive presentation to the members. This was followed by Questions and Answers. Cllr McKenna thanked Mr Connolly for the presentation.

#### **5. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:**

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Cllr Aughey asked for an update on the re-surfacing of the N54, North Road to which Mr McElwain responded that Roads Section are currently working on the scheme, surveys are being carried out, they will need to be fully designed out and forwarded to the TII for approval. Cllrs asked if it would be completed this year. Mr McElwain responded that it was unlikely with the amount of work involved but would seek a definite response from the Road Section.

Cllr Connolly asked could the Contractors for the Blackwater bridge project be approached to work longer hours so as to shorten the length of time to complete the project. Mr McElwain advised that his comments would be forwarded to the Roads Section.

#### **6. Monaghan Town CCTV system:**

A discussion took place on the Monaghan Town CCTV report. Cllr McKenna recommended that the Cathaoirleach or vice-Cathaoirleach stand on the committee and asked for a monthly update at future MD meetings.

#### **7. Questions and Answers:**

##### **Cllr. Connolly asked:**

1. To ask Monaghan M D for an update in relation to an outline of works and timeframe of proposed works at

(A) Faulkland Bridge, Glaslough Rd and

(B). Pipers Bridge Tyholland

**Response: (A) Works to Faulkland Bridge, Glaslough Rd will consist of removal of vegetation and repair and repointing of the bridge masonry works. The work is mainly out of stream and works will commence in Mar/April 2019.**

**(B) Pipers Bridge Tyholland will consist of removal of vegetation, repair and repointing of the bridge masonry works and installation of anchor plates. The in-stream works will commence when the Inland Fisheries Ireland season opens for in-stream works on 1st July.**

2. What plans have Monaghan M D to ensure that the yellow salt bins that have been supplied to housing estates will be restocked with salt to allow residents do bits of spot gritting during frosty conditions?

**Response: Monaghan County Council does not provide salt directly to the general public. In order to provide help and assistance to Local Community Groups, Schools, Churches and Businesses during the winter period, it operates a “Purchase a Salt Bin Scheme” which allows Local Community Groups and Businesses to prepare themselves for the winter period at a reasonable cost. It is up to the community group/school/business to source their own salt after the first fill has been used.**

3. In view of the fact that motorists tend to use alternate routes during road restoration works— e.g. additional traffic on the Tierney’s Cross/Edenmore route and the Knockronaghan to Tydavnet route—

(A) whilst the N2 Corracrin to Emyvale road is being upgraded what plans have Monaghan MD to put these roads on the salting Programme?

(B) Clones Road works which will impact on traffic from Brandrum through Heasty’s Cross through to High St Monaghan, Milltown and out to Emyvale Road at Circle K what plans are there to put this road on the Salting Programme?

**Response: (A) No additional roads are or have being allocated to the road salting programme.**

**(B) There are no plans currently. This may be reviewed depending on the location and timing of any Road Closure.**

**Cllr Conlon asked:**

1. Further to the enclosed query submitted to the July 2018 meeting agenda, I ask the Roads Section for an update to the following question,

‘For the purpose of enhancing road safety conditions for both vehicle and pedestrian, I ask that the Roads Section initiate with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) a road safety audit at the four-point intersection of the North Rd, Hospital Hill, Rope Walk and Plantation Rd. in Monaghan.

**Response: A Road Safety Audit is only carried out when there is a change to the existing National Road Network, therefore the TII will not commission a Road Safety Audit at this location.**

**The TII will initiate a safety review for the following reasons.**

**HD15 Site - Section of network where collisions are twice the national average for that type of road**

**HD17 Item – National Route safety assessments by Road Safety Consultants**

**Collision pattern at a particular location**

**It is unlikely that the TII will initiate a safety review at this junction as it is not located on a HD15 Site, no safety items have been identified in the HD17 assessment of the N54 and there is no collision pattern evident at this location.**

**Cllr Aughey asked:**

1. Can Monaghan MD erect two railings outside the gates of the play park in Glaslough?

**Response: The Monaghan MD can investigate this request to establish the need for railings in addition to the existing staggered gates that were installed at the entrance from the playground in 2017.**

2. Is a new horticulturalist going to be employed by Monaghan MD?

**Response: Monaghan County Council will be recruiting a horticulturalist to cover the Monaghan MD. The position to be advertised in March.**

## **8. Motions:**

Cllr Conlon outlined his Motion

'That this Council seeks confirmation from the HSE that they abide by the provisions set out in Section 40 of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) that allows for an elected representative to make representations on behalf of constituents'

Cllr Conlon proposed, seconded by Cllr McKenna and unanimously supported by all members.

Cllr McKenna outlined his Motion

'Given the undoubted future increased use of electric cars, that this M.D. enter into discussions with ESB Networks in relation to the provision of additional charging points to encourage and facilitate the use of electric cars'

Cllr McKenna proposed, seconded by Cllr Maxwell and unanimously supported by all members.

Cllr Aughey outlined his Motion

'In light of the grave concerns from the residents of Emyvale village, this council seeks funding from the TII for additional traffic calming measures for the village to slow the traffic down'

A discussion took place and all members agreed to the motion. Also requested that a letter be issued to An Gardai with regard to carrying out speed checks.

## **9. Correspondence:**

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> February from Pieta House advising of this year's Darkness into light walk on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

## **10. AOB:**

LUTS – Proposed date for meeting is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am in the Conference Room. Room availability to be checked and confirmed with members.

The next MD meeting was scheduled for Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

**11. Congratulations:**

Congratulations was extended to Sliabh Beagh Swimming Club on hosting another well run Festive Gala.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 18th Day of February 2019

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meetings Administrator