

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 20th May 2019 at 10.00am.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian McKenna presided.

Present: Cllrs. Paudge Connolly, David Maxwell, Raymond Aughey, and Seamus Treanor

Apologies: Cllr Sean Conlon

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

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

2. Matters arising:

Cllr. David Maxwell requested that all election posters be removed after the elections. They have 7 days to remove the posters. If posters not removed the party should be followed.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Members welcome progress with the cameras and hoped it would be in place in the near future. All the elected members agreed that the CCTV would be very beneficial to Monaghan Town. Cllr Brian McKenna asked if gates could be put up on the alleyways down Dublin Street to make it safer. Mr McElwain informed the meeting that only 2 of the alleyways are in charge of Monaghan County Council and there will be rights of Way involved, the other alleyways are privately owned. Cllr Aughey asked if better lighting could be put on the alleyways and Dublin Street as these areas are very dark. Mr McElwain said he would investigate these issues. John Murray informed the meeting that the gates would only be temporary measure if they were to be put up as there is a Multi-Million regeneration planned for Dublin Street in the near future. This was welcomed by all the members.

Cllr Maxwell congratulated the Monaghan stages rally and welcomed the huge crowds which attended. All members agreed that it was very welcome business to the town of Monaghan.

Cllr. Treanor congratulated everyone involved in the Treanor Clan Gathering. It was a great occasion, bringing many visitors to the town and a very enjoyable. All members agreed.

Cllr. McKenna welcomed the Development Plan for Emyvale village. The information evening was very informative. The main priority of discussion was that the village needs a bus shelter.

Cllr Connolly was delighted with the progress on the N2 and welcomed the additional resources. He also stated that the diversion routes need extra attention.

Cllr McKenna voiced his disappointment at the patching carried out at Edenmore to Tirnaneill road. He said he requested 804 and instead it was patched with the machine. Dermot Deeney informed the meeting that the side filling was carried out twice on the road, but the volume of traffic was the problem due to the diversion on the main road.

Mr McElwain informed the meeting that there is a Bi-annual grass cutting and litter pick contract for the National roads.

Cllr. Treanor requested that the gullies in some housing estates need to be cleaned. Mr McElwain said the MD have ongoing drainage maintenance and they will target areas in need of attention.

The condition of the North road was discussed, and it was agreed that the surface is in extremely bad repair. Mr McElwain informed the members that routine maintenance can be carried out. It is now envisaged that the North road will be resurfaced next year.

Cllr. Maxwell complimented the work on the Bailey Bridge on the N2 at Coolshannagh. He asked for a sign to be put up on the N2 informing the public that the road is open.

Town Team

Cllr McKenna and Cllr Aughey said the Town Voucher Scheme was a great boost for the town. The members welcomed the street art at the cost of €2,000 at the Margaret Skinnider Roundabout and also the Grow Remote Scheme. With regards to the street art the Members asked that the program for works to the St Enda's building be checked so the funding would not be wasted.

4. Questions and Motions

Cllr. Connolly asked:

1. With regards to improving road safety have Monaghan MD any plans to introduce a 4 way stop system at Edenmore crossroads in Clara?

Response: The Monaghan Municipal District have not received any complaints or representations in relation to road safety at this location and there are no plans to modify the existing layout.

Motions:

Cllr. Connolly outlined his Motion

“That Monaghan MD calls on the HSE Dublin NE to take immediate steps to carry out the necessary repairs to their building in the village of Scotstown to ensure that public health services will be provided to the people of the Scotstown and Ballinode area”.

Cllr Connolly outlined his Motion

That this Municipal District Council write to the Minister for Health in protest the introduction of charges on the transport of Children with special needs, which will cost their families up to €1,200 per year. I would hope this government will see the error of their ways and withdraw these charges.

5. Correspondence

Letter of acknowledgement from the ESB dated 17th April 2019 regarding supply of Charging Points in Monaghan Town. The ESB have replied saying they are identifying points on National routes and Motorways only. The elected members have requested to write to the ESB again asking them to keep Monaghan Town on the priority list for charging points.

Letter of acknowledge from Department of Transport Tourism and Sport dated 15th May 2019 regarding learner drivers. Cllr Connolly said it was a regrettable reply. Cllr McKenna agreed with Minister 's Ross reply and felt that the road is very dangerous for learner drivers to be driving unaccompanied.

6. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the following:
Monaghan Ladies County Minor Team on winning the Ulster Title.

7. Votes of Sympathy

Teresa McGuirk on the death of her sister-in-law Eithne McKenna
Cllr Raymond Aughey on the death of his father Joey Aughey.

The next MD meeting was scheduled for Monday, 17th June at 2.00pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 20th Day of May 2019

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator