

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 21st January 2019 at 2.00pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Brian McKenna presided.

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

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. Aughey, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 17th December 2018 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr Maxwell asked was there an update on the LUTS Study to which Mr McElwain responded that a meeting would take place in relation to the LUTS with the planning Unit of Transport Infrastructure Ireland on January 31st.

Cllr Connolly praised Monaghan Fire Service for their prompt response to a fire in the Diamond town centre which could have been potentially dangerous.

Cllr Conlon expressed his concern over the ongoing problem of a pungent odour in people's houses from a central heating oil tank which leaked in the Woodview area. Mr Deeney informed the meeting that the storm drains were jetted a number of times and that the Environment Section were investigating the matter further.

Cllr. Connolly enquired if there was an update on the Clones road junction. Mr McElwain replied that there was no report back from Roads Department, but the report would be imminent.

Cllr. Maxwell proposed that Monaghan Municipal District immediately expedite the taking in charge of the private laneway at Tullyherim. Mr McElwain stated that the hold up was on the solicitors acting for the other side and that all landowners along the lane have to be in agreement with the taking in charge proposal.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

That there had been €750,000 in sales for the Monaghan Town Voucher initiative during 2018, surpassing, the scheme's target of €500,000. The businesses in the town felt that the free pay parking introduced by the MD had been a very good initiative.

Cllr. Connolly reiterated that the development of a nature trail in tandem with the playground development would be of educative value to children at Rossmore Park.

Cllr. Aughey gave praise to the Monaghan running community that helped with a litter pick and clean up at Rossmore Park and along the Greenway in Monaghan Town. A large amount of rubbish in the areas targeted was collected.

Cllr. Treanor expressed his dissatisfaction over the functioning of the Monaghan Town Christmas lights. He claimed that the lights were only working 60% of the time in some areas of the town. Mr McElwain said he would meet with the company who installed the lights on this matter.

The St Patrick Day organising committee is provisionally booked for 5.30pm on February 6th in the Market House in the town. It is hoped to involve more schools and young people in the parade's organisation.

Cllr Connolly expressed delight with the funding secured for the Peace Campus for Monaghan Town and the benefits for the town.

4. Questions and Answers:

Cllr. McKenna will ask:

1. Will this Municipal District consider and examine the feasibility of providing a disable parking space opposite St. Joseph's Chapel in Park Street to facilitate those with disabilities attending Services in St. Joseph's?

Response:

There are 2 No. disabled parking bays in the car park adjoining St. Joseph's Church to facilitate those attending the church. There are a further 3 No. disabled parking bays in the vicinity of the Market House and disabled badge holders can park in any parking space. It was therefore deemed to be an adequate number of disabled parking spaces in the area.

2. That this Council express our concerns to IMRO in relation to the demand for royalties from the Monaghan Country Music Festival, given that all funds raised are donated to charity.

Response:

The Municipal District can express these concerns to the Irish Music Rights Organisation in relation to the demand for royalties from the Country Music Festival committee.

Cllr. Conlon will ask:

1. That this Council seeks a report from the HSE regarding the provision of the "Meals on Wheels" Service throughout Monaghan town that appears to have been suspended for new applicants to this valuable social service.

Response:

The Municipal District will seek a report from the HSE regarding the provision of the "Meals on Wheels" Service throughout Monaghan town.

2. Will Council Executive contact the relevant stakeholders responsible for maintaining utility covers that are causing a noise nuisance due to lids not fitted properly, especially at locations on the Dublin Rd Tirkeenan and Glen Rd.?

Response:

The Municipal District will investigate any defective utility covers in the locations referred to and report them to the relevant stakeholders responsible for maintenance.

3. Will Council Executive initiate necessary remedial and maintenance works at Killyconnigan relating to damaged footpaths and proliferation of moss as enclosed photos indicate?

Response:

The MD will investigate and carry out any necessary repairs in the locations referred to.

Cllr. Connolly will ask:

1. To ask Monaghan M D what plans are there to do maintenance work on parts of the cycle/walkway from Coolshannagh to Tiernaneil particularly in view of the fact that a number of stretches of this pathway have become overgrown with moss and slime, hedges protruding in some areas and therefore unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians?

Response:

Hedges have been cut along the path and scraping and sweeping of the path surface is in progress.

2. In view of the fact that there appears to be insufficient capacity at bottle banks to cater for demand particularly over the Christmas and New Year period will Monaghan M D consider ensuring that an additional emptying of bottle banks over the Christmas period and other peak times?

Response:

Environmental Services work closely with the contractor to ensure that banks are emptied at appropriate intervals to minimise the possibility of the banks reaching capacity particularly during peak periods and certainly significant improvements have been made in recent years in this regard. The provision of an additional emptying service in Monaghan during future Christmas periods is something that can be considered in the future. Environmental Services have increased capacity at certain sites throughout the county by providing additional receptacles and this is something that also could possibly be arranged through agreement with the MD.

5. Sympathy:

To Lyla Steele on the death of her husband Ronnie Steele, Errigal House, Emyvale.
To the Corr family on the death of, Joe Corr, 13 Glen Road, Monaghan.
To the McElwain family on the death of Mary McElwain, Knockacullion, Scotstown.
To Sharon Finnegan on the death of her father, Pat Finnegan, Carrickmacross.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 21st Day of January 2019

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator