

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the M-Tek Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 8th July 2019 at 2.30pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Conlon presided.

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

In Attendance: Olga McConnon, A/ Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer.

At the outset, Cllr Conlon apologised to the media for the delay and proposed that we allow one hour for a sub-committee meeting to deal with issues. All members agreed.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM:

On the proposal of Cllr. McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 10th June 2019 be confirmed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. Bennett, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 10th June 2019 be confirmed.

3. Matters arising:

Cllr Bennett proposed that a letter be re-issued to the HSE and ask them to source a new premise in Scotstown village, that the people of the area are presently without the healthcare services and that it is a vital service to the area. Cllr Connolly seconded Cllr Bennett's proposal and stated that it is a structural issue and asked what defects are there and seek estimates and timescale. All members agreed.

Cllr McKenna asked for an update on Emyvale Bus shelter to which Mr McElwain advised that an Application has been submitted to the NTA for funding.

Cllr Conlon stated that a sub-committee met with an Garda recently in relation to anti-social behaviour in Dublin Street and reported that the decline in serious assaults, market increase in garda foot patrol and car patrol was very welcome.

Cllr Maxwell outlined Mr Shirley's incident. Cllr McKenna and his colleagues also met with Mr Shirley, advised that it did not look good and that it was a case of doing the right thing. Mr McElwain advised that he had responded back to Mr Shirley and will discuss the matter with the members on Tuesday, 16th July.

Cllr Bennett asked for a response in relation to her previous query on the OPW building on the Roslea Road out of Scotstown.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Cllr Connolly asked for update on CCTV to which Mr McElwain responded that he is hoping to have Grant approval within next two weeks and working on Tender documents.

Cllr Connolly asked what were the anti-dumping initiatives to which Mr McElwain responded, such as improved lighting, i.e. the lights up to St Davnets have all being repaired. Mr Deeney added that other locations are, LED's had been installed on Canal Walk, public alleyway on Dublin Street and alleyway at the Casino are currently being updated.

Cllr Aughey asked could we look at Google maps for Rossmore park to which Mr McElwain responded that our IT section are seeking to get Google maps to amend that the Rossmore search location to indicate the Threemilehouse Road entrance. An update to be brought to the Tuesday meeting.

Cllr Treanor asked for an update on North Road to which Mr Deeney responded that Designs are being prepared by Roads Section and currently overlay are planned to be completed next year.

Cllr Aughey advised that the Monaghan 10 miler will take place on the 11th August.

5. Correspondence

Letter from HSE dated 6th June 2019 regarding HC building in Scotstown

Letter from Dept of Health dated 10th June 2019 regarding the introduction of transport charges in CHO 1 by the HSE.

6. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Conlon asked:

1) I ask that this Council consult with the Local Link Rural Transport Service seeking to have the Route 176 Threemilehouse bus stop at the gates of Rossmore Park for people to have easy access to the improved Park facilities.

Response: Local Link advises that on a Health and Safety perspective, stopping on the route from Threemilehouse would not be safe as the entrance is on a dangerous corner.

Cllr Conlon asked would Local Link consider any location along that road towards the halt to which Mr McElwain responded the Local Link stated, no as it would be too dangerous.

2) That this Council provides an update on the Question I previously submitted in April, which asked for Council to undertake a safety assessment at the playground at Killygoan to include appropriate road and vehicle safety signage and speed reduction measures. I also ask that Council Executive engage with the Environmental Section to introduce measures that will curtail dog fouling to include penalty signage and use of a mobile CCTV camera.

Response: The area near the playground is within the 30km/hr speed limit and there are 2 sets of speed ramps installed outside of it. The appropriate speed limit sign is in place, as

are the 'Caution Children' and 'Ramp' warning signs. There is also an unregulated pedestrian crossing with a centre island situated near the Glen Road junction. The line markings on the ramps need refreshing and this will be completed at the earliest line marking opportunity.

Dog Warden and Litter Warden inspections have been scheduled for the playpark and any additional dog fouling signs will be erected as recommended.

The Environment Section advises that CCTV is not appropriate for identifying the dog owners. It has only been used to date, to identify litter offenders through their vehicle registrations.

Cllr McKenna asked:

When is it expected that repairs will be carried out to the bridge at Derrykinnighbeg known locally as the 'Big bridge' and also the bridge at Glenbeg on the Bragan/Carrickroe road, which has been damaged in recent months.

Response: The bridges referred to above will be repaired as soon as there is funding and resources available to carry out the works. There are 14 bridges reported with damage within the Monaghan MD at present and 3 of them have substantial structural damage. These are being prioritised for attention and funding is being sought for their design and repair.

Cllr McKenna asked if resources became available that the bridges mentioned above be considered.

Cllr Aughey asked:

Can the Municipal District carry out works to the paths at Peter's Lake as there are roots causing the path to raise and there is a tripping issue here?

Response: Works to repair the path at Peter's Lake are being procured at present.

Can the Municipal District carry out weed control from Dole office to Flack's garage on right hand side?

Response: Weeds on both sides of the road in this location were sprayed several weeks ago and the edges have now been scuffed and cleaned up.

7. Votes of Sympathy:

Caroline McNally and Family on the death of Eamon McNally

8. AOB:

Cllr Treanor proposed that we write to Bus Eireann once again highlighted the inadequate 3.30am bus service to the Airport, and also the disgraceful toilet facilities. Cllr Conlon seconded Cllr Treanor's proposal and added that a Real Time Information Display was needed.

Cllr McKenna asked that Bus Eireann be kept on the Agenda on a monthly basis until all issues are resolved.

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr McKenna, and agreed by all members that we write to Bus Eireann requesting that a school bus service be provided along the route from Tydavnet to Drumdesco.

Cllr Connolly advised that he is being asked why are there no bins in Rossmore Park and he responds that the Concept is – Take your rubbish home.

The next MD meeting was scheduled for Monday, 16th September at 2.30pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 8th Day of July 2019

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator