

Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan

Comhairle Contae Mhuineachain



The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney

Monaghan County Council

Minutes of proceedings of MD monthly meeting held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 10.00am.

Present : Cathaoirleach Noel Keelan

Cllrs. Aidan Campbell, Mary Kerr-Conlon, PJ O’Hanlon, Aoife McCooey, Colm Carthy

In Attendance: Paul Clifford, Director of Services. Gareth McMahon, Co-ordinator, John Fox, Assistant Engineer, Amanda Murray, Staff Officer, Julieann O’Reilly, Clerical Officer

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. McCooey the minutes of the May monthly meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Campbell the minutes of the MD AGM meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019 were adopted.

2.0 Matters Arising

Cllr. Campbell asked if there is any update of the Market House?

Director of Service Paul Clifford advised there is no further update.

Cllr. Carthy commended the outdoor and MD staff for all the work involved in “Katrina Day” and Carrickmacross Festival.

Cllr. O’Hanlon asked if there is any update from Director of Service Paul Clifford in relation to the proposed CTEK II building?

Director of Service Paul Clifford replied that plans have been prepared for CTEK II. We are awaiting funding opportunities. Possibly the Rural Regeneration Fund?

Cllr. O’Hanlon proposed that:

“A letter be sent to the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphries that planning permission is in place for Carrickmacross CTEK II. That there is a waiting list for people to move into the new building and also there are no Hot Desk Points available in the town. I would like the Minister to support us with this project in every way she can.”

Cllr. McCooey seconded, and it was unanimously agreed by all members.

3.0 Correspondence

(a) Letter from Brian Shevlin, Shevlin's Central Bar, Main Street, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan requesting permission to host a mini-festival on the street outside his premises and "Jayz Bar" on Saturday 29th June and Sunday 30th June 2019.

It should be ensured that parking spaces will free for business use during the day as stated in the letter. Director of Service Paul Clifford suggested that a licence should apply from 6.30pm in the evenings.

Cllr. O'Hanlon proposed, Cllr. Carthy seconded and it was unanimously agreed by the members to grant permission for the event subject to terms and conditions.

Cllr. Keelan requested that the MD contact the applicant.

(b) Email from Andrew McAllister, McAllister Home & Garden, 38 Main St, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan enquiring about the parking arrangements / restrictions for the above mentioned mini-festival.

All concerns noted in the email were addressed as above.

(c) Email from Seamus McEaney, Vanity Nightclub, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan seeking permission to run the Farney Music Festival in the car park at the rear of the Fiddlers on the August bank holiday weekend Friday 2nd August – Sunday 4th August.

Cllr. O'Hanlon proposed, Cllr. Carthy seconded and it was unanimously agreed to grant permission, leaving it up to the Executive to agree the terms of any licence granted.

4.0 Municipal District Co-ordinator's Report

Cllr. Campbell

Thanked District Co-ordinator Gareth McMahon, Engineer Craig Connolly and all involved in the work involving the opening of Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre.

Cllr. Campbell asked if there is any update on the road going out to Dr. Roche's and the open water swimming facility in relation to the triathlon?

Reply – Page three of the report addresses this

Is there an update on the Rural Regeneration Fund?

Reply – A steering Committee had been put together.

Regarding the €100,000 received under the Pilot Residential Town Centre Scheme, is it possible to bring Shaffrey Architects to an MD meeting?

Reply- This would be beneficial, and it will be looked into.

Cllr. Carthy

Thanked the MD for recent works completed at the cemetery.

Cllr. Carthy welcomes the Rural Regeneration Funding for Carrickmacross. Is there an update on this?

Reply – We are required to send in a verification document which is not completed yet.

Regarding the new town park, can the issue of littering and broken glass be looked into? At Ivy Lane Car Park, can the existing walls which are crumbling be investigated? Also, on Farney Street there is a dip on the road which local people have voiced concerns about.

Reply – these will be investigated and added to our list if necessary.

Cllr. O Hanlon

In relation to the Carrickmacross – Greenway and the East Border Region. Particularly as we have Cllr. Campbell as Chairperson, we should meet with the EBR and speak about how we can improve this area.

Cllr. McCooey

Commended the McCaul's re: Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre and welcomed the opening of it.

Cllr. Keelan

Re: Verge Trimming and land owners not in situ or who are hard to find etc? Cllr. Keelan has received complaints about areas in Lisdoonan and Inniskeen.

Reply – This will be investigated.

Cllr. Keelan welcomed the Steadfast junction works and wonders when they will begin?

Reply – At the start of the summer.

Cllr. Keelan spoke about how we should look into acquiring lands in the centre of town and develop the back lands. Carrickmacross is a market town, however there has been a loss of stalls over the past few years. We need to enhance our credentials as a "market town".

5.0 Questions

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for June 2019 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

1. What is the up-to-date position on the changing of speed limit on Chapel Lane, Carrickmacross, to 30km per hour and has extra signage been ordered for this street?

Response:

This matter is being dealt with by the Roads Section and we follow up same with this Department.

2. Have the new road markings at the entrance to the Coill an Ri estate, Kingscourt road, Carrickmacross, been checked to ensure the right-turning lane allows heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) to pass at the same time while someone is indicating to turn?

Response:

The Carrickmacross-Castleblayney MD will carry out a review of the markings in place to ensure that they comply with the conditions of their planning permission.

3. Will the Municipal District consider installing a high security fence around the Convent Lands/St Macartans Villas Play Park to prevent anti-social behaviour and

vandalism (also, has the Council considered my request to have a dog fouling bin added to this area)?

Response:-

The Carrickmacross-Castleblayney MD will carry out a costing exercise for these works and seek funding under appropriate schemes.

4. Has there been any indication as to when funding will be made available to complete phase 2 of the Market Square, Carrickmacross?

Response:

Funding has been received under the Town and Village Renewal programme. A design team has been appointed and the detailed design is progressing. Tender for the works shall commence in August.

5. When is it expected that details of the review of street markings on Farney Street, Carrickmacross, will be made available to the members and has the review made provisions for a Loading Bay?

Response:

As part of the Rural Regeneration Project for Carrickmacross, funding was applied for to carry out a Parking Management Study of the town. It's intended that parking issues on Farney St, O'Neill St and elsewhere will be addressed in this study. The study has not yet commenced however.

Questions raised by Cllr. Aidan Campbell for June 2109 meeting of Carrickmacross/ Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

6. Can the MD put a plan in place to tidy up the area around the bridge at the Black Island and in particular removing the old boating compound which has not been used in years and is surrounded by ugly and unsightly fencing; and replacing this with a lawned area and picnic benches to enhance this amenity?

Response:

An application has been made under the Outdoor Recreation programme to take away the palisade fencing and return this area to an accessible open space with seating.

7. With regard to the planned road works which are long due to take place at Annadrummond, Church Hill Road and at Corrygary beside Toome football field; in view of the fact that they are majors dips in these roads for some time:

- a. What is the scope of works for these dangerous dips?
- b. When are these works due to commence?
- c. How long will these works take?

Response:

The Carrickmacross-Castleblayney MD have plans to remove the dips and resurface the areas referred to. These works have commenced on the 24/06/2019 and will take approximately two weeks.

6.0 Notice of Motions

The following notice of motion was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Carthy seconded by Cllr. Keelan:-

“The Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District calls on the HSE to include the chronic widespread pain condition, Fibromyalgia (FM), to the Long-Term Illness Scheme.”

7.0 Director of Service Orders

Director’s Orders 12/2019, 13/2019, 14/2019, 15/2019, 16/2019, 17/2019, 18/2019, 19/2019, 20/2019 and 21/2019 were noted.

8.0 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

Vote of congratulations was extended to Katie Rooney and Sarah Hanratty of Carrickmacross Kickboxing Club for being selected to represent Ireland in the European Kickboxing Championship. *Votes of sympathy* were extended to Jacinta Malone on the death of her husband Barney Malone and to Cathriona Grimes on the death of her father PJ Russell.

7.0 AOB

Cllr. Carthy

Raised concerns about graffiti in Cloughvalley Playpark involving racist and personalised comments. Asks that there is a clean up organised. Gareth McMahan, District Coordinator responded that this will be investigated.

Delighted to see the additional eCar space on Church Hill and welcomes calls for a 2nd space at the Courthouse. Could a 2nd space be facilitated by adjusting the current space. Also suggests that we look at signage to inform users where the alternative spaces are located. Gareth McMahan responded that the MD will look into the possibility of a 2nd eCar space at the Courthouse without losing overall spaces.

Is Church Hill included in plans for Low Cost Safety Measures? If not, can this be looked at in the future? Gareth McMahan replied that it will be added to the list.

Is there an update about the LT81012?

Director of Service Paul Clifford responded that a decision was issued from the Court and his understanding is that the obligation is on the landowner to re-open the road. Non-compliance will result in Contempt of Court.

Cllr. Campbell

Welcomes the commencement of works on Church Hill Road and Annadrumman.

Cllr. Campbell provided a Muckno Mania brochure for all in attendance, noting that it is the 21st year of the festival and recognising that the MD provide some funding towards it.

Cllr. Campbell stressed the importance of giving the dates for the N2 public consultations so that people can attend. The dates were provided to the press.

Cllr. O'Hanlon

Regarding eCar spaces, can the one being used in Monaghan, at the Four Seasons Hotel, be investigated to see how successful it is, costs etc?

Spoke about the walkway from Carrickmacross town to The Nuremore Hotel. The issue is that there is no footpath coming from the Dundalk side. Can this be looked into as it would be very beneficial to the town? Cllr. O'Hanlon acknowledged that the MD had previously spoken to The Nuremore Hotel about this issue. Gareth McMahan, District Coordinator replied that co-operation is needed from The Nuremore and that the MD will continue dialogue.

Can it be guaranteed that works will be completed at Steadfast Junction by the end of the summer holidays? District Coordinator Gareth McMahan responded that the works will be complete by the time the schools' re-open after the summer.

Cllr. Keelan

Welcomes the works at Finnegan's Cross.

Acknowledges the work of past president of Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce Jim Hand and welcomes John Tobin as the new president. A meeting has been arranged to meet with the Chamber of Commerce.

There is poor lighting at the pedestrian crossing in Donaghmoyne, can the MD look into this? District Coordinator Gareth McMahan replied that this will be investigated.

Is there an update about the bridge at Corbane? Engineer John Fox responded that it is on the list and drainage crews will be put onto this.

Cllr Keelan agrees with the comments made by Cllr. O'Hanlon re: an access path to The Nuremore Hotel.

Traffic Calming measures on the Monaghan Road should be looked into.

Cllr. Keelan encourages local people to participate in the upcoming Tidy Towns competition.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am.

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Meeting Administrator

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