

## Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 10.00am The Diamond, Clones , Co Monaghan.

**Members Present**        The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

The following members were also present: - Cllrs: Richard Truell and Hugh McElvaney

**In Attendance**        Kevin McNally Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer, and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer.

**Apologies**                Cllr Seamus Coyle, Sean Gilliland and Mr Adge King

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Clones Film Festival on the recent success of their annual festival. Cllr Treanor also congratulated Clones ICA on the recent book launch and to the recipients of the Sports Capital Grant. Cllr Hugh McElvaney also passed on his congratulations.

### **1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting**

Cllr Richard Truell proposed the previous monthly meeting minutes; Cllr Pat Treanor seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

### **2. Correspondence Sent**

The correspondence sent was noted by all present.

### **3. Correspondence Received**

Cllr Pat Treanor noted the correspondence with regard to the beef crises and felt that this response was insufficient. With regard to the Home Help crises, Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this Municipal District write to Minister Simon Harris TD and the constituency members seeking an urgent meeting about the crises in the health service particularly the Home Care Scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

### **4. Municipal District Coordinators Report**

**Mr Kevin McNally updated the meeting on the following:**

#### **Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership**

The first meeting of the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership is planned for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. Venue will be in Clones – agenda has been issued to all members.

#### **Ballybay Town Park**

Contract for the construction of Ballybay Town Park has been awarded to Sammy Wilkin. The contractor has assured us that works will commence in early December and be completed in February 2019.

#### **Ballybay regeneration**

The next meeting of the Ballybay Regeneration committee is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

#### **Ballybay Courtyard project**

The installation of services is nearly completed. Kerbing works will be completed by the end of the month. This project is being funded under the Departments Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

As advised at earlier meetings the Paul Hogarth Company has been appointed to prepare a Masterplan for the Ballybay Courtyard project. The consultant has developed a number of options for the site. These are currently being examined by the projects working committee.

The examination of options to provide access to the properties at Pearse Place has been included in the consultants scope. The consultant has developed options for access to these lands. These options require considerable works. The preferred option will be included in the final draft masterplan for consideration.

#### **Clones MD offices**

The final snagging for the Municipal District offices has been completed. We are currently awaiting a programme for the completion of the snags from the contractor.

#### **Clones Post office**

The Council has received approval from SEUPB to transfer the underspend in the fitout budget to the proposal to refurbish the sheds to the rear of the building. These refurbishment works have commenced and will be substantially completed by the end of November. There is a long lead in time for the installation of various external doors – these will be installed prior to Christmas.

Separately the Councils Cultural Section are in the process of arranging the official opening of the facility. This is planned to occur on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

#### **Shorts Yard**

The Council is currently seeking tenders for the development of a masterplan for the site in Clones known locally as Shorts Yard. Tenders will hopefully be returned on Wednesday next. This is the second time that the Council has advertised this project – no tenders were received following the initial process.

#### **Clones and Ballybay Business Hubs**

The Council has appointed Venture International to undertake a feasibility study into the provision of business hubs in Ballybay and Clones towns. The consultants are in the process of finalising draft reports for consideration by the Council.

#### **Clones Heritage Projects**

7 L Architects have been appointed by the Council undertake a scoping study of buildings in the vicinity of the former Lennard Arms Hotel. A number of options have been developed for the site. As the former Lennard Arms is located adjacent to the Wee Abbey, which is a National monument, it is proposed to hold discussions with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht representatives to determine how best to progress the project. These discussions will be held tomorrow in the Departments office in Dublin.

#### **Development of Plaza at St Tiarnachs**

DBFL Consulting Engineers currently being appointed for a 6-month programme to design the project, take the project through the planning stage and complete tender documents ready for construction. The programme consists of the completing Design Development by Dec 2019. Part 8 planning permission will be sought by March 2020. The preparation of tender documentation will run in parallel to this process. A number of draft options have been received – these are currently being developed and costed for consideration by the Council.

### **Ballybay Footpath repairs**

Patrick Hamilton has been appointed to undertake footpath repairs in Ballybay. These works are well progressed and will be completed shortly.

### **Clones Town Team**

Following on from the excellent presentation given by the Clones Town team as part of the Bank Of Ireland Enterprise awards, Clones Town was one of 10 shortlisted towns to be entered into the Rising star category. This competition has a prize fund of €20,000 for the winning town.

I would like to wish the Clones Team every success on the awards night which is scheduled to occur on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **Mr Colin Murphy updated the meeting on the following:**

#### **Roads Programme**

Roadstone are beginning overlay works this week on two sections of Regional Road in poor condition in the Municipal Districts network. The sections are the R187 circa 300m at the border with Roslea and 300m on the R183 at Meadowview Housing estate on the approach to Ballybay. This will conclude the 2019 roads programme works.

Weather permitting, we also hope to go in one day this week to raise the road on the way to Drum that is flooding from the lake.

#### **Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes**

Works in Smithboro are complete and the contractor is currently installing the pedestrian crossing in Magherarney. The contractor is also due to commence works at Cloghan GAA Grounds today. We have a gang working on the scheme at Doohamlet and should be finished on it this week.

#### **Specific Improvement Grant - Greenans Cross Works**

Works are substantially complete on Greenans Cross Junction. The closure has been extended by a week to 22<sup>th</sup> November to facilitate the moving of pole by the ESB.

The Members welcomed the reports.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that the upcoming schedule of events that the members are requested to be at be emailed to the members. Cllr McElvaney also suggested that the Cathaoirleach Cllr Pat Treanor be invited to the BOI NETA/Rising Star Awards.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the works at Greenans Cross and spoke of the issue of large milk containers not been able to access farms. Mr Colin Murphy stated that were issues arose, the council would meet with the land owner concerned. Cllr Treanor also spoke of the importance of the Ballybay Clones Erne East meetings.

Mr Colin Murphy presented drawings to the meeting which outlined the proposed traffic calming measures at Largy Clones, works on which to begin in the New Year. All members welcomed this proposal.

Cllr Richard Truell asked about traffic feedback signs on the Ballybay Newbliss road as one enters Newbliss village. Mr Kevin McNally spoke on the pressure of the council to deal with these issues but that drivers must take responsibility for their speed and there is also an enforcement issue. Cllr Pat Treanor suggested that this be brought up at the next JPC meeting.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the works undertaken at Magherarney, Cremartin and Swans Cross. Cllr McElvaney also requested that the council look at traffic calming for Corcaghen Village.

## **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**Page 1** :- Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Kerry Nolan on her recent success at the Cassandra Hand Rose competition.

## **6. Questions**

**Cllr Richard Truell asked;**

**Q1:** Can Monaghan County Council examine the need for traffic calming measures on the R189 Cootehill to Newbliss Road approaching the village of Newbliss from the church to Darragh Boats as this is a very dangerous part of the village with residents and workers using the boat factory.

**Reply:** There is currently a traffic feedback sign on the approach to Newbliss from Cootehill. The Municipal district have no plans to install additional traffic calming measures at this location. The Municipal District will continue to liaise with the Gardai and request that enforcement of the speed limit in this area is undertaken.

**Q2:** Can Monaghan County Council examine the need for traffic calming measures on the R188 road approaching Rockcorry village at the Tea Pot Row.

**Reply:** The Municipal District will review this location to determine if suitable additional safety measures are required. Any identified works will be subject to the availability of funding.

**Cllr Seamus Coyle asked;**

**Q1:** Will Monaghan County Council immediately undertake to have the overgrown tree's cut on the Carrickmacross Road, Ballybay in front of Ballybay Community College and Dromore View Estate, as they are very intrusive etc to the pupils & staff of the Community College and the residences of the Dromore View Estate, also can the Council undertake to have the tree's/bushes removed at the top of Church Street, Ballybay, in front of the O.P.D.s?.

**Reply:** The Municipal District will undertake a review of the land ownership in the area to determine the responsibility for the maintenance of the trees in front of Ballybay Community College. The Municipal District will undertake a review of the tree's/bushes at the top of Church Street, Ballybay to determine if maintenance/pruning works are required.

**Q2:** Can Monaghan County Council give an update on the progress on the application by the residences of the Alders Estate, Clones Rd., Ballybay to have the Estate "Taken in Charge" by Monaghan County Council and when the process is to be completed?

**Reply:** The application is currently being progressed and the planning authority are liaising with Irish Water on taking in charge matters. It is hoped the process can be advanced to completion stage in the coming months.

**Q3:** While a sign "Children at Play" has been erected at the entrance to Wylie's Hill, Castleblayney Rd., Ballybay, can Monaghan County Council examine the possibility of erecting more safety signage throughout the Estate, including Road Markings/Ramps etc, as residences are very concerned for children at play and pedestrians, due to speeding traffic in the Estate?

**Reply:** The Municipal District will review this location to determine if suitable additional safety measures are required. Any identified works will be subject to the availability of funding.

**Q4:** Will Monaghan County Council immediately examine and put in place traffic calming Measures on the Carrickmacross Road (R180), approaching Ballybay, as there are three housing estates, O'Duffy Tce., Corrybrennan Park and Cul Brennan, the residences of these estates, are extremely concerned for the safety of children/pedestrians etc, as H.G.V.s etc approach this intensely populated area at extremely high speed, with the fear of a fatality, very real in the area?

**Reply:** The Municipal District will review this location to determine if suitable additional safety measures are required. Any identified works will be subject to the availability of funding.

**Q5:** Will Monaghan County Council conduct a survey of Road conditions in the general Tullycorbet/Braddock area as road conditions would appear to have deteriorated seriously to an unacceptable condition in the recent period and present a report to the next M.D. Road Area meeting?

**Reply:** Roads Surveys are undertaken on all roads within the County by the Monaghan County Councils Roads Section on annual basis. This information will be made available as requested at the next Municipal District Road Area meeting.

**Cllr Pat Treanor will asked;**

**Q1:** What is the process by which Monaghan County Council granted a license to Cignal Infrastructure Ireland to erect a telecommunications mast at Ard Chluain, Clones, close to 2 schools, 2 pre-schools and 3 housing estates?

**Reply:** Cignal Infrastructure Ireland submitted an application under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for a licence for the erection of a telecommunications mast at this location. This was assessed in accordance with the provisions of the act and a licence was issued on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**Q2:** What consultation with the local community took place?

**Reply:** Section 254 of the Act makes no provision for public consultation or the making of submissions in respect of licence applications.

**Q3:** How does Monaghan County Council propose to allay the fears of local parents in relation to health and environmental risks from radiation ?

**Reply:** It is understood that Comreg is responsible for oversight in respect of emissions from telecommunication apparatus. Monaghan County Council has no function in this regard. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also have a statutory advisory role on monitoring any health

risks associated with 3/4/5G technologies. The EPA are part-funding research through the World Health Organisation(WHO) on the health effects of radio frequencies which include the frequencies associated with 5G. We will continue to review any recommendations from EPA and respond if this guidance is updated or changes.

## **7. Motions**

Cllr Seamus Coyle motion was withdrawn at the request of Cllr Seamus Coyle.

Cllr Richard Truell proposed that:

That we Monaghan County Council provide public lighting at Corravacan Church Rockcorry, St Annes Church Ture and the Cootehill Road to Rockcorry School in the interest of public safety and with that in mind to explore all relevant funding streams from the designated Government Departments. Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded and was agreed by all.

Mr Kevin McNally agreed to review the previously presented priority list for public lighting and circulate for the members consideration.

## **8. CE Orders**

The CE orders 88/19 to 94/19 were noted by the members

## **9. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy**

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following

- Kerry Nolan on winning the Cassandra Hand Rose

Members extended a vote of Sympathy to the following:

- The McCabe Family on the death of Tommy
- The Rooney Family on the death of Ciaran

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled December 16th at 10.00pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator

Date

16/12/2019