

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 15th July 2019 at 10.15am The Diamond, Clones , Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

The following members were also present: - Cllrs: Sean Gilliland, Hugh McElvaney, Seamus Coyle and Richard Truell

In Attendance Aidge King Director of Services, Kevin McNally Municipal District Co-ordinator, and Seamie Mc Mahon, Staff Officer.

Apologies Colin Murphy Executive Engineer,

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked Mr Paul Connolly from the Housing Section of Monaghan County Council for the earlier update on the derelict properties on Church St Ballybay. All the members welcomed the proposal from housing to build two properties on this site.

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the previous minutes; Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all. The minutes from the AGM were proposed by Cllr Sean Gilliland, Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded and they were approved by all.

2. Correspondence Sent

The correspondence sent was noted by all present.

3. Correspondence Received

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on the correspondence received from Minister Katherine Zappone's office. Although the letter was welcomed, Cllr Seamus Coyle felt that more needed to be done with regard to childcare workers. Cllr Pat Treanor agreed and felt that those workers in childcare facilities deserved better pay as their jobs were extremely important. Cllr Sean Gilliland agreed with all but stated that an increase in wages could lead to an increase in costs for parents.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the correspondence in relation to the outdoor recreation scheme and was delighted that 3 projects from this MD had been forwarded on to the Department for consideration.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the detailed report from the Councils Housing section on the Lissegeron Housing development.

4. Municipal District Coordinators Report

Mr Kevin McNally gave his report:

Sliabh Beagh

The iconic sign proposed for a site in the vicinity of the penal cross in Knockatallon is completed. We are working with the Monaghan Municipal District with the view to arranging a formal launch of the project in September.

Ballybay Town Park

Tenders are currently being sought for the development of the Ballybay Town Park in line with the design which has been approved by the Council during the Part Eight planning process. These tenders

are due to be returned by 19th July 2019. It is envisaged that construction will commence in September.

Ballybay Courtyard project

The construction of the access roadway is programmed to commence this week. This project is being funded under the Departments Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Separately a consultant has been appointed to prepare a Masterplan for the Ballybay Courtyard project.

Ballybay Pathworks

The Council is procuring a consultant to undertake a feasibility study on the development of a range of paths that have been identified in the Ballybay Economic and Public Realm plan. These tenders were returned on 12th July 2019 and are currently being assessed.

Clones and Ballybay Business Hubs

The Council is in the process of procuring a consultant to undertake a feasibility study into the provision of business hubs in Ballybay and Clones towns. A number of tenders have been received. These are being assessed and appointment will be made in the coming weeks.

Clones Heritage Projects

The Council is in the process of developing a brief to procure a consultant to undertake a scoping study of buildings in the vicinity of the former Lennard Arms Hotel.

This report will examine the construction of the buildings and identify if there is a particular archaeology risk associated with their development.

Development of Plaza at St Tiarnachs

The Council has undertaken a topographical survey of the area and is in the process of procuring a consultant to undertake the required design work.

Clones Renewal Scheme update;

Monaghan County Council have received Stage 4 Funding Approval for €5.2 million for the Demolition of 10 derelict buildings and replacement construction of 19 apartments and 2 town houses. The project continues to make good progress with the advanced demolition of the old Boyle Sports nearing completion. Appointment of the successful contractor is progressing and due to the complexity of the project increased examination and coordination of insurance policies and surety are required with excellent efforts being made by the project team to ensure documentation is finalised and suitable for a scheme of this nature. All efforts are being made to finalise the appointment of the contractor to begin the 18-month contract.

Church Street, Ballybay

Monaghan County Council has received Stage 1 Funding Approval of €418,795 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) to appoint consultants to prepare design proposals for 2 No. 2 Bedroom town houses in place of the derelict property on Church Street, Ballybay. In June 2019 Monaghan County Council appointed consultants to prepare design proposal to develop proposals for Stage 2 submission to the DHPLG

Roads Programme

Roadstone Contracts have completed overlay works on the Municipal Districts local roads programme. They have moved to the other Municipal Districts and will return later in the summer to complete overlay works on our 2019 Regional Roads. Our gangs are currently side filling the roads which were

bitmaced. The Surface Dressing Plant is currently in the Castleblayney/Carrickmacross Municipal District and will return to our Municipal District once works are complete there.

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Latton - NC Plant Hire commenced works on this project last week. It is programmed to be completed in September.

Scotshouse - The landscape Architect is finalising the design of the park with a view to going to tender by the end of July.

Kingfisher Trail

New signage for the Kingfisher trail has been delivered and will be erected in due course. Three of the roads on the trail have been surface dressed and it is the intention to surface dress a further 5 roads on the trail when the Surface Dressing plant is back in the Municipal District.

Cannons Lane

Works are now complete on Cannons Lane. The Council is examining the possibility of undertaking further works in this area. This will be subject to obtaining agreement from landowners and securing funding.

Bunnoe River

The contractor (Quinn Automatic) has been appointed for works on the Bunnoe river. These works are due to commence on Monday 22nd July.

Clones Town Trail Map

A new map has been developed by Clones Town Team, the map is now available throughout the town. The work undertaken by Seamie McMahon in delivering this project is acknowledged.

All the members welcomed Mr McNally's report. Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated the Clones Town Team on the development of a new heritage map for Clones and also praised all who were involved in the installation of the exercise equipment in Barry McGuigan Park.

Cllr Sean Gilliland asked how much money was been spent in Ballybay under the Rural Regeneration Scheme, Kevin McNally stated it was approx. €500,000.

Cllr Seamus Coyle thanked all the staff who worked on the Ulster Final day and commented on how clean the town was on following Monday morning.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked for an update on the St Tiarnachs Plaza and the Parking Bays in Ballybay. Mr Kevin McNally stated that currently a design was being undertaken for the plaza and that parking bays would be replaced on the Monaghan Rd Ballybay.

Cllr Richard Truell asked for an update on the Lennard Arms, Mr Kevin McNally stated that this was a very complex project and that the Council was currently in discussions with the Department and the OPW.

Cllr Sean Gilliland raised the issue of the lack of a traffic warden in Ballybay town. Mr Adge King stated that this has been discussed at Management Team level, Mr Adge King added in relation to the Lennard Arms site that in order to advance this project a plan for the site is needed.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Page 1 :- Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed Cllr Hugh McElvaneys County Council motion in relation to home help hours and added that the situation within Monaghan was now at emergency level. All members agreed with this. A discussion was had regarding the issues facing families, Cllr Pat Treanor stated that it was important that the delegation from Monaghan County Council who are due to meet the Minister and Senior Staff are aware of these cases.

Page 2 :- Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Scotshouse Village on been nominated to represent Monaghan in the Pride of Place Awards, He wished them every success.

Page 3:- Cllr Pat Treanor also asked for an update on the proposed works at Duffys Cross, Mr Kevin McNally stated that improved signage was the likely solution. Cllr Richard Truell requested an update at Septembers meeting on the LIS and CIS. Cllr Seamus Coyle requested that power washing be considered for The Fairgreen Estate and Main St Ballybay.

6. Questions

Question was noted

7. Chief Executive Orders

Chief Executive orders BCMD 51/19 to 62/19 were noted by the members.

8. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy

Members extended a vote of Sympathy to the following:

- The McKenna family Smithborough on the death of Kevin
- The McCaffrey family Smithborough on the death of Francie
- The Smyth Family Latton on the death of Agnes
- The McMahan family Threemilehouse on the death of Rose
- The O' Neill Family Ballybay on the death of Francis
- The McDonald Family Clones of the death of Helen O'Hare

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following;

- Larry Fryers on winning his professional boxing match
- Monaghan Minors on retaining the Ulster Final

9. A.O.B.

Cllr Pat Treanor requested that the Ballybay Clones MD liaise with Fermanagh/Omagh District Council with regard to setting up a BCEEP meeting in September.

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled September 16th at 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date
16/09/2019