

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 16th September 2019 at 10.00am The Diamond, Clones , Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

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

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

Apologies Cllr Hugh McElvaney

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the previous minutes; Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded the proposal and it was agreed 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 the Department of Health and proposed that Monaghan County Council reissue the request to the Minister of Health Simon Harris TD, the Department of Health and HSE for an immediate meeting to discuss the emergency situation regarding home help hours. A moratorium of additional hours has been in place since February 2019 in County Monaghan, which has led to huge suffering and hardships on individuals and families. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and was agreed by all.

Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that the correspondence from Bawn Community Group CLG be dealt with in committee this was seconded by Cllr Seamus Coyle and agreed by all.

The meeting resumed, and it was agreed to provide €4000 of funding to the Bawn Community Group once they could demonstrate that they had the necessary funding in place for the remaining budgetary shortfall.

4. Consideration of presentation from the Management of the Peace Link

Management of Peace Link were unable to attend the meeting. This presentation will be given at a future Municipal District meeting.

5. Municipal District Coordinators Report

Mr Kevin McNally gave his report:

Sliabh Beagh Branding Project

It is proposed to have an official unveiling of the iconic sign on Monday 30th September. We are currently working with the Monaghan Municipal District in order to agree the date and time.

Ballybay Town Park

Tenders for the construction of the redesign of the Ballybay Town Park were received on 19th July . These tenders were substantially in excess of the available budget. The scheme was subsequently descope and retendered.

It is a requirement of the projects planning permission that an Archaeologist is employed to report on the site prior to the commence of works.

These works will commence on 23rd September with construction works programmed to commence on 7th October 2019.

Ballybay Courtyard project

The construction of the access roadway commenced on 6th August – due to the contractor’s holiday period a number of delays were encountered.

The contractor has returned to site and is now progressing works. Works are planned to be completed by the end of October. This project is being funded under the Departments Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Separately, the Paul Hogarth Company has been appointed to prepare a Masterplan for the Ballybay Courtyard project. The consultant has met with a number of adjoining landowners and is progressing his study. The examination of options to provide access to the properties at Pearse Place has been included in his scope.

Ballybay Pathworks

The Paul Hogarth Company has been appointed 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. The programme for this study is 10 weeks.

Clones and Ballybay Business Hubs

The Council has appointed Venture International Ltd to undertake a feasibility study into the provision of business hubs in Ballybay and Clones towns. A number of meetings have been held with the Councils LEO office. The consultants are planning to meet the Clones Town Team and the Ballybay Regeneration Committee on 19th and 26th of September respectively. The programme for this study is 12 weeks.

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.

This report will examine the construction of the buildings and identify if there is a particular archaeology risk associated with their development. Various options for the site will be developed. It is hoped that the first draft of this report will be available by the end of October.

Separately the Council has appointed a consultant to assist with the process of getting the building delisted as a protected structure. It is hoped to commence this process by the end of the month.

Development of Plaza at St Tiarnachs

The Council is in the process of appointing a design team led by DBFL consulting engineers to advance this scheme. Once a draft scheme has been produced, consultation with key stakeholders will commence.

Mr Colin Murphy gave his report:

Roads Programme

Roadstone Contracts are due to move back into our Municipal District today to complete overlay works on our 4 Regional roads. The R162 Shercock – Bawn road, R189 Doohat – Newbliss, R183 Legerhill, Clones and the R183 at Swanns Cross.

The Surface Dressing Plant is due to return to the Municipal District in the coming weeks to complete a number of patch repairs on different roads in the Municipal District.

Town & Village Renewal Funding

Latton - Works in Latton are substantially complete.

Scotshouse - Proposed works in Scotshouse had to be retendered on the open market through etenders because due to non-receipt of tenders from the framework on the Supply Gov portal.

Outdoor Recreation Funding

Kingfisher Trail

The New signage for the Kingfisher trail has been erected and approximately 14km of the route has received a new surface dressing layer.

Bunnoe River

Works on the Bunnoe river are substantially complete. When finished a total distance of 11.4km of the river will have been cleaned with a further 2.7km downstream of Doohat cleared of blockages.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

Tenders have been received for the works in Smithboro, Magherarney and Cloghan. Letters of Intent have been issued for the first two of these, with a similar letter to be issued for Cloghan in the coming days.

Clones Footpath repairs

A tender has been placed on etenders for repairs to footpaths in Clones Town. The closing date for receipt was last Friday and submissions will be assessed this week.

Clones Sewerage Treatment Plant Stream to the River Finn.

A contractor has been procured for the removal of vegetation from the stream which drains the north eastern site of Clones town and runs from the back of Clones Sewerage treatment plant to the river Finn, a distance of circa 1.8km. It is hoped that the contractor will carry out this work next week.

Specific Improvement Grant - Greenans Cross Works

Works under the specific improvement grant at Greenans Cross have been tendered for with a closing date of 18th September for submissions. Once tenders have been assessed it is anticipated that works will commence in mid-October with a projected 6-week construction period.

Mr Seamie Mc Mahon gave a report on recent events undertaken by Clones Town Team, these included the National Enterprise Town Awards and the launch of www.clones-ireland.com and the proposed new interactive heritage tour. It was also noted that Clones Town had been shortlisted for the Bank of Ireland Rising Star Award.

Cllr Pat Treanor thanked all for their reports and welcomed the works been done by Clones Town Team and the advancement of the Rural Regeneration Projects. Cllr Pat Treanor asked that the road into Gortnawinney lake be considered for future works.

Cllr Richard Truell welcomed the reports and thanked all for the great work done on the Bunnoe River. Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke of the R162 and raised concerns of a very dangerous corner on this road. Mr Colin Murphy stated that it was not in this year's plans

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Page 4 :- Cllr Sean Gilliland raised the issue of a traffic warden for Ballybay, Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District would contact the Monaghan Municipal District in relation to this.

7. Questions

Answers to the questions were distributed and noted

8. Motions

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the following:

That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District condemns the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed T.D. and his government colleagues, for at the time of greatest ever crisis in the beef and suckler sectors, with farmers loosing between €150 & €200 per animal (Teagasc figures) and farmers protesting day and night at Meat Factories; are now failing to pay out as usual 100% of the 2019 ANC payment, thus keeping out of farmers bank accounts €37.5 million, at this time of cash flow difficulties on Irish Farms.

(This motion to be forwarded to County Council, if adopted.)

This was motion was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor. Cllrs Seamus Coyle and Pat Treanor voted in favour of the motion, Cllrs Sean Gilliland and Richard Truell voted against it.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Pat Treanor used his casting to vote in favour of the motion. The motion was passed.

It was agreed that this motion be forwarded to all local members of the Oireachtas.

9. CE Orders

The CE orders 63/19 to 77/19 were noted

10. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following

- Monaghan Minor Ladies on reaching the All Ireland Final
- Denise Toner on winning European W40 800m final
- Seamus McEaney on been appointed Monaghan GAA Senior Football Manager

Members extended a vote of Sympathy to the following:

- The Coyle family on the death of Peter
- The McConnon family on the death of Jim
- The Duffy family on the death of Joe
- Brendan Casey and family on the death of Mary
- Cllr Seamus Coyle and Mc Phillips family on the death of Maura
- Eugene Cummins on the death of his mother Peggy
- The O Hanlon and Smith families on the death of Sr. Deirdre
- Kevin McNally and family on the death of their mother Bernadette
- The McGuigan and Mealiff families on the death of Danika
- Paddy McCarney on the death of Gerry

11. **A.O.B.**

Cllr Seamus Coyle spoke on Leader and raised the issue of the lack of Expressions of Interest received from within the Municipal District. Mr Adge King spoke of the complicated nature of Leader applications and added that the staff within Leader are very helpful. Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that this Municipal District write to Leader to offer our assistance to any community groups that have submitted Expressions of Interest.

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled October 21st at 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

21/10/2019