

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 10.00am.**

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Conlon presided.

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

**In Attendance:** John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer

At the outset, An Cathaoirleach looked back on an eventful year and congratulated all members elected during the year who are serving and will continue to serve the people of Monaghan. He added that the highlight of the year was the success of Glaslough Tidy Towns on winning Ireland's Tidiest Village and Town, and welcomed two members from the Committee, Bridie Comiskey and Maeve Treanor.

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be confirmed.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr Maxwell asked for an update on Black Lane to which Mr McElwain responded that he had still received no response from Lord Rossmore's Solicitor.

Cllr Maxwell asked to discuss the costings for Belgium Park upgrade in committee after the meeting.

Cllr McKenna requested that any proposed modifications to be made to the Margaret Skinnader Roundabout be sent to members. Mr McElwain responded that the proposal is not completed but when available the proposal would be forwarded to the members.

Cllr Connolly asked for progress on Kelly's Cross signage to which Mr McElwain responded the MD had not commenced this request.

Cllr Bennett asked when the Horticulturist was going to give a talk on biodiversity to which Mr Murray responded that he will attend the January meeting.

#### **3. Presentation of cheques to Glaslough Tidy Towns**

Presentation of cheques was made to Glaslough Tidy Town's committee members, Bridie Comiskey and Maeve Treanor on the successful winning of Ireland's Tidiest Village and the overall prize of Ireland's Tidiest Town.

#### 4. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator

Mr. McElwain outlined the Municipal District report to the members:

Cllr Treanor advised the meeting that Christmas lights are not working in Park Street. Mr McElwain responded that the contractor is repairing them tonight and is also setting the timers.

Tourism Destination Town – Discussion took place on the lack of notification to the members in relation to successful national funding applications and asked Mr McElwain to ensure that all members are informed as soon as details of success is received.

Cllr Connolly informed the members that Bord Failte make the full announcement to the whole country. Mr Murray advised that projects will have to be carried out in accordance with the Application. Mr McElwain clarified that there are twenty two proposed projects in the draft Destination Towns report and the main ones in the funding application are the Central hub Event space and Monuments.

Mr Murray added that it will be included on the Agenda for January meeting.

Cllr Treanor stated that gullies need to be cleared from Rushe's bridge towards Tydavnet.

Cllr Connolly referred to the response from Irish Wheelchair Association and appealed to our National politicians to provide funding for the Cuisle facility.

Cllr Conlon requested that a letter be issued to the Chief Executive of Bus Eireann seeking a punctuality assessment of route 32 over the past twelve months and also the lack of sign for Bus Eireann stop on North Road.

#### 4. Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda for the meeting:-

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 from Irish Wheelchair Association regarding Cuisle facility.

#### 5. Monaghan Bus Station

No further update

#### 6. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Bennett asked:

1. Can Monaghan County Council please give me a report on any grants that they have applied for Hollywood Park and have outcomes been reached yet?

**Response: Project submitted under the 2019, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructural Scheme, Measure 2, seeking funding to upgrade existing walking routes, replacement of seating and tables, refurbishment of facilities and signage. Grant funding sought €73,598.**

2. In relation to the Sliabh Beagh Masterplan, have Monaghan County Council any further projects submitted for funding from the goals outlined within this plan?

**Response: Project submitted under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructural Scheme, Measure 2 seeking funding for Sliabh Beagh Viewing Point & Looped Walks. Grant funding sought €73,700.**

**Cllr Connolly asked:**

1. In relation to road safety for pupils and traffic at Scoil Naoimh Pádraig Corr a Chrainn what plans have Monaghan MD to ensure that further traffic calming measures are introduced, speed limit signage and flashing lights particularly at drop off and pick times?

**Response: At Corracrin village the new improved road has traffic calming in the form of new gateway signage, traffic islands, road signage and road markings. All the new permanent works are completed apart from the Periodic Speed Limit /School Ahead Signs. Please note that Periodic LED Speed Limit signs are used in locations where a special Periodic Speed Limit is required, i.e. outside schools, in towns or villages, in traffic calming schemes or any area where a reduced speed limit is required for a specific period or duration, in order to reduce speed and increase safety. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is delivering the national project for the installation of Periodic Speed limit Signs. Two Periodic speed limit signs are programmed for installation at the approaches to Corracrin. A 355m periodic speed limit zone of 40kph will apply in this area which includes Corracrin National School for drop off and collection of children at school collection times.**

**It is expected that these new signs will be installed in Quarter 1 2020.**

**In the interim the Contractor has installed two Variable Message Signs (VMS) which will operate during school drop off/ pick up times warning drivers of 'School ahead' and the periodic speed limit of 40kph. These VMS signs are on each approach to the school and will remain until the Periodic speed limit signs are in place.**

**Cllr Aughey asked:**

1. Can Monaghan MD conduct a traffic survey at the Coolshannagh Road to investigate congestion and traffic safety.

**Response: A video Camera Survey could be commissioned first quarter of 2020 to investigate congestion at this junction and to establish if there are any road safety concerns present.**

2. Can the MD clarify the current status of the public lighting in Tully and Beechgrove Lawns and update the members on ongoing developments?

**Response: At present, we are carrying out LED retrofits on a phased basis all over the county. The basis by which old lights are removed is determined by means of the best energy-saving that can be achieved when they are retrofitted as well as considering the age and type of the of the original lamps. Therefore, we try to replace the oldest lamps that will give us the best energy-saving. In relation to Tully & Beechgrove Lawns Estates, it is planned that the older lamps will be changed for new LED's as and when they fail and that these estates will be retrofitted by end 2020.**

**Cllr Conlon asked:**

1. Following the meeting between the Roads Section and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) held on December 5th, what progress has occurred in relation to advancing the N54 Clones Rd. / Tullybryan Road Realignment Scheme?

**Response: At the MCC /TII Steering meeting which was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 the TII reiterated that the N54 Tullybryan is in the Minor Works Programme.**

**This requires MCC to comply with the processes and deliverables for all the Project Phases for Minor Projects as set out in the TII Project Management Guidelines.**

**Phase 0 requires the preparation of a Project Appraisal Plan (PAP) which needs to be approved by TII and DTTAS before the project can move to the next phase. The PAP has been prepared by MCC Consultants, TII have reviewed the Plan and sent back comments. Once the PAP is updated, complete and approved by TII, it will be formally issued to DTTAS.**

2. With upgrade works commencing at Rossmore Park early 2020, are further grant aid schemes being applied for to ensure improvements continue at the Park?

**Response: It is Monaghan County Councils plan in agreement with Coillte, to continue to apply for grant aid to improve and enhance Rossmore Forest Park in line with the Masterplan. A submission was made under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructural Scheme, Measure 3 seeking funding for Rossmore Cycle Route. Grant funding sought €289,354.**

3. What response has been received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the Roads Section application to fund major road work projects including the 4.6 km N12 Silverstream to Armagh border realignment and the Monaghan Town Outer Route N54 within the N2?

**Response: MCC Roads have not received a response from Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the applications to fund major road work projects including the N12 Silverstream to Armagh border realignment and the N54 to N2 Monaghan Town Outer Route.**

## **7. AOB:**

Cllr Aughey was alarmed at the number of refusals for housing at Latlurcan and asked why they should be allowed to stay on the housing list. Cllr Maxwell asked are we allowed to hear why houses are refused. Mr Murray responded that they lose their weighting points on the list, that there is no problem with a report giving statistics as long as individuals are not identifiable. He added that this will be brought to the SPC meeting in January.

Cllr Connolly stated that the work carried out on trees on N2 at Castleshane was of poor standard but a good job on providing visibility.

An Cathaoirleach wished Peter from Northern Standard and everyone a happy Christmas.

Dated this 16th day of December 2019

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meetings Administrator