

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Fire Station, Monaghan on Monday, 16th September 2019 at 3.00pm.

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, Paul Clerkin, Municipal District Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer, Carmel Murphy, Municipal District Office.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM:

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. Connolly, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 8th July, 2019 be confirmed.

2. Presentation by Town Centre Co-ordinator:

Mr Connolly gave a powerpoint presentation to the members which was followed by questions and answers session.

Cllr Conlon thanked Mr Connolly for the Presentation.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Cllr Aughey requested an update on cctv by email one week before our monthly meeting. Cllr Connolly understood that all location of cameras had been agreed to which Mr McElwain responded that expertise is required to develop the proposals to tender stage, i.e. details on power supply, exactly how/where cameras will be erected and additional cameras that will be integrated into scheme. 8 cameras are currently approved by the Garda Commissioner and any additional cameras will require approval. Tender documents to be prepared to advance the full system with the flexibility to erect the 8 approved if necessary. Mr McElwain advised that the council met with the Hollywood Development committee to decide where the funding of €30,000 would be spent and the committee are considering their requirements. Proposal to be prepared for tender stage.

Cllr Bennett thanked Mr McElwain for this work and stated that more funding would be welcomed.

Cllr Connolly asked how the spike giant was progressing to which Mr McElwain advised that it is being constructed off-site.

Cllr Connolly stated that he had received complaints from neighbours regarding vandalism at Oriel Way Play Park and asked could the gates be closed in evening. Mr McElwain responded that one camera is being repaired and the closure of gates will be investigated.

Cllr Maxwell asked could the footpath be repaired from Cathedral to Latlorcan graveyard to which Mr Clerking stated it would be investigated.

Cllr Maxwell expressed concerned at the number of traffic incidents that have occurred at Corlatt roundabout, the most recent being a lorry overturning. If a pedestrian had been present on the footpath, it could have been fatal, it is an accident waiting to happen. Mr McElwain responded that he will raise the matter with Roads Section.

Cllr McKenna stated that the standard of roadworks carried out from Dundian to Carrickroe village is not acceptable and now with repairs there are so many joints. He asked that Mr McEntee in Roads Section be contacted and have contractors brought back to do the job properly.

Cllr McKenna expressed disappointment at the slow progress at the Bridge works at St Macartan's College/Creamery.

Cllr McKenna asked could signage or some traffic calming measures be implemented at Straghan, Low cost Scheme, on the Monaghan to Glaslough road.

Cllr Aughey asked the Executive to request Roads Section to contact TII on urgency of Tullybryan Roadworks.

Cllr Conlon requested that overlaying should be carried out during the Summer months.

Cllr Conlon advised the members that Murrays Funfair have applied for use of McNally's Car Park from 28th October to 1st November, which could conflict with our timeframe for losing occupancy of the car park and ask the Md to advised Murrays to contact alternative venues in Monaghan Town. Mr McElwain does not recommend it unless the McNally car park is available and will contact Murrays.

5. Correspondence

Letter from Mr Shirley dated 25th July, 2019 confirming the works to his boundary that will be carried out.

Email dated 16th July, 2019 from National Transport Authority(NTA) advising of works at Monaghan Bus Station.

6. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Can the MD investigate the introduction of a disabled parking space on the main street in Emyvale? **Response: The MD carried out investigation previously and there were mixed views on the location for a disabled parking space. The MD will again investigate and bring recommendations to the members at the next meeting.**
2. Can Monaghan MD outline the future strategy in relation to the toilets in Rossmore Park? **Response:The Monaghan Municipal District have increased the maintenance on the toilets over the summer period. Minor repairs and internal upgrades were carried out.In line with the Master Plan consideration will be given for replacement toilets when as the visitor attraction of the Park builds.**
3. Can MD liaise with the relevant bodies to plan a solution to the Entrance to Rossmore Park from the Threemilehouse side as it is extremely dangerous?

Response: The MD will investigate the need for concealed entrance signs and road markings on the approach roads to the entrance.

4. Can the Municipal District give an update on the CCTV scheme for the Town?

Response: The Monaghan Municipal District have engaged a Security Designer to finalise design of the CCTV system, connectivity between cameras, routers, control room and to prepare tender documents. Surveys of all locations were carried out last week.

5. Can the council look at sowing wild flowers on council land for next year as part of our pollinator policy?

Response: The MD have started investigating a number of environmental initiatives and are to sow wild flower seed on suitable lands since the council signed up to the pollinator policy.

Clr Paudge Connolly asked:

1. In view of the fact that the residents of Tydavnet Village are very concerned about the speed of traffic through their village (A) what plans have Monaghan M D to introduce further traffic calming measures in the village and (B) whether the M D would consider a continuous white line from the community centre to the primary school?

Response: (a) Driver speed feedback signs were installed in 2016 as traffic calming. The MD will further investigate the current traffic movements by completing traffic counts at the village. (b) This section of road will be investigated to establish if it is wide enough to warrant centre line markings.

2. In view of the volume of traffic using the road from Ballyalbany Cross to Crosses t-junction will Monaghan M D consider putting lines on the road with a view to improving road safety?

Response: In accordance with the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual, it is not recommended to mark centre lines on roads less than 5.3m in width.

3. Will Monaghan M D consider further traffic calming measures on the Clones Rd from Threemilehouse Rd with a view to improving road safety on this stretch of road?

Response: Aligned with the Traffic Calming Policy Monaghan MD will submit traffic information to the Roads Section for further considerations.

7. Motion:

“That Monaghan MD liaise with the County Council and the Tourism Section actively engage with Bus Eireann to open a dialogue and offer assistance in relation to the issues below:

- a) immediately fix up Monaghan Bus station and the toilets in particular,
- b) seek an immediate clarification in relation to the Bus services that pass through Emyvale, Monaghan, Castleblayney and Carrickmacross

c) implement a partnership and strategy of co- promotion in regard to what to do when buses are full, buses are late, toilets are locked or out of action, if a service has been cancelled etc”

Cllr Aughey outlined his motion and all members agreed to liaise with both parties. Cllr McKenna requested that this matter be included as a monthly item on the Agenda until Bus Eireann resolve the issues.

8. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the following:

Emyvale Cycling club on winning Gold in Gorey National championship A3 Road Races.

Ronan Boyle on being selected on All Star Minor Team

Emyvale 7's team on winning All Ireland

9. Sympathy:

Sympathy was extended to Eugene Cummins on the death of his mother Peggy Cummins

The next MD meeting was scheduled for Monday, 21st October at 3.00pm.

The meeting concluded.

Dated this 16th Day of September 2019

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator