

## Municipal District of Monaghan

### **Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 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

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Maxwell, seconded by Cllr. McKenna, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 21st October 2019 be confirmed.

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

Cllr Maxwell asked for an update on Black Lane from Tullyhirm to which Mr McElwain responded that the delay is with the Solicitor. The members discussed a number of options for the residents, one was that the residents should apply for LIS and get their names on the list in the meantime while not taken in charge by the council. Mr McElwain advised that he will contact the Solicitor again but that it is the responsibility of residents to maintain the private road.

Mr Murray stated that the Masterplan for Latlorcan development is being looked at by Housing and he will revert to members in the New Year.

Cllr Connolly stated that the lands at Mullaghcroghery should be revisited and discussed with family members, should invite a developer to see if lands are suitable for housing and public realm. Cllr Maxwell advised that vehicular access is very difficult, and could an engineer look at this first and revert to member with report. Mr Deeney confirmed that the area is under six acres(2.4hectares)

Cllr Conlon requested that a presentation of cheques to Glaslough Tidy Towns, as agreed at the October meeting, be arranged for the December meeting.

Mr McElwain advised that the detail design of the CCTV Scheme had been completed and 17 locations with a number of cameras at each location viewing the various directions. These locations were identified on map circulated to members. The process now is to get approval for the additional locations and cameras from JPC and Garda Commissioner is being carried out with plans to present to both in December. €80,000 own resources plus the €40,000 grant has been set aside for the CCTV system. Cllr Bennett stated that An Gardai should have direct access to CCTV, all members agreed. Mr Murray responded that legislation would not allow this to happen, but a system will be installed to cater for this if the legislation changes.

On the proposal of Cllr Maxwell, seconded by Cllr Connolly and was agreed by all members to proceed with the scheme.

### **3. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator**

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

Cllr Connolly highlighted area in the town that are exceptionally shabby with weeds.

Mr McElwain referred to the commitment made at full council meeting to stay away from weed killer products containing glyphosate. We have done trials in controlled area using alternative products, but these won't kill the part of the weeds below the surface. He added that our gardener has discussed alternatives with other counties.

Cllr McKenna stated that people have responsibility to pull weeds outside their own property, that it is not about council doing all.

Cllr Bennett appreciates and stand by the decision of the Council to do away with glyphosate which is dangerous for health. Cllr Conlon stated that we should give it time to see how transition to biodiversity/pollinator evolves. Cllr Aughey requested the horticulturist expert to come to a meeting and give presentation to the members. Mr Murray advised that this will be scheduled for our January meeting.

Cllr McKenna complimented the MD on the patching which was a first class job. He asked could a number of potholes in the middle of R186 be investigated.

Cllr Bennett asked how often is drainage outlets done to which Mr Deeney responded that they are done on an ongoing basis, with the Regional and local primary road being prioritised.

Cllr Treanor referred to anti-social behaviour at Belgium Park and asked for representation be made to An Gardai. Cllr Conlon requested that a letter be issued to An Gardai to commend them on the prosecution at Peter's lake and if a similar approach of policing could be taken at Belgium Park. He asked was there any remedial action money in the budget to which Mr Murray responded that the maintenance of Park could be taken from Town Improvement money from pay parking unless external funding is secured.

Cllr Conlon congratulated the MD on securing a Sports Capital Grant for replacement of MUGA at Oriel Way.

Cllr Aughey complimented the good work on wall at Belgium Park. He added that it takes 14 months to get a prosecution and the sooner we get the new drinking in public places bye-laws in the better so that on-the-spot fines can be issued.

Cllr Conlon asked for a report on the outcome of the December meeting on N54 Tullybryan to be brought to the members at December meeting. He asked that a report on changes to Margaret Skinnader roundabout be emailed to the members.

### **4. Correspondence.**

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

Email dated 8<sup>th</sup> November from An Gardai regarding speeding on Tullyherim Lane.

### **5. Monaghan Bus Station**

No further update

## 6. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Aughey asked:

1. Can the MD investigate the Water problems within the MD over the past few weeks and report back to the members causes and actions taken in regard to same?

**Response: Water Supply is the responsibility of Irish Water and the question will be forwarded to them for a reply.**

2. Can the MD report to members when the lights at the Lower Car Park at the back of Dublin Street across from Tesco will be fixed especially in light of darkness at this time of year?

**Response: These two lights in the Lower Courthouse carpark have been repaired last week.**

3. Can the MD investigate all current public carparks covered within the pay parking zones for potholes and have them fixed as a matter of urgency for public safety especially in light of darker and wetter conditions at this time of year.

**Response: The MD will continue to inspect all our carparks and carry out repairs to potholes as required.**

Cllr Paudge Connolly asked:

1. To ask Monaghan MD for an update in relation to the Low Cost Safety Scheme proposed for Clontibret Village?

**Response: Draft proposals have been prepared for discussion with the members.**

2. What plans have Monaghan M D to upgrade street lights in the Tully Estate in Monaghan town?

**Response: In the short term it is planned that the older lamps will be changed for new LED's as and when they fail, and that the full estate will be retrofitted by end 2020.**

Cllr Treanor asked:

3. Can we have the audited accounts for the Monaghan Blues Festival for 2018/2019.

**Response: A copy of the accounts will be circulated to the Members.**

## 7. Motion:

“That in view of the fact that a number of Special Needs groups from our area make use of Cuisle Accessible Holiday Resort in Roscommon that Monaghan MD calls on the Irish Wheelchair Association to postpone their proposed closure date of Friday 29th of November until suitable alternative accommodation becomes available”

Cllr Connolly outlined his motion which was seconded by Cllr Conlon and agreed by all members.

**8. Sympathy:**

Sympathy was extended to Damian Stirratt on the death of his brother, Roy and to Declan Stirratt on the death of his Uncle.

**9. Presentation by Misé Support Group:**

A presentation was given by Eamonn Brummit and Barry Deeney on various issues affection the Misé Support Group which was followed by questions and answers.

Cllr Conlon asked that this presentation be emailed to Bernie Bradley, HSE and Litter Wardens for their attention. Members also agreed that a letter should be issued to the Farmer's Market regarding parked vans on footpaths, and to the supermarket regarding pallets on footpath.

Cllr Maxwell asked are we replacing 'no drinking' signs in the town when the new bye-laws come into force to which Mr Murray responded yes, plus an additional camera location onto the Monaghan Town CCTV scheme in the Diamond Carpark which will cover the HSE building.

**10. AOB:**

Cllr Connolly asked for Explanatory signage to be erected at Kelly's Cross and signage for the burial place of Canon Moyna to which Mr McElwain advised that he will liaise with Dympna Condra regarding same.

Cllr Maxwell stated that a request for presentations should be submitted to the members prior to going on the Agenda as was normal practice.

Dated this 18th day of November 2019

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

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Meetings Administrator