

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on 16th December 2019 at 10.00am Ballybay Civic Offices, Ballybay , Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

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

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all and spoke of the recent successes within the Municipal District since the last meeting. Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Clones Town Teams success in the Bank of Ireland and the Rising Star award and the Clones Renewals Scheme success in the Property Industry Awards. All members present acknowledged the success of the Clones Town Team and the Clones Renewal Scheme.

1. Confirmation of minutes

Cllr Hugh McElvaney proposed the minutes from the November meeting, Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded, and they were agreed by all.

2. Correspondence Sent

The correspondence sent was noted by all present. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that Senator Robbie Gallagher be included in correspondence going to Oireachtas members.

3. Correspondence Received

Cllr Pat Treanor noted the correspondence with regard to Home Help, he stated that more needed to be done.

4. Municipal District Coordinators Report

Mr Kevin McNally updated the meeting on the following:

Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership

The first meeting of the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership was held on Wednesday 20th November 2019. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st January 2020. All members are encouraged to attend.

Ballybay Town Park

Sammy Wilkin has commenced works on the Ballybay Town Park Project. Works are programmed to be completed in February next.

Ballybay regeneration

The next meeting of the Ballybay Regeneration committee is on Thursday 23rd January 2020. At the last meeting it was agreed that the committee would review the number of community groups in the area and seek to identify people who would be interested in actively participating in the committee. They hope to advance this process in the New Year.

Ballybay Courtyard project

The works to the access road to the Ballybay Courtyard project are substantially completed. The preparation of the Masterplan for the Ballybay Courtyard is well progressed. The consultant has developed a number of options for the site. These are currently being examined by the projects working committee. We hope to be in a position to present these draft proposals at the January meeting of the Municipal District.

Shorts Yard/Farm yard – Clones

The Council has awarded the contract for the preparation of a masterplan for the farmyard/shorts yard in Clones to Craft Studio. It is envisaged to have draft proposals for the end of January next year.

Clones and Ballybay Business Hubs

The Council has appointed Venture International to undertake a feasibility study into the provision of business hubs in Ballybay and Clones towns. The consultants are in the process of finalising draft reports for consideration by the Council. It is hoped the Clones report will be available by early January

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. A number of options have been developed for the site. The Council has met with representatives of the Department Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht who are fully supportive of the project. The Councils consultant is now in the process of finalising his report details of which will be available in the New Year.

Clones Town Team

Following on from the excellent presentation given by the Clones Town team as part of the Bank of Ireland Enterprise awards, Clones Town was awarded runner up in the Rising star category. I would like to congratulate the Clones Town Team on the work that they did in preparing and making the required submissions and giving the detailed presentation to the judges. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of Seamie McMahon in assisting the Clones Town Team.

Ballybay Wetlands

Enterprising Monaghan are in the process of spending €130,000 on the refurbishment of the farmhouse for the purpose of hostel type accommodation in at the Ballybay Wetlands Centre. These works are progressing well and will be completed by February next year.

Ballybay Food hub –

Enterprising Monaghan and in the process of investing some €400,000 on refurbishing the Ballybay Food hub facility.

The works consist of the refurbishment and upgrade of five 1,500 sq ft units into state-of-the-art food grade production units. The LEADER supported project is part of a €400,000 plus investment in the park to create a Food Hub in the area for artisan and start up food businesses. Works are programmed to be completed next February.

Scotshouse Park

Works are progressing well on this scheme and are programmed to be completed in early 2020.

Mr Colin Murphy updated the meeting on the following:

Roads Programme

Overlay works in the Municipal District are complete. The contractor is currently raising manholes and gullies in the completed works. Works have also been completed on the Newbliss to Drum road which were subjected to recent flooding.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

Low cost safety improvement Works in Smithboro, Magherarney, Cloghan GAA Grounds and Doohamlet are now complete.

Specific Improvement Grant - Greenans Cross Works

Works are substantially complete on Greenans Cross Junction. The road is open again with the contractor working off line to complete works on some of the agricultural land.

N54 Tree Clearance

A large section of trees were removed on the N54 at Clonkirk which has really opened up this section of road. Trees were also removed from the Town carpark in clones.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the works been carried out especially those at the Lennard Arms Hotel. Cllr Pat Treanor stated that we need to see a bigger turn out at BCEEP meetings and encouraged all members to attend.

All the members welcomed the completion of works at Greenans Cross.

Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed the works at The Wetlands and Food Hub in Ballybay, he asked that the Municipal District liaise with Enterprising Monaghan with regard to securing business for the food hub.

Cllr Hugh Mc Elvaney asked for clarification on the ownership of the Lennard Arms.

Mr Kevin McNally stated that it wasn't owned by Monaghan County Council. Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that the meeting go in committee, Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded and all agreed. Mr Adge King stated that the Lennard Arms was a very complex project and updated members on the various issues pertaining to it. The meeting came out of in committee on the proposal of Cllr Hugh McElvaney and seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney welcomed the trees been cut on the N54.

Cllr Pat Treanor stated that the Magheraveely Rd in Clones was in very bad condition where a new water pipe was laid. Mr Colin murphy agreed to review this issue.

Cllr Richard Truell welcomed the works throughout the Municipal District and asked about the plan for Shorts yard. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the hope was that a masterplan would identify a community/social/commercial use for the site.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked Mr Kevin McNally for a list of funding that is available for community groups in Ballybay. This to be provided at the next meeting of the Ballybay Regeneration Committee.

Mr Colin Murphy stated that speed limits on the N54 had been changed, Cllr Pat Treanor asked that the public be made aware of this.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Page 2 :-Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on the Clones Arts Studios, Mr Kevin Mc Nally stated that Culture Team of Monaghan County Council now looked after this project.

Page 3 :-Cllr Richard Truell asked if the Council had notified the Gardai with regard to speeding in Newbliss, Mr Kevin Mc Nally stated they had. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this Municipal District write to the County Monaghan JPC and ask them to consider measures to have traffic speeds reduced on the approach to our towns and villages.

Page 4 :- Cllr Richard Truell raised the issue of Tea Pot Row, Rockcorry. Mr Kevin McNally stated the property owner is hoping to develop the site.

6. Notice of Motion

Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed the following:

That this Municipal District and its Engineering staff carry out a survey of parking on the Main St Ballybay , with a view to

1. Identify extra Space that could facilitate new parking spaces
2. Make available more parking spaces if space is identified
3. To promote short stay parking to give better accesses to businesses on the Main St.

This was seconded by Cllr Hugh McElvaney and agreed by all.

8. CE Orders

CE orders 95/19 to 103/19 were noted by the members

9. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

Members extended a vote of Congratulations to the following:

- Clones Town Team on there success in the Rising Star Award
- Paul Connolly and Maire Cullinan on the success of the Clones Renewal Scheme at the Property Industry Awards

Members extended a vote of Sympathy to the following:

- Frank McCabe and Family Clones on the death of Bridget

11. A.O.B.

Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked that Monaghan County Council have a bigger presence in Ballybay town

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled January 20th at 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date
20/01/2020