

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 10.00am The Diamond, Clones , Co Monaghan.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Treanor, presided

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

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

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Pat Treanor congratulated Aghabog ICA on the 50th Anniversary of their Christmas Event and passed on sympathies to all who suffered bereavement over the Christmas period.

1. Confirmation of minutes of monthly meeting

Cllr Richard Truell proposed the previous monthly meeting minutes; Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

2. Correspondence Sent

The correspondence sent was noted by all present.

3. Correspondence Received

Cllr Pat Treanor noted the correspondence with regard to and proposed that the Municipal District write to them advising them to apply for funding under the Community and Environment fund. If this was unsuccessful the Municipal District would provide funding in line with previous years.

4. Consideration of "Guidance on the processing of personal data by Elected Representatives under Section 40 of the Data Protection Act" Pauline McClean GDPR officer

The members noted the report and discussed privacy notices and personnel information. The members thanked Pauline McClean for attending the Municipal District meeting.

5. Municipal District Coordinators Report

Mr Kevin McNally updated the meeting on the following:

Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership

The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow Tuesday 21st January 2020. All members were encouraged to attend.

Ballybay Town Park

Works are progressing well on the Ballybay Town park project and are programmed to be completed by the end of February.

Ballybay regeneration

The next meeting of the Ballybay Regeneration committee is on Thursday 23rd January. At our last meeting it was agreed that the committee would review the number of community groups in the

area and seek to identify people you would be interested in actively participating in the committee. It is hoped to advance this process during the Thursday meeting.

Shorts Yard

The Council has awarded the contract for the preparation of a masterplan for the farmyard/shorts yard in Clones to Craft Studio. A number of draft options for the use of lands are been prepared and consultations will shortly commence with key stakeholders. Works are programmed to be completed next February.

Scotshouse House Park

Works are progressing well on the Scotshouse Town park project and are programmed to be completed by the end of February.

Municipal District Offices

As part of the ongoing snagging of the Municipal District offices, in the coming weeks the contractor will be erecting scaffolding eternally to repair the stone plinth on the southern elevation of the building. These works will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Ballybay Courtyard Project

Monaghan County Council has appointed an auctioneer to commence the process to dispose of a property located off Ballybay Main Street. This property was acquired as part of the CPO process initiated under the Derelict site procedure and is surplus to the Councils requirements.

Town and Village 2020

As part of the County's Town and Village Renewal application, the Municipal District received the following funding:

- Balybay – lighting on Monaghan Road and also improvement of Ballybay Cootehill Road approach €80,000 (€100,000)
- Lough Egish – Construction of footpath from Church to Community Centre €100,000 (€125,000)
- Scotshouse – addressing a number of items that were highlighted as part of community consultation such as public lighting, and boundary improvements to hedges €99,440 (€124,300)

Each of these schemes have to be match funded from the Municipal District general allocation and I recommend that the members approve the match funding requirement of €69,860.

Roads programme

Preliminary drainage works have commenced on a number of roads that have been agreed as part of the Municipal district road programme.

Patching works are ongoing.

Works are programmed to commence by the end of the month on the realignment of Ballybay Keady road. These works will complement the recently awarded Town and Village renewal funding for the Ballybay Monaghan Road.

Community and Environment Scheme

Monaghan County Council will commence seeking applications for its Community and Environmental fund on 3rd February 2020.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 21st February and decision regarding these applications will be made at the April Council meeting

All community groups are encouraged to make applications for this funding.

The members thanked Mr McNally for his report. With regard to match funding of various projects Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this Municipal District provide match funding of €69,860 to various projects outlined in the report.

This was seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland and agreed by all. Cllr Gilliland added that this Municipal District was in a position to fund this as a direct result of increases in the Local Property Tax (LPT) A discussion was had with regards to the LPT increase.

Cllr Pat Treanor stated he voted against the increase and stood by this as it was a tax against the people, Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that the average increase was very low.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Page 3 :-Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of the speed limits at Gransha. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the Municipal District would follow up with the Councils Roads section on this issue.

7. Questions

Cllr Pat Treanor asked;

1. When will the new lights at Clonkeencole, Roslea Road, Clones be turned on ?

It is anticipated that these lights should be energised by the first week in February.

2. What is the status of the application to repair the road at Tossy Cross, LP04210 ? When will this work be completed ?

An application has been made to the Department for funding for remedial works to this road. The Department Grant Allocations are due by the end of January. In the meantime, Roads Section are working on a design and liaising with prospective landowners for the works.

3. What is the status of the project to carry out traffic calming measures at Largy College, Analore Road, Clones ? When will it go for public consultation?

A design was completed before Christmas. Works will be carried out subject to funding and the key stakeholders will be consulted with prior to commencement of these works.

4. Can we have a report on the LT22415 at Roranna, Connons, and when will this road be re-opened?

The road has slipped at a number of locations as a result of a landowner cleaning out the drain adjacent to the road. The road was closed over the Christmas period to allow for any further settlement or movement. The Municipal District intend to commence work next week on repairing the road.

Cllr Seamus Coyle asked:

1. As accidents continue to take place regularly, fortunately to date with no fatalities or serious injury, with vehicles continually crashing into the Monaghan County Council erected Crash Barrier, approaching from the Lough Egish side on the sharp corner on the R181(Castleblayney-Lough Egish Rd.),adjacent to the junction with the LP04201,or what is known locally as the Reilly's Shop junction, Drumlane, Tullynahinera, will Monaghan County Council immediately examine, what accident preventative Measures can be put in place at this location i.e. Additional/flashing signage, anti-skid road surface etc, to prevent these frequent accidents taking place?

The Municipal District have included this junction in the recent application to the Department under the Low-Cost Safety Improvement Scheme, and should funding be approved works would commence in due course.

2. Will Monaghan County Council immediately examine/design and have the necessary works carried out for a new Bridge/Road Crossing on the LS07202,at Cabragh-Tullycarragh, Tullynahinera, as this road which is heavily vehiclerised, linking the R181-R183 is regularly blocked by flooding as the current culvert cannot take the flow of water from moderate to heavy rainfall, resulting in the water flowing on to the road causing severe flooding and huge inconvenience for motorists?

This bridge has been forwarded to Roads Section were a full condition survey will be carried out on it. Pending the outcome of the survey, the bridge will then be put on a priority list for funding application to the Department.

3. The issue of water flowing down a brea on the LP03201(Drumhowan) has been of huge concern to local residents and road users, for a lengthy period, with a number of school buses travelling this route on a daily basis, particularly in the winter with frosty conditions, a great health and safety issue exists, also personal property is being damaged, can Monaghan County Council immediately have the problem/causes addressed?.

The Municipal District will review this location to determine what issues exist and what suitable measures are required. Any identified works will be subject to the availability of funding.

4. Can Monaghan County Council give an update and an expected date for the completion of the "Taking in Charge" process for the following Housing Estates-

(A).The Alders, Clones Rd.,Ballybay?

An application has been received for the taking in charge of the Alders estate in Ballybay and is currently been considered by the Councils planning section. It is hoped that a decision will be made in the coming weeks regarding this application.

(B).Carrowbarra Island,Scotstown Rd.,Smithboro?

An application has been received prior to Christmas for the taking in charge for the estate at Carrowbarra Island and is currently been considered by the Councils planning section.

5. What plan's have Monaghan County Council for the installation of Public Lighting and proper Footpathing on the Sherlock Road,Ballybay(R190) from the Riverdale Hotel junction to the Cootehill/Sherlock Rd. junction as these works need to be completed following the Flood Alleviation works of 2016,now 4 years ago?

6. A new footpath was installed from the Riverdale to the Cotehill/Shercock Road junction as part of the Flood Alleviation works in 2016. The Municipal District currently has no plans for the installation of public lighting on this section of footpath.

8. CE Orders

The CE orders 104/19 to 01/20 were noted by the members

7. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

Members extended a vote of congratulations to the following

- JP Graham on receiving a Special Merit Award at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Hugo Clerkin on receiving Hall of Fame at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Stephen Hagan on receiving a Referee Award at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Jim O Rourke on receiving a Referee Award at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Dessie Ward on receiving Young Player of the Year at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Donal McAdam on receiving the Youth Achievement Award at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Patrick Duffy on receiving the Young Referee Award at the Monaghan GAA Awards
- Colin Murphy on receiving a Referee Award at the Monaghan GAA Awards

Members extended a vote of Sympathy to the following:

- Gabriel Hurson and Family on the death of Susan Hurson
- The Hughes & Quigley Family on the death of Eileen Hughes
- The Byrne Family on the death of Olive Byrne
- Caoimhín Ó Caoláin and Family on the death of Dermot

10. A.O.B

An issue with regard to the footpath on the R190 was raised by Cllr Seamus Coyle, Mr Colin Murphy said the footpath was within specification and no further works are programmed to be carried out.

Cllr Richard Truell raised the issue of salting on the road from Dopey Creamery to Rockcorry. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the gritting crews were working to capacity. Mr Colin Murphy added that Monaghan County Council was one of the few councils nationally that gritted all their regional roads. Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed that this Municipal District request that the L506341 and L506340 be immediately placed on the winter gritting programme as this road carries large amounts of traffic including a number of school buses.

This was seconded by Cllr Richard Truell and agreed by all. Cllr Pat Treanor added that could the possibility of salt bins in the area be looked at.

Cllr Richard Truell enquired about the Public Lighting Budget for 2020, Mr Colin Murphy stated it would be similar to last years.

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled February 17th at 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

17/02/2019