

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 on Monday, 16th November 2020 at 10.00am.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Treanor presided.

Present: Cllrs. Brian McKenna, Paudge Connolly and Cathy Bennett, David Maxwell, Raymond Aughey and Sean Conlon

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. McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Bennett, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District of Monaghan meeting held on 19th October 2020 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna asked for an update on Tullyherim Lane to which Mr McElwain responded that the Solicitor has responded that there are no records of right of ways, wayleaves. We will evaluate and make a decision on what we take in charge.

Cllr Bennett asked had the reclaimed asphalt pilot scheme been carried out at Sliabh Beagh to which Mr Deeney responded that works are in process.

Cllr Aughey asked are Housing Section looking at derelict sites for suitability for housing to which Mr Murray responded yes. Cllr Aughey asked could the dangerous roof at Mill Street be re-assessed.

Cllr Maxwell asked would the transfer of ownership of lands at Sliabh Beagh to An Taisce have any implications for the Sliabh Beagh Masterplan and funding applications to which Mr Murray responded that there will be two different agendas, An Taisce will be looking at conservation and protecting the environment while the LA looking at making the area accessible as well as conservation. Mr McElwain added that An Taisce, as a landowner, will be consulted with, and MCC will require permission for any works on their land.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his Report.

Cllr Conlon stated that out of a budget of 1.1m for Active Travel measures, only one successful application in Monaghan MD. Mr McElwain responded that he will circulate the information to the members.

Cllr Aughey asked could 'No Parking' signs be erected at Barriers at Killyconnigan, Cootehill Road, bottom of Castle Hill and Barn Hill and entrance at Rossmore Park in case of emergency. Cllr Maxwell asked that a letter be sent to Emyvale Cycling Club and requesting that they refrain from using the Park for Winter Training Sessions.

Cllr Treanor asked could the trees at Corlatt roundabout be cut back and also leaves and water removed between Tullyvoge to Tydavnet.

Cllr Maxwell advised that the Two Trees Junction was very dark and no markers to which Mr McElwain responded that he will discuss with Roads Section.

Cllr Connolly asked that we support the Local Campaign to shop local to provide employment for our young people in the town.

Cllr Maxwell asked that we write to Coillte requesting them to maintain hedges at Barratitopp, Knockballyrone, Dernaesco and Lismenan, Castleshane.

4. Questions:

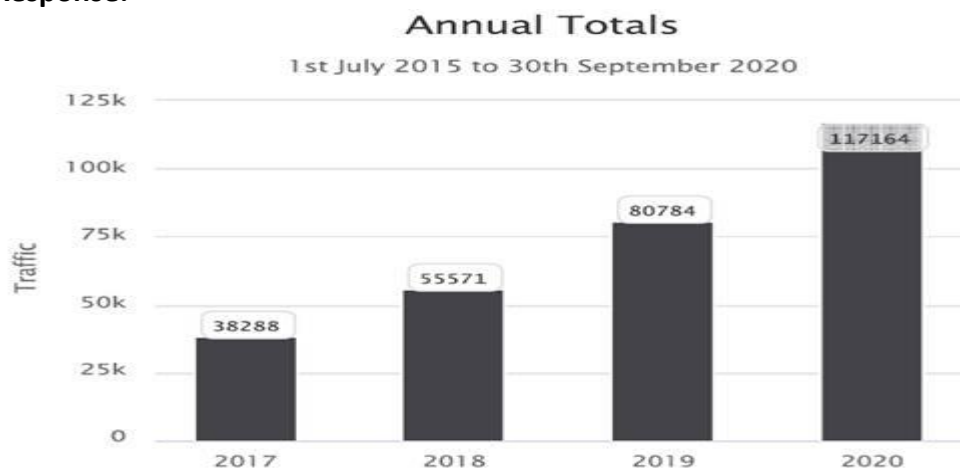
Cllr Aughey asked:

1) Have Aldi issued a Commencement Notice on Mc Nallys Car Park Site?

Response: No, Building Control haven't received a commencement notice for the development at Aldi in Monaghan

2) Can the MD provide members with visitor numbers to Rossmore Park over the past 3 years 2018, 2019 and 2020 to date?

Response:



Rossmore Forest Park - Monthly vehicle numbers, main entrance, 2017 - 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	1,893	1,569	2,256	3,441	5,198	3,964	4,503	3,823	3,030	3,588	2,564	2,461
2018	2,370	3,808	4,104	4,925	6,819	5,810	6,756	6,328	5,370	4,603	2,651	2,029
2019	5,184	5,088	7,075	6,789	5,535	5,425	7,876	8,466	4,631	5,783	9,069	9,864
2020	12,280	10,399	17,925	249	3,663	0	25,628	30,215	16,806			

b) With that in mind and with safety for all park users in mind can the MD liaise with Coillte and investigate the possibilities of expanding the car parking facilities at the front gate and to the right of the footbridge in Rossmore Park?

Response: The MD can liaise with Coillte and explore additional carparking in Rossmore.

3) Can the MD assess what grants and funding are available for the Horse Shoe Bridge and Ballyalbany Bridges in Coolshannagh for cycle lane/ walking paths?

Response: The MD can assess both locations for the possibility of adding a cycle lane/walking paths and then assess what grants are available.

4) Can the MD conduct an audit of the gullies around the town areas and clear any blockages or areas prone to water pooling or flooding as a result?

Response: Maintenance of gullies and drainage throughout the Municipal District is an ongoing operation and in particular at this time of the year with leaves blocking the gullies. There is a gully cleaning programme in operation in the district at present, and any additional locations reported will be investigated and attended to as required.

Cllr Conlon will ask:

1) Following the presentation last January, and public consultation meetings, by Sheridan Woods Architects on the Dublin St. North Regeneration Plan, what progress has occurred with the creation of a Master Plan aimed at identifying future potential use of this 12-acre town centre site?

Response: Sheridan Woods Architects and Urban Planners will complete the Draft Plans for the Dublin Street North Regeneration Plan and the Roosky Lands (St. Davnet's) Masterplan by 27 November. A presentation to the Elected Members will follow before presentation to the Town Team and a public presentation (having regard to public health guidelines), prior to the Council instigating the formal Variation to the Development Plan process.

2) Regarding the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on Oriel Way at Mullaghmatt / Cortolvin:

a) Have the MD formulated data from the responses of the survey taken among residents and stakeholders earlier this year as to how this park will be further developed?

b) Is there a draft plan for consideration?

c) What additional funding amount has been applied for through SEUPB that will complement the €20,000 Sports Capital Grant allocation for the park received earlier this year?

d) What is the status of this application?

e) Are any other funding streams being pursued to upgrade this community recreational facility?

Response: a) Yes. The returns from the survey have been examined and the statistical data from the survey has been used in the case made to SEUPB for the approval to site the MUGA at Mullaghmatt / Cortolvin. The other detailed data in the survey will be used in the design of the MUGA if/when approval is received from SEUPB to proceed with the project.

b) Draft plan to be developed when approval received back from SEUPB.

c) The original MUGA was to be funding to €250,000 and the request is this funding will be added to the Sports Capital Grant to develop the facility at Mullaghmatt / Cortolvin

d) This application is currently with SEUPB for approval.

e) No other suitable funding streams are currently open at this stage.

3) Regarding the Advanced Technology Unit currently under construction behind the M-tek 1 building at Knockaconny on the Armagh Rd.:

a) What is the anticipated timeline for completion?

b) How many units will be available for renting?

c) What size variation of units will be on offer?

d) What specific purposes are the units being designed for?

e) When will the advertising campaign commence to raise awareness of this facility and recruit clients?

Response: In September 2018, IDA Ireland received planning permission for the construction of a new Advanced Technology Unit at the IDA Business & Technology Park, Knockaconny. The unit is currently under construction and is expected to be completed Q2 2021.

Located on a c.1.6 hectare/c.3.95 acre site with scope for future expansion, the facility will comprise c.1,460sq m (c.15,715 sq ft) of manufacturing / technology space with two storey office accommodation, together with associated car parking, yard and landscaping.

It is likely that this facility will be attractive to companies with manufacturing and supply chain requirements and the property is currently being marketed. The Building is presently been marketed by IDA overseas on their WEB site.

5. Correspondence:

Letter from Professor Gerard McElvaney RCSI dated 27/10/20 thanking the members for their letter.

Email from Grainne O'Brien Roads dated 21/10/20 regarding proposal for slip road at Atkinson's junction and anti-skid surface approaching Emyvale village.

6. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to Catherine Flood (O'Brien) for winning 'Community Champions Award' by 'Irish Echo' newspaper for fundraising for Irish community in New York.

7. AOB:

Cllr Treanor proposed that a letter of solidarity be sent to Clones Ballybay MD in relation to the recent violence incident in the Diamond, Clones. All members condoned this attack and supported the proposal.

Cllr Maxwell requested that Cllr Treanor as Cathaoirleach, should be included in the virtual switch-on of the Christmas lights at the front of the Christmas Tree, wearing his chain of office.

Cllr Maxwell requested that the Farmer's Market bye-laws be forwarded to the members for their perusal in order to regularise the Farmer's Market.

Dated this 16th day of November 2020

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator