

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 on Monday, 19th October 2020 at 10.30am.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Treanor presided.

Present: Cllrs. Brian McKenna, Paudge Connolly and Cathy Bennett.

Cllrs David Maxwell, Raymond Aughey attended virtually

In Attendance: John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, 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 21st September 2020 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna asked for an update on Tullyherim Lane to which Mr McElwain responded that he had contacted the Solicitor concerned.

Cllr Conlon asked for more details on the Derelict Sites in the town to which Mr Murray responded that we are looking at the Form of Licence to be a lot less restricted.

Cllr Conlon commended Monaghan Tidy Towns on the enhancement works on buildings in Dublin Street.

Cllr Bennett noted that lorries continue to park at Heasty's Cross causing sight distance issues and asked can something be done about this issue.

Cllr Bennett asked had the reclaimed asphalt pilot scheme been carried out on 7km loop at Sliabh Beagh, a wifi signal and phone line in Rossmore Park and a clear access for emergency Services. Mr McElwain responded that a Low Cost Safety Scheme is planned for Heasty's Cross next year. In relation to an emergency, always phone the emergency services number, issues regarding Rossmore park contact the Monaghan Municipal District office or An Coillte.

Cllr Conlon requested that a letter be re-issued to the relevant personnel in relation to overgrown Willow Plantations at Clontibret and Knockatallon.

3. Town Team Presentation:

Presentation by Siobhan Sherry, Monaghan Business Support Executive, was circulated to the members via Minute Pad. Cllr McKenna asked would Siobhan be available to attend our November meeting.

4. Budget 2021:

Mr Murray outlined the MD Budgetary Plan which will go forward to County Council Budget Meeting in November.

5. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

A discussion took place on the items outlined in the co-ordinator's Report.

Cllr Treanor stated that the Famine Wall up towards Beech Hill college should be enhanced, and queried if the wall at Belgium Park is going to be rebuilt and was advised that the planning permission relating to the adjacent development covered repairs to this wall.

Cllr Bennett stated that the Active Travel measure funding could be used to develop walkways from Sliabh Beagh Hotel to the trails.

Cllr Treanor asked could a slip road be considered at Acheson's junction to which Mr McElwain responded he will forward the question to our Roads Section.

Cllr McKenna stated that a skid surface at North side of Emyvale should now be considered when works are being carried out to which Mr McElwain responded that he will also contact Roads Section.

Motion

"For the purpose of enhancing the tourism attraction of our region, that this Council engages with Coillte, Failte Ireland, the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation and relevant stakeholders for the purpose of creating camper van / caravan facilities at Rossmore Park"

Cllr Conlon

Cllr Conlon outlined the motion which was seconded by Cllr McKenna.

A discussion took place and a vote took place:

For: Cllrs. Conlon, McKenna and Bennett

Against: Cllrs. Treanor and Connolly

Motion was carried.

5. Correspondence:

Email dated 29th September from Local link.

Letter from Monaghan Town Team requesting Free Christmas parking.

Email from Maire Cullinan regarding Derelict sites in Monaghan Town.

6. Sympathy:

Votes of sympathy were extended to:

Paddy McDermott and family on the passing of his father, Joe.

7. Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the following:

Chief Superintendent John O Reilly, Detective Superintendent Alan Cunningham, Superintendent Fergus Treanor, Sgt. Tony Campbell on their retirement from An Garda Siochana
Professor Gerard McElvaney on his latest study on the Dublin-Boston score for Covid-19.

6. AOB:

Cllr Aughey asked could we bring four derelict sites, three in Old Cross Square and one in Glaslough Street, into our Housing Stock to which Mr Murray responded that he will look at the possibility and discuss with Housing.

Cllr Treanor asked could a 'cul de sac' sign be erected at access to Rooskey, Old Cross Square.

Dated this 19th day of October 2020

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator