

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Boardroom, MTek1 on Monday, 20th July 2020 at 11.00am.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Treanor presided.

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

In Attendance: Nuala Woods, A/ Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer,

At the outset, Cllr McKenna conveyed his deepest sympathy to Sean Conlon and his family on the passing of his mother Marina RIP. All members echoed the vote of sympathy which was shared by the Executive.

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 16th June 2020 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna advised that the drain remains blocked at Clara chapel to which Mr Deeney responded that the drain has been cleaned twice and jetted once and a new pipe is now required.

Cllr McKenna highlighted the issues that a member of the public noted last Saturday morning, of litter being left behind in Rossmore Park, social distance is being ignored by the public and there were adult men on the swings in the playground.

Cllr Treanor informed the members that an anti- litter campaign has commenced and Ms Finnegan, the leader has asked the members to attend for a photoshoot in Rossmore Park after this meeting.

Cllr Bennett asked for an update on the GAA grounds Kilmore to which Mr Deeney responded that the GAA have no intention of re-locating the entrance and this location has been put forward for budget allocation for the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme in 2021.

Cllr Bennett asked for an update on Heasty's Cross, that this is a dangerous junction with poor visibility on right hand side when lorries are parked on the lay by. There was some discussion on the issue. Cllr McKenna suggested, could road markings be investigated to prevent parking within the sight lines.

3. Co-ordinator's Report:

Cllr Bennett welcomed the social media anti-litter campaign but stated that leaflets in different languages should be distributed to all households. Cllr Aughey stated that Billboards could be used to inform the public.

Cllr Maxwell asked for an update of cashless pay parking to which Mr McElwain responded that the District had been in contact with other councils and it is planned to get tender documents completed within the next two weeks.

Cllr Treanor asked for an update on CCTV to which Mr McElwain responded that the full system has gone to the Commissioner for approval. This committee had not meet due to Covid but it is understood that the committee are meeting now. Once approval is obtained then the project will go to tender.

Cllr Bennett complimented all involved in the completion of Hollywood Play park.

Cllr Treanor referred to the response from Mr Flynn in relation to sewage works at Drumgoask and stated that no road opening permission or planning permission was granted for the works, that retention sign had been erected. Cllr Connolly stated that he spoke to a digger driver who was working at night time, and no Traffic Management Plan was in place. Mr Deeney responded that permission had been granted for a road opening and planning permission was not required for connecting to a sewer. Cllr McKenna stated that this should not be discussed in public and that Cllr Treanor should get the facts from the relevant section.

4. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1.To ask Monaghan M D for an update in relation to the taking in charge of "Crannóg" on Cootehill Rd Monaghan town? **Response: The taking in charge of An Crannog is progressing. We are awaiting the agreement of Irish Water and it is hoped that an advertisement for the intention to take the estate in charge can be placed in the press in the coming weeks.**

Cllr Bennett asked:

1.Can the heritage section please investigate a fallen bridge, steps and waterfall at Barritoppy Upper. LT5411. It is presently in a bad state of disrepair and needs urgent attention as presently hazardous to the general public but could be a beautiful amenity in the Sliabh Beagh area?

Response: The MD have referred your question to the Heritage Section and the Roads Section will carry out a structural inspection of the bridge.

2.Can a low-cost accident scheme please be investigated at Courtney's Cross at the LSO 5040 as the view to the west is obstructed?

Response: The MD will include this location on the list of low cost safety improvement schemes for consideration in 2021 budget allocation.

3.Can Monaghan MD please notify me of the roads that are receiving surface dressing in the North Monaghan area?

Response: The roads are as listed in the attachment.

4.Is there any road improvement works planned from the Knockbalaroney Rd to the Penal Cross and over to Rock in the Sliabh Beagh Area?

Response: The LT11356 is not on the multi-annual roads program adopted by the MD Members up to 2023. Routine maintenance works, and pothole repairs will be carried out as required.

Cllr Maxwell asked:

1.Can the council investigate the issue of lights on the back lanes in the Pound Hill, Killygoan area as residents have concerns about the amount of break ins, drug taking and anti-social behaviour that happens with people using the back lanes as access under the cover of no light? **Response: Recent quotes indicate it would cost in the region of €150,000 to install public lighting in all the back lanes in the Poundhill/Killygoan area. There are no plans to investigate this further without available funding to carry out the works.**

2.Can the council start the process of looking into speed control measures in the area of the pound hill around the area of the large open green space as speeding cars are posing a threat to children using same? **Response: There are already 26 speed ramps in the Poundhill/Killygoan area at present and the speed limit was reduced to 30km/hr in 2016. Any reports of speeding in built up areas should be notified to An Gardai with all relevant details for enforcement.The MD will forward your request to the Roads Section to include this location on the traffic calming central database in accordance with the Traffic Calming Policy adopted by MCC in November 2018.**

5. Sympathy:

Votes of sympathy were extended to:

Cllr Hugh McElvaney on the passing of his sister, Mary Lennon

Peter Murphy, outdoor staff, on the passing of his mother, Phyllis

6. AOB:

Cllr Bennett asked do we carry out maintenance work on bridges in the county or does Heritage Section carry out any works to which Mr Deeney responded this was a roads function carried out by the MD or Roads section and that over 300 bridges were surveyed in the county and works prioritised based on inspections.

Cllr Connolly stated that some bridges are not fit for heavy traffic and asked was there any plans to erect signs prohibiting 40ft lorries from crossing. Mr McElwain responded there are no current plans to prohibit lorries crossing these bridges.

Cllr Aughey asked could Age Friendly chairs with backs be installed in Rossmore Park to which Mr McElwain responded to submit locations and he would investigate.

Cllr Maxwell asked that suitable sites be considered for the re-location of the gym equipment at Peter's lake.

Dated this 20th day of July 2020

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator