

Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of the proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday 19th April 2021 at 2.30pm, via Microsoft Teams.

Members Present The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Seamus Coyle presided

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

In Attendance Peadar McGuinness A/Director of Service, Kevin McNally Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer, John McArdle Broadband Officer MCC and Seamie Mc Mahon Staff Officer.

Apologies: Adge King Director of Service

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed all to the meeting and welcomed the news on the funding for Newbliss Courthouse, he also spoke on the agreement by the elected members to construct new Council Offices in Monaghan town. All the elected members welcomed the news on the new offices and the funding for the Newbliss Courthouse and wished to pass on their thanks to the Executive for all their hard work. Cllr Seamus Coyle expressed his good wishes to former staff member Gabriel Hurson and proposed that this Municipal District write to Mr Hurson thanking him for his hard work over the last number of years, this was seconded by Cllr Pat Treanor and agreed by all.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed march's monthly meeting minutes, Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

2. Correspondence Sent

Correspondence sent was noted by the members.

3. Correspondence Received

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the correspondence received from Minister of Finance Pascal Donohue TD and stated that he was very disappointed with his response, Cllr Seamus Coyle agreed. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed that this Municipal District write to the Minister of Finance Pascal Donohue TD requesting that he set up a banking forum in light of recent bank closers and off other banks withdrawing from the Irish Market. Cllr Seamus Coyle seconded this proposal, and all agreed.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed the response from Minister of Health Simon Donnelly and proposed this Municipal District write to Minister of Health Simon Donnelly asking him to liaise with his Northern Counterpart in order to synchronise the reopening of the economies in both jurisdictions to allay the fears of the business communities along the border. Cllr Seamus Coyle seconded and all agreed.

4. Consideration of report on progress of National Broadband Plan- John McArdle Broadband Officer

Mr. John McArdle gave a detailed update on the roll out of broadband within the Municipal District. The members welcomed the report and spoke of the different options available. Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed the 100% funding for community broadband. Cllr Sean Gilliland stated that the different options available to people should be advertised.

5. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

Mr Kevin Mc Nally gave his report:

I would like to congratulate Gabriel Hurson on his recent appointment to Executive Engineer in Meath County Council. A business case has been submitted the Councils Human Resources section – I am hopeful of a replacement Engineer being provided in the coming months.

- **Lennard Arms**

The enabling works package for the demolition works is complete. Ministerial consent for the required works has been received. An objection to the compulsory acquisition of the property by the Council has been received. This matter has been referred to Bord Pleanala for consideration.

- **Business Hub**

Part 8 process for the Business Hub has commenced and is programmed to be considered at the May meeting of Monaghan County Council. In order to progress the project, the consultant has commenced the detailed design phase for the project.

- **Clones Heritage Town Initiative**

Revised Ministerial consent for works to the additional works shrine has been received. Quotations for these works are currently been obtained. These works will be progressed once current COVID restrictions have eased.

- **Town and Village 2020 Seating**

The Municipal District has delivered to site nearly all the seating been funded under the Town and Village advanced COVID measure.

- **Town and Village 2021**

The Municipal District office is currently consulting with the ESB regarding the proposed undergrounding of ESB cables on Cara Street. A revised quotation for capital works has been received which is well in excess of original quotation. We are currently working with our colleagues in the Roads section in order to obtain additional funding for the project from the TII. A draft brief for the appointment of a consultant to examine the proposed implementation of a one-way system at the Ball Alley/Abbey Street and parking arrangement in the Diamond has been prepared. We hope to have a consultant appointed by Q2 of this year.

In Latton, the Municipal District office has developed a number of options for the provision of a footpath from the Church to the path at the housing estate and in particular the improvements of safety at the road junction adjacent to the church. Once COVID restrictions have eased we propose to arrange a meeting with the stakeholders to advance the project.

- **Dereliction**

As advised at the previous meeting we are working with our colleagues in the Councils Housing section to develop a further phase of the Clones Renewal Scheme. Further discussions are planned for early May to advance this project.

- **Taking in charge of estates housing Alders and Caroborrow.**

The Councils planning section continue to liaise with Irish Water to agree the site resolution plans for the Alders and Carraborrow estates. All required documentation has been submitted to Irish Water – we are awaiting on them to respond.

- **Patching contracts**

The final appointment for the contractor to complete patching repairs in the Municipal District will be made by the end of the month. These sections typically require large patches measuring 20-30m². It is hoped that these works will commence in early May.

- **Ballybay RRDF**

Ballybay Courtyard Site

The Letter of intent for the project has been issued to Sammy Wilkin. Appointment of the contractor will be made post easing of the current COVID restrictions. Separately our colleagues in the councils Housing Section have appointed a design team to develop plans for the derelict apartments and the remainder of the site adjacent to the Ballybay Mart. Preliminary layouts have been prepared and are currently been costed.

It is hoped to make a combined Stage 1 and Stage 2 application to the Department in early May. Once this approval has been obtained, it is envisaged that the Part 8 planning process will commence.

The Councils Housing section is progressing the development of Housing units on Church Street Ballybay. The procurement process is well advanced. It is hoped to issue the Letter of Acceptance in May. Works will hopefully commence in late May early June.

Ballybay Town and Village €100,000

Under the Ballybay Town and village renewal allocation, the Municipal District has provided lights to Cuan Mhuire and at the recycling bins. Additional lights will be provided to the basketball court.

A contractor has been appointed to provide a decorative height restriction feature at the entrance to the park. Proposals are well advanced and were reviewed at the last weeks Ballybay Regeneration meeting.

The Whins on the Shercock road have been treated and cut. The Municipal District has appointed a contractor to treat this area for a further 3-year time period.

The Municipal District has appointed a conservation architect to develop a Masterplan for the Water Tower site. It is hoped to have a draft of this plan in the coming weeks.

Greenway projects

Clones to Smithboro element - the Municipal District is in the process of appointing Clondillion consulting Engineers to undertake ecological and environmental impact assessment screening reports – on corridor identified in the previous body of work undertaken on this project. This appointment has been delayed to ensure that the Council is complying fully with the requirements of the public spending code in terms of business case. We are liaising with the Department regarding this issue and hope to have same resolved shortly.

Ballybay Castleblayney greenway

The Municipal District has also appointed Clondillian Consulting Engineers and Flynn Furney Environmental consultants progress this project. The consultant is currently undertaking desktop studies to identify a suitable corridor for the route. Flynn Furney Environmental consultants have undertaken review of the draft corridor – no issues have been raised. It is hoped to have a draft report for the end of April.

The Municipal District has awarded the annual grass cutting contract to Paul Loughran. Tenders are currently being assessed for Hedge cutting in the Municipal District. It is hoped that this contract will be awarded in early May.

On 31st March the Municipal District held a very productive meeting with Drum Development Association. They have undertaken to reconfirm their membership and structure. This committee is committed to working with the Municipal District to develop projects for the area.

The Municipal District held a meeting with the Ballybay Regeneration committee meeting on 15th April last. Next meeting is scheduled for 20th May.

Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business' scheme

The Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business' scheme is being delivered in partnership between Fáilte Ireland and Local Authorities across the country. The scheme opened for applications on 12th April 2021 and will close on the 30th September 2021. The focus of this scheme is to provide a level of financial support to tourism and hospitality businesses, in our town centres, to purchase or upgrade equipment to provide additional outdoor seating and, therefore, increase their outdoor dining capacity for the summer of 2021. Funding under the scheme is only available to existing businesses. For further Information and Application Form, is available on the Council website.

The closing date for expressions of interest from Community Groups under the 2021 Clar programme is 26th April. I would encourage all community groups with possible projects, to apply for this funding. The Municipal District office is available to assist and advise on any projects.

Finally – the members were advised previously of allocations received under the last Town and Village renewal scheme. Each of these projects require match funding of 10%. Approval is sought from the members for match funding of 10% to recently awarded Town and Village Renewal schemes at Clones, Latton and Doohamlet. Approval is also sought for match funding under the advance COVID Town and Village Renewal measures for outdoor seating in Clones, Ballybay and the Municipal District in general

The members thanked Mr. Kevin McNally for his report. Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the 10% funding as requested, Cllr Hugh McElvaney seconded and all agreed.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked for clarification in relation to the Lennard Arms object and spoke of a dangerous building on Cara St, he also asked for an update on the taking in charge of the estate at Mullanamoy. Mr. Kevin McNally stated that a finance company had objected to the CPO of the Lennard Arms, this was now with Bord Pleanala. Mr. Kevin McNally stated that this wasn't unusual and that he would be confident of a positive outcome. The property on Cara St was been examined as part of a Clones Renewal Phase 2, he also stated that the Municipal District would follow up on estate at Mullanamoy. Cllr Pat Treanor also asked for clarification on delay of Greenway from Smithboro to Clones, Kevin McNally stated that a new business proposal needed to be submitted. Cllr Hugh McElvaney asked had the direction of the flow of traffic at proposed 1-way system been decided, Mr. Kevin McNally stated that this would need to be investigated further and would be subject to public consultation.

Mr. Colin Murphy gave his report:

Roads Programme

Preparation work is complete on the LT40054, at Sreenty, the LS6212 at Crossbane in Newbliss and the LT22632 near Drum and the R162 Ballybay Latton road for the overlay works. TH Moore were appointed contractor for the overlay works in the county and have completed the section of Road up at Black Kesh on the R189. They are currently in the Monaghan Municipal District, with a provisional return date to our Municipal District of 3rd May. They then intend to complete our local roads before moving to the CMX roads. They will then return later in the year to complete our 2 Regional roads, the R184 Ballybay Tullycorbet road and the R162 Ballybay Latton road. Preparation work on the Lagan road will begin this week.

Mr Colin Murphy also gave a detailed breakdown of the projects funded under active travel they included the following:

Footpath Schemes:	
R162 Monaghan Road Ballybay	€100,000.00
Carn Lane Clones	€110,000.00
Cannons Lane, Clones	€80,000.00
LT21101 Tirnahinch Road, Clones	€50,000.00
R193, Rockcorry	€70,000.00
Smithboro Village	€30,000.00
Magherarney, Smithboro	€40,000.00
Streetlighting Only	
Mullanamoy Lane Clones	€75,000.00
R162 Ballybay Shercock	€30,000.00
R212, Scotshouse Road, Clones Town	€40,000.00
N54 Smithboro	€20,000.00
98 Avenue, Clones	€151,620.00
Pedestrians Bridge Works	
Scotshouse Village - Design	€60,000.00
Corcaghan R188	€20,000.00
Pedestrian Crossings;	
Analore Street, Clones	€25,000.00

The members welcomed this funding. A discussion was had on the various project that were funded. Recently carried out speed surveys were discussed. Issue of speeding on Scotshouse Road Clones was raised by Cllr Pat Treanor. Cllr Richard Truell asked for further traffic calming at Oakland Grove Scotshouse, Mr Colin Murphy stated that a new ramp had been installed here and that option for Scotshouse Rd Clones were been examined. Cllr Sean Gilliland asked for an update on the footpath at Lough Egish and the realignment of the junction. Mr Colin Murphy stated that due to Covid restrictions the footpath was not deemed essential and works would resume when restrictions were relaxed, the realignment of the junction would require further funding.

Mr Colin Murphy also spoke on the traffic calming at Corcaghan, Cllr Hugh McElvanery welcomed this.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

Page 2 – No update from Fermanagh/Omagh District Council regarding a date for the BCEEP meeting

Page 3 – Cllr Pat Treanor asked on an update on dereliction in the area, Mr Kevin McNally stated that the Municipal District had a very productive meeting with the Housing section and that a number of buildings had been identified, Discussions were currently ongoing.

Page 6 – Mr Peadar McGuinness stated that discussions were still ongoing with Irish Water regarding Carrowbarra and the Alders estates.

7. Questions

Cllr Richard Truell asked

Question 1: Can the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District provide No Littering/ No Dumping signage on the N54 in the vicinity of the Stonebridge area (lay-by area on side of main route).

Answer

The Ballybay Clones Municipal District will erect a no dumping sign in the layby of the N54 at Stone Bridge

Question 2: Can the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District examine a damaged parapet wall on a bridge located on the Ls63100 in Smithborough (adjacent to Eire Og Football Pitch).

Answer

The Ballybay Clones Municipal District will examine the bridge in Smithboro and determine what remedial works are required. Any required works be will undertaken when resources are available.

Question 3: Can the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District to provide patching on the LT60002 local road in the Shanroe Townland?

Answer

The Ballybay Clones Municipal District have examined the LT60002 in Shanroe and will carry out patch repairs when resources permit.

8. CE Orders

The C.E. order BCMD 13/21 to 22/21 were noted by the members,

10. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

Votes of Sympathy were proposed for the following:

- The Greenan family on the Death of Michael
- The Duffy Family on the death of Vincent
- The Mooney family on the death of Aisling
- The Lynch family on the death of Robert
- The McCaul family on the death of Eileen
- The Casey and McBennett families on the death of Geraldine
- The Furey family on the death of Cathal
- The Smith family on the death of Tom
- The Duffy family on the death of Frank
- The Forster family on the death of David John
- The Connolly family on the death of Philip

- The Smith family on the death of Sean
- The McDonnell on the Death of Mick
- The Sherry family on the death of Francie

11 AOB

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the following:

That Monaghan County Council/Ballybay-Clones Municipal District immediately prepare a report on works to be carried out as a priority at Corrybrennan Park (46 houses) and Cul Brennan (36 houses) Estates, Ballybay, with a population of approximately 350 persons, a large number under 15 years old, prioritising the following-

- Replacing the Play Park for children, increasing the size, with additional equipment,
- Provision of a Play area for older children for playing football etc.
- Additional Public Seating and Benches for adults,
- Erection of fencing at boundaries of estate,
- Installation of new footpaths/replacement of broken footpaths,
- Resurfacing of roadways etc,
- Repair & painting of fencing,
- General upgrade of Corrybrennan Park & Cul Brennan Estates, which enjoy great neighbourliness and excellent community spirit.

(Motion if adopted to be forwarded to County Council).

This was seconded by Cllr Sean Gilliland and agreed by all

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled 16th May 2021 at 10.00am.

Signed _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed _____

Meetings Administrator

Date

17th May 2021