

## Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10.00am, via Microsoft Teams.

**Members Present**      The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Seamus Coyle presided

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

**In Attendance**      Adge King Director of Service, Kevin McNally Municipal District Co-ordinator, Colin Murphy Executive Engineer, and Seamie Mc Mahon Staff Officer.

**Apologies:**              Cllr Hugh McElvaney

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Seamus Coyle welcomed all to the meeting.

The members wished Cllr Seamus Coyle well after his recent accident. Cllr Seamus Coyle thanked all for their kind words and support.

### **1. Consideration of supplementary Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District in holding remote meetings**

Mr Kevin McNally gave a summary of the draft Supplementary Standing Orders to allow for the holding of remote meetings. Mr McNally recommended that the members adopt the draft Supplementary Standing Orders. This document had been circulated to members earlier. Cllr Pat Treanor proposed, and Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded the proposal to accept the Supplementary Standing Orders. This was agreed by all.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed December's monthly meeting minutes, Cllr Richard Truell seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

### **3. Correspondence Sent**

Correspondence sent was noted by the members.

### **4. Correspondence Received**

Mr Kevin McNally spoke on the issue of the taking in charge of the Alders Estate and Carrowbarra Island Estate, he stated that progress had been made. Mr McNally referred to correspondence received from the Council planning section regarding this matter.

Cllr Seamus Coyle and Cllr Richard Truell spoke about the salting of the road at Doapey Creamery, Mr McNally referred to correspondence received from the Councils Roads Section which stated there was no budget to include this route. Mr Colin Murphy stated that the road wasn't suitable for salt bins.

Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of salting of the Meeting House Lane, Mr Kevin McNally stated that it has been salted in the past and will continue to be salted when necessary.

Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the correspondence from Minister for Education Norma Foley on the school transport issue, he asked that this issue be kept on the agenda.

## **5. Report by Municipal District Coordinator**

### **Mr Kevin Mc Nally gave his report:**

- Council staff are now on a reduced attendance Rota for the next two weeks– only maintenance works such as drainage and pothole repairs are being undertaken
- Technical staff are in the process of surveying roads for 2021 roads programme – these works are well advanced.

The Municipal District is in the process of appointing a consultant to review the layout of the junction of the R180/R181. It is envisaged that this design will be well advanced by the end of February.

Tenders which were received prior to Christmas for the scoping study for the proposed Ballybay Castleblayney greenway and the feasibility study for the proposed Clones Smithboro greenway are currently being assessed. It is hoped to make the necessary appointments by the end of the month.

### **Town and Village Renewal allocations 2021**

The Ballybay Clones Municipal District has received the following allocations under the 2020 Town and Village renewal programme:

Clones: €200,000

- Works involve the undergrounding of electrical cables on the N54,
- Procurement of a consultant to examine the junction and parking layout in the Diamond area of Clones town to seek to develop it as a more attractive location for passing motorists to stop,
- The proposed conversion of the Ball Alley road to a one-way system. These works will be the subject of public consultation.

Latton:€100,000

- Construction of a new footpath from the National School towards the Church

Doohamlet: €100,000

- Completion of footpath works on the main Ballybay to Castleblayney road
- Surfacing of community centre carpark
- Surfacing of paths in community garden

### **Ulster Canal – Clones Marina**

Mr McNally referred to the significant funding announcement of €6million from the Shared Island Fund to support the implementation of the work on the Ulster Canal.

It was noted that these works will focus on the restoration of the canal between Clones and Clonfad in County Monaghan, including a canal basin marina and amenity area in Clones. Funding applications have also been submitted for this scheme under the Rural Regeneration and Development fund call – a decision on this application is expected in Q1 of this year.

## **Mr Colin Murphy gave his report:**

2021 roads Programme:

Regional Roads were only resurveyed on PMS system by the Roads section in December and as a result a number of sections of Regional roads with higher priority have been highlighted for repairs. It is proposed to move the following Regional roads onto the 2021 Roads Programme tender and replace the original ones on the programme. The original ones would be pushed back to 2022.

Proposed new Roads on 2021 Programme:

- R184 Ballybay – Tullycorbet road, 1km section
- R189 Newbliss to Cootehill Road at Black Kesh, 1km section
- R162 Ballybay to Latton road, 1km section

Replaced on 2021 Programme:

- R162 Ballybay to Monaghan Road
- R183 Doohamlet to Castleblayney Road
- R183 Newbliss to Swanns Cross Road

Cllr Seamus Coyle proposed the recommended changes to the Roads Programme, Cllr Sean Gilliland seconded, and all agreed.

All the members welcomed the €6million funding received for the Ulster Canal.

Cllr Pat Treanor asked for further information on the Town and Village funding for Clones and asked would there be a public consultation process regarding the proposed one-way system at the Ball Alley. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the works would involve the removal of the electric cables at the Round Tower which would result in the moving of the pole at the top of Cara St. Proposed other works included the resurfacing of the Car Park on MacCurtain St. Mr Kevin McNally stated that the public would be consulted regarding the proposed introduction of a one-way system at the Ball Alley.

Cllr Sean Gilliland praised the communities of Lough Egish and Doohamlet regarding their successful funding applications. Cllr Gilliland asked for an update on the Defects app, Mr Kevin McNally stated that app was still been developed but has been successfully used within the Municipal District for the last number of months.

Cllr Pat Treanor welcomed funding for Gortnawinney and asked that funding be sought for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Annalore St.

## **6. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**Page 4** – Cllr Pat Treanor asked for an update on St Tiarnachs Plaza, Mr Kevin McNally said that the Municipal District were still engaging with the land owner.

**Page 5** – Cllr Seamus Coyle raised the issue of low-cost safety scheme at Ballindine, road markings at Gibsons garage and loose manholes on Ballybay Main St. Mr Colin Murphy said these issues would be addressed.

**Page 6** – Cllr Pat Treanor spoke on the government strategy for remote working and said that this was very important for the area and needs to be kept on the agenda. Cllr Seamus Coyle asked if ESB had responded regarding the proposed charging point for vehicles in Ballybay. Mr Adge King stated that he would speak to Mr Vincent McKenna MCC regarding this .

## **7. Questions**

### **Cllr Richard Truell asked**

(1) Can I request that the Clones Ballybay Municipal District provide seasonal gritting of the L3403 road to Monaghan GAA Centre of Excellence at Cloghan as this venue is currently used as a COVID 19 testing centre and access must be maintained for members of the public and staff at all times, regardless of the weather conditions.

### **Answer**

Monaghan County Council have arranged for salting to occur on the Link road from Annyalla to Cloghan GAA grounds and also on the road from Ballybay to Cremartin/Cloghan during the remainder of the current winter maintenance season to facilitate users accessing the Covid Test Centre at Cloghan.

(2) Can I request that road repair works are carried out on the LP02310 Drumselt to Aghabog Church of Ireland as a matter of urgency please?

### **Answer**

Ballybay Clones Municipal District will inspect this road and carry out remedial repair work when resources permit.

(3) Can I request that road repair works are carried out on the LS06150 Cormoy road as a matter of urgency please?

### **Answer**

Ballybay Clones Municipal District have inspected this road and it will be placed on the 2021 Surface Dressing Programme subject to funding.

(4) Can I request that road repair works are carried out on the L20324 Lough Oony Lake Road as a matter of urgency please?

### **Answer**

Ballybay Clones Municipal District will inspect this road and carry out remedial repair when resources permit

## **8. CE Orders**

The C.E. order BCMD70/20 was noted by the members,

## **10. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

Votes of Sympathy were proposed for the following:

- The Boyle family on the death of Packie,
- The Aughey and Leonard families on the death of Alice,
- The McCoy Family on the death of Raymond,
- The Connolly Family on the death of Jimmy,
- The Shannon Family on the death of Mary,
- Eileen Newell and the Gibson family on the death of Phillip,
- The Crawford and McCoy families on the death of Maggie Jane,
- The Macklin Family on the death of Brendan,
- The Mullen family on the death of Brian,

- The Lancashire family on the death of Mabel,
- The Wynne family on the death of Patrick,
- The Mc Mahon family on the death of Mary Alice.

**11 AOB**

No other business was raised.

That concluded the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 10.00am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator

Date

15<sup>th</sup> February 2021