

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Garage Theatre on Monday, 21st June 2021 at 2.30pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Treanor presided.

Present: Cllrs. Brian McKenna, Paudge Connolly, 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 Bennett, seconded by Cllr. Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on 17th May 2021 be confirmed.

2. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his Report to the members.

Cllr Connolly welcomed the progress on the Family Cycle Trail in Rossmore Park. This may lead to extra traffic and asked for comments on identified locations he had submitted for parking. Mr McElwain responded that initial investigation by MCC and Coillte of additional carparking centrally had been looked at and grant aid will be required if additional provision was required.

Cllr Connolly appealed to the public to avail of the Property Marking Day due to take place in McNally's Car Park on 10th July.

Cllr Bennett requested clarification on Hollywood Park to which Mr McElwain responded that Consultants had been procured and it is at the preliminary design stage. Cllr Maxwell advised that Rossmore Coarse Angling club and any local Angling clubs should be included in consultation for Hollywood Park.

Cllr McKenna acknowledged road works at Clara and Edenmore and advised the members that we are expecting approval from the Department in relation to asphalt and CBGM but no decision made on what roads will be done.

Cllr Connolly stated that twenty-two accidents have occurred on a bad bend at Skinnagin bridge and suggested we write to TII in relation to this dangerous stretch of road.

Mr McElwain responded that we should write to the Roads Section initially.

3. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Aughey asked:

Can Monaghan MD outline what plans are in place to expand sporting facilities in the Monaghan Town area with regard to all-weather playing surfaces and ability to cover multiple sport usage, and move away from overdependence on Belgium Park?

Response: The Monaghan MD does not have any current plans to install additional all weather playing pitches in the Monaghan Town area.

Can Monaghan MD outline, undertake investigations into Traffic Calming measures in Tydavnet and Glaslough, with mention for pedestrian crossing in Glaslough?

Response: Monaghan MD is finalising the design of the proposed pedestrian crossing at Tullyree, Glaslough. It is proposed to have this crossing in place by end of Q3 this year. Traffic Surveys were carried out in Tydavnet village. The recommendation is for additional road markings and signage to be installed.

Can Monaghan MD outline future plans and actions as a result of Annyalla traffic survey results?

Response: As a result of recent traffic counts in Annyalla village, proposals were made to the Speed Limit Committee to reduce the speed limit through the village to 50 km/hr and a decision is awaited. A pedestrian crossing is also proposed under the Active Travel funding scheme between the school and the Knock Carrick Estate, and design proposals are currently in progress. Design proposals are also underway for a footpath to the Drumkelly Estate and negotiations for land easements is in progress with the landowners.

Can Monaghan MD outline undertake an audit investigation of all ramps within the MD area for damage and repair?

Response: The Monaghan MD as part of their road maintenance works carry out repairs to roads and ramps as necessary subject to available resources.

Defects to any roads or ramps within the Monaghan MD can be reported and logged and any necessary repairs will be scheduled into the works program.

4. Correspondence:

Letter dated 25th May from Dept of Agriculture, Food & Marine re Rossmore Forest Park. Cllr Conlon proposed, seconded by Cllr McKenna, that we respond to DAFM and invite them to come and present their future plans to the elected members.

Cllr Conlon also asked that the elected members be provided an opportunity to engage in consultation in any recreation pursuits.

Letter dated 14th May from The Municipal District of Carrickmacross-Castleblaney.

Letter dated 14th June from Dept of Transport.

8. AOB:

Cllr Maxwell asked the Municipal District to investigate the removal of the Diamond Bandstand. Cllr Connolly stated we should investigate why it is underused and encourage the use of it in the manner in which it was designed.

Cllr Bennett suggested that the Town Team could promote it and encourage upcoming artists to avail of it and see what their views are on it and revert to the members.

Cllr Conlon stated that there is a strong case for a footpath needed on the Sheetrim Road with growing number of staff at the healthcare facility cycling/walking, adding that it is less than 200m and a candidate for an Active Travel Scheme. Cllr Maxwell agreed.

9. Fix Date for Annual General Meeting:

Cllr Conlon proposed we hold the meeting at 3.30pm on 21st June 2021, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed by all members.

Dated this 21st day of June 2021

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Meetings Administrator