

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in mTek1 Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 15th November 2021 at 2pm.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Maxwell presided.

Present: Cllrs. Cathy Bennett, Brian McKenna, Paudge Connolly, Seamus Treanor, Raymond Aughey.

Apologies from Cllr. Sean Conlon

In Attendance: John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer. Michael Carroll, Gardener

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Treanor, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on 18th October 2021 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna asked was there any progress on a public consultation on Emyvale Public Realm and also had we received any response to a request for a meeting with Bus Eireann. Mr McElwain responded that we had more work to complete on the design for the Emyvale project before Public consultation and no response received to request for meeting.

Cllr Aughey welcomed the development of a new safety barrier at Kilmore.

Cllr Bennett, on behalf of the community of Ballinode and Scotstown, also welcomed the development and asked where the funding came from and why the members were not informed. Cllr Bennett also asked for an update on the provision of a footpath from Kilmore to Scotstown village and requested a spur to Hollywood lake be added.

Cllr Bennett also asked for an update in relation to a lifeguard at Hollywood to which Mr Murray responded that our Water Safety Officer has advised that Monaghan County Council do not directly employ Lifeguards and thus are not in a position to provide Lifeguards to traditional swimming locations such as Hollywood Lake. However, Monaghan Water Safety Area Committee provide water safety classes from September to May at the Coral Leisure Complex in Monaghan town, that are open to the public. Unfortunately, the pandemic disrupted these in 2020/21 but all going well they will resume.

Mr Murray added that IT are implementing a programme to monitor lifebuoys

Cllr Connolly suggested we write to Bus Eireann seeking a call forwarding service.

Cllr Bennett asked that we request from Roads Section our Policy on releasing information to members. Mr McElwain confirmed that the funding for the barrier was from the 2021 Low Safety Scheme budget as another project did not go ahead. No design or funding available for a pathway between Ballinode and Scotstown.

3. Presentation by Michael Carroll, Horticulturist:

Mr Carroll gave a very detailed and informative presentation on, Biodiversity Review 2021 which was followed by questions and answers.

Cllr Maxwell suggested that Mr Carroll should take part in the short videos that are ongoing on the Council's social media channels.

4. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Cllr McKenna asked that portaloos be considered in the play area location at Rossmore Park. Cllr Connolly suggested the widening of a bridge on the Emyvale to Glaslough road as a Low-Cost Safety Scheme. Cllr McKenna advised that he had already suggested two projects for this scheme, Killybrone crossroads and Derryhellan corner.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed the free Parking period for Monaghan Town, from the 6th of December until the 2nd of January, after 12 noon daily.

5. Questions

Cllr Connolly asked:

1) To ask Monaghan MD for an update in relation to the proposed planting/replanting proposals in Mullaghmat housing development?

Response: The planting works commenced on Monday 8th November and is due to be completed by Friday 10th December.

2) What plans have Monaghan M D to have a dedicated dog warden in their area?

Response: Monaghan County Council employs one full-time Dog Warden to carry out dog control duties for the whole county, including Monaghan MD.

6. Motions:

"That this MD write to the Minister of Environment regarding the promised sewage system in 1958 for 4 areas of Monaghan Town, after 63 year the remaining residents of these areas would like to see work started as it is a serious Environmental issue.

These four areas in need of sewerage are Mullaghdun on the Scotstown road, the Clones road, Milltown and Rafeenan in Ballinode"

Cllr Seamus Treanor outlined his motion which was seconded by Cllr Connolly and supported by all members. It was agreed that we write to Irish Water and Dept of Environment.

7. Congratulations:

Congratulations was extended to the Scotstown GAA on winning the Senior Football Championship and to the Sean McDermotts GAA on winning the Junior Football Final.

8. Sympathy:

Sympathy was extended to Francie Meehan on the passing of his wife, Ann

Dated this 15th day of November 2021

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator