

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Civil Defence Offices, on Monday 07 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Chair: Cllr A. Campbell, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllrs. Aughey, Bennett, Carthy, Coyle, Conlon, Connolly, Keelan, McCooey, McElvaney, McKenna, O'Hanlon, P. Treanor, S. Treanor and Truell.

Mr. J. Murray, A/Chief Executive, Director of Services, Mr. P. Clifford, Ms. P. Monahan, A/Director of Services, Mr. Cathal Flynn and Ms. N. Woods, Ms. M. McGarvey, Meetings Administrator & Ms L. Brannigan, Senior Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllrs. Kerr-Conlon and Gilliland

Urgent Business:

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that he had received a notice of urgent business in the names of Cllr S Conlon and Sinn Féin Cllrs as follows:

“That this Council write to An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD and Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe TD seeking the Government to immediately initiate legislation that will reduce the excise duties on petrol, diesel and heating oil which make up to 60% of the price of fuel.”

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr N Keelan, it was agreed to enter ‘into Committee’ to discuss whether to accept the motion submitted as urgent business.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed to take the motion of urgent business at the end of the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr N Keelan, it was agreed that the Council revert to public session.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

(i) Minutes of Council meeting held on 07 February 2022

On the proposal of Cllr N Keelan, seconded by Cllr S Conlon, it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 07th February 2022, be confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

The following correspondence was circulated with the agenda for the meeting:

- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Michael Martin, T.D., regarding bullying.
- Letter from the Minister for Social Protection & Rural Community Development, Ms. Heather Humphreys, T.D., regarding bullying.
- Email from the Office of Pauline Tully, T.D., regarding bullying.
- Email from the Office of the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley T.D., regarding bullying in schools.

- Email from the Office of the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley T.D., regarding the reviews of the School Transport Policy.
- Email from the Office of the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley T.D., regarding the reviews of the School Transport Policy.
- Email from the Office of the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley T.D., regarding the Action Plan on Bullying.
- Email from Mr. Brendan Smith, T.D regarding Bullying in Schools
- Letter from the Minister for Social Protection & Rural Community Development, Ms. Heather Humphreys, T.D., regarding the suspension of funding from Clontibret to the Border road scheme.
- Letter from the Office of the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr. Leo Varadkar T.D., regarding Northern Ireland Protocol discussions and Article 16.
- Letter from the Office of the Chief Executive, Health Service Executive, Mr. Paul Reid, acknowledging that he had received correspondence regarding the Councils decision to support Sligo County Council's motion to cease the practice of patient debt collection.
- Letter from the General Manager of Acute Operations, Carol Ivory, Health Service Executive, Ms. Carol Ivory, regarding the practice of patient debt collection.
- Email from the Office of the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., acknowledging that he had received the correspondence regarding the Sligo County Council motion.
- Email from the Office of the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., acknowledging that he had received the correspondence regarding the new initiatives and additional services at Monaghan General Hospital.
- Letter from the Office of the Chief Executive, Health Service Executive, Mr. Paul Reid, acknowledging that he had received correspondence regarding the Minor Injuries Unit at Monaghan General Hospital.
- Email from the Office of Minister for Health Mr. Stephen Donnelly, TD, regarding the introduction of a "opt-out" system for organ donation.
- Letter from the Department of Social Protection, Ms. Heather Humphreys T.D, regarding the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands entitled 'Examination of Employment Services'.
- Letter from the office of the Minister for Social Protection, Ms. Heather Humphreys T.D., regarding Community Welfare services in County Monaghan.
- Resolution from Sligo County Council to call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Mr. Darragh O'Brien T.D., to increase the maximum grant under the older persons grant scheme by 50% to reflect building inflation and also to increase the overall allocation to the County by a pro rata amount.

2.1 The following additional correspondence which had been received after the agenda had issued, was also circulated:

- Letter from the Office of the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Ms. Catherine Martin, TD., regarding National Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection for all those that lost their lives during the pandemic.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence Forces, Mr. Simon Coveney regarding the protocol of Ireland /North Ireland.

Proposals arising out of correspondence:

On the proposal of Cllr S Coyle, seconded by Cllr PJ O’Hanlon, it was agreed that this Council acknowledges the commitment of Minister Foley and the Government to dealing appropriately with the issue of Bullying in Irish Society, in all area’s of life, particularly in schools where it has lifelong consequences for victims and requests that principals, teachers and staff of schools and educational facilities are given full membership of the Steering Committee to review the Action Plan on Bullying”.

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr C Carthy, it was agreed that this Council make requests of the Minister Heather Humphreys TD for an opportunity for a delegation to meet her and relevant officials to discuss issues of significant importance affecting our constituents including the North South Interconnector and the Monaghan Hospital Minor Injuries Unit.

On the proposal of Cllr S Coyle, seconded by Cllr R Aughey, it was agreed that this Council supports the motion of Sligo Co Co calling on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to increase accordingly the maximum grant from €8,000 to €15,000 and from €30,000 to €45,000 for housing adaption grants for people with a disability and calls also on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to increase the maximum grant under the older persons grant scheme by 50% to reflect building inflation and also to increase the overall allocation to the county a pro rata amount”.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the correspondence circulated in relation to the National Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection and advised members that Monaghan County Council’s ceremony will take place on Friday, 18 March at 11 am in St Mary’s, Castleblaney.

3. To consider Section 183 notice for the lease of Craft Studio, Market House, Castleblaney.

Mr. P Clifford, Director of Services, referred to the Section 183 notice which had been circulated in relation to the lease of Craft Studio, Market House, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan

On the proposal of Cllr C Carthy, seconded by Cllr PJ O’Hanlon, it was agreed that the Council approves the lease of Craft Studio, Market House, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan in accordance with the terms of notice dated 07 February 2022 and attached site location map under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

4. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil - Coiste na Gaeilge

Nial O’Connor Oifigeach Gaeilge presented the Annual Report for the Coiste Gaeilge for 2021. He thanked all members of the Coiste for their help and support. He stated that despite 2021 being a challenging year, the Coiste still managed to deliver a wide range of activities as Gaeilge, details of which were listed in the report.

He drew members attention to the following legislative changes:

- 20% of all new recruits to the public service will have to have some level of Irish
- Irish Language Scheme will introduce regulations for language standards in Public Service
- Advertisements – 20% of spend will be as gaeilge

Cllr Treanor thanked Nial O'Connor for the report and also thanked the other members of the Coiste Gaeilge for their work during the year and outlined details of the activities listed in the report. Cllr Treanor encouraged second level students in Monaghan to apply for the local authority's annual scholarship grant for Gaeltacht courses.

Cllr Treanor presented recommendations for Seachtain na Gaeilge grants for members consideration.

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor, seconded by Cllr C Bennett, it was agreed that the Tuarascáil Bhliantúil be noted and the allocation of the following grants under Seachtain na Gaeilge Grants scheme be approved:

Group	Activity	Amount approved
Muineachán Le Gaeilge	Ócáid oscailte oifigiúla na hOifige	200
Comhaltas Baile Mhuineacháin	seisiún ceoil a reachtáil	200
Comhaltas na Botha	Ceardlann ceol	200
CLG Muineacháin	POP Up Gaeltacht	200
Coiste Scór Uí Rathghaille	A Sean-nós singing workshop facilitated by Fleadh All-Ireland winner Katie Boyle	200
Chonradh na Gaeilg Craobh Aireagal an Triúcha	Tae agus Plé	200

5. To approve Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022

Mr. C. Flynn, A/Director of Services, outlined the main elements of the Annual Service Delivery Plan (ASDP) for 2022, which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. He stated that the plan, which had been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and in conjunction with the Draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024, identifies the services that the Council intends to provide to the public in the year ahead. He further stated that the Plan, which reflected the provisions of Budget 2022, sets out the objectives and priorities for each department; the strategies for achieving those objectives and the priorities and performance standards intended to be met. He acknowledged the contribution of all staff and Directors in the preparation of the plan and responded to members questions.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Coyle seconded by Cllr D. Maxwell, it was agreed that the Council approves the Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022.

6. To consider recommendations from An Coiste Logainmneacha 'Purpose and Operation of An Coiste Logainmneacha'

Mr C Flynn advised members that An Coiste Logainmneacha was re-established in December 2021 and the document circulated outlines the Terms of Reference for the committee and a set of protocols in relation to how it is proposed to deal with place names going forward.

On the proposal of Cllr A McCooney, seconded by Cllr R Truell, it was agreed that the recommendations from An Coiste Logainmneacha be approved.

7. To receive the Draft Review of NOAC Performance Indicators 2020

M. McGarvey gave a brief overview of the Report which had been circulated. She explained that the report prepared by Monaghan County Council sets out to compare the Council's performance in 2020 with the highest and lowest performers nationally; against similar size counties (Level 5 counties); against similar indicators in previous years (where applicable) and on the basis of these, to establish targets for the following year. She highlighted a number of performance indicators in which Monaghan County Council performed exceedingly well.

A discussion followed during which queries raised by the members were replied to.

On the proposal of Cllr D Maxwell, seconded by Cllr H McElvaney it was agreed that a report be prepared for members for April meeting in relation to water quality at Lough Muckno and Peters Lake.

It was agreed that the Council's review of the NOAC Service Indicators for 2019 be noted.

8. To note the Annual Report of the County Monaghan Joint Policing Committee for 2021

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor, seconded by Cllr R Aughey, it was agreed that the Annual Report on the activities of the County Monaghan Joint Policing Committee 2021 be noted.

9. To consider recommendations and minutes from Corporate Policy Group held on 15 February 2022

The members noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 15th February 2022 which had been circulated.

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor seconded by Cllr R Aughey, it was agreed that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 15th February 2022 and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

10. To receive Management Report – February 2022

The members noted the Management Report for the month of February which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Directors of Services responded to queries from the elected members.

On the proposal of Cllr S Coyle, seconded by Cllr PJ O'Hanlon, it was agreed that Monaghan County Council requests the Government and the Minister for Climate Action, Communications and Transport, Eamon Ryan TD to allocate additional funding to Monaghan County Council for Road Restoration works in 2022, due to the atrocious condition of many local roads in the County and the huge increase in costs and that Monaghan County Council invites Minister Eamon Ryan TD to visit County Monaghan to travel and view the terrible condition of many

roads in the County, causing enormous suffering, expense etc to their residences and road users".

On the proposal of Cllr PJ O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr S Coyle, it was agreed that this Council calls on the Department of Transport in relation to all future schemes for the N2, requesting that sufficient funding is provided to ensure, that once a project commences, it is completed, rather than issuing funding on an annual basis.

11. To receive report from Members attending Conferences/Training events

The members noted the reports from Cllrs. Coyle, Carthy and McKenna in relation to their attendance at the following conference/training events:

- AILG – Personal Safety & Risk Assessment – Co. Westmeath
- Housing for All – Co. Cork

12. Business submitted by Chief Executive

The Deputy Chief Executive informed members that there were no matters for consideration under this item.

13. Matters arising out of the minutes of meetings held on 15th February 2022

There were no matters arising out of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 February 2022.

14. Update on N2 National Primary Road Schemes

Ms. P. Monahan, Director of Services informed the members that the update on this item had been provided in the Management Report and earlier discussion

15. To receive update on North South Interconnector project

The following correspondence was received in relation to the North South Interconnector:

- *Email from Minister for Social Protection & Rural and Community Development, Ms. Heather Humphreys, T.D. regarding the North South Interconnector.*
- *Email from Brendan Smith, T.D, regarding the proposed North /South Interconnector response from the Office of Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Mr. Eamonn Ryan.*
- *Email from Mr. Brendan Smith, T.D, regarding acknowledgment email from Minister for Communications and Circular Economy, Mr. Ossian Smyth, T.D.*
- *Email from the Office of Ms. Niamh Smyth, T.D. regarding the North South Interconnector.*
- *Email from Mr. Joe O'Reilly, T.D, regarding North South Interconnector.*
- *Email from the Office of Ms. Pauline Tully, T.D, regarding National Broadband Scheme.*
- *Letters from Mr. Matt Carthy, T.D. regarding the North South Interconnector and the National Broadband Plan.*
- *Letter from Ms. Niamh Smyth, T.D. regarding North South Interconnector response received*

On the proposal of Cllr N Keelan, seconded by Cllr P Treanor, it was agreed that this Council investigates the health and safety concerns raised by the general public in relation to works being carried out by the agents of Eirgrid including the lack of warning signs on public roads , large construction machinery left unattended and operational, public roads being left in a dangerous condition etc and that the outcome of this investigation will be advised to the council members as soon as possible

On the proposal of Cllr N Keelan, seconded by Cllr P Treanor, it was agreed that this Council contacts the Oireachtas members for this constituency advising them of the health and safety concerns raised by the general public and requesting that they contact Eirgrid for a response on this important matter.

16. To receive update on the Ulster Canal project

No further update on the Ulster Canal project.

17. Questions

Cllr P. Connolly asked:

1. To ask Monaghan County Council for an update in relation to the Unfinished Housing Development Chapel Court, Carrickroe?

Reply: Following examination of the derelict condition of some parts of the Unfinished Housing Development at Chapel Court, Carrickroe a Business Case outlining the options required for a site resolution plan has been prepared by Housing Department.

The first option in the business case will see Monaghan County Council utilising the Derelict Sites legislation to engage with current landowners. If a site resolution plan cannot be agreed with the landowner, subject to funding Monaghan County will consider further options including and up to acquisition.

Cllr C. Carthy asked:

2. Has there been any further updates on the Clos na Droimmaine estate in Carrickmacross and when is it expected that completion works will resume?

Reply: Tuath Housing (the Approved Housing Body involved in this project) has advised Monaghan County Council that delays in completion have been caused by a number of factors and they are taking legal advice with regard to their contract with the Developer. Tuath Housing cannot provide dates for recommencement or completion at present.

3. When is it expected that the Conabury Hill estate, Castleblayney, and Alderwood, Carrickmacross, will be taken in charge by Monaghan County Council?

Reply: Following the receipt of the taking in charge application for Conabury Hill, technical assessments were conducted which identified significant defects. The necessary repairs to water services infrastructure are currently being tendered. Following the completion of this tendering process and the appointment of a contractor, the necessary repairs shall be carried out and the taking in charge application progressed.

Identified defects in the Alderwood development have been relayed to the developer for remediation. When these defects have been completed, the development shall undergo a further assessment and the taking in charge application progressed.

It is unfortunately not possible at this stage to give a definitive date for the completion of the taking in charge of these development.

4. What plans have the Housing Section in place to deliver 2-bed Council/AHB units for Carrickmacross over the next two years; is consideration being given to any Council-led developments that will see a significant quantity of these much-needed house size?

Reply: Monaghan County Council and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) operating in County Monaghan propose to provide 150 new social houses with a budget of over €37 million between 2022 to 2024 in Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District.

At present the proposed breakdown of ownership of new social houses proposed between 2022 to 2024 will be 83% (125) Council-owned properties and 17% (25) Approved Housing Body properties.

Please see Table below for number of units, location, and delivery breakdown. The sizes of homes to be completed are as follows; 1 or 2-bedrooms 54% and 3 or 4 bedrooms 46%.

MD	Project Name	MCC or AHB	No of Units	Delivery Date	No of 1 / 2 Bedroom	No of 3 / 4 Bedroom	Comment
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Lakeview Apartments, Drummond Radhairc	AHB	12	Q1 2022	12		Works are completed, awaiting legal paperwork to allow handover and allocation.
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Radharc an Bhri, Bree, Castleblayney	AHB	8	Q1 2022	4	9	8 houses the first phase of remaining 13 of 38.
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Radharc an Bhri, Bree, Castleblayney	AHB	5	Q3 2022			Remaining 5 of 38.
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Nafarty, Ballybay Road, Carrickmacross	MCC	35	Q3 2022	4	31	Remaining 35 of 41. 6 delivered in 2021.
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Coill Darach, Castleblayney	MCC	30	Q4 2023	23	7	Works commenced on site
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Coill an Ri, Carrickmacross	MCC	30	2023 / 2024	27	3	2023/2024 delivery date Subject to Planning Permission
Carrickmacross - Castleblayney	Knockcarrick, Annyalla, County Monaghan	MCC	30	2023 / 2024	11	19	2023/2024 delivery date Subject to Planning Permission
TOTAL			150				

Monaghan County Council is proactively encouraging Developers and AHBs to provide greater numbers of 2-bedroom dwellings in developments to address the significant proportion of Housing Applicants that need smaller units of accommodation in County Monaghan.

5. In relation to Repair & Lease applications deemed unsuitable, has the Council considered purchasing unfinished, vacant and derelict properties throughout the county, including those with structural issues?

Reply: Monaghan County Council does consider the possibility of purchasing properties that are suitable for long term use as social housing but that might be deemed unsuitable under the Repair & Leasing Scheme. In many cases town centre properties that might be deemed suitable for short term rental are not suitable for long term use as social housing due to limited or no private open space, limited or no parking, poor accessibility, unsuitable neighbouring property uses or age of property. Monaghan County Council has purchased unfinished, vacant and derelict properties, including some with structural issues, in various locations in County Monaghan where there is a housing need and the where the properties are deemed to be suitable for long term use as social housing.

6. Has the executive been in contact with owners of zoned lands in the county to provide assistance in getting houses developed?

Reply: Through newspaper advertisements, online notices and notices on etenders Housing Section regularly invites property owners to submit expressions of interest in the provision of housing and also makes direct contact with owners of zoned lands regarding potential for development.

Cllr S. Conlon asked:

7. (a) What number of dwellings occupied by Council tenants provided through Council's housing stock directly, or by Approved Housing Bodies, are categorised as OPD's or Sheltered Housing?

Reply: Monaghan County Council owns 1658 permanent properties, of this, 322 properties are categorised as being OPD's. The statistics on categorisation of all properties owned by Approved Housing Bodies is not available at present.

- (b) What number have an energy BER rating below B2?

Reply: Of the 322 properties which are categorised as being OPD's, 294 have a BER rating of below B2. Monaghan County Council aim to improve the energy efficiency of all its OPD's with properties being targeted in order of priority dictated by the Building Energy Ratings of the properties while also considering properties where fuel poverty may be an issue. The poorest performing properties will be the initial focus of the programme.

- (c) In an effort at reducing the expensive costs of heating incurred by Council tenants occupying our Older Persons Dwellings and Sheltered Housing units, what retrofit measures, and to how many houses, are proposed under Energy Efficiency works that following completion will result in B2 or better BER rating ?

Reply: Monaghan County Council acknowledges the ever-growing costs associated with traditional fossil fuel heating systems and the negative impact this has upon Council Tenants and their health. When addressing this in OPD's Monaghan County Council along with Retrofit Energy Ireland Limited (Obligated Party) will complete a technical examination of each property. These technical examinations will become the basis for all upgrade works.

Under the first contract of deep retrofit works in 2022, Monaghan County Council have identified and are completing upgrade works to 16 OPD's. The upgrade works proposed at these 16 properties will include new windows and doors, new internal or external insulation and an energy efficient heat pump. Works will also include removing old, inefficient heating systems, upgrading flat roof insulation, closing existing chimneys and all other works necessary to achieve a B2 Building Energy Rating (BER) or the cost optimum equivalent. Once completed these properties will have a BER rating of B2 or better.

8. What progress is occurring with the development of the Decarbonisation Zone implementation plan required for identifying measures aimed at reducing carbon emissions? Will a draft plan become available to members prior to adoption?

Reply: In early 2021 all Local Authorities were asked to select a decarbonisation zone (DZ) for their respective functional area. At the April 2021 Council meeting it was agreed to propose Monaghan town as the DZ for the county. We are still awaiting departmental guidance on the development of the implementation plan. When guidance is received then the plan can progress.

Cllr PJ. O'Hanlon asked:

9. Can Monaghan County Council list and name all applications submitted in each Municipal District for the Active Travel 2022 Scheme and list and names of all the successful applicants?

Reply: In 2022 MCC received an allocation of €2.5m for active travel schemes throughout County. All projects submitted by the MDs were forwarded to NTA for approval and the full list of projects approved for 2022 is as follows:

Monaghan County Council NTA Allocation 2022			
Project Code	Project Name	NTA Allocation 2022	Municipal District
MN/21/0001	Upgrade of Monaghan Town Greenway	€200,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0002	Monaghan Town Greenway along N2	€100,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0003	Footpath Package A - Ballybay, Rockcorry, Clones, Smithboro	€100,000	BBY/CLN
MN/21/0004	Footpath Package B - Castleblaney, Carrickmacross	€100,000	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0005	Footpath Package C - Castleblaney, Carrickmacross	€100,000	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0006	Footpath Package D - Monaghan Town	€100,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0007	Footpath Package E - Tullyhirm Lane, Coolshannagh, Scotstown Village	€100,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0008	Streetlighting - Ballybay, Clones, Smithboro	€120,000	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0009	Cycle Lane - 98 Avenue, Clones	€100,000	BBY/CLN
MN/21/0010	Cycle Lane Ross Road, Carrickmacross	€50,000	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0011	Scotshouse Village Pedestrian / Cycle Bridge Options	€54,500	BBY/CLN
MN/21/0012	Inniskeen Village Pedestrian / Cycle Bridge Options	€37,625	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0013	Monaghan Town Ballyalbany Bridge Pedestrian / Cycle Bridge Options	€37,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0014	Monaghan Town Ballyalbany Bridge Pedestrian / Cycle Bridge Options	€50,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0015	Pedestrian Crossings - Clones, Inniskeen, Annayalla	€95,750	3MDS
MN/21/0016	Dublin Street Regeneration Project Monaghan Town	€56,000	Monaghan
MN/21/0019	Safe to Schools Programme - Support Infrastructure	€100,000	BBY/CLN
MN/21/0020	Low Cost Junction Tightening/Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	€253,000	3MDS
MN/21/0021	Light Segregation Cycle Schemes	€50,000	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0023	Low Cost Permeability Measures	€15,000	CBY/CMX
MN/21/0024	Additional Outdoor Infrastructure	€109,200	CBY/CMX

New Funding Allocations:			
MN/22/??	St Tiarnach Plaza	€75,000	BBY/CLN
MN/22/??	Lough Egish	€100,000	BBY/CLN
MN/22/??	Monaghan LTP	€150,000	3MD's
MN/22/??	Staff Costs	€247,530	AT
	Total:	€2,500,605.00	

Please note that in the case of some of the larger projects, the allocations shown above are preliminary allocations for preparatory studies and/or works; further funding is expected as the projects progress towards full construction and completion.

Cllr R. Aughey asked:

10. Does Monaghan County Council have any plans to achieve Green Flag status for any of our recreational areas or amenities such as Rossmore Park, Lough Muckno etc?

Reply: The Green Flag Award involves a stringent assessment across a number of criteria including Overall Welcome (signage & orientation), Health & Safety, Environmental Management (conservation of buildings etc.), Maintenance & Management Plan etc. It is the council's view that neither Rossmore Forest Park or Lough Muckno is at a development stage as yet where all the above criteria can be met.

11. Can Monaghan County Council ascertain the levels of air quality in our towns and how often is it measured and by whom?

Reply: The EPA presently has an Air Monitor at the Kilkitt water treatment plant whilst the only town in County Monaghan where air quality is monitored is Monaghan town. Under the Ambient Air Monitoring Program that was rolled out by the EPA nationally over the past 2-3 years, Monaghan County Council approached the EPA regarding the possibility of providing an air monitor in Monaghan town and a monitor was subsequently erected at the Machinery yard in Monaghan town in 2020. In February 2022, Environmental Services contacted the EPA regarding the possibility of the EPA providing additional monitors in the county, but the EPA has yet to commit to this. These monitors measure air quality on a continuous basis and real time results can be viewed online at www.airquality.ie Whilst these results indicate that air quality in Monaghan is primarily of good quality, there are occasions particularly during the solid-fuel burning season under certain weather conditions where air quality is impacted. Environmental services intend providing a link on the main Council website shortly to allow users to access real-time air quality data from the two monitoring stations.

12. Can Monaghan County Council provide an update on the progress of the construction of the Peace Hub in Monaghan Town?

Reply: A detailed update is included in this monthly Management report.

13. Can Monaghan County Council provide updated costings for the potential delays of N2 to the Border if it is to become a shared project?

- a) How much will the overall cost be to get it progressed to get it to a point of progress or completion?
- b) How much has been spent and will be spent in Tranche 1 & 2 to get it to a point of progress or completion?

Reply: The N2 Ardee to Castleblayney and N2 Clontibret to Border Roads Schemes are 2 separate projects, however Jacobs Engineering has been appointed as the consulting engineer for both projects. Until 2022 both projects were being progressed in tandem. This led to both programme and cost efficiencies.

The N2 Clontibret to Border Road Scheme is currently at the TII Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) design stage. The Phase 3 design process would have seen the alignment of the proposed new road developed and an 'Environmental Impact Assessment Report' and 'Compulsory Purchase Order' prepared, ready for submission to An Bord Pleanála should approval been given to proceed to the next Phase of the scheme. The Phase 3 design process would also have developed a 'Total Scheme Budget' (a detailed cost estimate for delivery of the project) and detailed business case to allow a further assessment of the costs, benefits, risks, delivery and affordability, allowing an informed decision be made about whether this scheme should be an investment priority for Government.

As no allocation has been received to progress the N2 Clontibret to Border Road Scheme in 2022, all design work has been suspended and the Phase 3 design process cannot be concluded.

- (a) Approximately €3m is required to complete the Phase 3 design process in 2022/2023. If an extended delay is experienced the cost will increase, and surveys/investigations/design work will need to be repeated at further additional cost.
- (b) Approximately €3.5m has been spent since 2008 getting the project to this point. Any extended delay to the project may see changes to environmental legislation, design standards and the Public Spending Code, potentially requiring significant elements of the existing project to be repeated at additional cost.

Cllr N. Keelan asked:

- 14. Given the enhanced supports available in relation to insulation and other energy saving measures what plans have Monaghan County Council in the time ahead to carry out additional energy saving works to our housing stock and our public buildings?

Reply: In anticipation of an increased funding allocation, the Housing Department within Monaghan County Council have been working on an ambitious programme of works for 2022 and the years beyond this. The ambitious programme prepared by Monaghan County Council will in all likelihood exceed the amount of funding that will be available in 2022 however as the Energy Efficiency Retro-fit Programme has become a rolling multi-annual programme under "Housing for All" it is anticipated that sufficient funding will be available to improve the poorest performing houses in order of priority commencing in 2022. The programme of works being developed is aimed at improving the energy efficiency of older, poorer performing housing stock with works strategically targeted to ensure funding being spent is achieving the best return possible. Monaghan County Council intends to address properties where fuel poverty may be an issue.

The first contract under the Energy Efficiency Retro-fit Programme for 2022 has already been issued to tender and consists of 24 properties. As well as targeting occupied housing stock, as vacancies arise Energy Efficiency upgrades will be carried out with the aim of achieving a minimum building energy rating (BER) of B2. The ambitious programme being developed will depend on a number of factors including the availability of contractor resources, supply chain factors and will depend on the amount of funding provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The works being completed will vary from property to property and will be based on technical assessments, it is anticipated that works will include new windows and doors, new internal or external insulation (if required) and an energy efficient heat pump. Works will also include removing old, inefficient heating systems, upgrading flat roof insulation, closing existing chimneys and all other works necessary to achieve a minimum B2 Building Energy Rating (BER) as set out in the funding requirements.

The recent announcement regarding support for upgrades to buildings relates to domestic housing and not to Public Buildings. In relation to the upgrade of our Public Buildings, Monaghan County Council have actively undertaken works to our public buildings to reduce their energy use through the SEAI Better Energy Communities scheme. The Council are also actively working with Cavan & Leitrim Local Authorities, as part of the Border Sub-Region of CARO, to develop a collaborative model for the upgrade of our respective Public Buildings. SEAI currently favours a collaborative approach for funding applications for Public Building upgrades.

15. How many vehicles are owned by Monaghan County Council? What plans have Monaghan County Council in the time ahead to purchase or replace some of these vehicles with electric vehicles?

Reply: Monaghan County Council currently own a fleet of 63.no diesel-powered vehicles ranging from ride on lawnmowers to 28 tonne lorries.

Monaghan County Council recently took delivery of 3 No new Peugeot eExpert Electric Vehicles. These are the first EV's to be added to the council's fleet. It is a requirement that all Local Authorities act as exemplars in their efforts to reduce their electrical energy, thermal and transport fuel consumption as well as reduce their Carbon Emissions. There are reduction targets for these that must be met by 2030 and 2050. The use of EV's to replace existing diesel-powered vans is one way to work towards Transitioning to a Low-Carbon & Resilient Society. Replacing 3 diesel-powered vans with EV's will offset approximately 8,340 kg (8.34 Tonnes) CO₂ per annum.

We will continue to replace our diesel-powered fleet with Electric vehicles according to our fleet replacement programme, as a diesel vehicle comes to the end of its useful term, it is proposed to be replaced with an electric equivalent.

16. Prior to the Covid lockdown approximately how much was Monaghan County Council spending per annum on fuel, heating oil, and electricity, given the ever increasing costs of fuel, heating oil, and electricity what impact are these costs having on the council budget compared to pre covid times?

Reply: In 2019, MCC used the following amounts of energy:

Fuel	2019
Electricity	4,192 MWhr
Nat Gas	47,903 kWhr
LPG	183,477 Litres
Kerosene	54,149 Litres
Wood Pellet	40 Tonnes

The data for 2021 are not yet compiled for the annual energy return and will not be compiled until early April 2022. There have been global impacts on the cost of energy and Monaghan County Council expects to see this reflected in increased energy costs in 2022.

17. While acknowledging the Council Housing Department working with approved housing bodies in delivering housing units in many of our towns and some villages, what plans have the Council to provide housing units in the some of our South Monaghan villages where a need has been established including Inniskeen, Donaghmoyne, Corduff, Lisdoonan for example?

Reply: Monaghan County Council received an Expression of Interest regarding a proposed development in Inniskeen however as the development does not have Planning Permission alternatives are to be considered. As noted previously: County Monaghan is a

predominantly rural county with more than 60 % of the population living in small towns, villages and rural areas. Monaghan County Council has historically provided social housing in small towns, villages and rural areas throughout the county such as Inniskeen, Magheracloone, Oram, Bawn, Tyholland, Knockatallon, Newbliss, Rockcorry, Annyalla, Clontibret, Clara, Emyvale, Glaslough, Tydavnet, Latton, Doohamlet, Threemilehouse, Scotshouse, Ballinode, Knockatallon and Scotstown.

With regard to “Dispersed Rural Communities” which might include Donaghmoyne and Lisdoonan; the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 states “Within the rural area there are dispersed rural communities which have small scale clustering around one or more focal points which may include a crossroads, a shop or a church. It is considered that there is scope for some additional dwellings which may consolidate existing focal points and utilise existing services in the area subject to normal planning considerations. It is anticipated that the majority of development taking place will be individual dwellings”.

18. (a) What lands are currently owned by Monaghan County Council, where are these lands located, what are these lands been used for?

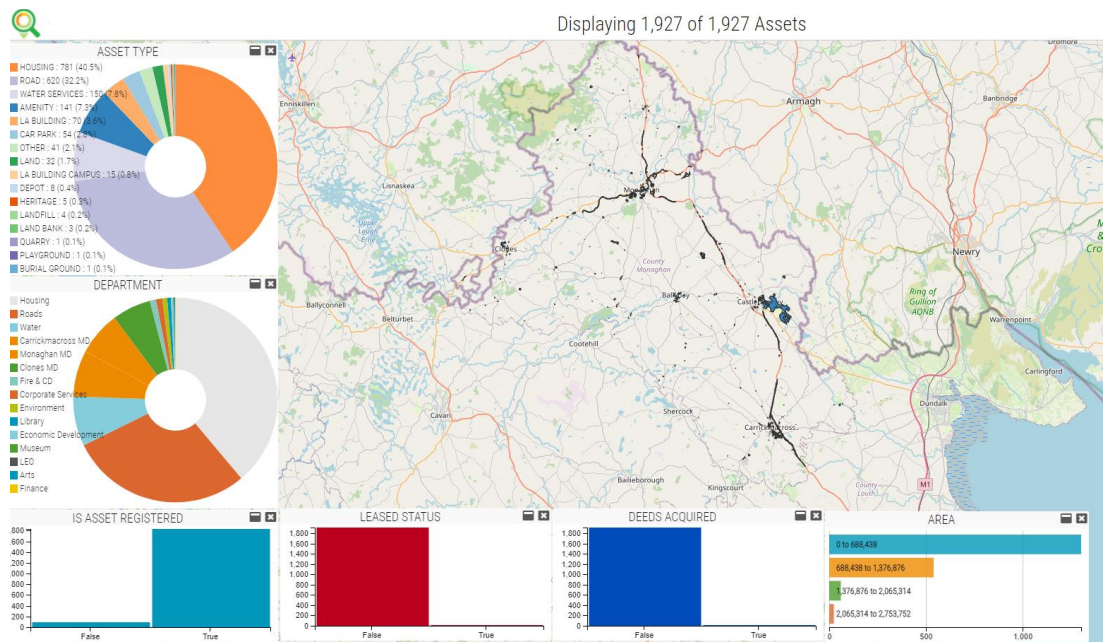
Reply: Monaghan County Council has limited lands available for housing development in the County.

Under the new Housing for All social housing investment programme Monaghan County Council is continuing the work commenced under Rebuilding Ireland and is looking for additional opportunities to purchase property that has potential for development of social housing. Monaghan County Council advertised for Expressions of Interest for the sale of suitable land to Monaghan County Council for use as social housing, submissions will continue to be accepted until the closing date of the 31st of May 2022. Following that if additional land is required a further Expression of Interest process may be considered.

As of the end of 2021 there are 1927 individual property Assets recorded in the Council’s Property Interest Register. The table below sets out the breakdown of these assets by Type

Asset Type	No. of Assets end of 2021
Housing	781
Roads	620
Amenity	141
Water Services	150
LA Building	70
Car Park	54
Other	41
LA Building Campus	15
Heritage	5
Land	32
Land Bank	3
Burial Grounds	1
Playgrounds	1
Landfill	4

Depot	8
Quarry	1
TOTAL	1927



(b) what plans have the Council to use whatever lands are suitable for housing provision, what plans have the Council to purchase land banks in our towns and villages for future housing and job creation?

Reply: Under the new Housing for All social housing investment programme Monaghan County Council is continuing the work commenced under Rebuilding Ireland and is looking for additional opportunities to purchase property that has potential for development of social housing. Monaghan County Council advertised for Expressions of Interest for the sale of suitable land to Monaghan County Council for use as social housing, submissions will continue to be accepted until the closing date of the 31st of May 2022. Following that if additional land is required a further Expression of Interest process may be considered.

Monaghan County Council are actively involved in developing sites and projects that contribute to job creation. Some of the projects currently being progress by the Council include; The Dublin Street Regeneration & Roosky Lands Project, Bioconnect Centre, Newbliss Enterprise & Digital Hub, CTEK II, Annahagh & Knockaconny and the Ridge Enterprise Centre.

Cllr A. Campbell asked:

19. Regarding the Water Quality in Lough Muckno being described as “Bad Status” and the roll out of the “Muckno Road Recovery Project” having started to remedy this. However, this is not due to finish until 2027 and this timeframe needs to progressed in a much shorter timeframe.

(a) With Phase 1 of this project having commenced and Phase 2 due to start in April. When will these findings being finalised and mitigating solutions stated on?

Reply: Work carried out to date on the Muckno Road to Recovery Project includes the

collation of water chemistry data and the extension of our water monitoring program to include monitoring stations on the feeder streams. Other works planned during Spring on this project will be the installation of data loggers on the feeder streams to record flows into Muckno and also to carry out Lake coring in conjunction with NUI Galway. This first phase of the project is to try to identify the baseline reference status of the lake by determining the historical status conditions of the lake using diatom and sediment dating analysis and to develop a lake recovery model in terms of phosphorus reduction. Phase 1 is essentially a very scientific study and it is expected that this phase of the project will take approximately 15 months to complete. Phase 1 of the project will help inform the development of an Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) plan which will be Phase 2 of the Muckno Road to Recovery Project. ICM Planning is the approach that has been adopted nationally in line with the 3rd cycle Draft National River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 to try and improve water quality in a catchment. The ICM process will identify pressures in the catchment of the lake and will ensure that there is a focused approach in place when deciding on and implementing protection measures and actions where water quality is satisfactory, and mitigation measures and actions where water quality is unsatisfactory, as a means of increasing the likelihood of achieving the desired environmental outcomes with respect to water quality in an efficient and effective manner. Essentially, in terms of water quality protection and improvement the ICM approach helps ensure that the “right measures in the right place” so as to avoid costly ineffective measures which may have minimal impact on water quality protection or improvement.

- (b) With a steady decline in water quality in Lough Muckno been observed which is alarming and in relation to communications with all the stakeholders to create awareness and mitigating to stop the trend of Lough Muckno water quality getting any worse. What is being done now?

Reply: Apart from the Muckno project work as outlined in the reply to (a) above, Environmental staff are dedicating some additional resources to concentrate work in the greater Muckno catchment area during 2022. This includes increased river and stream monitoring, carrying out a program of farm inspections in the Annalitten catchment which commenced in February, and carrying out a number of targeted septic tank inspections under the National Inspection Plan.

- (c) Lough Muckno has so many outdoor activities on the lake and with Monaghan County Council spending money to enhance water-based activities on Lough Muckno. What plans are in place to facilitate these activities on the lake?

Reply: Monaghan County Council actively maintain, facilitate and promote water-based activities at Lough Muckno. Operating under licence from the Lakeshore Clubhouse facility, Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre (COAC) provide a wide offering of water-based activities including sailing, windsurfing and kayaking/canoeing. The Lakeshore Clubhouse facility underwent significant refurbishment as recently as 2019. Similarly, the Council, working collaboratively with the Irish Angling Development Alliance, continue to maintain and develop the renowned angling facilities at Lough Muckno. The venue hosted the European Police Championships in September 2019 and is a lead contender to host the World Angling (feeder) Championships in 2023. Monaghan County Council continue to explore all feasible opportunities to further enhance facilities for water-based activities at Lough Muckno.

- (d) Muckno is a major attraction for fishing with this being said What impact has the water quality on fish stock and the fishing which also enhanced the visitors to Castleblayney and the surrounding area?

Reply: Lough Muckno is one of the Water Framework Directive Surveillance monitoring sites for fish. The most recent fish sampling analysis on Muckno was carried out by the Inland Fisheries was in 2021 but this report has yet to be published. The most recent report available for Muckno is from 2015. Using a multimeric fish ecological classification tool, the 2015 report indicates that the lake status was classed as Poor in 2015. One of the factors for this status is the lack of salmon and small numbers of trout sampled in Lough Muckno. Given the fact that it is an inter-drumlin lake it is not surprising that salmon and trout numbers would be low. However, on Muckno there are good stocks of perch, roach, bream, and pike in the lake and Lough Muckno continues to be a well promoted and popular coarse angling amenity with on-going development of angler access locations (response received from IFI Inland Fisheries Ireland).

The Muckno Anglers have indicated to Monaghan County Council that there has been no appreciable difference to fishing stocks or fish take for anglers on Lough Muckno.

20. Irish Water with Monaghan County Council have invested over €6 million to modernise and upgrade the wastewater treatment plant at Muckno Street in Castleblayney to ensure that the treatment plant is fully compliant with EU Urban Wastewater Directive and to improve the performance of the wastewater treatment process. With this upgrade in place for a number of years now and the water quality of Muckno still being described as “Bad Status”.
- (a) Is the plant compliant with the EU Urban Wastewater Directive?
 - (b) What impact has this plant on the water quality of Lough Muckno?
 - (c) With the “Muckno Road to recovery Project” now being progressed by Environmental Services what level of engagement is taking place with Irish Water around this plant?
 - (d) How often is the discharge from this plant monitored?

Reply: The wastewater treatment plant at Muckno Street in Castleblayney is compliant with the EU Urban Wastewater Directive. In terms of the impact on the water quality of Lough Muckno, Irish Water can confirm that the ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS. The EQS relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009. The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable impact on the water quality or an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant is monitored regularly. Regulatory samples are collected and analysed on a monthly basis. Our quality control measures include regular laboratory testing of the final treated wastewater. This is to ensure the cleaned water has no detrimental effects on aquatic life or other water users.

The “Muckno Road to Recovery Project” is a Monaghan County Council led project which will use a multi-targeted approach to achieve long term water quality improvements over time. Irish Water will support and work collaboratively with Monaghan County Council as this project progresses.

21. With the vision of “Our Rural Future” to support the regeneration and development of rural towns and villages to contribute to local and nations economic recovery, and to enable people to live and work in a vibrant environment. The recent announcement by Minister Humphry’s “Town Centre First Strategy”.
- (a) What plans has Monaghan County Council in place in working to roll out this plan for all our towns and villages across County Monaghan?

- (b) With every town and village being unique, what actions will be incorporated with this plan for County Monaghan?
- (c) How many extra staff will be needed to roll out this plan and have Monaghan County Council being sanctioned?
- (d) With the importance of our Climate Action Plan which promotes retrofitting of existence premises and housing stock how is this going to be linked into Town Centre First?

Reply: Monaghan County Council is currently rolling out a number of initiatives to support the objectives set out in Our Rural Future and Town Centre First.

The Dublin Street South Regeneration Scheme, the Dublin Street North Regeneration Plan, and the Roosky Lands Master Plan in Monaghan Town are significant projects which will establish frameworks for the redevelopment of a sizeable portion of the town centre. €14.4 million under the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) has been allocated to these regeneration schemes to assist in their progression. €247,952 has also just been allocated by the Heritage Council to a project which aims to re-establish residential use in the historic Dublin Street, Monaghan, entailing external conservation works to eight buildings and internal refurbishment to two buildings for residential use over the next year.

Carrickmacross is benefitting from €100,000 of funding from the Department for Rural and Community Development (DCRD) to develop a Town Centre First Plan which will be a bespoke plan to guide development with specific actions and interventions and help unlock national funding streams. Carrickmacross is also benefitting from the DCRD Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) to assist with the preparation of Local Area Action Plans either side of the Main Street.

Castleblayney is currently participating in the DCRD's Town Centre Living Initiative and up to €100,000 has been made available to each participating town to develop innovative proposals that encourage the reuse of vacant and underused buildings in town centre for living. A report entitled 'Castleblayney: A Town Centre for Living In Well' was produced in 2020 for Monaghan County Council provided recommendations to increase the potential for residential development within Castleblayney Town Centre. Architects have been engaged to look at supporting a joint/cluster-based approach with property owners to facilitate reuse/redevelopment of contiguous properties. RRDF funding has also been allocated to assist with refurbishment of Market House and the Gate Lodge, and to progress The Ridge business hub at McGrath Road.

In Clones, RRDF funding has been allocated to develop business hub on Fermanagh Street, and the Monastic Centre on MacCurtain Street. Clones Renewal Scheme which is being managed by Monaghan County Council is delivering town centre living accommodation on an on-going basis. Monaghan County Council is also providing support to Waterways Ireland in respect of the development of the Ulster Canal Marina. Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) funding of over €230,000 has just been announced for a town centre land use survey of Clones and streetscape enhancements on Fermanagh Street.

RRDF funding was provided to carry out works at rear of Main Street, Ballybay to redevelop a vacant unfinished site for housing. RRDF funding of €732,000 has been allocated to facilitate the further development of the Lough Egish Food Park.

In Drum and Rockcorry TVRS funding of €45,000 has just been awarded to fund the preparation of village plans including health checks and economic audits. €250,000 of TVRS funding has also just been announced public realm, heritage and amenity enhancements to reinforce Inniskeen as an attractive place to live and visit. While Threemilehouse has been allocated €100,000 of TVRS funding to construct a Multi Use Games Area and to carry out environmental improvements within the village.

- 22. With the recent training rolled out by Monaghan County Council regarding Climate Action.

(a) What plans has Monaghan County Council to engage with all stakeholders to get the Climate Action message out to everyone but more importantly to get engagement?

(b) What are the key elements of Monaghan County Council short term plans?

Reply: In addition to the recent **CARO Championing Leadership** training which was attended by senior staff and the elected members, CARO is shortly rolling out further training called **Empowering Change** which is aimed at administrative and technical staff working in the local authority whose role involves working closely with local communities. The focus of the training programme is to empower Local Authority staff to promote behavioural change and encourage positive climate action across local communities. The training has been designed and developed to offer participants the knowledge and tools to become leaders in climate action by raising awareness, encouraging participation and inspiring action within and across local communities.

The training programme aims to help and guide participants to inspire and encourage positive climate action and promote behavioural change across local communities.

23. (a) What is the update on Monaghan County Council plans to add more EV charging points for electric cars in Co Monaghan?

Reply: Monaghan Co Council is currently participating the **FASTER** project for the provision of public charging points for Electric Vehicles. Monaghan County Council is currently not participating in any other projects for the supply and installation of public EV charge points.

(b) With the funding which is now available from Europe under the **FASTER** project for the roll out of EV charging points across the regions. When will these EV points be in place?

Reply: At present, provisional site selection has been carried out and submitted to the funding agency for approval. On receipt of approval from the funding agency, Monaghan County Council will then proceed with the next stage of the process to establish power supply. It is planned to have the **FASTER** chargers in place and operational by end 2022.

(c) What plans have Monaghan County Council in place to change over to an electric fleet with vans, etc.?

Reply: Monaghan County Council has recently procured and have taken receipt of the first three EV Vans, as replacement vehicles for three diesel powered vans.

(d) When will the first of these Vehicles be in use?

Reply: These three new EV Vans are in use from March 2022.

(e) Has Monaghan County Council examined the feasibility of applying to SEAI for EV charging points for Monaghan County Council offices?

Reply: The funding model currently offered by the SEAI partially supports the supply and installation of on-street residential EV chargers but provides no financial support for the ongoing operation and maintenance of these chargers. Until such time as a more comprehensive funding model is available, it is not feasible for Monaghan County Council to consider this scheme.

Cllr B. McKenna asked:

24. Further to a similar question over two years ago or longer, where no action has been taken, will this Council contact the TII in relation to the provision of an information sign indicating 'Tiernaneill Cross' on the N2 as the location 'Tiernaneill' is regularly used by delivery vehicles who have difficulty finding certain businesses? Further that we have a report on these enquiries for either the April or May meeting.

Reply: In light of a site visit and by making reference to the Dept of Transport's Traffic Signs Manual, MCC are of the view that a Directional Information sign is not warranted at this

junction. The junction in question is formed by the intersection of National Primary Road, N2 and Local Primary Road L-1155-0. The Local Road leads to Tirenaneill Cross. The selection of destinations to be displayed on a sign is determined by the classification of the route to be signed. This is a combination of the route travelled (N2) and the intersecting route (L-1155-0). The criteria that determines the Sign Destination at this junction configuration is 'Nearest Town or Village'. The existing sign directs road users to Corraghbrack. It is acknowledged and noted that Tiernaneill has several agricultural premises sporadically located throughout the area, however this would be typical of many rural townlands. In summary, the existing signage arrangement at this junction is in compliance with the Dept of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland signage policy, whereas the provision of the requested additional sign would represent a non-compliance. Recipients of deliveries are recommended to provide Eircodes to suppliers to assist with locating addresses.

18. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations.

It was agreed a vote of sympathy would be extended to the following:

Ronnie Steenson, Caretaker, Ballybay-Clones MD on the passing of his brother Trevor Steenson, Drummuck Lane, Stranoodan, Monaghan

Leslie Hannon, Chief Fire Officer at Castleblayney Fire Station, on the passing of his uncle Jim Lavery, Fairview Crescent, Monaghan

It was agreed a vote of congratulations would be extended to the following:

The fabulous Castleblayney Drama festival team and all associated with them and to wish them well in the week ahead with the Drama Festival.

Donna Evans, Monaghan Town and Irene Clements, Clones who were part of a three person team winning gold for Ireland in Portugal in the European Masters Cross Country Championships in February.

19. Conferences

On the proposal of Cllr C. Carthy seconded by Cllr C. Bennett, it was agreed that the Council be represented at the following training event by the members listed.

Promoting Authority	Subject/Theme	Venue	Dates	Members Selected
AILG	AILG Annual Training Conference	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Bunrana, Co. Donegal	23.03.22 & 24.03.22	Cllr B McKenna Cllr R Truell Cllr D Maxwell Cllr S Coyle Cllr P Connolly Cllr S Conlon Cllr N Keelan Cllr C Carthy

Urgent Business:

Cllr S Conlon proposed, Cllr N. Keelan seconded

“That this Council write to An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD and Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe TD seeking the Government to immediately initiate legislation that will reduce the excise duties on petrol, diesel and heating oil which make up to 60% of the price of fuel.”

Following a short discussion on the motion, the Cathaoirleach put it to the meeting and the motion was agreed unanimously.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____