

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held via Teams on Monday, 17th January 2022 at 10am.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Maxwell presided.

Present: Cllrs. Cathy Bennett, Brian McKenna, Paudge Connolly, Seamus Treanor, Sean Conlon

Apologies for late arrival: Cllr Raymond Aughey,

In Attendance: John Murray, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Bernie McElvaney, Senior Staff Officer. Gareth McMahon and Stephen McQuaid, Roads Section

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr McKenna, seconded by Cllr. Bennett, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on 20th December 2021 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising:

Cllr McKenna welcomed the public consultation on Emyvale Realm project and asked the media to encourage people to respond to the request for their contribution, especially community groups such as Emyvale Tidy Towns. Cllr McKenna asked was a letter issued to Bus Eireann and stated that it was unacceptable that we are being totally ignored.

Cllr Bennett asked that a footpath along the river from Scotstown to Kilmore grounds be considered in the Feasibility Study.

Cllr Connolly added that we have received no response from Bus Eireann in relation to a call forward service at the bus station.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-ordinator:

Mr McElwain outlined his report to the members.

Cllr Conlon requested confirmation regarding signage, how and where signage will be installed for Rossmore Park, and asked that the Blackwater 10k route be incorporated.

Cllr Conlon welcomed the Webcam and asked for an update on broadband in the town.

Cllr Bennett asked what are the proposals for Hollywood lake.

Cllr Conlon asked would there be cameras at Oriel Way and will the gate be locked at night.

Mr Murray stated that Mr McArdle ,IT, has requested a meeting with Magnet and no response to date.

Cllr Conlon advised that the committee have €4500 left over for signage to commemorate the Blackwater 10k run. Mr McElwain advised that he will discuss with Ms Condra and will present signage wording to the members at the end of January. Mr Murray stated that the current signage plan should not be delayed as it is LEADER funding, and further signage can be decided at a later stage.

Mr McElwain advised that the camera at the entrance to Oriel Way Play Park is being upgraded to cover the play park and the locking of gate to be decided.

Cllr Treanor asked for some type of signage to be installed to reduce the speed on Old Armagh Road.

Cllr Bennett welcomed the design works on footpaths at Clontibret and Annyalla, and welcomed the start on footpath works in Scotstown village and also the crash barrier at Kilmore.

4. Special Speed Limit Review 2022:

Mr McMahon explained the assessment process stating that the consultation period commenced in May 2021 and eighty one locations have been reviewed. It is now being brought to the three MD's. Mr McMahon outlined his presentation to the Members and a discussion followed.

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Treanor, all members with the exception of Cllr Conlon supported the Review.

5. Taking in Charge – Tullyhirm Lane:

On the proposal of Cllr Connolly, seconded by Cllr Maxwell, it was agreed by all members to take in charge Tullyhirm Lane.

6. Questions and Responses:

Cllr Connolly asked:

1)To ask Monaghan M D for an update in relation to progress on the Greenway from Coolshannagh Roundabout to the Middletown border?

Response: The site investigation contract is currently out to tender with a closing date for tender submissions of the 21st January. Detailed design is ongoing and consultants are currently preparing the CPO documentation.

Submission of the CPO is planned for Q2, 2022.

The Award of Contract for the Construction Stage is scheduled for Q4, 2022.

Cllr Conlon asked:

1)With recent completion of road improvement works throughout Monaghan Town, are similar works scheduled for two locations that are comparatively sub-standard at both the Mall Rd. as well as at the traffic lights in the direction of the Glen Rd.?

Response: The LP1412 Mall Road is scheduled for resurfacing this year under the 2022 Roads Programme, and the MD will investigate the outstanding section of the R162 Ballybay/Cootehill Road when the upgrade works at the traffic lights have been completed.

2) With indications given last May of the completion of civil infrastructure works at Mullach Glas, please provide an update as to when the 'Taking In Charge' process at both Mullach Glas and Rowantree Court will be completed?

Response: Tender documents for the completion of outstanding civil works at this development are currently being prepared and are scheduled to go to tender in mid-February 2022. Works are scheduled to be completed by end of June 2022 and 'Taking In Charge' proposals will be brought before the County Council when all works have been completed satisfactorily.

3) For the purpose of facilitating access of coaches and wheelchair accessible buses into Rossmore Park, have the MD secured agreement from Coillte that will allow overhead barrier free movement of these vehicles?

Response: Coillte have installed a facility where any coaches and wheelchair accessible buses/cars requiring access to the park are given a code to allow opening of the overhead barrier. Large groups accessing the facility should register their activity on the Coillte Website, WWW.Coillte.ie

4) With proposed pipe replacement works by Irish Water in the back lanes of dwellings in Connolly Park, will this Council use the trench digging as an opportunity to install cables for street lighting on the back lanes?

Response: There are no proposals to install public lighting in back lanes in Monaghan Town at present, however the MD will make inquiries with Irish Water to establish if they are prepared to install electrical ducting in their trenches for future use.

7. Sympathy:

Sympathy was extended to the family of Hugh Coyle, on the death of Hugh.
Sympathy was extended to the Murphy family on the death of their daughter, Aisling.

Dated this 17th day of January 2022

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____

Meetings Administrator