

Municipal District of Monaghan

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in Council Chamber, M-Tek 1 Building, Knockaconny, Co Monaghan on Monday, 20th March 2023 at 11:45a.m.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Raymond Aughey presided.

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

In Attendance: Nuala Woods, Director of Services, Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-ordinator, Dermot Deeney, Executive Engineer, Michelle Curran, Senior Staff Officer, Michelle Allister, Staff Officer.

1. Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Conlon seconded by Cllr. McKenna, it was agreed that the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on 20th February 2023 be confirmed.

2. Matters arising

Greenway

Cllr. Conlon noted Active Travel are planning a photoshoot in May to launch Greenway in conjunction with Bike Week. Would like the Municipal District to proceed with photoshoot on Greenway and new Rossmore Giants. Ms. Curran to organise photoshoot to occur after MD meeting on Monday 17th April 2023.

3. Municipal District Co-Ordinators Report

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2023

All members present congratulated the Parade Committee on a successful event incorporating our community groups, local businesses and volunteers. Thanks were expressed to the organising committee, An Garda Siochana, Civil Defence, Monaghan Rally Club, MC Sean McCafferty, McElvaneys for the use of stage, Crocus for their 5km run event and Ceoltas for their participation. A special thank also to all participants and the Municipal District Staff and Volunteers who assisted on the day. Congratulations to all winning floats and the presentation ceremony will take place on Monday 17th April 2023.

CCTV

Cllr. Maxwell welcomed the news of CCTV for Monaghan town and significance to An Garda Siochana and town safety and asked for timeline details. Mr. McElwain advised that we now must engage with consultants, complete a detailed design, Way-Leave agreements, Procurement of the equipment and then installation. Estimated timelines are currently 6 months. Cllr. Maxwell requested monthly updates on the development of the scheme which Mr. McElwain agreed to include in monthly Municipal District report.

Queries raised by Cllrs. Conlon, Connolly and Aughey regarding additional use and locations were advised by Mr. McElwain that additional locations would require new applications.

Latlorcan Housing Development

Cllr. Conlon noted interest in the 2 sites and asked for an update on the expected delivery date of the Housing Need Demand Assessment. Ms. Woods advised that the PPP was withdrawn and the MCC Housing Department will deliver the houses.

Discussion continued regarding MCC housing targets, AHB's and proactive attitude to housing. Ms. Woods advised targets are set as per the population of the county with Monaghan County Council among the top-performing in the Country. Advising the Housing Need Demand Assessment Report from KPMG will focus MCC future direction.

N2 Monaghan Pavement Works

Cllr. Conlon asked if the site works from Credit Union to Dunnes Corner will include the full traffic light junction and be completed during school summer holidays? Mr. McElwain advised this included in the plans and timelines.

Cllr. Maxwell asked if works on Aldi site will impact this project? It was noted that the resurfacing works were planned for 2023.

Killyvane Lane

Cllr. Treanor asked for an update on the Taking in Charge of Killyvane Lane. Mr. McElwain advise the Road Section, have indicated that this lane is not included in the 2023 funding works.

4. Questions & Motions

Questions:

Cllr Aughey asked:

- 1) a. Can the MD outline the schedule of work for the gum buster machine and plans to deal with gum litter particularly in town centre areas such as the Diamond, Park Street and Market Street, Dublin Street and the Diamond Car Park.
b. The MD previously supplied cigarette bins for businesses in the town, many of which are now in poor condition. Does the council have any plans to renew this initiative which would help reduce cigarette litter.

Response:

- a. **The Municipal District does not have a gum buster but did acquire a scrubber machine. The MD will assess these areas and look at the best method of gum removal for each.**
- b. **The Municipal District have not supplied cigarette bins for businesses in the past. There are no current plans to provide cigarette bins to businesses.**

- 2) What is the expected date of completion for the new car park on the broad road?

Response:

The expected completion date for the new Broad Road carpark is June 2023.

- 3) Does the MD have any plans to clean the Rossmore and Dawson monuments and when will the up lighting for both be completed?

Response:

The Municipal District will continue to apply for funding to get both Monuments cleaned.

- 4) Can the MD update the members on the progress and updates to date for the Ballinode Committee and Community following on from meeting last year?

Response:

The footpaths were all treated for moss and cleaned. The Municipal District have acquired a new multi-purpose machine and are waiting delivery of scrubber brush to improve footpath conditions.

- 5) Can the MD arrange a meeting with Monaghan Childcare Committee to address the current needs and shortfall for childcare within the MD area?

Response:

Request for a meeting has been sent. Date to be finalised in coming weeks.

Cllr Conlon asked:

- 1) For the purpose of enhancing pedestrian safety at the entrance to the Latlorcan housing estates and Bogues garage on the old N2 / Dublin Rd., will this Council undertake the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location?

Response:

This is a busy section of road with right turn lanes. The Municipal District will need to assess the need, the pedestrian desire lines, and the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at this location.

- 2) Further to previous questions asking when will the Mall Rd. in Monaghan Town (LP1412) have overdue resurfacing works undertaken, I ask for an explanation why this road was taken off the 2022 roads programme, and will Council give a commitment to ensure this sub-standard section of road will be included in the 2023 schedule for resurfacing.?

Response:

This road was to be included on the 2022 Roads Improvement program but there is a need to have the watermain replaced first. Irish Water have plans to replace this watermain in 2023. The Municipal District have also included the Mall Road in their Road Improvement programme for 2023 but this is subject to Irish Water having the watermain work completed.

Cllr McKenna asked:

- 1) "Given that its over four years since the Emyvale Community Plan consultation took place, when is it expected that the actions identified in respect of Monaghan County Council might be considered for implementation in consultation with the Local Community?"

Response:

The Emyvale Community Plan needs to be finalised and agreed with all the community. The Municipal District will work with the Community Section to bring this plan to completion.

- 2) What progress has been made in relation to the provision of a safe footpath/cycle way from Emyvale village out to the Emyvale GAA grounds at Tully?

Response:

There is no current funding or plans under Active Travel for a footpath or cycleway along this road. This road is on the 2023 Roads Improvement program for drainage and resurfacing works.

Motions:

That Monaghan Municipal District takes steps to initiate the upgrading of the 800 metres numbers trail in Rossmore Park to an animal wildlife Nature Trail with figurines of the animals/wildlife that are native to Rossmore Park e.g. Red Squirrels, Barn Owl, Woodpecker, Deer, Fox Etc.

Proposed Cllr Paudge Connolly

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Conlon. Mr. McElwain advised that the MD will produce a proposal and costings for members to review.

That this Council calls on the Government to immediately reverse the decision not to extend the private rental sector eviction ban coming into force on April 1st.

Proposed Cllr Sean Conlon

This motion was seconded Cllr Brian McKenna. Discussion among members. 4 members voted to proceed with the motion and 3 members abstained from decision.

5. Confirmation of Nominations

Cllr. Aughey officially announced the following nominations as agreed at the Sub-Committee Meeting dated 20th February 2023.

Cllr. Sean Conlon was nominated to represent Monaghan Municipal District Council on the **Monaghan Walking & Cycling Forum.**

Cllr. Brian McKenna was nominated to represent Monaghan Municipal District Council on the Steering Committee for the **Development of Blackwater Valley Rural Enterprise & Digital Hub.**

These nominations were proposed by Cllr. Bennett and seconded by Cllr. Maxwell.

6. Monaghan MD Schedule of Works 2023

Approved by all members.

7. Correspondence

Decision to implement HGV restriction on Glaslough Street and Dublin Street only was proposed by Cllr, Maxwell and seconded by Cllr. McKenna.

Cllr. Conlon welcomed the Carftworker response to replenish our Municipal District workforce.

8. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Kelly family on the death of Joe Kelly of Fedmoyle, Smithboro, a former member of the outdoor staff of Monaghan County Council.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Marcia McMeel & the Boyd family on the death of Sam Boyd of Cloghnart, Emyvale. Marcia is a current member of staff with Monaghan Municipal District Office.

9. AOB

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this 20th of March 2023

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator