

Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan

Comhairle Contae Mhuineachain



The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney

Monaghan County Council

Minutes of proceedings of the Municipal District Monthly Meeting held in Carrickmacross Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Co. Monaghan on Monday the 25th of September 2023 at 10:00am.

Present: Cathaoirleach Aoife McCooey

Cllrs. Colm Carthy, Noel Keelan, PJ O’Hanlon, Peter Conlon, Aidan Campbell (online)

In Attendance: Carmel O’Hare, Director of Services, Damien Thornton, A/District Co-Ordinator, Gary Toye, District Engineer, Julieann O’Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer

Cllr. McCooey opened the meeting by commending former Municipal District (MD) Staff Officer, Deirdre Power, for all her work during her time with the MD and wished her the very best in her new role.

Cllr. Keelan concurred with Cllr. McCooey’s comments, advising that Deirdre always kept the Members “right” and that she would be a big loss to the MD team.

Cllr. Conlon echoed the sentiments of Cllr. McCooey and Cllr. Keelan and thanked Deirdre for being a good “steering hand.”

Cllr. Carthy added that Deirdre was a “constant” for the Members and wished to commend her heavy involvement with community events and the work that she carried out in the background.

Cllr. O’Hanlon concurred with the sentiments already expressed, adding that Deirdre was a very capable, competent, and helpful individual and that she would be a big loss to the MD.

Cllr. O’Hanlon further queried when the vacant position would be filled.

Ms. Carmel O’Hare, Director of Services, confirmed that the position had been advertised.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Conlon, the minutes of the July 2023 Monthly Municipal District Meeting, held on Monday the 24th of July 2023, were adopted.

2.0 Matters Arising

Cllr. Carthy:

Requested an update on Bog Town Lane.

Reply – these works are scheduled on the repairs and maintenance list.

Noted that the gates are still closed at the Covent Lands Playpark. Queried when the playpark would open.

Reply – A post remedial works inspection is to be undertaken by an independent third-party to ensure compliance with IPB insurance requirements.

Requested that the MD progress this matter as quickly as possible.

Stated that the Enagh Road is in a poor state even though it was patched since last mentioned. Cllr. Carthy advised that he had already contacted Monaghan County Roads Section about this matter. Commented that this road should have been considered for the CIS scheme and stated that something needs to be done – a more permanent solution.

Reply – This road is not on the current Road Programme. It may be a potential candidate for the Reclaimed Asphalt Scheme.

Cllr. Carthy stated that should the Reclaimed Asphalt Scheme not be available for this; another scheme needs to be used.

Raised concerns about speeding on the Castleblayney Road, from Inver College to the roundabout. The sign states 60km/hr, it should be 50km/hr.

Requested an update on the “Children at Play” signs at Drummond Etra.

Sought an update on the appointment of a Traffic Warden.

Reply –

The MD Executive will review the speed limit byelaws to confirm the applicable speed limit.

The “Children at Play” signs are now in stock and shall be installed within the coming weeks.

Final interviews for the position of Traffic Warden were held last week, and an offer of employment has issued.

Cllr. O’Hanlon:

Commented that the Enagh Road was previously used as a detour road and noted that there is a €200 million underspend in the Department.

Sought an update on Shirley House Lane carpark?

Reply – A variation to the County Development Plan is required in order to progress the development. The Planning Section are progressing this process.

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. McCooey, it was unanimously agreed to issue a letter to MCC Planning Section to request an update.

Cllr. Keelan:

Wished to welcome Gary Toye to the MD in his role as District Engineer.

Cllr. Conlon:

Echoed Cllr. Keelan’s sentiments in welcoming Gary Toye.

Advised that he raised the issue of the Enagh Road at a previous meeting and commented that the road is untravellable, even though this is a through road to “half of Magheracloone.”

Stated that the Elected Members need to collectively push this issue.

Queried what exactly has been agreed in relation to the trimming of trees at the bottom of Convent Hill?

Reply – the landowner is to undertake these works. The Executive will ensure that any branches overhanging the footway are appropriately dealt with.

Cllr. McCooey:

Welcomed Gary Toye to the MD team.

Requested that an audit is conducted on the urban footways in the MD to check for encroaching vegetation.

**3.0 Presentation – Town Centre First – A Policy Approach for Irish Towns
- Kevin McNally, A/Town Regeneration Officer**

Cllr. O’Hanlon:

Thanked Kevin McNally for the presentation.

Queried when the Town Team will be formed?

Conveyed delight that Kevin McNally is heading up this project.

Requested that Members are kept informed, and that progress is made.

Noted that the message being put out is that something will be done, and it is important to honour this commitment.

Cllr. O’Hanlon stated that he is looking forward to working with the Town Team and wished Kevin McNally the best of luck in his role.

Noted that he had raised a question regarding the Town Centre First Plan and that the response advised that the Plan is to be completed in 8 weeks to complete same. Queried whether there is a team in place.

Cllr. Carthy:

Thanked Kevin McNally for the presentation.

Noted that it has been a number of years since the Chamber raised the issue of having a Town Regeneration Officer and he is glad that one is now in place.

Commented that it will be interesting to see who will form the Town Team. The local groups have lists of jobs/works which need to be carried out.

Advised that the Elected Members have received notification of further delays with the Close Drummond housing development and stated that Tuath Housing had advised that they are happy to provide the Members with an update. On the proposal of Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. O’Hanlon, it was unanimously agreed to send a letter to Tuath Housing requesting an update and to issue an invitation to the next MD meeting.

Wished Kevin McNally the best of luck in his role and advised Kevin that he has the full support of the Elected Members.

Cllr. Conlon:

Echoed the previous comments.

Commented that there are plenty of local groups who are a great source of information to tap into.

Advised that the Elected Members have an open-door policy.

Asked if any funding streams will be missed?

Cllr. Keelan:

Welcomed and congratulated Kevin McNally on his new role.

Wished to highlight the exceptionally good community spirit in Carrickmacross and commented that the town is very lucky to have a very active Chamber of Commerce and Tidy Towns Committee.

Noted that Carrickmacross does not have a major issue with vacant buildings however, there is an issue with over-shop premises, and he would like to see these repaired or brought back to use.

Advised that there is poor pedestrian and cycle access and stated that Carrickmacross needs to be more pedestrian friendly.

Commented that lack of parking is a problem.

Also mentioned that the nighttime economy is an issue.

Noted the major local hotel, which is closed now for almost one year, and suggested that something could be done to highlight the issue.

Queried whether the Vacant Homes Officer, John Reilly, is still in situ.

Cllr. McCooey:

Wished Kevin McNally the best of luck in his new role and commented that it is badly needed in the county.

Stated that new people are moving to the area, and that we need to make it a viable place to live.

Agreed that nighttime economy is a huge issue.

Commented that she likes the multi-faceted approach and advised that the Members are here to help.

Requested that Kevin McNally comes back to the members in one month with an update.

Cllr. Campbell:

Welcomed Kevin McNally to his new role and also included District Engineer Gary Toye in this sentiment.

Commented that it is a great opportunity.

Queried the situation with Castleblayney town?

Queried whether the Vacant Homes Officer, John Reilly, will be working alongside Kevin McNally.

Responses from A/Town Regeneration Officer Kevin McNally:

The inaugural Town Team meeting is scheduled to happen tomorrow evening (September 26th). The 17th of November 2023 is the deadline for the submission of a Draft Plan. Support is currently being afforded by A/District Coordinator, Damien Thornton, and Director of Services, Carmel O'Hare. To confirm to when additional team members will be in place.

Noted that dereliction is an issue in Carrickmacross and needs to be addressed.

A second call is due to be launched for Town Centre First Plans and Castleblayney shall be considered at that time.

Commented that grant aid is available but people are not asking for it – we need to find out why.

Advised that no funding streams will be missed.

Stated that it is understood that John Reilly is still in situ as Vacant Home Officer.

4.0 Confirmation of recommendation of An Coiste Logainmneacha

On the proposal of Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Conlon it was unanimously agreed to confirm the recommendation of An Coiste Logainmneacha of the name of Seanghairdíní (Old Gardens) for proposed development for 20 residential units at Mullinarry, Carrickmacross for Eakin Developments Ltd under permission ref. 23/12.

5.0 Correspondence

No incoming correspondence.

Cllr. Carthy queried whether mechanism in place to follow up on un-responded to letters.
Reply – this will be investigated.

6.0 MD Coordinator's Report

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Thanked the MD team for the speed of work in relation to C:Tek II.

Cllr. Conlon:

Commented that it is fantastic to see the progression of C:Tek II and thanked Minister Humphreys' department for the funding.

Noted that the need is there, commenting that the hub in Castleblayney is now full.

Cllr. Keelan:

Commented that the CCTV schemes for Carrickmacross and Castleblayney has been a slow and arduous process and stated he hopes approval will come soon.

Voiced concern regarding the proposed Inniskeen Bike Rental Scheme and asked if for next month, we can see if there is a Plan B. Stated that public liability insurance is the issue.

Reply – the community section is liaising with the Department and continuing to investigate this matter.

Cllr. O'Hanlon wondered how much money MCC spend on IPB? He stated it is frustrating that insurance cannot be gotten for this scheme and proposed that IPB should be invited to a meeting with the members.

Reply – If the remit of funding can be amended to include the other towns, it may become a more attractive opportunity to a third party.

Cllr. Conlon stated that this would be a good idea.

Requested an update about the Inniskeen Town & Village Renewal Scheme and acknowledged the importance of getting the plan right.

Asked if there is full cooperation from landowners and farmers regarding the Monaghan Way.

Noted the extraordinary amount of road maintenance and essential repairs completed but pointed out the huge number of remaining issues. Queried what monies this MD has available for essential and emergency works?

Reply – No specific fund. Essential repairs funded from own resources Urban/local Road General Maintenance funding.

Commented that all members have raised the issue of getting emergency repairs to dangerous roads and no funding was available.

Cllr. McCooey wondered how emergency bridge works were funded.

Reply – from bridge rehabilitation works funding.

Queried when will the second phase of the Donaghmoyne Road pedestrian crossing be completed?

Reply – Envisage that works will be completed within the coming weeks.

Noted that no funding is available for the Ardee to Castleblayney scheme and commented that an update may be given at the next County Council meeting.

Requested an update on the proposed pedestrian access routes in Inniskeen.

Reply - The Active Travel Unit has advised that the traffic light scheme is the only option the NTA are willing to consider at this time. The Executive has the option of submitting an application under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme for a footbridge.

Acknowledged the work of the MD team on this project and stated that the public consultation was highly attended. Queried what the point of the public consultation was when the NTA are saying they will only consider this option.

11:05 Cathaoirleach Aoife McCooey stepped out for a short time.

Leas Cathaoirleach Peter Conlon chaired the meeting in her absence.

11:10 Cathaoirleach Aoife McCooey returns to the chair.

Cllr. Carthy:

Requested an update on Gallows Hill and Rahans Lake as the expected completion dates have moved.

Reply – Re: Rahans Lake – the design needs to be re-visited.

Funding is secure for Gallows Hill and Rahans Lake.

Noted the recent ORIS call for funding and requested that the parking area at Descart Lake is considered for ORIS funding.

Reply- Descart will be kept on the radar for next year.

Welcomed the update at Woodlands.

Asked for a reminder of the traffic calming works at Cloughvalley.

Reply – Signing and lining works.

Commented that the Ross Road is still up in the air under the Active Travel Programme. Advised that the road is in a poor state of repair with cracks in the middle and large potholes.

Cllr. O’Hanlon:

Commented that people are driving on one side of the Ross Road now.

Queried whether the Executive had many incoming claims regarding this road?

Mentioned that an application had been submitted for a pedestrian crossing at the church in Inniskeen under Active Travel and it is only now being completed, some two years later.

Noted that speeding issues on the Shercock Road were raised previously but interventions did not work. Residents objected to the “cushion style” ramps for flooding reasons. Suggested that if NOAC completed a report it would be rated 1-2. Stated that he thinks a video should be taken of cars on this road and sent to Minister Eamon Ryan. Asked how long it will take for these works to be completed, considering it is not on the Roads Programme and Active Travel are taking 2-3 years to get things done. Advised that CIS funding for the entire county has lessened to €300,00.00. On the proposal of Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Conlon it was unanimously agreed that :

“A letter to be sent to Minister Eamon Ryan in relation to the underspend of over €200 million in the first 6 months of this year,

- 1) C.I.S. Scheme reduced to over €300,000.00 for the year 2023.*
- 2) Active Travel projects taking between 2-3 years to complete.”*

It was requested that this letter is also forwarded to local representatives.

Cllr. Conlon:

Commented that Ross Road has been on the agenda since before he joined the Council, and that funding needs to be sought.

Cllr. McCooey:

Commented that she is eagerly awaiting the opening of funding applications for the Market House, Castleblayney.

Requested that signage is placed showing the proposed plans so that members of the public can see what MCC are planning to do.

Queried if using a private company is a viable option for the Inniskeen Bike Rental Scheme?

Reply – A tender was issued to engage a third-party operator however there were no responses. The Executive are currently exploring alternative options with the Department.

When is it hoped to hear back from the Department regarding Mullyash walking loop?

Reply – An announcement on successful ORIS Measure 1 funding applications is expected in November.

Suggested that tourist directional signs be placed at the top of Mullyash Mountain.

Requested an update on the proposed sensory garden in Castleblayney.

Reply – As with Mullyash, a funding announcement is expected in November.

Asked if Muckno Street is part of the Roads Programme and how far will it go to?

Road repairs are needed in Oram, can this please be investigated.

The lane going up to the cottages in Oram was previously reported potholes. A wheelchair user had to replace a wheel on his chair because of same.

Advised that something needs to be done about traffic calming in Oram and noted that a traffic speed survey had been requested previously.

7.0 Q&A

Questions raised by Cllr. Aidan Campbell for the September 2023 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

1. In welcoming the works which have started to alleviate flooding at Annadrummond. What is the next stage in the process and when is it expected to happen?

Response:

Subject to funding approval, it is envisaged that Phase 2 of the flood alleviation works, which provides for the further raising of the road surface along identified sections of the L-3720 and L-8400, shall be progressed in 2024.

2. When is the work to resurface Muckno Street in Castleblayney planned for?

Response:

The resurfacing of Muckno Street is programmed for completion under the 2024 Road Restoration Improvement Programme.

3. Can the MD look at funding streams to enhance and upgrade the playground in Inniskeen village?

Response:

The Municipal District Executive shall explore all potential sources of funding to enable any required upgrade works to the playground in Inniskeen Village.

4. What is the update on plans to resurface the avenue into Lough Muckno and to upgrade the car park in the orchard?

Response:

It is hoped that the upgrade works to the Annexe car park shall commence in late Q4 2024. Any necessary surface repairs to the entrance avenue shall be completed in tandem with the car park upgrade works.

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for the September 2023 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

5. Has the MD Executive begun any preparatory works into the delivery of a Campervan parking area for Carrickmacross? If so, have you looked at the possibility of using the grounds to the north of our Civic Offices as a potential site (field at entrance of Convent Avenue)?

Response:

The Municipal District Executive has commenced a review of feasible locations for the provision of a campervan parking area in Carrickmacross. The site referred to is under consideration.

6. Will the executive consider a resurface and repair of the footpath along the Convent

Avenue from the Civic offices/Library back up to the Ardee road entrance?

Response:

The Municipal District Executive are currently exploring potential funding streams to facilitate upgrade works to the Convent Avenue footpath.

7. Following on from the extensive public consultation on the new proposed greenway between Castleblayney and Ballybay, what is the up-to-date situation with proposed greenways from Carrickmacross to Dundalk and Carrickmacross to Kingscourt; will similar consultations take place for these projects?

Response:

Monaghan County Council previously commissioned a feasibility and scoping study for the proposed Greenway. Currently, there is no funding available to further develop the project. The Executive shall continue to explore all potential sources of funding to advance the scheme. Should funding become available, the development of the scheme shall include for extensive consultation with all stakeholders.

8. Following the response to my previous question regarding roadways to St Macartans Villas, Carrickmacross; will the Executive consider repairs and patching to the rear access ways as a short-term measure with a view to, in the long term, resurfacing the area?

Response:

In light of the Municipal District's current road maintenance budget, there are no plans at present to complete maintenance repairs to the rear access lanes at St. Macartans Villas.

9. Has this council any update on the proposed repair of fencing, and additional fencing/security railings at jetties, to Mindszenty Park, Castleblayney?

Response:

The Municipal District Executive shall arrange for the completion of any necessary repairs to the existing fencing within the coming weeks. The Executive are further awaiting the outcome report from a safety assessment undertaken to identify any additional safety measures that may be required along the lakeshore area.

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan for the September 2023 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

10. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the rollout of the proposed CCTV camera systems for Carrickmacross and Castleblayney towns?

Response:

Following a presentation on both schemes to the National CCTV Advisory Committee on Friday the 19th of May 2023, the Committee advised that they would be recommending the approval of both schemes to the Garda Commissioner's Office. The Executive are currently awaiting approval or otherwise from the Commissioner's Office.

11. What progress if any has been made in relation to the proposed bicycle rental scheme to complement the Patrick Kavanagh centre in Inniskeen village?

Response:

Following concerns raised surrounding public liability insurance requirements, the Executive entered discussions with the Department and IPB to explore a feasible solution. The Executive are currently awaiting a response from the Department.

12. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the public realm plan for Inniskeen village? When is it hoped to commence work, and what works is it hoped to carry out with the funding available?

Response:

Preliminary Concept Design and site surveys are currently underway. The scope of works shall be determined when detailed costings are prepared for the preferred design option. Subject to securing Part 8 planning approval, it is envisaged that works shall commence in Q2 2024.

13. When is it hoped to commence the public lighting programme agreed for this year, including at Lisdoonan and Inniskeen village?

Response:

The 2023 public lighting programme of works commenced in August last. It is hoped that all works shall be completed by the end of Q4 2023.

14. What is the up-to-date position in relation to Low-cost safety schemes in terms of schemes yet to be completed, and applications currently being prepared for funding?

Response:

2023 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads				
Road Number	Location	Description of Proposed Scheme	Status	Allocation
LT48002	Woodlands, Carrickmacross	Provide 2 No. speed ramps and new road markings	Scheduled for completion in early Q4 2023.	€10,000.00
R181-4	Shercock Road, Castleblayney	Additional Road markings	"	€15,000.00
LS8150	Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross	Installation of Traffic Calming measures	Scheduled for completion in Q4 2023.	€10,000.00
Total=				€35,000.00

The MD Executive are currently reviewing potential Low-Cost Safety Schemes for 2024, having regard to accident history and road safety standards.

Questions raised by Cllr. Peter Conlon for the September 2023 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

15. Has there been any further update on the trimming of the trees at the bottom of the Convent Hill to prevent bird fouling on the footpath?

Response:

The landowner has agreed to trim the lower branches of the tree concerned. Once completed, the Executive shall monitor the location to assess if the bird fouling problem has been resolved.

16. What is the timeframe for the works at Rahans Lake?

Response:

Detailed design is nearing completion. It is anticipated that works shall commence in mid-late Q4 2023, with a 2-month timeframe for completion.

17. Following a motion from myself on the establishment of a community-led Christmas market in Carrickmacross, to be alternated with Castleblaney, how has this progressed?

Response:

In Castleblaney, the Muckno Mania Committee has embraced the notion of a Christmas Market and planning for the event is currently underway. In Carrickmacross, discussions with the Chamber of Commerce are on-going.

Questions raised by Cllr. PJ O’Hanlon for the September 2023 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblaney Municipal District Council:

18. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the proposed re-development of Shirley House Lane Car Park?

Response:

A variation of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 is required to progress this proposal. The variation process requires screening reports to be produced in respect of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Appropriate Assessment (AA). It will be necessary to procure the services of environmental consultants in this regard and Planning Section will be tendering for these services as soon as possible.

19. With the recent appointment of a Town Regeneration Officer, what is the up-to-date position with the development of a Town Centre First plan for Carrickmacross Town?

Response:

Monaghan County Council has received funding from the Department of Rural & Community Development to prepare a Town Centre First plan for Carrickmacross Town. The Council has recently appointed *The Paul Hogarth Company* to engage with all stakeholders and to prepare this plan.

The Council is also currently in the process of forming a Town Team for Carrickmacross. Membership of the Team will consist of representatives from Community, Voluntary, Business and Statutory groups from within the town. This Team will function as an umbrella for the existing community/business groups in the town and it is not intended that it will replace these existing groups but rather complement them. The Town Team’s key objective will be to support a strategic and coordinated approach to the regeneration of Carrickmacross town as required and assist with the preparation of the Town Centre First plan.

The Paul Hogarth Company are proposing to host several workshops with the Town Team, the first of which is planned for week commencing the 25th of September 2023. Public consultation events are also planned. It is envisaged that these events will occur on weeks commencing the 2nd of October 2023 and the 13th of November 2023. Once confirmed, details of the events will be advertised in the local press and on the Council's social media channels. Updates on the progress of the preparation of the plan will be provided to the Elected Members of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District at Municipal District meetings.

The Council is seeking to have a draft of the Carrickmacross Town Centre First plan available for review by mid-November 2023, with an official launch of the plan occurring in January 2024.

8.0 Motion

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Carthy the following motion was unanimously approved:

"Given approximately 25% of the roadways in this municipal district council area of Carrickmacross & Castleblayney have a rating of between 1 & 4, which in engineering terms, means the road in question needs to be completely resurfaced. In light of this, we write to the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan TD , Jack Chambers TD Minister of State requesting that additional funding be provided in the upcoming budget process to deal with the crisis that exists in our road infrastructure. That we also write to our Oireachtas members seeking their support on this very important matter."

9.0 CE Orders

The following CE Orders were noted: CMX-CBY 54/2023; CMX-CBY 57/2023; CMX-CBY 58/2023; CMX-CBY 59/2023; CMX-CBY 60/2023.

10.0 VOS/VOC

Votes of sympathy were extended to Tom McEntee & family on the death of Una McEntee (RIP); Kieran McGee & family on the death of Philomena McGee (RIP); Mary Marron & family on the death of Philip Marron (RIP); PJ and Fiona Hoey & family on the death of Anthony (Attie) Hoey (RIP); The Harte family on the death of Gerard Harte (RIP); Caroline Hoey & family on the death of Patrick Hoey (RIP) and to the family of Cllr. Damien Reilly (RIP) (Ratoath).

Votes of congratulations were extended to Muckno Junior Choir for their recent win at the community games; Charlie Moore for his recent win at the community games for the art competition and to Carrick Emmets male, female, and mixed rounders teams for winning their All-Ireland final.

11.0 A.O.B

Cllr. Keelan:

Regarding Road safety at Corduff Cross – Shercock Road – can Low-Cost Safety Measures be investigated?

Please ensure hedge cuttings are carried out.

Cllr. O’Hanlon:

Requested an update on the Workhouse re: procurement?

Cllr. Carthy:

Need to look at the current situation where the meetings are confined to 2 hours – more time is needed.

Sought an update on Castleblayney Tidy Towns proposed Dog Park?

Welcomed the Name Place boulders. They look great. Can it be ensured they are tidied up.

Has the Executive spoken to Planning Section regarding the boundary fence at Woodvale?

Mentioned the pop-up swimming pool in Cootehill. Can the Executive contact Swim Ireland and perhaps liaise with Monaghan Sports Partnership?

Commended Castleblayney First Responders for their recent actions at a football game where a young teenager has to wait 3 hours for an ambulance.

On the proposal of Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Keelan the following motion was unanimously agreed:

“Call on Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly TD, to deal with the long- running issue of ambulance response times, following a report that a young man had to wait almost 3 hours on a football field with a broken leg, and ensure that adequate staff and vehicles are available.”

Cllr. McCooey:

Wished to acknowledge a variety of events which were held in Castleblayney over the summer: Country Music Festival; Castleblayney Show; Big Tom / Back to Castleblayney and Castleblayney Fair Day.

Thanked all the volunteers and MD staff involved.

Queried whether there is a suitable site in Oram for an outdoor gym.

Spoke about road safety on the N2. Referred to the excellent lighting at Hackballscross on the N53. On the proposal of Cllr. McCooey and seconded by Cllr. O’Hanlon, the following motion was unanimously agreed:

“That this MD write to TII and the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan requesting consideration and funding be provided for lighting at the Toome junction on the N53 and the Ministers Cross, Broomfield on the N2. Road safety is of paramount importance.”

Cllr. Keelan:

Commented that a complete safety audit is needed on the N2.

The meeting concluded at 12:20.

Cathaoirleach

Date

Meeting Administrator