

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan County Council held in the Council Chamber, Mtek Building, Armagh Road, Monaghan, County Monaghan, on Monday 12 February 2024 at 10 a.m.

Chair: Cllr D. Maxwell, Cathaoirleach

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

Via TEAMS: Cllr Brian McKenna

Apologies: Cllr Seamus Coyle

Mr. R. Burns, Chief Executive, Mr. C. Flynn, Ms. P. Monahan, Ms Carmel O'Hare
Directors of Services, Mr. G. McMahan, Ms. O. McConnon, A/Directors of Services,
Meetings Administrator, Ms. M McGarvey

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings held on 08 January 2024.

On the proposal of Cllr N Keelan seconded by Cllr C Bennett it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 08 January 2024 be confirmed.

2. Correspondence

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

- Acknowledgement Letter from the Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D., regarding request for urgent debate on NSI.
- Acknowledgement email from Ms. Pauline Tully, T.D., regarding additional funding announced in Budget 2014.
- Acknowledgement email from Ms. Pauline Tully, T.D., regarding Croì Cònaithe vacant property grant.
- Letter from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council regarding A5-N2 Cross Border Committee proposed name change.
- Acknowledgement email from the Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications Eamon Ryan TD. regarding motion RE: Parallel running of N2 and NSI projects.

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

- Acknowledgement Letter from the Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D., regarding N51 and N2 motion parallel running of projects.
- Acknowledgement Letter from the Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D., regarding expectation of driving test services.
- Acknowledgement email from the Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications Eamon Ryan TD. regarding special fund be set up in relation to the salting of roads.
- Acknowledgement email from Mr. Brendan Smyth, T.D., regarding N51 and N2 motion parallel running of projects, special fund be set up in relation to the salting of roads and Dail Debate on NSI.

Proposals arising out of correspondence:

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor, seconded by Cllr P. Connolly it was agreed that this Council forward correspondence received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council in relation to the proposed name change of A5-N2 Cross Border Committee to the 'N2 AF Ten-T Northwest Transport Corridor Committee' to the A5-N2 Cross Border Committee.

3. To consider the Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for Blackwater Valley Rural Enterprise & Digital Hub

Mr A Hughes, Senior Planner outlined the Part VIII proposal circulated with the agenda. He advised that the proposed development is a rural enterprise and community building which would provide a commercial kitchen, café/craft shop/farm shop, exhibition space, training rooms, IT suite, offices, floor space for rent/hot desking/remote working and a meeting room. Mr Hughes advised that there were no objections received during the public consultation period.

On the proposal of Cllr D Maxwell seconded by Cllr P Connolly, it was agreed that the Council approve for Blackwater Valley Rural Enterprise & Digital Hub in accordance as detailed in the Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

4. To approve the Monaghan Co Co Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Ms P Monahan, Director of Services introduced the Draft Climate Action Plan as the 'most critical, long-term challenge of our generation, not just for Monaghan but for Ireland, for Europe and globally, and not just for us, but for the lives of our children, grandchildren and all the generations that will follow us'.

Chief Executive, Robert Burns stated that a huge amount of work had already been done across the county in the areas of climate change and biodiversity and a lot of engagement had taken place with communities.

Mr M Coyle, Climate Action Co-Ordinator provided members with an overview and outcomes from the public consultation on the proposed Monaghan Co Co Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. He provided a recap of statutory context and process to date. M. Coyle stated that the plan is a five-year plan and is required to be adopted by the elected members by 23 February 2024. The plan is divided into five sections and contains 93 separate actions.

- Section 1. Climate **Policy** Context
- Section 2. **Baseline Emissions Inventory & Climate Change Risk Assessment**
- Section 3. Framework of **Climate Actions** (93)
- Section 4. Monaghan Town **Decarbonising Zone** (60 actions)
- Section 5. **Implementation & Reporting**

M. Coyle outlined the consultation and engagement process and provided an overview of consultation highlights. He provided a summary of key themes from submissions received

and advised that the response and recommendations to these issues are incorporated in the Chief Executive's report which has been circulated to members.

Mr Coyle responded to members questions.

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr C Carthy the following amendments were proposed and agreed subject to a further public consultation period not being required to accommodate said proposals:

'Section 5.3.4. that members are included along with the DECC with the quarterly monitoring reports charting the Plans progress.'

'That reference to the Safe Routes to the School scheme includes the encouragement of staff, along with students, to engage in active travel.'

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr N Keelan it was agreed that for the purpose of enabling our Local Authority Climate Action Plan to commence the process of implementing long overdue climate enhancement measures, that this Council write to the Minister for Finance Michael McGrath and Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland seeking the requisite substantial finances required to fulfil the Climate Action Plan objectives.

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr N Keelan it was agreed that following their submission to this Council's Climate Action Plan, that this Council write to Uisce Eireann seeking confirmation that effluent discharge into watercourses from Wastewater Treatment Plants from both urban and rural settlements meet optimum standards and aligns to their commitment of 'having due regard for environmental protection considerations'

Cllr C. Carthy proposed, Cllr A Campbell seconded that pursuant to the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 as it amends the principle Act of 2015, Monaghan County Council resolves to adopt the Monaghan County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, having considered the draft plan, the contents of the Chief Executives report on submissions received during the period of consultation and the SEA and AA Reports and determinations, carried out in accordance with the requirements and regulatory provisions of the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC).

A vote by show of hands resulted in 17 for, 0 against. The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution adopted.

5. To approve new members to the LCDC/LAG Committee

On the proposal of Cllr, seconded by Cllr R Aughey, seconded by Cllr C Carthy, it was agreed that Alan Clark would replace Mr Denis Sheridan as the Trade Union representative.

On the proposal Cllr C Bennett seconded by Cllr A McCooey it was agreed that Ms Bronagh McAree will represent the PPN (the Women's Assembly)

On the proposal Cllr C Carthy seconded by Cllr P Conlon it was agreed that Paula Loughran would replace Mr Cathal Hand as the HSE representative.

6. To Consider DRAFT Terms of Reference for establishment of Co Monaghan Tourism & Recreation Forum

Ms D. Condra, Tourism Officer, joined the meeting to provide an update to members on the establishment of a Tourism and Recreation Forum. She stated that the establishment of the forum was a key objective of the Tourism Strategy recently adopted by the elected members and the aim of the forum is to deliver on that strategy.

Ms Condra outlined the proposed Terms of Reference and stated that it was intended that the Forum would have an independent Chairperson. She advised that it is proposed to have the inaugural meeting of the Forum in March 2024.

On the proposal Cllr S Conlon seconded by Cllr A Campbell it was agreed that Terms of Reference as circulated, be approved.

On the proposal of Cllr C. Carthy, seconded by Cllr P Treanor, it was agreed that, up to June 2024, that 4 elected members sit on the Tourism & Recreational Forum as follows:

On the proposal of Cllr A Campbell, seconded by Cllr R Truell, it was agreed that Cllr P Conlon represent the Fine Gael party on the Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr PJ O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr R Aughey it was agreed that Cllr A McCooey represent the Fine Fail party on the Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr C Carthy, seconded by Cllr C Bennett, it was agreed that Cllr S Conlon represent the Sinn Fein party on the Forum.

On the proposal of Cllr H McElvaney, seconded by Cllr D Maxwell it was agreed that Cllr S Treanor represent the Independents on the Forum.

7. To receive an update on the Muckno Masterplan

Chief Executive, Mr R Burns commenced the presentation stating everything that the Council was trying to achieve in relation to Lough Muckno was meant to support the community in line with their wishes as far as that could be achieved. Monaghan wants to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the facility and support the local economy. He stated that it is an amazing asset for the county and the Co Council had to be considerate and deliberate in everything it did.

Mr Burns stated that a review of the Muckno Master plan was the starting point. He stated that a lot of work has gone on in Castleblayney over a number of years – the refurbishment of the two Gatehouses and an application for RRDF Funding for the Market House project.

Mr Burns stated that Hope Castle and the Annex need to be progressed as urgently as possible. The condition of these buildings is not good enough for the amenity and not acceptable to the community.

Mr A Hughes, Senior Planner outlined the framework and advised that it will identify priority actions and specific targets and timeframes for their delivery. Mr Hughes advised that the Lough Muckno Development Committee would be reinvigorated and consulted with at all stages. A stakeholder engagement plan would be put in place and whatever the framework turned out to be, it would come bac to the elected members for their approval.

Mr C. Flynn, Director of Services stated that the short-term goal is a clean-up and face lift operation to Hope Castle and Annex buildings to facilitate access to potential project partners. Monaghan Co Co would seek funding to restore Hope Castle and the Annex to their former glory and had confidence in doing that based on previous track record. Mr Flynn referred to the Gate Lodges and other works involved in the Market Square regeneration plan in the town. He referred also to other projects in Castleblayney concluding by stating that there is 'every reason for Monaghan Co Co to be confident in our ability to turn Lough Muckno around'.

It was agreed that the sub-committee would convene in the next two weeks to discuss the proposed framework and a recommendation would be brought back to the full Council.

On the proposal of Cllr D Maxwell seconded by Cllr A Campbell it was agreed that following the local elections, the reformed Muckno Sub-Committee will have representation from each Municipal District.

8. Audited Annual Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Members noted the Audit Committee Report on the Annual Financial Statement 2022 and the Local Government Auditors Report 2022 on the Accounts of Monaghan County Council for year ended 31 December 2022, all of which had been circulated to the members.

9. Audit Committee

(i) To receive the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2023 which includes Performance & Effectiveness.

The members noted the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2023, which includes Performance and Effectiveness, which had been circulated with the agenda.

(ii) To approve the Draft Audit Committee Charter for 2024

The members noted the Draft Audit Committee Charter for 2024 which had been circulated with the agenda.

On the proposal of Cllr H McElvaney, seconded by Cllr P Connolly, it was agreed that the Draft Audit Committee Charter for 2024, as presented, be adopted.

(iii) To approve the Draft Audit Committee Work Programme for 2024

The members noted the Draft Audit Committee Work Programme for 2024 which had been circulated with the agenda.

On the proposal of Cllr H McElvaney, seconded by Cllr P Connolly, it was agreed that the Draft Audit Committee Work Programme for 2024 as presented, be adopted.

10. To consider recommendations and minutes from Corporate Policy Group Meeting on 23 January 2024.

The members noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 23 January 2024, which had been circulated. It was agreed that the Annual Awards Ceremony would

take place on Monday, 08 April 2024 following the April Council meeting which will commence at 2.00 pm.

On the proposal of Cllr P Treanor seconded by Cllr S Gilliland it was agreed that the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 23 January 2024 and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

11. To receive Management Report – January 2024

The Chief Executive introduced the Management Report for January 2024 which had been circulated with the agenda.

The members noted the Management Report.

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

On the proposal of Cllr S Conlon, seconded by Cllr N Keelan it was agreed that this Council write to the Department of Finance and Department of Transport seeking an increase of funding allocation to the Active Travel projects that continue to be underfunded year after year.

12. Business submitted by Chief Executive

The Chief Executive advised members that the Corporate Plan process is commencing. He stated that it is important to get the process underway to have a Plan in place at the end of 2024.

The Chief Executive updated members on the upcoming St Patrick's Day trip. He advised that the aim is to showcase Monaghan at a high level and a number of events have been scheduled over the course of the trip to do this. He stated that a number of prominent business people are also travelling as part of a wider Monaghan delegation. The American launch of 'Project Children' will also take place during the visit.

13. Matters arising out of the minutes of Council meeting held 08 January 2024

There were no matters arising out of the Council meeting held on 08 January 2024.

14. To receive update on N2 National Primary Road Scheme

The following correspondence was received in relation to the N2 National Primary Road Scheme.

- Email from Ms. Pauline Tully, T.D., regarding funding for the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme.

15. To receive update on North South Interconnector project

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

- Email from Ms. Pauline Tully, T.D., regarding the North South Interconnector issue.

On the proposal of Cllr S Gilliland, seconded by Cllr R Truell it was agreed that this Council call on First Minister Michelle O'Neill and John O'Dowd, MLA to reverse the decision of former Minister Nicola Mallon to allow the over-grounding of the North South Interconnector so that the project will be undergrounded on the Northern Ireland side. Furthermore, an invitation to meet with the members of Monaghan Co Council on this matter should issue to John O'Dowd, MLA and Minister Eamon Ryan

16. To receive update on the Ulster Canal project.

Project progressing well – no further update.

17. Questions & Replies:

Cllr C. Carthy asked:

- **What is the latest up-to-date situation with the taking in charge of Conabury Hill estate (Castleblayney) and Alderwood (Carrickmacross)? Has Uisce Eireann responded to items raised with them?**

Reply: Conabury Hill: The Planning Authority are still awaiting the agreement from Uisce Eireann to progress the taking in charge.

Alderwood: The Council Water Services section are finalising their assessment and following this consultation will take place with Uisce Eireann to get agreement on taking in charge of water assets.

- **Can the executive confirm if the Council has received tenders for the Feasibility Study and Strategic Assessment Report for a Swimming Pool/Leisure Centre for Carrickmacross? If so, what are the next steps?**

Reply: A total of 5 tender submissions were received for the engagement of professional services to prepare a 'Feasibility Study' & 'Strategic Assessment Report' for a proposed Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre in Carrickmacross. The Council proposes to conduct the formal tender assessment process in mid-February. Having regard to compliance with relevant procurement procedures and timelines, it is expected that the contract for engagement of professional consultants will be executed in March 2024.

- **What is the latest update in relation to Clos na Droimann, Carrickmacross, where Tuath is due to provide 12no. 4-bed houses and 14no. 2-bed apartments for social housing? If this project is going to see a significant delay, what measures are being taken to deal with the derelict apartment unit on site which is an eyesore in the town?**

Reply: Monaghan County Council contacted all parties involved to see if issues delaying this project could be addressed. All parties now appear to be working towards resolution. The possibility of a revised funding application to address inflation will be considered by the Department. It is hoped that the development will recommence

during 2024.

Cllr S. Conlon asked:

- **Considering the extensive number of bridges that have been strengthened and rebuilt in recent years across the County, will the Roads Section prepare a case for Department funding to realign the Faulklands bridge on the main Glaslough Rd. which presents a considerable danger especially for drivers travelling from beyond the region visiting the Glaslough area?**

Reply: Roads will inspect this bridge to assess its condition and whether there is a safety issue. However please note that work was carried out on this bridge in July 2019. Bridges with an EI rating of 4 and 5 are given priority. Currently over 57% of the bridges in the county have an EI rating of 4 and 5. As such further investment in this bridge is unlikely at this time.

- **In relation to the current construction of social houses at Knockcarrick, Annyalla, what is the breakdown of 2-3-4 bed dwellings etc. planned upon completion? Also, what is the target date agreed by the Approved Housing Body, Council and contractor for completion, and availability for occupation of these dwellings?**

Reply: All 30 houses at Knockcarrick in Annyalla are being constructed by GEDA Construction for Monaghan County Council. There is no AHB involved in this project.

The breakdown and planned handover dates for the 30no new houses in Knockcarrick is as follows:

Phase 1 - Numbers 73-81: 4no 2-Bed Bungalows, 2no 3-Bed Semi Detached, 3no 2-bed terraced: completion March 2024

Phase 2 – Numbers 82-92: 3no 2-bed terraced (these may come with phase 1, or shortly after), 4no 3-Bed Semi Detached, 4no 4-Bed Semi Detached: completion June 2024

Phase 3 – Numbers 93-102: 8no 3-Bed Semi Detached, 2no 2-bed Bungalows: completion Aug 2024

Total 12no. 2 beds, 14 no. 3 beds, 4no. 4 beds

Availability for occupation is usually within approximately 4 weeks of completion.

- **In follow up to the data provided last month relating to the Glaslough Village New Line / Emyvale Road (R-185-1) traffic count and speeding survey that indicated speed limit violation, what traffic calming measures are being considered in this residential area?**

Reply: In line with the Monaghan County Council traffic calming policy the MD will assess the survey data.

Cllr N. Keelan asked:

- **What is the up-to-date position in relation to the roll out of a the much-needed affordable housing scheme for the people of County Monaghan?**

Reply: Housing Section has met with several developers in the County to progress turnkey opportunities for Affordable Housing. Furthermore, designs for a Council led Affordable Housing Scheme in Latlorcan are progressing with expected approval being sought under Section 179 (a) of the Planning and Development Act in Q3 of 2024.

- **How many housing allocations have been made and accepted by Monaghan County council and other approved housing bodies in the last twelve months, how many new housing applications have we received and approved in the last twelve months?**

Reply:

Offers Accepted Jan – Dec 2023

MCC Housing 137
AHB Housing 47

New Applications Approved Jan – Dec 2023

240

- **How many active travel schemes can we expect to see commencing and completed in the next twelve to eighteen months, where are these schemes located?**

Reply:

- Off road cycle path along east side of N2 on southern approach to Emyvale Village.
- Off road cycle path along north side of N2 between Corlat Roundabout and Collegiate College.

The Active Travel unit are continuing to work on over 20 Active Travel across the county. The list below shows schemes that are expected to have construction work commenced and/or completed by mid-2025.

Project Code:	Project Name
MN/21/0001	Upgrade of Monaghan Town Greenway
MN/21/0013	Monaghan Town Horseshoe Bridge Active Travel
MN/21/0020	Low Cost Junction Tightening/Pedestrian Crossing Scheme
MN/21/0021	Light Segregation Cycle Scheme- Castleblayney
MN/22/0001	Clones Peace Link Active Travel Scheme
MN/22/0002	Monaghan Town Local Transport Plan
MN/22/0004	Lough Egish Village Active Travel Scheme
MN/23/0005	Clones - Tirnahinch Road Footpath
MN/23/0007	Carrickmacross R178/Oriel Road Active Travel Scheme
MN/23/0016	SRTS St Louis GNS & St Louis Infant School - Monaghan R1
MN/23/0017	SRTS St Marys Boys NS R2
MN/23/0018	SRTS St Tiarnach's Primary School, Clones R2
MN/23/0102	Woodview to Glen Road connectivity - Monaghan Town

- **Approximately how many roads were closed across the county as a result of the recent storm Isha, In commending our council staff and all other agencies for dealing with this very dangerous situation, what would be the appropriate cost to the council of dealing with this storm event. Will this cost come from our own resources?**

Reply: 75 locations were reported on the road network that involved closures following storm Isha. Monaghan County Council are still waiting on the final cost to the council. It is not envisaged that emergency funding will be made available from central government to cover these costs therefore the cost will come from the MD Discretionary budget (DoT funded).

- **Given the ongoing housing crisis we are experiencing in terms of affordable available properties to rent and available affordable properties to buy, what is the current planning policy of Monaghan County council in terms of those wishing to site a residential mobile home unit / modular home unit / log type home etc, in a back garden for example or a stand-alone site?**

Reply: Section 15.13.4 and Policy RDP19 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 acknowledge that it may be necessary to temporarily erect a mobile home / temporary accommodation to facilitate site specific, exceptional and/or personal circumstances. In these instances, the Planning Authority will consider granting temporary permission (for a period of up to 5 years) where a permanent dwelling is being constructed on site, or to facilitate site specific and compelling domestic or personal circumstances where genuine hardship would result if planning permission for the temporary accommodation were refused. Proposals for mobile homes / temporary accommodation must comply with normal development management considerations such as visual impact, design considerations, the treatment of wastewater and the provision of a safe access onto the public road. Planning permission will not be granted for the permanent retention of a mobile home / temporary accommodation.

Cllr B. McKenna asked:

- **Will this Council, as a matter of urgency, reconvene the Lough Muckno Development sub-committee to oversee, assess and, if necessary, bring forward recommendations in relation to any proposals for the future of Lough Muckno Castle and the lands therein."**

Reply: Subsequent to the recommendations set out in the Strategic Planning and Environmental Appraisal Report, prepared by Fehily Timoney on behalf of Monaghan County Council, the Executive has initiated the process of developing a 10-year Masterplan and Development Framework for Lough Muckno and its environs. In this regard, it is intended to appoint a multi-disciplinary team of consultants with expertise in planning, economic development, recreation, and tourism. It is the Executive's intention to engage collaboratively with the Lough Muckno Development Committee at all stages during the development and delivery of the proposed Masterplan. It anticipated that a meeting of the Lough Muckno Development Committee shall be convened within the coming weeks.

Clr P. Connolly asked:

- **In relation to the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems & Septic Tanks**

How many inspections have been conducted since the grant schemes were introduced in June 2020 – Since June 2020 Monaghan County Council have carried out 123 No. of inspection as per the National Inspection Plan (NIP)

1) How many systems failed inspection? Since June 2020 - Since June 2020 Monaghan County Council has issued 60 No. Advisory Notices on Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWWTS) that have failed inspections.

2) How many households throughout the county have availed of the grant scheme to repair their faulty systems? Since June 2020 11 No. of Households have availed of the grant. Please note that a large portion of Advisory Notices issued to homeowners where in relation of desludging the Domestic Wastewater Treatment System, Costs incurred for the routine maintenance, servicing or de-sludging of a DWWTS do not qualify for a grant.

(B) In relation to the recently announced increased grant of €12,000 to repair & upgrade septic tanks what areas of Co Monaghan (% area of county) qualifies to apply for this grant? Response - Grants are available under three separate schemes:

- DWWTS grant under the National Inspection Plan - To be eligible for this grant, works to the DWWTS must arise directly from an inspection carried out under the National Inspection Plan, and the subsequent issue of an Advisory Notice to the householder by the local authority.
 - DWWTS grant in Prioritised Areas for Action - To be eligible for this grant, the DWWTS serving a house must be situated in a Prioritised Area for Action in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021, and the applicant must have received a letter from the Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPO) on behalf of the local authority, confirming eligibility to apply for a grant.
 - DWWTS grant in High Status Objective Catchment Areas - To be eligible for this grant, the DWWTS serving a house must be situated in a High-Status Objective Catchment Area in accordance with the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021, and the applicant must have received a letter from the local authority confirming eligibility to apply for a grant.
- **To ask Monaghan Co Co for an update in relation to the Aldi site in Monaghan town?**
Reply: Monaghan County Council granted planning permission for an Aldi discount food store on the 5th April 2018. This decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanála. Planning permission for the development was subsequently granted by An Bord Pleanála on the 7th March 2019 subject to 14 conditions. A number of compliance submissions relating to the imposed planning conditions have been received and are currently being assessed by the Planning Authority.

18. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

- Caroline Sherry Gallagher, Arts Office on the death of her father-in-law Hugh Gallagher, Killyboley, Glaslough.
- The family of Noel McKenna, Scotstown RIP, brother of the later Cllr Sheila McKenna, Uncle to Brenda McAnespie and Grainne McNamee.
- Bronagh Treanor, Planning Department on the death of her Aunt Mona Finch, Boston, USA
- Patrick McKenna, General Operative on the death of his sister, Kathleen Stack
- Cllr David Maxwell on the death of his uncle Denis Walsh, Limerick
- Eamonn O’Sullivan on the death of his mother Sarah O’Sullivan, Wicklow

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

- Our Lady’s Secondary School, Castleblayney Senior Girls Team and Management on winning the Ulster Schools A Senior Ladies GAA Competition.
- Ethan Graham on making his debut for the Ireland U20s in France
- Molly Coffee O’Connor on qualifying to represent Ireland at the world and European Junior Olympic Weightlifting Championships.

19. Conferences

On the proposal of Cllr N Keelan seconded by Cllr P Conlon it was agreed that the Council be represented at the following training events by the members listed below:

Promoting Authority	Subject/Theme	Venue	Dates	Members Selected
AILG	"Elected Members Briefing: Annual Declarations, Donations, Code of Conduct, and Local Representation Allowance Update" Out of Region Option	Greenhills Conference & Leisure Centre, Limerick	9.30am – 1.00pm Saturday 27 th January 2024	Cllr Paudge Connolly Cllr Seán Conlon

The Cathaoirleach concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____