

## The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, 10;30am, The Market House, The Diamond, Clones.

**Members Present:** The Cathaoirleach Cllr Richard Truell presided,  
The following members were also present: Cllrs: Pat Treanor, Sean Gilliland, and Sinead Flynn.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Seamus Coyle.

**In Attendance:** Gareth McMahon A/Director of Services, Matthew Lambe A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Martin Taylor Executive Engineer and Gillian Costello Staff Officer.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Richard Truell welcomed all to the inaugural meeting of Ballybay/Clones Municipal District extending welcome to Cllr. Sinead Flynn as a newly elected representative. Cllr Richard Truell thanked his colleagues for nomination as Cathaoirleach and congratulated all on their successful re-election.

Cllr Truell thanked staff of the Municipal District for their assistance in the last term of this council and looks forward to the upcoming term and working together on the many projects in development within this Municipal District such as the Digital Hub in Newbliss, the continued development of the Ulster Canal with upcoming Phase 3 works, the new Fire Station in Ballybay, the development of Dartrey Forest to note but a few. Cllr. Truell expressed his commitment to efforts to retain the Ulster Final in Clones, noting the roll out of 2024 Ulster Final Day was a testament to Clones Town Team and the Municipal District and pledged his support and assistance for these and future projects and looks forward to the upcoming term.

Cllr. Pat Treanor congratulated Cllr. Truell on his election as Cathaoirleach, thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Sean Gilliland welcomed all Elected Members and commiserated with those who had been unsuccessful in election. Cllr. Treanor pledged his commitment to lobbying for issues which are not decided at local level but have impact in this MD, such as housing which is a major issue presently and balanced development needs to be considered through the County Development Plan to ensure Ballybay/Clones Municipal District are proportionate in new development to other MD's, also issues concerning St. Tiernach's Park requiring sizeable investment to ensure the Ulster Final is kept in Clones, the need for additional GP's in Clones and the support of the ETB to ensure access to education for all.

Cllr. Sinead Flynn thanked her family and electorate for their support in her election. Cllr. Flynn is looking forward to working with staff of the Municipal District to make this MD a good place to live, work & visit.

Cllr. Sean Gilliland congratulated Cllr. Truell on his election as MD Cathaoirleach, welcomed Cllr. Flynn as a newly Elected Member to the Municipal District, thanked all that supported him in his role as

Cathaoirleach for the last year Matthew, Martin, Gillian, Gareth and all the staff of this Municipal District.

Cllr. Gilliland expressed his support of Cllr. Treanor's commitment to advocating for housing development in this MD, smaller towns require housing. Balanced Development is required.

Cllr. Gilliland thanked Gareth McMahon Director of Services and the Engineering staff in the MD for the pothole blitz initiative. Cllr. Gilliland noted that Monaghan received 2% of a €200 million underspend, noting this as inadequate and an insult and urges the Government to interact with the Department of Transport to get money for our rural roads noting he will be guided by our Cathaoirleach on this during his term.

Cllr. Truell concurred with Cllr. Gilliland re. lobbying for roads and also wished to commend Cllr. Gilliland on his term as Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Truell thanked Veronic Corr and Rory Geary of the Northern Standard for their attendance and reporting for Municipal District meetings.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services congratulated Cllr. Truell on his election to Cathaoirleach for Ballybay/Clones Municipal District and extended welcome to our newly elected member Cllr. Sinead Flynn and all Elected Members.

Gareth guaranteed full support and co-operation of staff to Elected Members in all aspects of council business and particularly those areas within this MD's remit. Currently roads are examining options to address the deterioration of the road network. There is insufficient funding to bring roads back to standard and the Roads Department are currently preparing a 5-year strategy which will go to SPC, CPG and full Council in October. This strategy will require increased investment and will need consideration.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed May 2024 monthly meeting minutes, Cllr Richard Truell seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously agreed by all.

### **2. Correspondence Sent**

Correspondence sent was noted.

### **3. Correspondence Received**

Correspondence received was noted and discussed by the Members.

#### Proposals arising from correspondence received:

Members discussed correspondence received from Minister Heather Humphreys office advising Minister Donnelly's department are in the process of an ongoing review regarding provision of medical cards to all persons on a positive diagnosis of cancer or incurable diseases. Members noted their disappointment in the response, stating this is not good enough and issues of this nature require decisions.

Further to the Members previous request the Members wish to propose that medical cards are issued on a Medical Consultants recommendation and not by the Department of Social Protection staff recommendation, as they do not have the medical knowledge.

The Elected Members propose correspondence issue to Minister Heather Humphreys Department of Social Protection requesting that the DSP issue medical cards for incurable diseases, cancer and terminally ill patients upon receipt of a Medical Consultants professional recommendation.

*Proposed Cllr. Sean Gilliland, seconded Cllr. Richard Truell and unanimously agreed by all.*

#### **4. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator**

Matthew Lambe Municipal District Co-Ordinator presented his report the members.

##### **Town & Village Scheme 2021**

Public realm Enhancement Clones: -

**Item 1 Ball Alley:** - A Part 8 VII planning Application for the Ball Alley will be forwarded for sectional review.

Following the walk about after the March meeting with Engineering staff and elected member, Engineering staff have met with the Design Consultants to discuss possible design solutions for improved slight visibility and parking at the junction of the N54 and the ball alley. A draft design is now available for review.

**Item 2 Diamond Area:** - A Part 8 VII planning Application for the Diamond Area will be forwarded for sectional review and comment next month.

The proposed development will consist of Infrastructural improvements to improve car parking and pedestrian facilities.

##### **Town & Village Scheme 2022**

Development of the Farmer Yard Clones

Phase 1 works are complete additional proposed Phase 2 works are at tender stage.

Corrybrennan Park Playpark: –

Works are substantially completed and are awaiting final commissioning certificates for the equipment, and final snagging to be completed.

##### **Town & Village Scheme 2023**

Market House Ballybay

Funding of €250k has been received for Public Realm enhancement works to area and streetscape of the Market House.

Clones Youth Centre

Funding of €250k has been received for the refurbishment of Clones Youth Centre.

##### **Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2021**

Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway: -

The Route Options Selection for the Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway has now been completed and the Preferred Route Option has been developed. Phase 2 of this project is now completed. As this proposed section of the Greenway forms part of the National Cycle Network, a copy of this

report will be forwarded to both the TII and the NTA to determine how best to progress this project to the next phase.

### **Outdoor Recreation Schemes 2022**

#### Dartry Forest

Works have commenced and estimated completion date is Q4 of 2024.

#### Dromore Blueway –

As part of this project development funding, a Part VIII Planning was submitted and a there has been several submissions received regarding the proposal. On foot of these submissions additional surveys and reports must be completed and these are currently ongoing.

### **Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023 Project Development Measure (PDM)**

#### Drum Lough Circular Walkway

Funding of €50,000 has been received recently from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Project Development Measure (PDM) of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023 for a proposed Circular walkway at Drum Lough. At present Engineering staff are preparing tender documents for the appointment of a design consultant.

### **Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023**

#### Measure 1

Funding of €30k has been granted for the upgrading Existing Pathways, Dromore West, through existing Fairy Forest to include widening and re- surfacing/Drainage of Existing Pathways. Restoration of Piers at Entrance and rebuilding of existing Bricks and pointing of same as specified including re-erecting of capping's.

#### Drumnate Lake

Funding of €30k has been granted for the improvement of access road to Drumnate Lake, Newbliss.

#### Ballybay Wetlands

Funding of €198,833.00 has been granted for the Ballybay Wetlands Public Path Enhancement.

#### Gortnawhinny Lido

Funding of €119,560.00 has been granted for the Gortnawhinny Lido.

#### Dromore Blueway

Funding of €481,560 for the development of a Blueway from Ballybay to Lisnalong has been received.

### **PEACEPLUS Theme 1.4**

#### Peace Link Extension

An application for PEACEPLUS Theme 1.4 funding was submitted in September 2023 and the funding body has come back seeking clarifications on the proposed project and these queries are being examined.

Part VIII planning application for the proposed works will be submitted later this month. Presentations will be made at the Corporate Policy Group in August and the County Council meeting in September.

### **PEACEPLUS Theme 4.2 Healthy & Inclusive Communities**

The MD submitted a funding application with partners from Cavan County Council, Fermanagh Omagh District Council under Peace + for the Ulster Canal Workers Cottages. The closing date for receipt of applications was Thursday 23rd May 2024 and the MD are liaising with Clones Development Society regarding the application.

### **Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme**

#### Newbliss Digital Enterprise Hub

Works are ongoing and are due to be completed in Q4 of 2024

### **Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme Fifth Call 2023**

#### Clones Regeneration Hubs (Heritage and Enterprises) Plan.

This MD has received €4.95m under the Fifth Call for Category 1 for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) for Clones Regeneration Hubs (Heritage and Enterprise). This application includes the proposed Business Hub on Fermanagh St and the Lennard Arms (Monastic Centre) MacCurtain Street/Analore Street/The Diamond, Crossmoyle.

#### Ballybay Market House –

WGG Architects & Surveyors are carrying out all relevant surveys and have provided 3No. preliminary designs for the proposed building. These designs were examined by all relevant sections and stakeholders and are at present firming up a final design and floor plan layouts with a view to preparing detailed designs for a Part VII application in Q3 2024.

### **Active Travel 2024**

<b>Project Code:</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimate Completion Period</b>	<b>Comments</b>
MN/21/0020	Low Cost Junction Tightening - Newbliss (where R189 meets R183). Possibility of including Analore Street	Q3 (Design only)	Detailed designs are now in progress.
MN/22/0001	Clones Peace Link AT Scheme	Q3 2024	Construction works is continuing.
MN/22/0004	Lough Egish Village AT Scheme	Q3 2024	Construction works are continuing.

MN/23/0005	Clones - Tirnahinch Rd Footpath	Q3 2024	Footpaths 95% complete. Fencing works are ongoing. Completion date is Q2 2024.
MN/23/0018	SRTS - St Tiarnachs	n/a	The board of management at St Tiarnachs have decided not to continue with the programme until the new school currently under construction is completed. St. Tiarnachs will not be partaking in the current round of the safe route to school programme and will make an application for a future programme.
MN/23/0020	Urban Mobility/Sustainability AT Plans (Castleblayney, Ballybay, Clones, Carrickmacross)	Q2 2024	Clones mobility draft plan received and has been review. Meeting between all stakeholders requested EIA.
MN/24/XXXX	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.	2024	A programme of bus stop locations and associated works must be agreed with the NTA in advance of any construction commencing. In agreed locations, the NTA's contractor will continue to install bus shelters subject to the advance completion of the necessary groundworks. NOTE : NTA has yet to Finalise internally full criteria for suitable applications.

			RSA to be carried out for altered or new bus stop locations.
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**Community Recreation Fund 2023**

98 Avenue Bus Stop: -

A funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. The appointed design consultant and Engineering staff are at present examining preliminary design proposals in conjunction the National Transport Authority.

**Community Centre Investment Fund –**

Rockcorry Community Centre

The appointment of a design team is imminent for this project. A steering group will be formed, and an elected member will chair this group.

**Waterways Irelands Ulster Canal**

Clones Marina

Phase 2 works are completed on the restoration of a 1km section of the canal and construct a 42-berth marina in Clones.

Tourism Hub

Waterways Ireland, Board Failte and Monaghan County Council are at present developing a vision plan for a new Tourism Hub/ water-based asset along the Ulster Canal which is being restored and rediscovered on a phased basis.

Following on from a Market soundings exercise, Waterways Ireland went to market for the Operation of Concessions at Clones Marina in 2 lots.

- Lot 1: Outdoor Activity Concession Blue Green Yonder have been appointed.
- Lot 2: Catering Concession Clones Development (Canal Stores) has been appointed.

It is hoped to have both Lots will be in operation in the coming weeks.

Ulster Canal - Clones to Smithboro Greenway: -

Stage 3 Flood Risk Assessment for the scheme has commenced as requested by TII and is due to be completed in August. Outputs from the FRA will be used to inform the detailed design of the scheme.

**Proposed Public CCTV Schemes.**

**Ballybay CCTV: -**

A consultant has been appointed to carry out a survey to examine the feasibility of a CCTV scheme in the town. An assessment of suitable locations for the system in consultation with reps from Monaghan County Council and An Garda Siochana was completed and Engineering staff are reviewing preliminary designs. Public Consultation on the preliminary design will take place next month.

**Clones CCTV: -**

A meeting between Engineering staff and the Design Security Consultant took place last month on site to assess suitable locations and we are awaiting a preliminary design.

**Ballybay Fire Station**

Construction is ongoing at Ballybay Fire Station and is due for completion by the end of 2024 and operational in Q1 2025.

**Traffic Warden**

The traffic warden is continuing to be present in the district on a weekly basis in both Ballybay & Clones.

**Ballybay Library/Civic Building**

Sander Construction have commenced works on the refurbishment works to the Ballybay Civic Building to convert to residential for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Response Initiative.

**Bank Of Ireland Clones**

Monaghan County Council has submitted a funding application in relation to this property under the Peace Plus Programme. The funding application is part of an East Border Region led application for Digi hubs in various regions. If the funding application is successful, the funds will be used to assist in the renovation of the ground floor.

**Carrowbarrow:- Smithborough TIC**

There is outstanding works of circa €50k and Monaghan County Council are pursuing the bond with the developer.

**Ballybay Town Team**

Meeting took place on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June between the town team and members of the Executive. The Charter agreement has been signed by 7 members. The team hopes to run a community event on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Clones Town Team.**

Meeting took place on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June between the town team and members of the executive.

**2024 Community Recognition Fund**

There was drop in information evenings in both Ballybay & Clones for the Community Recognition fund last month. This funding stream is to support communities that have welcomed people from Ukraine and other countries.

**Project that will be funded include: -**

- Development or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, and recreational areas.
- Development or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities.
- Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours.
- Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles

There has been 6No. applications received from Communities in the Ballybay Clones area and these applications are currently being examined.

### **Town Re-Generation**

There have been 71 properties identified as been derelict in the Ballybay and 65. in Clones by the Town Regeneration team. The properties are ranked in term location, prominence of location and intrusiveness. Derelict site notices will be posted via registered post to the owner but will also be attached to the property.

The Town Regeneration Team are placing section 8 (2) notices on properties.

A section 8 (2) notice is the first legal step in placing the property onto the Derelict Site Register. This notice is a formal warning that MCC will enter the property onto the DSR unless the owner can respond in writing with suitable proposals to make the property non-derelict.

If no suitable proposal or no representations are made within 1 month, MCC will follow up with a Section 8(7) notice which will inform them they are now going onto the Derelict Site Register, and they will not be taken off until the property is made non-derelict. Once on the Derelict Site Register the property will be subject to a 7% levy per annum on the value of the property from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

To date there has been Section 8(2) notices in CLS/BBY area

- 12.no in Clones
- 17.no in Ballybay
- 4.no Newbliss

Additional Section 8 (2) notices will be issued in the coming weeks.

### **Community Development Fund & the Environment Fund awards night.**

A total of €25,800 was distributed between 34 groups under Community Development fund.

A total of €21,100 was distributed between 26 groups under the Environment Fund.

### **Actions Arising from MD Report**

Members welcomed this report and project progress in this Municipal District, commending staff.

Elected Members discussed Rockcorry Community Centre, Cllr. Truell enquired as to the process of deciding which Elected Member will chair this steering group. Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised that following appointment of a Design Consultant formation of the steering group will be considered.

Cllr. Treanor welcomed the funding for the refurbishment of Clones Youth Centre, commending Cavan/Monaghan Youth Work for putting together the application. Cllr. Treanor welcomed RRDF of €4.95 million for the Lennard Arms and enquired if this funding will see this projection through to completion, staff advised it will.

The official opening of Clones Marina was welcomed by all Members noting its success and the great legacy it is. Cllr. Treanor requested that Water Ways Ireland are approached regarding the opening times of their public toilets at the Marina, currently they open from 8am to 8pm can this be extended to 9pm.

Cllr. Sean Gilliland requested that security between the new play park in Ballybay and private property is investigated in relation to the last house adjacent to the playpark. Cllr. Gilliland stated that people are currently able to exit the park through private property. The owner of the property concerned had mowed the area of grass next to his house but since the development of the playpark and erection of fences this area is now segregated off and will require attention.

Members welcomed the update on the Bus Stop Enhancement programme and sought clarification as to whether Local Link are included in location selection as bus shelters along the Local Link routes are required and also has a bus shelter been included at Lough Egish Cross. Staff confirmed Local Link are being consulted and a bus shelter is proposed for Lough Egish Cross.

Cllr. Gilliland sought an update on a prior request by this Municipal District to Local Link for the provision of a bus service from Ballybay to Carrickmacross. Gareth McMahon Director of Services advised correspondence issued to the NTA regarding this connection and they have informed Monaghan County Council this is not included as a route in NTA Connecting Ireland plan. To get this route included we will be starting at the basis to demonstrate this is a key location and gather evidence to bring to the NTA. Consideration of how to gather this information will be required to build a case and & demonstrate a need for this route.

Cllr. Gilliland advised there was a Collins bus which did provide a service on this route prior to Covid and believed from conversations with Collins that this was an NTA approved route. Cllr. Gilliland stated that the route needs to be verified as an original approved route and get reinstated.

Cllr. Truell requested an update on Greenan’s Cross bus stop, Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised that a meeting has taken place between this MD and community reps. at which 2 potential sites were identified but both are on private property. The community reps. advised they will approach the landowners and will meet with MD staff following this, a date is to be confirmed.

**5. Report by Municipal District Engineer.**

Martin Taylor, Executive Engineer presented his report to the Elected Members.

**2024 Roads Programme**

- The programme for the 2024 roads programme has been adopted to include for 7 roads to be resurfaced.

**2024 Draft Restoration Improvement Programme**

Road No		Location
LP3401		McNallys cross to McVickors Cross
LS7330		Terrygeely - 3 Roads - Mullanabattog - 4 Roads
LP2232/3		Drum village
LT21122/23		Stone Bridge - Shankill
LT71011		Carrickinare -3 Roads South - Annahaia- 3 Roads
R212		Clones - Scotshouse Sections
R190		Ballybay to Cootehill Section

- Drainage works are complete on 4 of the roads;
  - LP3401 McNallys Cross to McVickors Cross
  - LT21122/23 Stonebridge to Shankill
  - LS7330 Terrygeely - Tullycorbet
  - LT71011 Carrickinare - Gragarnagh Lane
- Contractors have been appointed for the works with TH Moore being appointed for the Urban Areas and Regional Roads, and John McQuillan being appointed for the Local Roads.

- Drum Village L2232/23 is substantially complete apart from 2 junction tie ins and some minor road markings which should be completed this week. There is a small section of road to surface dress from the 50km/hr speed limit sign on the west of the village to the end of the works at the JCT with LT23001.
- Clones to Scotshouse Rd R212 is currently being resurfaced with works continuing this week for raising of iron work, entrance tie ins and road markings. Works should be completed by 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- Ballybay to Cootehill Rd R190 resurfacing is to commence at end of July/start of August.
- Resurfacing of the local roads will commence on 29<sup>th</sup> July and will be completed within a 4-week window.

### **2024 Restoration Maintenance Programme**

Roads had been assessed for suitability for surface dressing with a total of 18 no roads identified, totaling 27km in length. Some of these roads required extensive preparation works to include drainage and bitmac patching/regulating.

Surface dressing in Ballybay Clones MD commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> May for 3 weeks with 16 no roads being completed. The remaining 2 roads (R189 Newbliss to Threemilehouse Rd, and L7040 Latton 5 crosses to Derrygooney) will be completed later this summer as they had to be postponed due to conflicting with other works on these roads.

Road No	Location	Overall Length of road (m)	Length of SD only (m)	Width of Road (m)	Area Of SD Works (m2)
LT20322	Kilcorran Selloo	1468	1468	3.3	4844
LP2150	Magherarney - Carnowen	1723	1723	3.8	6547
LP2151	Carnowen - Killygorman	2141	2141	3.8	8136
LP2152	Killygorman - Shanco	1927	1927	3.8	7323
LS6250	Munnilly - Clonmore	1387	1387	3.6	4993
LT22102	Corconnolly (R212 - Ture)	668	668	3.3	2204
LT22414	Annaghraw Conns - Border to Border	1394	504	3.3	1663.2
LT22413	Annaghraw Conns - Border to Border	512	512	3.3	1689.6
LP2241	Drumhillagh	2946	420	3.6	1512
LT22412	Killynure	1505	442	3.3	1459
LP2320	Carson Monument - Doohat	2137	2137	3.8	8121
LS7040	Latton 5 Crosses - Derrygooney	2906	2906	3.3	9590
LS7115	Kilkitt - Formil	1117	1117	3.4	3798
LP32001	Laragh - Tonyglasson (Bellantra Chapel)	2231	2231	3.6	8032
LT24122	Rossnalough	2685	2685	3.3	8861
LT33002	Kilnacran - Lisquigny	2184	2184	3.3	7207
Road No	Location	Overall Length of road (m)	Length of SD only (m)	Width of Road (m)	Area Of SD Works (m2)
R189	Annagoose - Glinch (Mountain Hill)	3525	1755	6.2	10881

### **Low Cost Safety Initiatives**

There was funding secured for 3 LCSIs for 2024. The locations are.

- Maghernakelly R189/LT22803 JCT - €25,800
- Tossey Cross School – LP3131/LP4210/LS8200/LP3134 - €25,000
- Rockcorry – R193/188 JCT - €20,780

Meetings are underway to agree land take requirements to enable the completion of these works.

### **My CoCo**

We are continuing to receive entries on MyCoCo for Ballybay Clones MD.

- 152 entries to date.
- 24 entries since May meeting,
- 4 of these are in progress,
- 148 have the actions completed.

### **Drainage Notices**

We are continually inspecting roads to identify areas where water is running from private lands onto the public road, affecting the condition and safety of the road for road users.

We are following up on previous drainage notices issued to landowners.

Technical staff have been making themselves available to meet with landowners to discuss the drainage issues and confirm works requirements, and we are currently engaging with a few landowners to rectify the issues.

- 196 Drainage notices issued to date
- 74 Closed off with works complete and no further action required
- 26 Referred to Roads for following up or legal proceedings. Notices under The Roads Act 1993, Section 76, SubSection 6 were sent to these 26 property owners with registered post with specifications of the works required to be completed to prevent water from running onto the road on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. These locations will be checked to establish if the works have been carried out in accordance with the notice, or if further action is required.
- 22 Reminder Letters Issued.
- 74 Opened/outstanding.

### **Road Closures**

Currently the R212 Clones to Scotshouse is closed to facilitate resurfacing.

### **Patching**

One crew and the velocity patcher have been continually patching the roads within the MD. In addition, the Velocity Patcher is currently working in the MD also patching roads.

There had been additional resources from an external contractor to complete a Patching Blitz of the county.

There was a total of.

- 20 roads with drainage works completed,
- 16 roads patched with bitmac hot mix
- 7 roads sealed with the Combi Unit.

### **Bitmac Patching**

John McQuillan has been appointed and has commenced works in the MD to carry out bitmac patching in the MD. There were 15 different locations/roads across the MD that are being patched with these large cut out patches. Works are completed at 13 of these locations with the remaining 2 locations to be completed in July.

### **Kilnacran Drainage**

The hydrologist is continuing to work on the study area for Kilnacran Drainage to establish the hydraulic model.

The consultant has visited site for a walkover and has met with affected landowners. The consultant is currently working on a scoping study and data collection. Lidar survey data has been obtained for the site and is currently being reviewed by the design team. An update meeting is scheduled for early July.

### **Actions Arising from Engineers Report**

Members welcomed this report and commended staff.

Members welcomed updates on the patching blitz, Cllr. Truell requested figures on how many roads are outstanding in this MD. Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised 35 roads were identified for the blitz and currently 16 have been resurfaced and 19 are outstanding. Cllr Treanor expressed his concerns that works to these roads are completed under the patching blitz and cannot be abandoned now the Elections are over and necessary funding needs to be secured.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services advised Members that Ballybay/Clones Municipal District was the third MD the potholing crew came to hence why progress would appear slower. There is still some capacity in Roads to cover cost for these works i.e. reclaimed asphalt, materials can be used as part of the pilot scheme & will be utilised in this MD.

Cllr. Gilliland supported Cllr. Treanor agreeing that roads identified under the patching blitz programme prior to Elections must be completed.

Cllr. Gilliland proposed correspondence is issued to Minister Heather Humphreys Department of Rural & Community Development advising of Monaghan County Councils initiative in undertaking a patching blitz utilising own resources in efforts to maintain roads not included on the Road Programme.

Highlighting the benefit of these works to the economy and social development of local rural areas, impacting positively on egress for local business's, farming community, schools and all road users living and working in these localities.

Many roads identified in the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District for patching still await works, however due to financial constraints the patching blitz has ceased.

The Elected Members of Ballybay/Clones Municipal District request that financial assistance for this programme is considered through the Department of Rural & Community Development.

*Proposed Cllr. Sean Gilliland, seconded Cllr. Pat Treanor and unanimously agreed by all.*

Cllr. Gilliland brought the R181 Lough Egish to Carrickmacross Road to the attention of the Executive Engineer, HGV's are traveling the link road from the Carrickmacross side of Lough Egish and crossing the small bridge. This bridge has been damaged again and this heavy traffic is impacting on road condition.

Cllr. Treanor noted updates of this nature can be uploaded to sat nav alerts advising not suitable for HGV's. Gareth McMahon Director of Services will arrange for this to be updated.

Cllr. Treanor requested an update on works on the Monaghan Road out of Clones for which 1 million euro is secured, Gareth McMahon Director of Services advised he will report on this for the full Council meeting this Month. Cllr. Treanor also sought an update on Mullaghduff Bridge, Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised a survey has been completed on this bridge and Section 38 is required

Cllr. Truell raised the issue of speeding in Drum & Scotshouse villages and the possibility of traffic calming measures. Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised that speed counts have been undertaken in Drum and no violations were recorded. A count will be completed again on the new surface and cats' eyes must be installed on this road.

Scotshouse last speed count also showed no violations and there has been no change to this road surface since this count therefore a further count will not be required.

Cllr. Turell requested the extension of the 50km per hour speed limit circa 400m north beyond the junction for the school, crèche and GAA playing fields on the R183-6 Newbliss to Clones Road and Cllr. Treanor requested the extension of the 50kmh speed limit circa 450m southeast on the N54 Clones to Cavan Rd.

Cllr. Flynn welcomed the report on the pothole blitz and also requested a speed check is undertaken on the approach road to Carrowbarra entering the village and in Smithborough Village.

#### **6. Matters arising from previous minutes.**

Staff responded to Members queries advising,

The Bank of Ireland building in Clones will be developed into a digi-hub through East Border Region Funding.

Energia will be resurfacing local roads in and around the Newbliss Windfarm in keeping with their planning conditions, discussions are still ongoing to establish if anything further will be completed in addition to roads stipulated in planning consent.

#### **7. CE Orders.**

Noted

#### **8. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.**

The Elected Members proposed and unanimously agreed the following votes of congratulations.

To Brendan Jenkins, Manager, Clones Credit Union, the Elected Members extend their best wishes on his retirement wishing him health, happiness.

To Bernie Gleeson, the Elected Members extend their best wishes on her appointment as Clones Credit Union Manager and wish her every success in her new role.

The Elected Members proposed and unanimously agreed the following votes of sympathy.

To Adian & Brendan Quigley & family, the Elected Members offer their condolences on the passing of their father Gene Quigley former Monaghan County Council employee.

To Cllr Sinead Flynn, the Elected Members offer their condolences on the passing of Cllr. Flynn's father Michael Flynn.

**9. AOB.**

Martin Taylor Executive Engineer presented the following items for the Elected Members information and approval.

**NTA Active Travel, 98 Avenue bus stop**

Proposed upgrade of the bus stop on 98 Avenue Clones, under the Community Recognition Fund and explore options for a zebra crossing. Currently speaking to the NTA re. this upgrade and will include proposal for a crossing also.

The proposal at present will include adjusting existing kerb lines, installing a tactile pavement and a control crossing with a centre island.

This will require Section 38 before proceeding to tender.

*Proposed Cllr Pat Treanor, seconded Cllr. Richard Truell and unanimously agreed by all.*

**Part VIII Peace Plus**

The Peace Link Clones previous Part VIII was for the extension to the Peace Link building, this PVIII presented today is for the Peace Plus project being rolled out by the Peace Link. This project will include the development of a spectator stand, athletic track and storage for equipment.

*Unanimously supported by all Elected Members.*

Meeting concluded.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Meetings Administrator  
Date, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024