

The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday 20th May, 10am, The Market House, The Diamond, Clones.

Members Present: The Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland presided,
The following members were also present: Cllrs: Pat Treanor, Richard Truell, Hugh McElvaney and 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 Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones noting this is the last meeting of the current Council, the next meeting will take place following the Local Elections of June 7th.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr Pat Treanor proposed April 2024 monthly meeting minutes, Cllr Hugh McElvaney 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.

The Elected Members noted correspondence from Minister Ryan regarding road maintenance emergency funding. In reference to Minister Ryan's direction to liaise with Cian O'Callagher Departmental Engineer, Members sought confirmation from the Executive that this has taken place. Gareth McMahon Director of Services informed the Elected Members there are regular discussions between Monaghan County Council Roads Department and the Department Engineer and he is aware of the necessity for emergency funding and is fully supportive, but the allocation of additional funding is not within his remit.

Following discussions the Elected Members concluded that with limited resources every effort is being made to address the deterioration of the road network in this Municipal District. Commending efforts, noting the pothole blitz which is funded through own resources.

4. Consideration of report on Patch Blitz – Martin Taylor Executive Engineer.

Martin Taylor Executive Engineer presented his report on the Patching Blitz in Clones/Ballybay Municipal District a copy of which was also circulated the Members.

Pavement condition surveys have been completed with treatment measures based on PSCI ratings.

The patching crew are being run out of Own Resources, in efforts to address causes of road deterioration drainage notices have been issued to landowners. Additional resources have been deployed with the engagement of a contractor.

21 roads have been patched in recent weeks, since weather conditions permitted, and drainage works are completed in preparation for RI.

The Elected Members welcomed this report and commended Engineering Staff on this initiative, noting that this is interim works, which is funded through Own Resources, until these roads are on a programme of works for resurfacing.

Cllr. McElvaney sought clarification on where funding for this current pothole blitz will be sourced and what roads are on the list.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services informed Elected Members, following 8 months of bad weather it was decided to act now in addressing road deterioration in anticipation of securing future funding from the Department. Short term measures are required in addressing roads not on the annual roads programme, the pothole blitz may become an annual initiative. In the event there is no Department funding for this it may come from non-refundable road opening licence deposits, a portion of funding from RI/DM grants could also be allocated.

Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised the Members there are currently 35 roads identified on the blitz initiative, not all roads are the same severity a list will be circulated to the Members.

5. The Ulster Final Clones

The Ulster Final 2024 took place in Clones on Sunday May 12th. Ballybay/Clones Municipal District in partnership with Clones Town Team and Clones St. Tiernach's GAA Club hosted pre-match entertainment which commenced at 12pm and ran until 3pm.

Live outdoor music was located on The Diamond with street food vendors throughout the town. A family friendly zone was in Barry McGuigan Park with local artists in attendance for face painting & arts activities for the kiddies. The park also had live music, a food vendor, and public toilets.

The Elected Members commended all involved in organising the day, noting the additional resources and effort going toward retaining the Ulster Final in Clones. Reports from match goers and social media posts are all positive and the pre-match entertainment was widely welcomed.

Following discussion, the Elected Members unanimously agreed correspondence should issue to the Ulster Council detailing the day through from pre-match entertainment, traffic management and crowd control which enhanced the atmosphere and contributed to the overall success.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services commended Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator and his team on the successful rollout of events for Ulster Final Day. Noting building on this success future events could be supported in the same manner, and this should be a budget consideration for October.

Elected Members unanimously agreed and requested that indicative figures for festivals and events are prepared for the September Meeting.

Proposed Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland, seconded Cllr. Seamus Coyle and unanimously agreed by all.

6. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

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 id 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 ongoing and it is envisaged works will be nearing completion later this month.

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.

A total of 112 submissions were received over the period. Of those who identified as landowners, 45% responded that they supported the concept of the greenway, while 55% of landowners responded that they did not support the project concept. 97% of those who are not landowners responded that they support the project.

TII publication PE-PAG-02036 provides guidance on the appraisal of active travel modes that refers to the need for a Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) using the Common Appraisal Framework in order to arrive at a preferred route option. The Common Appraisal Framework “requires that transport projects be appraised against six key criteria:

- Economy
- Safety
- Integration

- Physical Activity
- Accessibility & Social Inclusion
- Environment

Outdoor Recreation Schemes 2022

Dartry Forest

Works are due to commence later this month.

Dromore Blueway –

A Part VIII Planning was submitted and 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.

PEACEPLUS Theme 1.4

Peace Link Extension

An application for PEACEPLUS Theme 1.4 funding was submitted in September 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 are preparing 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 is Thursday 23rd May 2024 and the MD are liaising with Clones Development Society regarding the application.

Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme Fifth Call 2023

Clones Regeneration Hubs (Heritage and Enterprises) Plan.

This MD has applied 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.

Funding of €4.95m both projects was announced last week by the Department of Rural & Community Development.

Ballybay Market House –

WGG Architects & Surveyors are carrying out all relevant surveys and have provided 3No. preliminary designs for the proposed building. These designs will be examined by all relevant sections and stakeholders with a view to preparing designs for a Part VII application in Q3 2024.

Active Travel 2024

Project Code:	Project Name	Estimate Completion Period	Comments
MN/21/0020	Low Cost Junction Tightening - Newbliss (where R189 meets R183). Possibility of including Analore Street	Q3 (Design only)	Draft OSR submitted to NTA in March 2024 for review. Comments returned. Report being updated.
MN/22/0001	Clones Peace Link AT Scheme	Q2 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	Q2 2024	Footpaths 95% complete. Fencing works are ongoing. Completion date is Q2 2024.
MN/23/0018	SRTS - St Tiarnachs	Q3 2024	An Taisce have made changes to their report following discussion with the School and Active Travel. School

			considering the updated report
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.

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.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment Peace Link: -

A funding allocation of €45,000 has been received. This project is completed.

New Playground equipment for Ballybay Town Park: -

Funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. Installation works are completed, and the equipment has been commissioned and is operational; top soiling and plating was completed in recent days.

Waterways Irelands Ulster Canal

Clones Marina

Phase 2 works are ongoing to restore a 1km section of the canal and construct a 42-berth marina in Clones, the target completion date is June 2024.

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
- Lot 2: Catering Concession

Tender assessments have taken place and appointments for both lots will be made in the coming weeks.

Ulster Canal - Clones to Smithboro Greenway: -

Section 50 Applications have been submitted to the OPW and all have been approved apart from one that requires additional information.

Draft Part VIII Designs and Assessment have been forwarded to the relevant sections for review and amendments and any technical issues will be addressed following this review.

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

The Bank of Ireland building has now been acquired by Monaghan County Council. This acquisition was delayed due to an oil spill, which the Bank addressed.

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 15th of May between the town team and members of the Executive. The Charter agreement was signed by 7 members. The team hopes to run a community event on the 18th of August.

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 1st January 2025.

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

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

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

Actions Arising from MD Report

Members welcomed this report.

Following discussion by Elected Members on current projects within the MD, staff provided the following updates.

Initial works on the Market House Ballybay, has led to the discovery of a weigh bridge & site investigation works will be completed.

Corrybrennan Playpark will be opening at the end of May.

Tender documents are being prepared for Drum looped walkway. Following appointment of consultant's talks will commence with landowners.

Consultation is ongoing regarding Greenan's Cross bus stop.

Cllr. Treanor welcomed Drum & Rockcorry Vision Plans which he supported and participated in community workshops to develop these plans. He welcomes the benefits for the Communities particularly the funding announcement of €2.7million on Friday April 19th for Rockcorry Community Centre which was identified as one of the Vision Plan Aims. Cllr. Treanor wished to provide a point of clarification for constituents, although 2 Councillors from the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District

where in attendance at the public funding announcement he as a Councillor in the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District did not receive notification of this funding announcement hence his absence. Cllr. Treanor stated he personally has received enquires as to his absence and wants it on public record that he was not invited to this event.

Cllr. McElvaney noted his disappointment that the Elected Members of Ballybay/Clones Municipal District were not invited, and he sees it as an underhand political act to exclude some of the MD Elected Members, seeing only Fine Gael Members from this District in attendance.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland responded stating that he can understand the frustrations of Cllr. Treanor & Cllr. McElvaney. Cllr. Gilliland advised he received a call from Cllr. Truell the evening of the event regarding an open invitation posted on social media, and he himself knew nothing about the event in advance of this call. It was in no way a political stroke, everyone in attendance got invited by the Community. The focus should be on the success of the community securing this funding and their hard work in getting to this point. There was nothing hidden or untoward in the funding announcement and Cllr. Gilliland wished the Community success in their project.

Cllr. Treanor also wished the community congratulations and success in their project, noting his concerns are with the flippant attitude of the Fine Gael Members who attended and are pictured with the Executive at this event.

Cllr. Truell informed the Members that the invite was circulated through social media for all to see. Cllr Gilliland agreed, stating the invite issued through social media for the Community Group it was not a Fine Gael event and there was no political agenda. While he understands the Members views, this is ultimately about the Community and is a good news story.

Following these discussions, it was noted by Gareth McMahon Director of Services that this was a community run event and not organised by Monaghan County Council. Information regarding the Ministers Visit was conveyed to Carol Lambe Community & Enterprise from the Ministers office which Carol relayed to the Community Group. The local community group organised this event.

Elected Members unanimously welcomed this funding.

Cllr. Treanor welcomed the development of the Clones Marina by Water Ways Ireland and the imminent official opening. Cllr. Treanor requests that Ballybay/Clones Municipal District are involved in the community invite for the open day.

Cllr. McElvaney requested clarification on Town Team funding as Clones have received no allocation and Ballybay Town Team received €10,000 and €30,000 under the Town First Scheme.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services advised Town Centre First Plan allocations are on a roll out basis and not every town will receive funding at the same time. Carrickmacross were the first town to receive funding. Currently Ballybay, Monaghan and Castleblayney are in receipt of allocations from Town Centre First. Clones Town Team are a well-established team which have already rolled out many initiatives hence why they are not included in the initial funding stream.

7. Report by Municipal District Engineer.

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 - Scots house 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.
- Road Closure to carry out works at Drum Village L2232/23 is from 30th May to 21st June.
- Date to be confirmed for other roads, but the programme will be commencing in June 2024 following the advertisement of road closures.

2024 Restoration Maintenance Programme

Roads have been assessed for suitability for surface dressing with a total of 17 no roads identified. This list was distributed at the April meeting. Surface dressing in Ballybay Clones MD is first this year and scheduled to commence tomorrow 21st May.

Works are continuing to get roads ready for surface dressing and currently we have 3 drainage crews working 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	Annaghray Connons - Border to Border	1394	504	3.3	1663.2
LT22413	Annaghray Connons - 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	Rosnalough	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 LCSi 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.

My CoCo

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

- 128 entries to date.
- 42 entries since April meeting,
- 69 of these are in progress,
- 59 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.

- 187 Drainage notices issued to date.
- 69 Closed off with works complete and no further action required.
- 27 Referred to Roads for following up or legal proceedings. Notices under The Roads Act 1993, Section 76, SubSection 6 were sent to these 27 property owners with registered post with specifications of the works required to be completed to prevent water from running onto the road on 30th 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.
- 13 Notices issued in past month.
- 118 Opened/outstanding

Road Closures

Bridge replacement at Roosky on the L6141 is complete, and the road has been reopened. Bridge replacement has commenced at Derrygoony on the L3002 with the road closed until 4th June. Diversions are in place.

Patching

Two crews have been continually patching the roads within the MD. In addition, the Velocity Patcher is currently working in the MD also patching roads. There have been additional resources from an external contractor to complete a Patching Blitz of the county (separate presentation).

Bitmac Patching

A Contractor has been appointed and has commenced works in the MD today to carry out bitmac patching in the MD. There are 15 different locations/roads across the MD that is being patched with these large cut out patches.

Kilnacran Drainage

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

The consultant is currently working on a scoping study and data collection. Monaghan County Council also with OSI are currently collating survey data of the affected area.

Actions Arising from Engineers Report

Members welcomed this report.

Cllr. McElvaney sought an update on Threemilehouse pedestrian crossing, under the Active Travel Scheme. Staff advised NTA fund Active Travel and eligibility criteria can change, Threemilehouse no longer fits the Active Travel criteria. The Municipal District are undertaking an analysis of the location and will seek alternative funding streams.

Following discussion, staff provided the following updates to Elected Members.

LCSI plans will be ready in the later part of this year.
R212 Soctshouse road works will start in June.

8. Matters arising from previous minutes.

The Elected Members noted the minutes of Ballybay/Clones MD meeting. Following discussion, regarding feedback from the community in Ballybay that the traffic warden is not impacting greatly, and his presence is required on a more regular basis in the town.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed the Traffic Warden would patrol Ballybay Town an additional day, Seconded by Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and unanimously agreed by all.

9. Notice of Motion

"That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District calls on the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD and the Government to immediately allow for the granting of Full Medical Cards to all persons on a positive diagnosis of Cancer, as this is a very traumatic, challenging and difficult period in a person's life, with huge medical expenses, illness and mental distress, with a person being unable to face an income/financial/means assessment at a period of great challenge",.

Issue to Minister Stephen Donnelly and Cavan/Monaghan Oireachtas Members
Cllr. Sean Gilliland requested that terminal illnesses are included in this motion.

Proposed Cllr. Seamus Coyle, Seconded by Cllr. Pat Treanor and unanimously agreed by all.

10. Questions

Cllr. Seamus Coyle asked;

(1).The Village of Doohamlet is located on the very heavily vehicularised Regional Road(R183), Ballybay-Castleblayney Rd., a very developed location of housing, community centre, GAA Club facilities, bar & lounge, All Saints Church, playpark, gardens, school, car parks and business premises, all creating huge vehicle and pedestrian activity. Will Monaghan County Council examine the installation of a pedestrian crossing/safety improvements at an appropriate location in the village in the interest of safety for all?

Monaghan County Council have completed speed surveys for this location, and the data from these surveys have been made available to An Garda. A survey is required to determine the number of people crossing this road, and the desired line of movements. Depending on the finding of this survey, funding opportunities can be sought to allow for the design and construction of a pedestrian crossing.

The Monaghan County Council adopted Traffic Calming Policy will be followed for Doohamlet for any safety improvements schemes, and future funding opportunities sought to allow for their installation.

(2).Can Monaghan County Council outline their plans for Traffic Speed Control Measurers in Rockcorry Village, which is located on a very heavily vehicularised Regional Road(R188),with huge numbers of HGVs etc. passing through on a daily basis. Particular concerns are being expressed for

safety in the area of the Rockcorry Community Childcare Services location which contains the Crèche, after school, breakfast club, pre-school, temporary Scoil Mhuire pupils and adjoining hall etc, adjacent to a very sharp corner on the Monaghan Road?

Monaghan County Council have completed speed surveys at various locations in Rockcorry, and the data from these surveys have been made available to An Garda. Monaghan County Council completed a design for traffic calming in the village of Rockcorry. A funding application was made under LCSl for this area. Funding of €20,780 was secured which will allow for some of the works to be carried out at the JCT of R193 and R188.

(3).The junction of the Ballybay - Cootehill Road(R190) and the Latton(LP03000) turn off, known locally as Eileen McKenna's Shop is very dangerous, particularly for vehicles turning off coming from the Cootehill direction, as the corner on the Ballybay side is very blind, unfortunately it has been the location of a lorry driver fatality in the past and accidents also, there were warnings of dangerous corner/road marking/rumble strips etc on the R190,but following road resurfacing etc, they were never replaced, could Monaghan County Council immediately have the location examined with a view to improving the visibility for all and road markings put in place?

Works have previously been carried out here by Monaghan County Council to improve safety for road users. Monaghan County Council will investigate this location and seek future funding opportunities to allow for the completion of any necessary works.

(4).As there is horse riding taking place on the R190, particularly in the Keenoghbane/Cumry/Sport hall area of this road, can Monaghan County Council examine the possibility of erecting warning signs on this area of the R190?.

Monaghan County Council will investigate this area and determine the extent of the usage of this road in line with the Traffic Signs Manual.

(5).The area of Scoil Mhuire, Resource Centre ,Latton O'Rahilly GAA Grounds, Walking Track etc is a very busy area each day on the LP03012,known locally as the Aughnamullen Road, during winter frost, been on a brea will Monaghan County Council add this short section of roadway from St. Marys Church to the GAA Grounds entrance to their Winter Road Gritting Programme as the dangers of accidents/fatalities are great on what is only a short section of roadway?.

This will be forwarded on to roads for consideration for the 2024 – 2025 winter maintenance agreed treatment routes.

11. CE Orders.

Noted

12. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

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

Largy College, on their Silver Award at Social Innovators Of The Year, National Final in Croke Park.

Molly Coffee O'Connor, on qualification for the World Junior Olympics.

Best wishes to Garda James Ford on his retirement from An Gara Síochána.

Shane McLaughlin, Paralympian on succeeding in breaking the Guinness World Record- pulling a 45-foot truck weighing 18 tones a distance of 25 meters.

Alan & Judy McAdams on their success in the National Enterprise Awards 2024 – Nomad Counters, Ardragh, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

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

Michael Leonard Area Foreman Ballybay/Clones Municipal District, on the passing of his brother John Leonard.

Gabriel Hurson former Assistant Engineer Ballybay/Clones Municipal District, on the passing of his father Patrick Hurson.

Lorcán MacCinna, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing MCC, on the passing of his mother Nóra MacCinna.

13. AOB.

Cllr Truell raised concerns regarding the condition of local roads in and around the Newbliss Windfarm. Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised works completed are in keeping with Energia's Planning Conditions.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland acknowledged and thanked Ballybay/Clones Municipal District staff for their support and assistance in what has been a successful year in securing funding and delivering projects within this MD. Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland acknowledged the efforts and contribution from both Ballybay & Clones Town Teams in local initiatives and partnership project delivery also extending thanks to our media correspondent Veronica Corr and photographer Rory Geary. All Elected Members concurred and expressed their acknowledgement and thanks to all.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland, Cllr. Coyle, Cllr. Truell and Cllr. Treanor all paid special tribute to Cllr. Hugh McElvaney who after 50 years in office has made the decision not to run for Re-Election. The Elected Members commended Cllr. McElvaney on his contribution & achievements over his long spanning career, wishing him health, happiness and good fortune for the future.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that this Council will arrange a plaque in dedication to Cllr. McElvaney's 50 years Elected Representation with Monaghan County Council. Seconded by Cllr. Seamus Coyle and unanimously agreed by all.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services on behalf of the Executive thanked the Elected Members and wished all seeking re-election the very best of luck also extending best wishes to Cllr. Hugh McElvaney for the future.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney thanked all for paying tribute to him, wishing his fellow Councillors success in their re-election.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed _____
Meetings Administrator
Date, 27th June 2024