

Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan

Comhairle Contae Mhuineachain



The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney

Monaghan County Council

Minutes of proceedings of the Municipal District Monthly Meeting held in Carrickmacross Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday the 25th of November 2024 at 10:00am

Present: Cathaoirleach PJ O’Hanlon,

Cllrs. Colm Carthy, Noel Keelan, Paul Gibbons, Peter Conlon , Aidan Campbell

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

Cllr. O’Hanlon opened the meeting by expressing his appreciation to Carmel O’Hare, Director of Services, for her work in the MD over the past 2 years and wished her well with her new portfolio. Cllr. O’Hanlon welcomed new incoming Director of Services, Cathal Flynn, who is to assume the role from the 10th of January 2025.

Cllr. Keelan wished to be associated with Cllr. O’Hanlon’s comments.

Cllr. Carthy noted that Ms. O’Hare helped clear a back log of existing public lighting projects soon after her arrival to the MD and also mentioned her impressive work as returning officer for the local elections. Cllr. Carthy and Cllr. Keelan both wished to remark upon Ms. O’Hare’s role in the proposed leisure facility in Carrickmacross.

Cllr. Gibbons and Cllr. Campbell wished to be associated with the comments made.

Cllr. Campbell stated that Ms. O’Hare was always courteous and available to the elected members and spoke about her involvement with The Ridge, CTek II and the Castleblayney Christmas Market projects.

Carmel O’Hare, Director of Services, thanked the elected members for their comments, and remarked that all Directors should have the experience of managing a MD, as it is a great experience to have. Ms. O’Hare advised that the MD Council could not function without the work of local voluntary and community organisations and expressed her thanks to the MD Executive team.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Gibbons, the minutes of the October 2024 monthly Municipal District Meeting, held on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024, were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Carthy, the minutes of the in-committee meeting (Proposed declaration of a public road), held on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024, were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Carthy, the minutes of the in-committee meeting (Proposed Family Resource Centre), held on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024, were adopted.

2.0 Matters Arising

Cllr. Keelan:

Commended the works on Lisagore Road and requested that this road be considered for the 2025 Roads Programme when reviewed.

Discussed having a mechanism in place to make a small pot of money available for local groups, requesting that this matter is investigated as it did not get through the CPG.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Remarked that the agreement was to go through the correct channel which was done and stressed the importance of looking where the proposed money will be sourced.

Cllr. Carthy:

Advised that there was a provision from last year, where members requested an increase for contributions to local groups. This will come before members next month and should allow the setting aside of some funds. The increase could possibly be 20% of the current amount.

Stated that additional funding is being sought for local festivals and events.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Remarked that the cash figure needs to be looked at as some allocations are smaller, noting that the Tidy Towns have received the same amount for years.

Spoke about the unique system which was in place in the time of Carrickmacross Town Council – rates were 20% more expensive than the other towns and every penny went directly back to the town – the Civic Offices are here because of the rate payers of the town. Suggested sitting down in the new year with the new DOS as these issues need to be looked at and addressed.

Cllr. Keelan:

Requested an update on the motion passed re: feasibility study for making the private road at Gorteens a public road.

Reply – it is intended this report will be available early on in the new year.

Asked for an update on the collapsed culvert at the back of Aughnafarcon school.

At 10:15, on the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Carthy, it was unanimously agreed that the meeting go in-committee.

At 10:18, on the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Carthy, it was unanimously agreed that the meeting come out of committee.

3.0 Presentation

Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 – 2030

- Dr. Patricia McCreesh, Biodiversity Officer

Cllr. O’Hanlon:

Expressed his thanks for the presentation, remarking that all the main points had been hit upon. Stressed the importance of members supporting this.

Stated that an EPA report had noted issues with Wastewater Treatment Plants and suggested that Dr. McCreesh could link in Uisce Éireann regarding the WWTP in Carrickmacross.

Cllr. Campbell:

Expressed his thanks and stressed the importance of engaging with the farming community, complimenting Dr. McCreesh on her approach.

Cllr. Keelan:

Thanked Dr. McCreesh and noted her impact since joining the Council.

Endorsed Cllr. Campbell’s comments regarding the farming community.

Mentioned the prominent issue of Ash dieback and asked what can be done on a practical level regarding unused lands.

Cllr. Carthy:

Thanked Dr. McCreesh for her presentation and concurred with previous comments.

Noted her work on the swift population.

Commented on the current lack of National Parks and Wildlife ranger for the county.

Cllr. Conlon:

Stated that education is key, commenting that “Biodiversity” can strike fear in people!

Striking the balance is key.

Remarked that he looks forward to seeing what will be done in the future.

Commented that once things are explained to landowners, they do want to engage.

Cllr. Gibbons:

Thanked Dr. McCreesh for an interesting presentation and remarked that the role of the Biodiversity Officer is vital.

Noted the love and respect farmers have for the land.

Asked if there are baseline figures available for pesticide use in the county.

Dr. McCreesh advised the members that she would love to know about any council assets within the MD which may have unused areas. She advised that there are monitoring systems in place regarding the use of pesticides, remarking that the target is to reduce use, working towards elimination where possible.

Cllr. O'Hanlon suggested that Dr. McCreesh could meet with Damien Thornton, Municipal District Co-Ordinator to discuss the practices used in the MD.

4.0 Correspondence

- i. Acknowledgement from Uisce Eireann
- ii. Response from Minister James Lawless TD
- iii. Response from Minister Eamon Ryan TD

Cllr. O'Hanlon wished Minister Eamon Ryan TD well in his upcoming retirement but wished to state that, in his opinion, Minister Ryan has no interest in Rural Ireland.

Cllr. O'Hanlon stated that he has no issue with works on the A5, however, there is no mention of N2 works. He commented that this will need to be addressed once the new government is formed.

Cllr. Carthy concurred with Cllr. O'Hanlon's remarks, commenting that it is a disgrace that the N2 cannot be brought to the next stage. Cllr, Carthy advised that he is hopeful a change in mindset will occur and stated that the MD need to keep pushing the issue.

Cllr. Keelan also wished Minister Eamon Ryan TD well but stated that he has been a disaster for Rural Ireland's road network.

Cllr. Conlon remarked that all members are singing from the same hymn sheet regarding funding for roads.

- iv. Correspondence from Swim Ireland

Cllr. Carthy welcomed the response from Swim Ireland and expressed thanks to the Executive for following this up.

Cllr, O'Hanlon thanked the Executive and CEO of MCC for supporting this project.

Cllr. Keelan remarked that he would like to see the booking process made easier.

5.0 Municipal Coordinator's Report

Cllr. Campbell:

Complimented the MD team on the volume of work being carried out in the MD.

Expressed thanks to Damien Thornton, Municipal District Coordinator and Gary Toye, District Engineer who were in contact with him over the weekend dealing with flooding issues in Castleblayney.

Noted that Ballynacarry Bridge is to be submitted to TII for approval for planning. Asked if there has been any correspondence from the N. Ireland Executive regarding this.

Reply – This MD have not received any correspondence to date.

Stated that all the money is coming from the Republic of Ireland, under the Shared Island Scheme, and remarked that when something is benefitting 50/50, both sides need to bring something to the table. Advised that he has an issue with this.

Initially proposed that another letter is issued however, following discussion amongst the members, it was agreed that a phone call would be more efficient.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Remarked that he hopes that there will be no delays due to objections from N. Ireland and stated that if issues do arise, a letter should be issued to Micheal Martin TD, who set up the Shared Island Fund.

Voiced his displeasure at not having received a response to correspondence sent to the N. Ireland Executive.

Wished to acknowledge that Jackie Crowe has continuously raised this issue.

Stated that it is not a good way to do business, remarking that 100% of the money is coming from the Republic of Ireland.

Commented that Monaghan County Council are accountable to the taxpayers in Monaghan and have no say over the 6 counties or Westminster.

Noted that the N. Ireland Executive have been written to and no response has been received – if objections are made by this entity, it will cost money.

Cllr. Gibbons:

Wondered what the original agreement was when the project was conceived, asking if it was 50/50.

Cllr. Carthy:

Stated that all are aware of the importance of this infrastructure.

Commented that no Local Authority should ignore correspondence from another Local Authority.

Cllr. Conlon:

Sought clarification if planning would be submitted at the same time.

Reply - Monaghan County Council secured funding from TII in its own right. A request has been submitted to TII seeking approval to go to planning stage. Planning applications are to be submitted simultaneously in each jurisdiction.

Cllr. Keelan:

Noted that it has been 18 months since the CCTV Scheme applications were made and requested that contact is made with the Garda Commissioners Office to see where we are with this.

Reply – The consultant engaged for the CCTV Scheme applications is in contact with the Garda Commissioners Office and in constant contact with the MD office.

Cllr. O’Hanlon:

Suggested holding a meeting with the consultant and reverting to the elected members with a report by January.

Cllr. Keelan:

Commended the MD team’s work on the Inniskeen Bike Rental Scheme, remarking that Public Liability Insurance issues are causing huge problems. Acknowledged that the MD are working with Monaghan Sports Partnership to arrive at an acceptable solution.

Acknowledged the work of Glenn O’Reilly, Assistant Engineer on the Creevy Lough Recreational Masterplan, remarking that up to 30 people attended the recent information evening.

Highlighted Tullyvaragh Junction – need to keep an eye on this.

Acknowledged TII for €1.1m funding for the design of Park and Ride facility in Carrickmacross.

Commended the MD team for all their work.

Cllr. Conlon:

Stated it is great to see completed works at Rahans Lake.

Commented on the successful information evening held at Creevy Lough and reminded all that the Public Consultation ends on the 30th of November.

Sought clarification on the completion date for the Carrickmacross Workhouse project.

Reply – There is latitude to stretch the date to early/mid Q3 of 2025.

Cllr. Carthy:

Expressed thanks for the report.

Delighted to see the completion of works at Rahans Lake.

Asked if road markings in Carrickmacross can be reviewed – need a touch up.

Spoke about a past issue, raised a number of years ago, regarding a crossing at the graveyard on the Dundalk Road to allow safe crossing for pedestrians and to slow down traffic. Requested that a traffic count is carried out in the area.

Spoke about traffic management in Cloughvalley to deal with school traffic, Rockdaniel Road and Patrician Drive to be included. Requested that this is investigated in 2025 as measures are needed.

Cllr. Gibbons:

Welcomed movement on the regeneration of backlands in Castleblayney.

Welcomed traffic calming works in Oram and improvements at Mullyash.

Wished to pay tribute to MD staff who dealt with flooding issues over the weekend.

6.0 Q&A

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for the November 2024 meeting of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

1. Funding was provided, a number of years ago, for traffic calming on Ross Road, Carrickmacross; following a lack of interest from contractors, it was added to proposed Active Travel works on this road. That work has yet to take place and is not expected to be carried out in the short term. Can I ask that the council carry out much-needed surface repairs along this road and consider anti-skid surfacing at the 90° bend at the bottom of the road (at Newbaze/C&M Coldstores)?

Response:

The Executive will include Ross Road on the essential repairs and maintenance list for surface repairs. Engineering staff shall assess the feasibility of installing a high friction surface at the 90° bend at Newbaze/C&M Coldstores.

2. Will the council consider repairing the damaged area of cobblestones in the public parking area in front of the courthouse/Shirley Arms Hotel?

Response:

The Executive shall carry out localised repairs to the cobblestones in the public car park to the front of the courthouse/Shirley Arms Hotel as soon as is reasonably practicable.

3. Will consideration be given to adding the rear roadway along St Macartans Villas to our list of repairs for 2025 given that it has not been patched/repared over a long period of time, and I have asked for it over the last number of years to be included?

Response:

The rear roadway along St. Macartans Villas shall be included on the essential repairs and maintenance list for 2025.

4. Does the Municipal District have an adequate level of road salt in stock to deal with any cold snaps that might occur over the winter months and is there an emergency action plan to deal with urban areas if we have any significant overnight frosts?

Response:

Salt stockpiles are actively monitored to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that there is a sufficient supply to deal with forecasted and emerging cold snaps over the winter months.

Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District has an *Urban Area Severe Winter Weather Response Plan* in place. The plan is actioned in response to forecasted and emerging severe winter weather events.

5. Following a recent walking survey of Carrickmacross, by the Monaghan Women's Network, a number of areas were highlighted that needed to be addressed – what measures are being looked at to brighten up the town at night; is the council going to consider our long-standing calls to replace the towns streetlights with better (more

flood-type) lighting?

Response:

The Executive has recently engaged *Molloy Consulting Engineers* to carry out an independent assessment of the lumen levels of the public lighting along Main Street, Carrickmacross. The findings from this assessment shall be shared with the elected members in due course.

Questions raised by Cllr. Paul Gibbons for the November 2024 meeting of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

6. Can the Council Executive examine vehicle speeds going through the village of Oram? I would have particular concerns about the number and speed of vehicles including a marked increase in the numbers of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using this road in recent years and am being mindful of this traffic in the vicinity of the playground and on the Blayney road outside the GAA field, creche and school where there would be a lot of children playing and alighting from vehicles.

Response:

The Executive shall conduct traffic and speed surveys in Oram Village within the vicinity of the Playground, GAA field, creche and school.

7. Can the road salting routes in the Castleblayney/Broomfield/Oram areas be provided?

Response:

The salting routes for the Castleblayney/Broomfield and Oram areas are available for public viewing on the Monaghan County Council at <https://monaghan.ie/roadtransport/salting-routes>

A hardcopy map indicating the salting routes for the Castleblayney/Broomfield and Oram areas is also available for inspection at the Municipal District Offices.

8. Has the public lighting survey in The Crescent been completed and if so, what is the outcome? I feel that the lighting be upgraded in this area to improve nighttime visibility.

Response:

A survey of the public lighting in The Crescent has been completed. The outcome report recommends enhancing the existing street lighting within the estate. A public lighting design process is currently underway in this regard.

9. There have been several requests for traffic calming measures in estates in Castleblayney in 2024 with an undertaking from the Council that assessments will be undertaken. Can the Council executive share the findings of road safety assessments undertaken including recommendations in 2024 be shared?

Response:

The Executive previously committed to undertaking an assessment of all council-maintained housing estates in Castleblayney Town, having regard to Monaghan County Council's adopted Traffic Calming Policy, to determine the warrant for additional traffic calming measures in individual estates. It is envisaged that this assessment process shall be completed in early 2025, whereupon the findings shall be shared with the elected members.

10. Have the Council Executive assessed estimated traffic levels and the potential risk of road congestion in the Kill card area when the new Gaelscoil, Primary Care Unit and a new filling station are all completed being mindful of the peak traffic at school opening and closing times and the location of three other schools (Convent Junior School, Girls School, and Our Lady's) on the same road nearer the town. Are traffic mitigation measures required?

Response:

The potential impact on the road network of the traffic that may be generated from a proposed development is given full consideration during the planning application process.

Questions raised by Cllr. PJ O'Hanlon Conlon for the November 2024 meeting of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

11. Can the Executive confirm that no roadworks will be undertaken in the month of December in the centres of our main towns and villages?

Response:

The Executive shall endeavour to ensure that no planned roadworks shall be undertaken in the centres of this Municipal District's main towns and villages in the month of December.

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan for the November 2024 meeting of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

12. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the Donaghmoyne village area and the engagement of a design consultant to prepare a flood mitigation plan in advance of the access roads into the village been resurfaced?

Response:

The Executive is currently in the process of appointing a suitably qualified design consultant to advance the design of feasible flood mitigation measures. It is envisaged that initial site surveys and data collection shall commence within the coming weeks.

13. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of a CCTV camera system for Carrickmacross & Castleblayney town, how long have we been waiting on a response from the Garda Commissioners office?

Response:

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

14. Following on from an on-site meeting with local residents and senior council officials what plans have the council to put in place some traffic calming measures including a none slip surface adjacent to the area known locally as the finger post on the main Ballybay road?

Response:

The Executive shall undertake a safety assessment, including a speed survey, of the R180 Ballybay Road in the vicinity The Finger Post, to determine the need for traffic calming measures. Subject to the outcome of this assessment, the Executive shall seek to identify appropriate road safety measures for this location and explore all potential sources of funding to implement same.

15. What plans have the council to deal with the ongoing problem of speeding vehicles on the Donaghmoyn Road adjacent to Longfield Cross as requested by local residents?

Response:

The Executive shall arrange for a speed survey to be undertaken on the R179 Donaghmoyn Road in the vicinity of Longfield Cross, to determine the extent of any speed issues. Subject to the outcome of this assessment, the Executive shall seek to identify appropriate road safety measures for this location and explore all potential sources of funding to implement same.

16. What plans have the council to upgrade the play park facilities in Inniskeen village What was the outcome of the funding application for town and village renewal that would have funded this project?

Response:

The upgrade of the existing play park facilities in Inniskeen Village forms an integral part of the *Inniskeen Village Public Realm Spatial Plan*. In November 2023, Monaghan County Council submitted a funding application under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme for public realm, heritage and amenity enhancements to the Railway Station and Playground spaces in Inniskeen Village. The proposal included for the upgrade of the existing playground facilities, in support of the development of an active welcome space on the western approach to Inniskeen Village. Unfortunately, the application for funding was unsuccessful. The Executive shall continue to explore all potential sources of funding to progress the proposal.

Questions raised by Cllr. Peter Conlon for the November 2024 meeting of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

17. Has there been any progress on the trimming of the trees on the convent hill?

Response:

The Executive will continue to engage with the landowner concerned with a view to having the trees trimmed.

18. What is a realistic timeframe on the commencement of works on the sensory garden in Cloughvalley park?

Response:

The Executive is currently assessing tenders for the engagement of a suitable works contractor. Pending the outcome of this process, it is envisaged that works shall commence in early 2025.

19. When or has the feasibility study started on the building known as "The Bridewell"?

Response:

The Executive is currently preparing tender documentation for the engagement of a

design consultant to progress this project. It is envisaged that a suitably qualified consultant shall be appointed in early 2025.

20. There is a serious issue with traffic management on the Kingscourt Road especially at the junction to the Magheraboy / Woodlands Road. Has the council any plans to review this junction going forward?

Response:

The Executive shall commission an assessment of traffic movements at the Kingscourt Road/Magheraboy Road junction in early 2025.

7.0 Motions

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

“This Municipal District calls on Bus Éireann, the Department of Transport and the National Transport Authority to deliver digital display screens at bus stops in Carrickmacross and Castleblayney, similar to the one at Monaghan Bus Station, that will show the time of the next arriving/departing bus and its destination.

We note that Carrickmacross main street is connected to free Wi-Fi which display screens can connect to; we also note that it would be a huge benefit to those using the bus services in our towns as well as those who wish to visit the county, and we also need to maintain and upgrade our bus stops to a good standard.”

Following lengthy discussion, surrounding concerns about Carrickmacross Courthouse being left lying idle, the success of the newly opened C:Tek II and the need to develop the town, including linking Convent Avenue to Main Street, on the proposal of Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Conlon the following motion was unanimously approved:

“That Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District look at making an application for the provision of a C:TEK III building in Carrickmacross.”

Another extensive discussion ensued amongst the elected members regarding the motion below, which, on the proposal of Cllr. Keelan and seconded by Cllr. Carthy, was unanimously agreed:

“That Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District request Monaghan County Council to explore the purchase of suitable lands in the Inniskeen village area for the provision of, but not exclusive to, enhanced parking facilities, social and affordable housing, employment, and education opportunities etc. and that this MD will work in conjunction with Monaghan County Council and the local community organisations in the village on this initiative to insure the sustainable development of the Village.”

Whilst supporting the motion, Cllr. Campbell raised concerns as to where money would come from for buying land. Cllr. Conlon also supported the motion, but noted restrictions regarding the topography of Inniskeen, remarking that on-going conversations are needed. Cllr. O’Hanlon stated that it is a positive motion and supports it, however, wished to note that it is talking about four departments: Housing, Transport, Education and Employment. He suggested it may be appropriate to bring this motion to County Council level as the MD do not have resources to deal with this. He also wished to note that the budget was passed only last week and suggested sitting down with MCC CEO and the new incoming DOS to come up with a plan, stating that it seems to need to be done in stages. Cllr. Keelan clarified that the motion asks Monaghan County Council to explore opportunities. Cllr. Campbell and Cllr. Conlon wished to recognise that there is currently a lot of work going on in Inniskeen, and both noted that Inniskeen is on all the elected members agendas.

8.0 CE Orders

Orders Cmx-Cby 57/2024; Cmx-Cby 58/2024; Cmx-Cby 59/2024; and Cmx-Cby 60/2024 were noted.

9.0 VOS/VOC

Votes of sympathy were extended to Colm McBride & family on the death of Jacinta McBride (RIP); Peter and Gerard McKenna & family on the death of Noel McKenna (RIP); Séan Kennedy & family on the death of Catherine Kennedy (RIP) and Kathleen Farrell & family on the death of Pete Farrell (RIP)

Cllrs. Keelan, O’Hanlon and Conlon spoke about recently deceased Jacinta McBride (RIP), remembering her involvement with Down Syndrome North-East and the local Autism Group.

10.0 A.O.B

Cllr. Conlon:

Wished Carmel O’Hare, Director of Services, the best of luck.

Following his recent trip to New York, requested that the short video “How to Diffuse a Bomb” is screened in Carrickmacross.

Asked all to shop local this season.

Cllr. Keelan:

Advised that there are road safety concerns in Inniskeen at school times and asked if there is a possibility of a school warden for the area.

Advised that the access roads to Lisdoonan and Inniskeen need attention, asking if the patcher will be back before the end of the year.

Cllr. Carthy:

Stated that the rear of Mullinary needs a tidy up.

Requested that an area for teens and young adults is investigated for Carrickmacross. The Youth Café is too small and there is a need for additional indoor/outdoor space.

Cllr. Campbell:

Complimented the recent resurfacing works on York Street and the two new bus shelters.

Asked that speeding issues are investigated on York Street and Muckno St.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Complimented Carrickmacross Chamber for the Christmas Lights Switch On event and for all their good works.

Wished to acknowledge the National Award and Gold Medal awarded to Carrickmacross Tidy Towns.

Asked that a civic reception be held for Oran Kiernan (World Handball Champion) and Zara O'Gorman (World Irish Dancing Champion).

Spoke about hearing about homeless people sleeping in fields in Carrickmacross on Northern news and seeing the statement from MCC Housing Section.

Remarked that, as Chair of the MD, he was taken aback by this news.

Cllr. Keelan:

Noted that MCC Housing Section have always carried out exemplary work around homelessness but that it is a complex issue, and a wraparound service is required.

Cllr. Cathy:

Clarified that if a person does not present to MCC as homeless, they will not be counted in their figures.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Stated that MCC need the opportunity to present the facts and that this is the correct forum.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Keelan, it was unanimously agreed that Monaghan County Council Housing Section make a presentation to the elected members, preferably in the public forum, as soon as possible.

The elected members were informed that the office of the Mairie de Marseillan is seeking nominations for elected members to attend an upcoming twining event in May 2025.

Cllr. O'Hanlon advised that he is happy to leave this matter in the hands of Leas Cathaoirleach Campbell and his fellow elected member from Castleblayney, Cllr. Paul Gibbons.

Cllr. O'Hanlon advised the elected members that a meeting has been scheduled concerning the A5/N2 for Monday the 16th of December 2024 at 10am in Ballygawley, Omagh Road, Co.

Tyrone. As this clashes with the current scheduled MD December monthly meeting, it was agreed that the December monthly meeting will be held in Carrickmacross Civic Offices on Thursday the 19th of December at 11am.

The meeting concluded at 12:25.

Cathaoirleach

Date

Meeting Administrator

Date