

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, M-Tek 1 Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 18th November 2024 at 11.30am.

Present: Cllr Seán Conlon, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs Cathy Bennett, Bronagh McAree, Raymond Aughey, Seamus Treanor, David Maxwell and Pauric Clerkin

In attendance: Ms. Patricia Monahan, Director of Services, Mr. Donal McElwain, Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Mr. Ruairi O'Neill, Executive Engineer and Ms. Liz Brannigan, Administrative Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 21st October 2024

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, seconded by Cllr C. Bennett, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on 21st October 2024 be confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

Members thanked Monaghan MD Staff, the Town Team and all involved in the Christmas Lights Switch On event on Sunday 17th November, a successful event which saw huge crowds enjoy the atmosphere in Church Square.

In relation to the Glen Road culvert works, Mr. R. O'Neill advised, the contractor has confirmed it is planned to have the road reinstated by the end of November.

3. Presentation: Dublin Street North Regeneration Project

Mr. C. Flynn, Director of Services, welcomed Mr. Ken O'Sullivan, McAdam Design, and Mr. Ben Palmer, OPEN, to present the latest detailed designs for the proposed Dublin Street North Regeneration Scheme to the Members. Mr. Flynn advised the process has been ongoing since June 2023, including consultations with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and direct engagement with property owners. It is expected that the application will be with An Bord Pleanála by January 2025.

Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Palmer took Members through the presentation circulated with the meeting agenda and responded to Members queries.

Mr. P. Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, confirmed an additional public information evening will be held, as a courtesy to the people involved, as requested by the Members.

4. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator

Mr. D. McElwain took Members through the report. The members noted the November report which had been circulated with the agenda.

Members congratulated Ms. Laura Hannon, Business Support Executive, Monaghan Town Team and Monaghan MD staff for their work in organising recent events held in the town.

Mr. D. McElwain and Mr. R. O'Neill responded to Member's queries, as follows:

- Attend to the upkeep of the façade of the building known as 'Red Boys' in Emyvale, recently purchased by Monaghan County Council

- An audit of footpaths takes place every year, in response to Members concerns over leaves on footpaths causing slip hazard for pedestrians
- The need for patching on the road leading up to the Pound Hill (Dublin Road side) to be examined
- In relation to a footpath connecting the new houses on High Street with Mill Street, Mr. McElwain confirmed, as a condition of the developers planning permission, there will be a footpath installed at this location.
- MD staff will contact Road Dept in relation to (lack of) signage at Tirnaneill/Enagh crossroads
- Attention to be given to velocity patching works which have taken place at Carrickaderry, Clontibret
- MD staff to contact Roads Dept to seek their opinion on what measures could be implemented to reduce speed at the road known locally as 'Simpon's corner', Emyvale.
- In relation to bus shelters at various locations around the Emyvale area, Mr. D. McElwain informed Members a Business Case was submitted to the NTA mid-August requesting staff allocation to deliver on this programme which the ATU await confirmation.

Members condemned acts of vandalism which took place on Halloween night in Monaghan town and acknowledged the work of Monaghan MD staff, An Garda Siochana and Monaghan Fire Service, on the night. In relation to the issues which arose in the town on Halloween night, Members requested that consideration be given to organised activities / events being held on the night of Halloween as opposed to the weekend before as was the case this year.

4. Questions and Motions

Cllr Raymond Aughey asked:

Can the Municipal District assess and provide traffic calming measures at the entrance to the Woodlands estate on the R186, Scotstown/Ballinode road and provide children at play signage at the entrance to the estate?

Response: The Municipal District will assess this section of road for traffic calming in line with the current Traffic Calming Policy. A Children at Play sign can be erected at the entrance to the Woodlands estate.

5. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated with the meeting agenda:

- Acknowledgement from the Minister for Education, Normal Foley, in relation to Edenmore National School and Edenmore Le Cheile Unit
- Acknowledgement from the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion, Hildegard Naughton, in relation to Edenmore National School and Edenmore Le Cheile Unit
- Response from Mr. Padraic Smyth, Local Link, in relation to a bus service for Graveyard Road and Cathedral Walk

Cllr S. Treanor confirmed he will make contact with Local Link on their response.

6. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathies

There were no Votes of Congratulations or Sympathies.

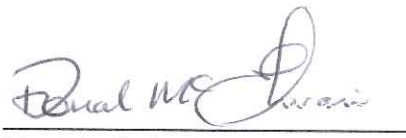
7. A.O.B.

Members extended their well wishes to all candidates running in the upcoming General Election on Friday 29th November 2024.

On the proposal of Cllr C. Bennett, seconded by Cllr P. Clerkin, it was agreed that this MD write to EIR and ask that power is turned off on the mast in Scotstown village. This mast is affecting all surrounding houses tv reception.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Signed: 
Municipal District Coordinator

Dated this 16th day of December 2024