

The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday March 31st, 2025 @ 1pm, Clones Municipal Office.

Members Present: Cathaoirleach Cllr Richard Truell presided, the following members were also present: Cllrs: Pat Treanor, Sinead Flynn, Sean Gilliland 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 Richard Truell welcomed all to the February meeting of Ballybay/Clones Municipal District.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Richard Truell offered his condolences to Cllr. Sinead Flynn on the passing of her aunt Kathleen Hand, a minute's silence was observed.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services introduced Siobhan Collins Community Support Development Officer, Siobhan has joined the Community Development Section and will act as liaison between the council and community groups. Her role will involve helping groups establish and deliver plans, apply for funding and assisting Elected Members.

The Elected Members welcomed Siobhan to the Team wishing her the best in her new role and look forward to working with her.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus Coyle seconded by Cllr. Pat Treanor & unanimously agreed.

The Members unanimously agreed item 4 "Consideration of Housing Report" on today's agenda will now be dealt with as first order of business of this meeting.

4. Consideration of Housing Report

Executive Engineer Jennifer Finlay, Housing presented the report on Ballybay/Clones MD Housing to the Elected Members providing an update on Housing Capital projects, Serviced Sites, Response/Planned Maintenance, Acquisitions/Relets, Grants/DP Works and Tendering.

Housing Capital Works 2025/2026 consists of 7 projects which deliver 55 houses/apartments. Serviced Sites are under development in Scotshouse. Planned Maintenance consists of door & window replacement, electrical upgrades, roof repairs etc. There is an average 15-week relet time for properties. DP Grant works consist of ramps, bathrooms etc. There will be a change to the Grants/DP Works application for private houses from November 8th, the payment will be €10,500 for HOP as opposed to €8,000. The Architect Framework in place allows for faster appointment. The tender for Term Maintenance & Refurbishment and Minor Contract Works will be on etenders by the end of April and will be effective from the end of June.

The Elected Members thanked Housing for this report and following discussion the Members welcomed Frameworks which allows local companies to get opportunities, service sites which will assist with the housing backlog. Members raised concerns regarding the removal of stoves policy, as

during Storm Éowyn stoves where the only sources of heating in many houses. While the future Capital plan is welcomed what further works are planned for 2026/2027 to address the housing shortage. What are the Department seeking with regard to derelict properties in town centres i.e. demolish and rebuild.

The Housing Team advised under Frameworks it is 1 contract per lot, derelict sites are under the remit of Town Regeneration, the units at Ard na Gréine will commence in 2026, these units will be available for occupancy within 12 months of the start date. Works on houses relating to removal of stoves will go back to SPC. Works for Lower Main Street Ballybay will consist of a 1 bedroom and a 2 bedroom apartment. There are continued discussions on future Capital works but until funding is secured there is nothing further on the delivery list. The Department requires Town Centre renewal has consideration of restoring and retaining the character of buildings, there is a large volume of work in delivering these and the process can be slow. The Garda Station in Newbliss and Smithboro falls under the remit of Town Regeneration.

2. Correspondence Sent

Correspondence sent was noted.

3. Correspondence Received

Correspondence received was noted and following discussion it was agreed that correspondence received from Clones Town Team requesting that the Micro Park Fermanagh St. Clones is renamed to Páirc Na Cairde is agreed in principal and will be in adherence to relevant policy.

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

Cllr. Gilliland noted correspondence received from ERAD, and expressed his disappointment that they did not accept this MD's invitation to attend the March Municipal District Meeting. Cllr. Coyle noted this invitation issued on foot of his motion, and further correspondence also issued to our TD's none of which have responded. ERAD's letter is not addressing any of the questions posed. Cllr. Treanor noted that when the Wildlife Programme was in operation reactors dropped from 40 thousand to 15 thousand and since the programme ceased numbers are spiking again.

Following discussion, it was agreed this MD will extend a further meeting request, to discuss the Bovine TB Policy framework for national disease eradication programmes.

The Members would preferably meet with the department through the forum of the Monthly Municipal District meeting, however, will call for a public meeting if this request cannot be facilitated.

Proposed Cllr. Gilliland, seconded Cllr. Treanor and unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Flynn proposed further correspondence is issued to the Department of Health asking again for an explanation as to the reasons for the unacceptable delay to the free HRT Treatment Scheme for women. The Departments lack of response on this matter to date is frustrating. The Message being portrayed is, women's health does not matter. The Elected Members call on the Minister to break her silence and respond.

Following discussion, it was agreed this Municipal District will again write to the Minister For Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill requesting an immediate update on the HRT scheme and to explain the reasons for the delayed implementation of this scheme and furthermore to ensure that this HRT treatment scheme becomes operational without further delay.

Proposed Cllr. Flynn, seconded Cllr. Treanor and unanimously agreed.

5. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator

Matthew Lambe Municipal District Co-Ordinator presented his report to the Elected Members.

Town & Village Scheme 2023

Public Realm - Market House Ballybay

Funding of €250k has been received for Public Realm enhancement works to area and streetscape of the Market House. This works will be incorporated into the overall Market House project. The undergrounding of overhead power lines will commence in Q1 of 2025.

Clones Youth Centre

Funding of €250k has been received for the refurbishment of Clones Youth Centre. It is planned to go to tender shortly for this project.

Ballybay to Castleblaney Greenway: -

An application for funding to proceed to design stage has been made to the TII for proposed greenway from Ballybay to Castleblaney for 2025. An application for funding has been made for proposed greenway from Ballybay to Castleblaney for 2025.

Outdoor Recreation Schemes 2022

Dartry Forest

Construction Works have been substantially completed. Official opening will take place on the 9th of April.

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. The application was submitted to An Bord Pleanála earlier this year. A decision by An Bord Pleanála for the Dromore River Blueway project is due by Wednesday 9th July 2025.

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. A letter of intent has been issued.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023

Measure 2

Ballybay Wetlands

Funding of €198,833.00 has been granted for the Ballybay Wetlands Public Path Enhancement. A contractor has been appointed, and works will commence this week.

Gortnawhinny Lido

Funding of €119,560.00 has been granted for the Gortnawhinny Lido. At present Engineering staff are preparing tender documents for the appointment of a Civil Engineering Contractor to complete the works.

PEACEPLUS

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. This application has been successful.

Peace Plus (Areas for Young People and young people with disability)

Application was made for the following: -

Teen hang out area at Ballybay Park with access to Wifi facilities, a place to play music, hang out in a dry environment and have access to charging facilities. The teen hang out has been approved.

Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme

Newbliss Digital Enterprise Hub

Construction works are substantially completed. An opportunity to view the building by the elected members will be organised next month.

Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme Fifth Call 2023

Clones Regeneration Hubs (Heritage and Enterprises) Plan.

This MD has received €5.137m 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.

Approval has been received from the Department to proceed to tender for construction for the business hub. The closing date for the receipt of tenders was the 14th of February however this has been extended until the 19th of this month. The appointment of a Construction Contractor is imminent.

A Creative Consultant had been appointed to prepare a Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan and Business Plan in respect of a Visitor Attraction of scale at the former Lennard Arms Hotel. Works are under way.

Ballybay Market House –

Part VIII planning permission has been granted and detailed design stage is ongoing. It is planned to go to tender on this project in late Q2 of this year.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) - Category 2 Projects

St. Tiarnach's Quarter Regeneration Project

The development of the St. Tiarnach's Quarter Regeneration Project is a project that could potentially be developed through this Funding call. Monaghan County Council applied for funding earlier this month.

Active Travel Scheme

Project Code:	Project Name	Comments
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MN/21/0020	Low-Cost Junction Tightening - Newbliss (where R189 meets R183). Possibility of including Annalore Street	NTA public transport section are currently reviewing the location of the existing bus stop in conjunction with Active Travel proposals. Location of bus stop is being considered to reflect demand and usage of public transport as well as connectivity to village centre. We are still awaiting a response.
MN/22/0001	Clones Peace Link AT Scheme	Construction works substantially completed.
MN/22/0004	Lough Egish Village AT Scheme	Construction works is nearing completion. Kerbing and footways completed, restatement is completed, and accommodation works are ongoing. Pedestrian crossing line marking and Eircom chamber cover and signage to be completed.
MN/23/0020	Urban Mobility/Sustainability AT Plans (Castleblayney, Ballybay, Clones, Carrickmacross)	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment screening reports are completed. A Public consultant evening was held on the 5th of February. Public consultation period for the plan closed on the 6th of March.
MN/24/XXXX	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.	A Meeting was held on the 28th of January 2025 with NTA & MCC on the programme of bus stop locations and associated works. The NTA is currently preparing a list of bus stops requiring upgrade works which will be circulated to MCC for input along with guidance on how the scheme is to be implemented and managed.

Community Recreation Fund 2023

98 Avenue Bus Stop: -

A funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. A Section 38 application has been made and preparation of tender document for the appointment of a civil Engineering contractor is ongoing.

Clar 2023 Developing Community Facilities and Amenities

Peace link Sensory Garden

Site preparation works have commenced for the development and installation of a sensory garden with a varied array of sensory equipment at the Peace Link. This project will be completed in Q2 of 2025.

Community Centre Investment Fund –

Rockcorry Community Centre

The planning application for this project is being finalised.

Greenways

Ulster Canal - Clones to Smithboro Greenway: -

MCC have requested a 2025 funding allocation from TII to complete Phase 2 Option Selection of TII Project Management Guidelines. The Flood Modelling Report concluded that alternative options should be explored with a view of removing the risk of flooding to a preferred greenway route.

Ulster Canal – Smithboro to Monaghan Greenway: -

Further design and flood modelling is ongoing to confirm that the greenway, in its current location, can be designed to be climate resilient without adversely impacting adjacent lands with regards to flood risk. Once confirmed, the scheme can progress to Statutory Processes which are planning approval and land acquisition.

Ballybay to Castleblaney Greenway: -

An application for funding to proceed to design stage was made to the TII for proposed greenway from Ballybay to Castleblaney for 2025, however this application was unsuccessful.

Proposed Public CCTV Schemes.

Ballybay CCTV: -

Public Consultation on the scheme has commenced for the scheme and will close on the 16th of April.

Clones CCTV: -

Public Consultation on the scheme will commence for the scheme in the coming weeks.

Ballybay Library/Civic Building

There are some outstanding items on the snag list to be completed and other matters to attend to (CCTV, internet connectivity, cleaning) and therefore the property is not ready for occupancy.

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. A letter of offer has been received, and the council is reviewing same at present.

2024 Community Recognition Fund

An application totalling €200,000 was successful for the Upgrade & Refurbishment of Ballybay Multi-use Community Building. Building surveying works and design works are ongoing with FAC and DAC certs being prepared. It is hoped to commence refurbishment works in Q2 of 2025.

Town Re-Generation

There have been 84 properties identified as been derelict in the Ballybay and 89 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.

There are 46 properties issued with Section 8 (2) Notice of Intention to Register.

To date there has been Section 8(7) Enter onto the Register notices in CLS/BBY area by the Town Regeneration Team.

- 7 No. in Clones
- 8 No. in Ballybay
- 4 No. Newbliss

A property that has been issued with a Section 8 (7) is now on Derelict Site Register and will be subject to 7% annual levy from 1st January 2025.

To date there has been 5 No. Section 15 Notices of Intention to acquire in CLS/BBY area.

CPO process has started on: -

- 85 Main Street Ballybay, Section 15 issued
- Kincora House, NTB road, Clones. Section 15 issued
- NTB Road, Clones. Section 15 issued
- The Diamond, Clones. Section 15 issued
- 1 Oakview Clones. Section 15 issued

An additional 11 properties in the district will proceed to CPO in the coming months.

The CPO process is completed on: -

Main Street Newbliss, and the property is in the ownership of Monaghan County Council and the Housing section will redevelop.

Ballybay Town Centre First Plan

Workshops, online & paper surveys, drop-in events, school and business engagement during the public consultation have been completed. Consultants are preparing the draft Ballybay Town Centre First Plan document complete with an action plan. It's hoped that this draft document will be available the week following Easter for review by the Town team. Following the review and should everything be in order a launch date for the plan will take place in May.

Town Centre Health checks- Clones

A draft Town Centre Health check has been completed for Clones, this was conducted by students from Queen's University Belfast on Friday 13th September and Friday 20th September 2024. The report provides a detailed analysis of the physical characteristics of the town, statistics gathered during the health check, and the perceptions of residents.

Some amendments had to be completed as draft report lacked comparisons with previous surveys. These amendments are near completion and a final report will be soon available.

Town Team Capacity building

In addition to the funding for Collaborative Town Centre Health Check in Clones Monaghan County Council has received funding under the Town Centre First Town Team Support Fund for the development of Town Team Capacity building for the Clones town team.

To date four meetings have taken place and an action plan is nearing completion.

Site for Bikers Memorial Garden

This project has been temporarily paused.

As there were expressions of concern from the community and in the interest of providing a voice to all parties the Elected Members and the executive wish to give due consideration to all options for this proposed project.

The following will be carried out as part of the review process: -

1. A review of the proposed location will be undertaken, as will other potential sites in the town. Each site will be assessed for suitability and a site selection study will be completed.

2. When completed this study will provide a recommendation and this will be presented to the elected members of the Ballybay Clones Municipal District for their consideration.
3. Should the recommendation be approved by the Elected Representatives the project will proceed to detailed design stage and Part VIII Planning Permission. Public consultation is a fundamental element of the Part VIII planning permission application process which submissions or observations may be made.

An urban design and landscape architect has been appointed to carry out the site selection study.

Ballybay & Gergweis, Osterhofen Twinning 2000-2025

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the twinning of Ballybay and Gergweis, Osterhofen. The executive met with representatives from both Ballybay and Gergweis, Osterhofen to discuss how to mark the occasion. Representatives from Gergweis, Osterhofen have extended a provisional invitation to the Elected members of the Ballybay Clones MD to travel to Bavaria in and around the dates of June 26-30 in 2025. A return trip to Ballybay would take place in September/October 2025.

Transportation Survey – Ballybay to Carrickmacross via Lough Egish

A transportation survey was posted on all Monaghan County Council social media handles and closing date for submissions was the 12th of this month, 124 participants took part in this survey.

Transportation Survey – Smithborough to Monaghan

A transportation survey will be posted on all Monaghan County Council social media handles later this week.

Actions Arising from MD Report

Elected Members welcomed this report and following discussion;

Cllr. Truell queried what are the future development plans for Dartrey. Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised there are currently no further plans but should further funding be secured this can be revisited. Cllr. Truell requested that autism/sensory space is included in the future development of all playgrounds.

Cllr. Gilliland requested clarification on the reasons for the unsuccessful TII application for Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway. Can Ballybay Town CCTV Scheme include the Town Park area as there have been further acts of vandalism in the park, on this occasion park benches being vandalised. Cllr Gilliland suggested that contact should be made with AGS re. Garda response to these recent spates of vandalism in the park.

Following discussion among the Elected Members, it was agreed this Municipal District will extend an invitation to An Garda Síochána to attend the April meeting to discuss this ongoing issue of vandalism in Ballybay.

Proposed Cllr. Truell, seconded Cllr Gilliland and unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Gilliland welcomes works at Lough Egish, the fence along the Ballybay to Carrickmacross road is down can this be repaired and signage also needs attention. While it is noted Ballybay Civic Building will not be available to the community in the near future, when will the room over the Men's Shed which will facilitate the Drama Group/First Responders etc. in the interim be ready?

Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised Ballybay CCTV Scheme includes the Town Park. The MD are looking into the Greenway application failure and will revert. Currently the room over the Men's Shed requires fire certificates etc. and will move forward when this is in place.

Cllr. Coyle joins with his colleagues in condemning vandalism in Ballybay Park and sees such acts as an attack on the people and community. Cllr. Coyle wants clarification on the extend of Streetscape which will accompany Market House works, i.e. how far down lower main street will this extend. What is the current update on Town Regeneration property notifications. What works will be completed on the Wetlands paths with the funding award of €200 thousand. Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised streetscape works will be to the front of the Market House Ballybay only, as costs such as underground cabling etc. will require the majority of the budget. Town Regeneration currently have 87 properties on the Derelict Site Register and these properties will be liable for a 7% levy from 1st January 2025.

Cllr. Treanor noted a solution is needed to address anti-social behaviour, which is evident in Ballybay, seeing regular spates of vandalism – perhaps linking in with Cavan/Monagan Youth Work Ireland may be an avenue to address this issue. Cllr Treanor commended the work of Clones Tidy Towns and Town Team who planted native hedging on the areas along the Clones Active Travel Projects, it is fantastic work and a credit to all involved.

Cllr. Flynn condemns anti-social behaviour in Ballybay and welcomes the sensory garden at the Peace Link. Cllr. Flynn welcomes the traffic survey from Ballybay to Carrickmacross and awaits the findings and looks forward to the traffic survey of Smithboro to Monaghan thanking MD staff for their continued work.

6. Report by Municipal District Engineer.

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

Roads Programme

- Roads programme has been adopted for 2025 with 5 no Local roads and 2 no Regional Roads included.
 - LS6272 Drumurcher – Corrygarry
 - LT22414 Connons
 - LT39002 Balladian
 - LT41133 Laragh
 - LS7101/7100 Annahaia – Tossey
 - R183 Doapey Creamery
 - R183 Killyragy
 - R162 Monaghan Road Ballybay
- Works have commenced with the preparation of these roads for drainage works ahead of the commencement of resurfacing.
 - LS6272 Drumurcher – Corrygarry – Works complete
 - LT41133 Laragh – Works complete
 - LT22414 Connons – Works complete
 - LT39002 Balladian – Works will be complete this week
 - R183 Killyragy – Works complete
 - R183 Doapey Creamery – Works ongoing
 - R162 Monaghan Road Ballybay – Works commenced this week
- Roads have been measured to allow for the design and tendering of the works.
- Survey works and testing have been carried out on the roads to enable the design of the overlays.

- Tenders are due back today for assessment.
- Ballybay Clones Municipal District are first this year for resurfacing of the local roads with works expected to commence in May.
- Ballybay Clones Municipal District are second this year for resurfacing of the Regional roads with works expected to commence in June/July.

2025 Restoration Maintenance Programme

A number of roads have been identified using the Pavement Management System and PSCI ratings for surface dressing in 2025 as part of the Restoration Maintenance Programme. These roads are currently being assessed before finalising the Restoration Maintenance Programme.

Low Cost Safety Initiatives

A funding application has been submitted for 2025 for a number of projects across the MD. Confirmation has been received that funding has been secured for the following locations;

- LP3400/LP3411 Cremartin - €40,000.
- R183/LS6290 Guardhill Killeevan - €40,000. Currently engaging the services of a designer to design the Vehicle Restraint System to meet current standards.
- R189/LP2400 Threemilehouse - €30,000. Land has been secured here also from Sean McDermotts GAA to allow for sight line improvements at this location. Currently completing draft design for these works to allow for Road Safety Audit.
- R183/R162 Approach Roads Ballybay - €25,000

My CoCo

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

- 180 entries to date
- 1 entry since February meeting
- 3 of these are in progress
- 177 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.

- 245 Drainage notices issued to date
- 7 drainage notices have been issued since the February meeting
- 26 Referred to Roads for following up or legal proceedings. Notices under The Roads Act 1993, Section 76, Sub-Section 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 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.

Road Closures

There is currently a lane closure in place at L24221 at Aghnacue Bridge, Doapey following the partial collapse of the bridge.

The L2140 is currently closed near Killeevan to allow for repairs to the side of the road following a slippage at Killycoonagh. Works should be completed within the coming days.

Bridges

We have recently got works carried out on 3 bridges across the Municipal District, 2 of these bridges damaged as results of RTC's.

- R162 Duffys Mill, Edenforan - caused by an RTC on 20th December 2024. Extensive works were completed to this bridge and we are currently in discussions vehicles insurance company to recoup the cost of the repairs from the vehicle insurance.
- R188 Drummock Corcaghan - caused by an RTC on 28th December 2024. Extensive works were completed to this bridge and we are currently in discussions vehicles insurance company to recoup the cost of the repairs from the vehicle insurance.
- LS6290 Guardhill, Killeevan. Works are completed to repair this bridge.

Currently we have 2 bridges in the MD that require attention. These are at the following locations;

- LT24221 at Aghnacue Bridge, Doapey following the collapse of a section of it. Contractor was appointed last week to repair this bridge.
- LS6210 Cornawall, Doohat. Contractor was appointed last week to repair this bridge.
- R180 Carrickinare. Awaiting quotation from contractor to repair this bridge.

Street Lighting

Recent new street lighting has been installed at Killeevan, Newbliss, Threemilehouse, and Lough Mourne School. There was delays with energising some of these lights due to Utility Companies being behind schedule due to recent Storm Eowyn.

Patching

MCC currently has 2 patching crews on site continually patching the roads within the MD. Since the February meeting;

- 23 roads patched with MCC Outdoor Staff

Kilnacran Drainage

Following a funding application in 2024, we have successfully secured funding of €100,000 under the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works Fund to carry out further works at this location.

The hydrologist has completed all modelling of the study area to establish what is required to improve the drainage issues in this location. Flood model mapping has been received from the hydrologist, and the final report is due this week.

A meeting with the Hydrologist is scheduled for later this week to agree extent of works requirements, and phasing of required works. Works can then commence on the design of the solution and Section 50 application for the works.

Weed Control in Towns and Villages

MCC Outdoor Staff are continuing to use mechanical means in other areas across the MD. Works are currently ongoing cleaning footpaths in the MD.

Storm Eowyn

Following the recent storm on 24th January 2025, many locations across the Municipal District was affected. Much of the clean-up is now nearing completion, however there are still some items such as fences and signs that require repair.

Review of 2025 Funding Allocations from Department of Transport

Allocation	2024	2025	Increase/Decrease
Climate Adaptation	€380,000 €0	€408,000	+€28,000 County +€178,000 BCMD

		(Kilnacran €100k and Killeevan €78k)	
Restoration Improvement	€7,810,500	€8,506,500	+€696,000
Restoration Maintenance	€1,068,000	€1,068,000	-
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€934,500	€934,500	-
Discretionary Grant	€2,071,500	€2,149,000	+€77,500
Drainage Works	€472,500	€472,500	-
Community Involvement Scheme	€354,150	€432,850	+€78,350
Reclaimed Asphalt Pilot	€800,000	€800,000 BCMD for 2025	-

Actions Arising from Engineers Report

The Elected Members welcomed this report.

Cllr. Truell noted that following Storm Éowyn there are still many trees that need to be cleared in Annamacarrig and Dartrey these are on Coillte land & is this something we can contact Coillte about. The Lido in Ballybay requires fresh sand and Erica's Fairy Forest requires fresh clean stone. Will Doapey Road be completed this year.

Cllr. Gilliland requested that Coillte are contacted regarding Billy Fox Park as due to the number of trees down the park is still closed. Cllr. Gilliland welcomes the increase in the Roads budget, will the reclaimed asphalt scheme allow additional roads to be done. Cllr. Treanor concurred and also addressing the asphalt scheme enquired if roads resurfaced through this scheme will be in addition to those agreed on the Roads Programme.

Martin Taylor Executive Engineer advised Elected Members contact has been made with Coillte regarding clearing fallen trees in Annamacarrig, Dartrey and the Billy Fox Park. Sand for the Lido on Ballybay is on order. Roads addressed through the Asphalt Scheme will be in addition to those agreed as part of the Roads Programme, these additional roads have been identified and all test completed. Doapey Road will be done, 2.6 kilometres between Newbliss & Swans Cross.

Cllr. Flynn discussed the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme (HAS) noting some applicant success while other with the same circumstances are unsuccessful. There is a lack of transparency, and it is essential the scheme is applied fairly and consistently, with the same criteria used for all applicants.

Cllr. Flynn proposed the Members call on the Government to clarify why some applicants have been deemed ineligible despite the commitments made when the scheme was announced. Additionally, urge the Government to introduce support measures for businesses and farms that suffered financial losses and hardship during severe weather events.

Proposed Cllr. Flynn, seconded Cllr. Treanor and unanimously agreed.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes.

8. Questions

Cllr. Flynn asked:

Question 1:

What youth incentives are available throughout the MD for young people up to 18 years after school hours & at weekends?

Answer:

Youth services are not generally provided by the LA. Youth Work Ireland Cavan/Monaghan have drop in facilities in both towns where they provide a range of services to young people.

Foroige are slightly different, the young people they work with are referred into their service and they do not provide services to the general community. The Healthy Monaghan Fund supports the Foroige “You Thrive – Youth Mental Health Initiative”.

The Healthy Monaghan Fund also supports the “Planet Youth – Increased leisure Time Initiative” which is coordinated by CMETB. The initiative centres around utilising school facilities and youth club settings out of hours to deliver a range of sporting and creative type activity sessions on a weekly basis.

The aim of the initiative is to increase the leisure time opportunities available to young people - resulting in increased physical activity levels and improved mental wellbeing of young people across the county.

This is the list of activities CMETB have run in Ballybay / Clones area over the last six months, supported via Healthy Monaghan Fund.

School	Location	Class
Ballybay College	Ballybay	Fitness
Largy College	Clones	Self Defence
Largy College	Clones	Dance Class
Include Youth Service - Clones	Peace Campus	Soccer
	Clones	Get into Golf
	Clones	Dance Class
Include Youth Service Ballybay	Ballybay Park	Soccer
		Circuits
		Tanagh trip

Question 2:

Can the MD please confirm whether there is a planned scheme for redevelopment of the social houses in Bawn?

Answer:

Housing can confirm that there are no such plans in place.

Question 3:

Can the MD please confirm if there are any plans to submit funding proposals for a new playground in the Ballybay/Clones municipal district in the year ahead.

Answer:

Ballybay Clones Municipal District currently have no plans in place to submit funding proposals for new playgrounds within the district. It would be the intention of Ballybay Clones Municipal District to upgrade and maintain the current play areas subject to funding prior to considering the installation of new play areas.

Question 4:

Can the MD please confirm whether there are plans to apply for funding for a footpath from Bawn village to the handball alley under the Low Cost Safety Scheme.

Answer:

There are currently no plans in place to apply for funding for a footpath from Bawn Village to the handball alley. The distance from the current footpath in Bawn village to the handball alley is 575m and would require significant land acquisition from private landowners. Based on similar projects, such a project would cost in excess of €300,000 which would be beyond the remit of a Low-Cost Safety Scheme.

9. CE Orders

Noted

10. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

Vote of Sympathy

The Elected Members offered their condolences to their colleague Cllr. Sinead Flynn and her family on the passing of her aunt Kathleen Hand.

The Elected Members offered their condolences to Celine Connolly & her family on the passing of her husband John Connolly.

Vote of Congratulations

The Elected Members offered their congratulations to Mr. Gabriel Bannigan Monaghan Senior Football Manager and his team on their victory over Roscommon, securing the Division Two title.

The Elected Members offered their congratulations to Mr. Shane McLoughlin, Clones, Co Monaghan on achievement of his fifth Guinness World Record of pulling a 40-ton fire truck in New York on St. Patrick's Day.

11. AOB.

Meeting concluded.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed _____
Meetings Administrator
Date, April 28th, 2025