

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, M-Tek I Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 19th May 2025 at 11.30am

Present: Cllr Seán Conlon, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs Pauric Clerkin, Raymond Aughey, Niamh McCooey, Alan Johnston, and Seamus Treanor

Apologies: Cllr Bronagh McAree

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

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting acknowledging the presence of Members of An Garda Síochána's Community Engagement & Drugs Unit at the Sub Committee Meeting and commended the Gardai for their continued efforts in dealing with issue of drugs in our county. The Cathaoirleach referred to the Monaghan Town CCTV Scheme which will play a significant role in crime detection in our town.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of MD Meeting held on 29th April 2025

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, seconded by Cllr R. Aughey, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Monaghan Municipal District Meeting held on 29th April 2025 be confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

In relation to the Belgium Park football field a report has been provided to Members for discussion at the June Meeting.

3. Report from Municipal District Coordinator

The Cathaoirleach took Members through the May report. The Members noted the Report which had been circulated with the agenda.

Members complimented the work done by a local artist to the numbers trail in Rossmore Forest Park and referred to former Councillor Paudge Connolly's efforts to ensure an Access for All number trail in the park.

Members welcomed the developments on the Monaghan Town CCTV Scheme, acknowledging the efforts of MD Staff together with An Garda Síochána in bringing this to fruition.

Members commended the work carried out at Church Square, Event Space, which has been entered into the RIAI Awards 2025 by the Architect.

Members welcomed funding from the Department of Children, in the sum of €18,887 to provide play equipment for the playground at Luí na Gréine Scotstown.

The Director of Services and MD Coordinator responded to queries raised by the Members:

- To liaise with other MD Coordinators with a view to arranging for the cleaning of road signs within the towns
- MD staff to pursue other avenues of funding for a pedestrian crossing at Bogues, having been unsuccessful under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme
- Members to have sight of the revised 'Options Selection Report' for the Monaghan Town/Cootehill Rd AT Measures

4. Monaghan MD: Schedule of Works

Mr. D. McElwain presented the Monaghan MD: Schedule of Works which was unanimously agreed by the members. Mr. D. McElwain to provide Members with information on the Match Funding of the projects listed.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence circulated with the meeting agenda.

6. Questions and Motions

Questions:

Cllr Niamh McCooey asked:

1. Could Monaghan County Council kindly confirm whether the tendering process has been completed for the proposed works on the stone bridge located on the L3444 in Clontibret?
If the process is complete, could the Council provide an anticipated commencement date for the works?

Response: The Municipal District of Monaghan has appointed a Contractor to repair the stone parapet of the bridge on the L 3444 at Clontibret. It is planned that these works will commence in the coming weeks.

2. In light of its historical significance, could Monaghan County Council advise if they would be willing to replace the deteriorating sign at the Battle of Clontibret monument? A new sign would enhance both the visibility and preservation of this important heritage site.

Response: Monaghan Municipal District will investigate this signage and arrange for it to be replaced.

3. Following on from recent landowner consultations in respect of the N2 Clontibret to the Border road scheme, could Monaghan County Council confirm the following:
 - a) The total number of landowners they have engaged with to date.
 - b) Whether they have been successful in engaging with all four of the property owners directly affected by the proposed road scheme.
 - c) How many landowners have not yet been engaged with, and what additional steps are being taken to facilitate that engagement?

Response: Approximately 260 landowners/landholdings are affected by the N2 Clontibret to the Border Road Scheme, and the proposed active travel infrastructure which is proposed to run along the route of the existing N2. Letters were issued to the registered owners of all land parcels, inviting them to meet with the N2 project team.

Although provision was made within the programme to meet with all landowners affected along the route, not all landowners chose to attend a landowner meeting. A total of 150 separate meetings took place over the course of the three weeks of landowner meetings in the Four Seasons Hotel between 31st March and 17th April. Some of the meetings involved a number of related/adjoining land holdings, so more than 1 landowner/landholding was represented/discussed at them. Meetings took place with three of the four directly affected residential property owners – Monaghan County Council owns the fourth property and the housing section was consulted with directly in relation to it.

During the course of the meetings, the project team made additional efforts to contact landowners and encourage them to attend. Letter drops/door knocks were undertaken in targeted areas on two separate occasions, and phone calls were made where contact information was available.

Details of the initial road design have been published for the public, landowners and all stakeholders to view on an interactive map on the [project website](#). The design shows the 'initial design', which will be subject to change following feedback from landowners and stakeholders.

Although the scheduled meeting dates have now passed, the Jacobs project team are still available to engage with landowners.

Where necessary, a meeting to discuss individual impacts can still be arranged by contacting the project team. The Project Team can be contacted by email ClontibretBorder@N2MonaghanLouth.ie or via the N2 Project Phonenumber 087 340 3786.

Over the coming months the N2 Project Team will consider feedback received from landowners and other stakeholders, and will then make changes and updates to the 'initial' design before a design is finalised.

Cllr Sean Conlon will ask:

1. What number of warning notices / penalties have been applied to drivers in violation of the HGV ban accessing town via Glaslough Street and Dublin Street without appropriate permission? And what monitoring systems exists in determining these violations?

Response: As enforcement of traffic laws is an AGS remit, Monaghan Municipal District will arrange to meet with the Monaghan town Garda Síochána to assess the HGV traffic restrictions.

2. From my original request to the Council, dating November 2023, what is the expected timescale for installation of traffic light pedestrian crossings on the N54 / Armagh Road between the bus station and entrance to the Peace Campus, and also a zebra crossing opposite Flacks garage?

Response: The design process is ongoing, with works envisaged to take place in Q4 2025 subject to TII approval of the scheme.

3. What is the status of the €67,785.00 grant application submitted by the Council for the refurbishment of the Killygoan Play Park through the Community Recognition Fund?

Response: The application is currently with the Department for consideration.

4. In line with the previous availability of live stream webcam overlooking the Diamond, as with a similar provision currently available in Carrickmacross, when is it anticipated that this service will be restored for Monaghan Town?

Response: Monaghan County Council is not the data controller of the webcam in Carrickmacross, this is the responsibility of Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce and so our responsibilities regarding GDPR are not the same. With regards to the webcam in Monaghan town the Council are to complete a Data Protection Impact Assessment to have the webcam available for some of the key events planned for Monaghan Town this year.

7. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy


On the proposal of Cllr Pauric Clerkin, seconded by Cllr Alan Johnston, it was agreed to extend a vote of congratulations to Emyvale Leisure Centre who celebrated their 40th Anniversary on Sunday, 18th May 2025.

8. A.O.B.

Members requested an update at the June Meeting on public lighting on the Ballinode Road out of Monaghan Town.

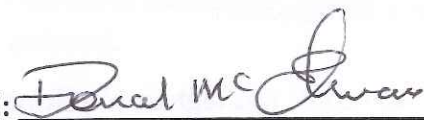
This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach

Signed:



Municipal District Coordinator

Dated this 16th day of June 2025