

The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday May 19th, 2025 @ 11am, Clones Municipal Office.

Members Present: Cathaoirleach Cllr Richard Truell presided; the following members were also present: Cllrs: Pat Treanor, Sinead Flynn and Sean Gilliland.

In Attendance: Gareth McMahon A/Director of Services, Matthew Lambe A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Martin Taylor Executive Engineer, Gillian Costello Staff Officer and Ruairi McKenna Assistant Engineer.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Richard Truell welcomed all to the April meeting of Ballybay/Clones Municipal District, welcoming Ruairi McKenna Assistant Engineer a new member of staff to the MD. Cllr. Truell commended all involved in preparation for the Ulster Final 2025 which was hosted in St. Tiernach's Park Clones on May 10th, Monaghan County Council, Clones Town Team, GAA Clones and all local businesses and the community at large. Clones proved it is indeed the home of Ulster football, hosting pre-match entertainment providing parking and immaculate clean up following the game which is a credit to the outdoor staff.

Cllr. Truell proposed letters of congratulations are issued to both teams in this year's Ulster Final, Donegal and Armagh congratulating them on this achievement.

Proposed Cllr. Truell, seconded Cllr. Treanor & unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Treanor supported Cllr. Turell's sentiments and noted it takes a community working together to host an event of this magnitude. Clones are competing with other venues for Ulster Final matches, and the best way to do this is to provide a great experience for all. Cllr. Treanor commended the local St. Tiernacha's club, our outdoor staff both for planning and event clean up. The additional pre-match events such as the kiddie's corner and outdoor screen added to the atmosphere and drew others not attending the match. Cllr. Treanor commended the work of An Garda Síochána in their preparation for the match, organising parking through local landowners and traffic management on the day. The match seen a large volume of cars in Clones, over 30,000 which where expected and planned for, this goes toward a fantastic case for continued hosting of the Ulster Final.

Cllr. Gilliland concurred with his fellow Councillors, congratulating all involved in preparation and rollout of Ulster Final Day. Thanking all agencies who collaborated attending pre match meetings & MD Staff for their input & work. Cllr. Gilliland referenced Joe Brolly's comments in his article published following the 2022 Ulster Senior Football Championship in the Sunday Independent, in which he compared the town of Clones, to Calcutta noting that Mr. Brolly would be eating his words now as Clones have more than shown it is the home of Ulster Football.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services thanked the Members for their kind words for the work of staff. The Municipal District did show what is good about council work and demonstrated what can be delivered, congratulations to all involved.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Treanor seconded by Cllr. Sean Gilliland & unanimously agreed.

2. Correspondence Sent

Correspondence sent was noted.

3. Correspondence Received

Correspondence received was noted and following discussion.

Cllr. Gilliland wished to acknowledge Minister Heydon's acknowledgement of this MD's correspondence to his office. Cllr. Gilliland advised he has been in contact with the Minister, and he is doing something as in being the first Minister for Agriculture to address this issue. It is being brought to the table & being discussed at the forum with intensive talks being undertaken. The Minister is 100 days into his ministerial role and has an actual framework in place which involves a comprehensive approach encompassing testing, biosecurity, wildlife management, and financial support for farmers. Key aspects include mandatory testing, biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of the disease, wildlife control, and financial compensation for farmers impacted by TB breakdowns.

The Minister is very interested in the wildlife section and is in talks with Nation Parks & Wildlife Services regarding badgers which are considered to be one of the main carriers of TB.

Cllr. Gilliland will be seeking clarity on Accessible Communication, under which the proposal to publish details at Marts of Farms which were in lockdown due to TB. This would reduce the price of animals related to these farms and would not be reflective of the animals' values as in order to be declared clear of TB there have been numerous subsequent tests following a TB outbreak. Cllr. Gilliland will speak to the Minister on this matter as it is his belief "previous convection" type stats should not be allowed the farming community are enduring enough.

Cllr. Flynn noted as Elected Members Ministers/Government Departments should be engaging with Members. This invitation extended by the Members of this Municipal District has now been refused on 3 occasions. Minister Creed when in the role of Minister for Agriculture promised to eradicate TB by 2030, and Members deserve the courtesy of a response/engagement from our Ministers as to eradication policies. It is frustrating we are Elected Members and representatives for the people and yet there is no engagement. Cllr. Flynn hopes there is a date confirmed by the next Municipal District meeting following Cllr. Gilliland's talks with the Minister.

Cllr. Flynn proposed further correspondence is issued to Minister Hyedon to request a response as to why his office will not meet with the Elected Members of Ballybay/Clones Municipal District on this matter

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

Cllr. Truell expressed his faith in Minister Heydon to address this issue but shares his fellow Councillors frustrations with no agreement to meet.

Cllr. Treanor noted it is clear successive ministers have failed to deal with TB, and certain parts of the country it is more prevalent than others and that is perhaps why Monaghan/the midlands are ignored. It needs to be appreciated the personal and financial toil a TB outbreak causes to farmers. Preventative measures need to be introduced as reactive steps following an outbreak are not effective, if indeed TB is to be eradicated by 2030 there needs to be more progress now.

Cllr. Flynn noted correspondence received regarding the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme from Minister Callleary, and how the criterion for the scheme is not referenced in this response although many identically cases where both successful and unsuccessful respectively it would appear the

scheme operated by post code. Cllr. Flynn hopes going forward such schemes will be administered without confusion and with transparency.

4. Consideration of Clones Town Team Action Plan – Clones Town Team

The Town Team sent their apologies.

5. Consideration of Lennard Arms Report – Mirador Media.

Mirador Media will now present at the June Meeting, as they are making further improvements and amendments to the design and will be ready to present in June.

6. 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 Q2 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.

Outdoor Recreation Schemes 2022

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 design Consultant Design NID have been appointed and will commence works next month.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023

Measure 2

Ballybay Wetlands

Funding of €198,833.00 has been granted for the Ballybay Wetlands Public Path Enhancement. Construction works are ongoing, and works will be completed in Q2.

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. There will be an investment by SEUPB of €8.4 million towards the RESTART project under measure 4.2 of the PEACE PLUS programme, Rural Regeneration and Social Inclusion. The project, aptly named RESTART, an acronym for Rural Economic & Social Transformation And Resilience Transition Together, will see significant strategic investment in the towns of Newtownbutler, Clones and Belturbet. The project has been designed collaboratively to enable these rural communities to thrive and reach their full economic, social and environmental potential. The proposed works at the at the Canal Stores site to include the redevelopment of the former Canal workers cottage to extend the meals on wheels service, and provision of additional multipurpose meeting and community space that can also be used to provide services for the Marina adjacent to the site.

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

A 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 has been approved and design is ongoing. Works will commence in Q2 of this year.

Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme

Newbliss Digital Enterprise Hub

Construction works are substantially completed.

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.

Fermanagh St. Business Hub

A tender competition to appoint a main contractor to complete the build has been held, with the Most Economically Advantageous Tenderer identified. All necessary paperwork required to seek approval from the Department of Community and Rural Development (DRCD) to award the contract has been submitted to the Department. We are currently awaiting approval from the Department to proceed with award of contract. Subject to DRCD approval the next steps are for MCC to issue notification letters to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers. Following this, subject to no legal challenge, Monaghan County Council can then proceed to award the contract.

Lennard Arms

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 well under way and a presentation will be made to the elected members at the June meeting.

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 in Q1 of this year and are awaiting.

Community Recreation Fund 2023

98 Avenue Bus Stop: -

A funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. This project is now at tender stage for the appointment of a civil Engineering contractor.

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

Detailed design is ongoing in consultation with Rockcorry Community Centre CLG. Subject to Departmental approval, it is envisaged that we will go to tender for a main contractor to complete the build towards the end of Q2 2026.

Greenways

Ulster Canal - Clones to Smithboro Greenway: -

Monaghan County Council have received a TII funding allocation of €75,000 to progress the scheme in 2025. The preferred route is currently being reviewed with regards to flood risk. The horizontal alignment of sections of the preferred route may be adjusted to eliminate potential risk of flooding.

Ulster Canal – Smithboro to Monaghan Greenway: -

Meetings with stakeholders is ongoing regarding the amended Flood Risk Assessment and proposed design in areas at risk of flooding. Monaghan County Council have received a TII funding allocation of €75,000 to progress the scheme in 2025 through Phase 3 of TII Project Management Guidelines - Design and Environmental Evaluation.

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.

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. This draft document has been made available to the Ballybay Town Team for their review. The last of the meeting between all stakeholders took place on Thursday of last week. Following the review and should everything be in order a launch date for the plan will take place next month.

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 an action plan is nearing completion, and a presentation will be made to the elected members at next month's MD meeting.

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 and this is ongoing. It is envisaged that the report will be available towards the end of this month.

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 – Smithborough to Monaghan

Transport Needs Survey is now available on MCC Consultation Portal and all Monaghan County Council social media handles, it has also been forwarded to all members of the PPN – the survey consultation closed on Friday last. A report will be made available for the June meeting.

Ulster Final

The Ulster final took place on the 11th of May. The local authority arranged for music on The Diamond and Barry McGuigan Park. There was kids' activities and a big screen showing the match in the Barry McGuigan Park. The entertainment was well received.

Traffic Warden

A full-time traffic warden Kieran McKenna for Ballybay & Clones MD has commenced this month.

Actions Arising from MD Report

Elected Members welcomed this report and the progression of projects. Following discussion; in response to Elected Members queries staff advised.

Cllr. Truell welcomed the progress tour of Newbliss Digi Hub proposed MCC Broadband Officer is contacted requesting that the exchange is examined and Eir is also contacted requesting an upgrade to Fibre Broadband and that all potential solutions to improve connectivity in Newbliss are examined.

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

Cllr. Treanor suggested that solutions for the Clones to Smithboro Greenway flooding issue should involve boardwalk solutions rather than changing the route, the Greenway should be keep as close to the canal as possible.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services advised the preferred option is to go on the route of the towpath, however the structure & complexity can be a challenge. All options will be examined hence the delay as it is necessary to go back to the route options section again. Tll want greenways open 365 days, therefore it will be necessary to review design for tolerance for flooding.

Cllr. Truell proposed Monaghan County Council examine the need of a sensory garden in Clones Play Park and Ballybay Town Park. This would be of benefit to the area as both parks have ample space for this facility. Can Monaghan County Council examine different funding streams with the community section in the council to facilitate these sensory gardens. These unique gardens will add to its existing amenities already in place at both locations.

Proposed Cllr. Truell, seconded Cllr. Flynn & unanimously agreed.

7. 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
- Drainage works are complete on all of these roads.
- TH Moore appointed for the works.

- Update on resurfacing works on the following roads;
 - LS6272 Drumurcher – Corrygarry (Complete)
 - LT22414 Connors (Complete)
 - LT39002 Balladian (Complete)
 - LT41133 Laragh (Complete)
 - LS7101/7100 Annahaia – Tossey (Ongoing)
- Resurfacing of the Regional roads are 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 finalised for 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

In addition, land acquisition has been agreed at Legnakelly at the JCT of LP2130 and N54 to allow for improved visibility at this JCT. The land acquisition is currently going with MCC legal team for the transfer of this land. Roads Section have applied for funding for these works.

My CoCo

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

- 188 entries to date
- 6 entry since April meeting
- 5 of these are in progress
- 183 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
- No 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.

Bridges

Awaiting contractor to carry out works at the following location;

- LT24221 at Aghnacue Bridge, Doapey following the collapse of a section of it. Contractor has been appointed to repair this bridge.

In addition,

- R180 Carrickinare. Awaiting quotation from contractor to repair this bridge.

Patching

MCC currently has 2 patching crews on site continually patching the roads within the MD.

Since the April meeting;

- 32 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 has issued a final report.

Works identified by the study include;

- In stream dredging
- Upgrade and upsizing of some of the structures/pipes
- Raising of sections of the road
- Widening of the channel
- Possible creation of storage locations

Next steps are;

- Stakeholder engagement with local landowners and residents
- Detailed Option Assessment
- Environmental Assessment
- Permission and Approvals from OPW and this will include Section 50 application for some of the works listed above.

Current funding in place will not allow for the completion of all these phases/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. The use of environmentally friendly weed control as used in previous years in Ballybay and Clones will be tendered out in the coming weeks.

Actions Arising from Engineers Report

The Elected Members welcomed this report. Following discussion; in response to Elected Members queries staff advised.

Local Roads are being completed ahead of schedule and work on Regional Roads will commence in June. The bridge in Smithboro is awaiting an assessment and in the interim cones will be placed on the verge where it is subsiding.

Cllr. Treanor noted the patcher needs to be out as often as possible, also the dry weather is showing up leaks in Analore Street. There has been a burst pipe 3 times within 6 days on the Scotshouse Road, Clones @ Teehill. The continued disruption to the water supply is causing great difficulty and

inconvenience to residents affected, this piping from Teehill to the Town pipes needs to be replaced. Cllr. Treanor would question Clones sewage plant capacity, is it sufficient for all the recent new builds and for future development.

Cllr. Treanor proposed correspondence is issued to Uisce Éireann regarding these issues, seconded Cllr. Flynn & unanimously agreed.

8. Matters arising from previous minutes.

NA

9. Questions

Cllr. Flynn will ask:

Question 1:

Could the Municipal District provide an update on any plans or proposals for the disused and derelict Garda stations in Smithboro and Threemilehouse, and outline whether there has been any engagement with relevant state agencies regarding their future use or redevelopment?

Answer:

Following engagement with the Office of Public Works (OPW) (the owner of these properties), the OPW have agreed to dispose of the former Garda station in Newbliss to the Council. Contracts of sale are currently awaited from the OPW's legal advisors. Once acquired by the Council, this property will be advertised for sale. The successful purchaser will be able to avail of the Croi Conaithne grant to undertake applicable upgrades/repairs.

Monaghan County Council is continuing to engage with the OPW to identify a solution to address the dereliction issue at the former Garda Station in Smithboro, These discussions are ongoing.

Question 2:

Can the Municipal District give an update on the progress made by the engineer in relation to the Low-Cost Safety Scheme in Threemilehouse, including any timelines for the next stages of the project?

Answer:

Ballybay Clones Municipal District have acquired the land needed to carry out the junction improvements, and this is currently with the MCC solicitor to register. Works have commenced on the design following which a road safety audit is required. It is expected that works will commence in late Q2/early Q3 2025.

Question 3:

Can the Municipal District please provide an update on the construction of the new fire station in Ballybay, including confirmation of the expected completion date and when the facility is due to be fully operational?

Answer:

The New Fire Station in Ballybay is currently in the final stages of construction, with the commissioning process planned to commence early June, and to be substantially completed in late June 2025. Thereafter, Ballybay Fire Station will be fully operational once the transfer of a Mobilisation & Communication system has been completed and fully commissioned, at a construction cost of circa €2.7m.

Cllr. Coyle will ask:

Question 1:

Can Monaghan County Council give a detailed update on the Taking in Charge process of Sruthán Claddagh, Meeting House Lane, Ballybay as the residents/homeowners have an application lodged with Monaghan County Council for a lengthy period now. There are many issues arising in the estate, most recently a terrible smell/odour from manholes etc, a public health threat. Public lights not working, overgrown tree's, car parking issues etc, also has this Local Authority identified the cause of the recent sewerage smell/odour?

Answer:

The intent to TIC Sruthán Claddagh is presently being advertised with a deadline of 10th June for public to make any submissions. After this date we will prepare a TIC report and present it to the next available council meeting.

Question 2:

Sections of the R162-Ballybay-Shercock Rd. are becoming of very poor standard particularly from Latton Five Crosses to the Cavan border in the townland's of Drumcannon, Lacken, Cortubber and Drumchonnion as a Regional Rd. this is a very heavily vehicularised road HGVs etc, can Monaghan County Council immediately prioritise these sections for Road Restoration?

Answer:

Ballybay Clones Municipal District are currently resurfacing the roads on the 2025 adopted Roads Programme. The R162 Ballybay to Shercock is not included on this adopted roads programme. This section of road will need to be adopted onto a future roads programme. This section of road was extensively patched on 16th and 17th April, and will continue to be patched until the road is resurfaced with an adopted roads programme.

Question 3:

Many of Monaghan County Council's Road signs i.e. Stop, Yield, Directional etc are damaged, falling down or simply turned the wrong way and of little/no use for safety/directional purposes. Can Monaghan County Council put in place a programme of works to correct/repair these signs?

Answer:

Ballybay Clones Municipal District are continuing to repair and replace signage throughout the Municipal District.

Question 4:

The Public Lights on the LS07000-Latton in their entirety are not working for a lengthy period. As the St. Mary's Church Car Park is located on this road and many pedestrians walk on this roadway can Monaghan County give a detailed explanation as to why they have not been repaired despite numerous reports by Municipal District Staff to ESB?

Answer:

This issue has been reported on the Deadsure App and Ballybay Clones Municipal District have asked for an update in relation to their repair.

Question 5:

Can Monaghan County Council give a detailed report on the application waiting lists for Social Housing in the Ballybay-Clones L.E.A., the numbers of each Town, Village, settlement in the L.E.A. and type of housing been sought. OPD's, three bedrooms, two bedroom's etc?

Answer:

FIRST AREA OF CHOICE	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	ONE BEDROOM	TWO BEDROOM	THREE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM	FIVE BEDROOM	FOUR BEDROOM SPECIALLY ADAPTED
Ballybay	42	26	10	5	1	0	0
Clones	50	22	9	11	7	1	0
Doohamlet	8	2	2	1	2	0	1
Latton	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Newbliss	12	7	3	2	0	0	0
Rockcorry	6	0	2	3	1	0	0
Scotshouse	4	0	1	2	1	0	0
Smithboro	7	3	0	3	1	0	0
Threemile house	2	1	0	1	0	0	0

10. Notice of Motion

Motion received from Cllr Coyle:

That the Taoiseach, Minister for Agriculture and the Government be immediately requested to instruct the Department of Agriculture to drop the proposal in the proposals to deal with the ever increasing in many areas across the County of Monaghan and the Country of the outbreaks in TB in farm animals. The proposal to restrict the Sale in Mart's of Dairy Cow's from herds that have an outbreak of TB, in the previous 3 years, this is ludicrously gone mad, milk production is essential for the Economy, our dairy industry must be supported in every way, in recent years farming and in particular dairy farming has changed massively, numbers of farmers exiting milk production has increased on massive numbers of farm's not alone in County Monaghan but throughout Ireland, as standard's changed for milk production, cow numbers on farm's ever increased, however the numbers employed in Ireland's Dairy have been ever increasing, one of the largest employers in this Country, directly or indirectly is the Dairy Industry, the billion's, upon billions of pound's now Euro's is enormous, the only sufferer in the process was the famer, the real carrier of the disease was wild life, deer ,badger etc, let those involved in eradicating the scourge/curse of TB in Ireland, really deal the problem, Wild Life, not make the Farmer suffer any more.

Every person born in any part of the Western World depends on a Milk related product and indeed through the World. This Democratically Elected Local Authority demand of all Oireachtas Member's to as requested in this Motion, as if this proposal was allowed to be adopted as part of the New Regulations, for control of the spread of TB, the remaining Cows in that Dairy Herd could only exit the Herd by being slaughtered, having huge impacts on the Marts sector and the numbers employed, across the sector, we the Members of this Local Authority offer our support to the Dairy Industry,

Dairy Processing Industry, Marts Sector all Farm Organisation's in having this proposal removed from the New Regulations.'.

(If the above Motion is adopted by Ballybay-Clones M.D., it be forwarded immediately to all Current Monaghan/Cavan Oireachtas Members, all County Monaghan, Dairy Production Farm Organisations and to the Monaghan County Council Meetings Co-Ordinator for the Agenda of the next Meeting of Monaghan County Council.)

It was unanimously agreed in Cllr. Coyle's absence at today's meeting this Motion will be carried forward to the June Meeting.

11. CE Orders

Noted

12. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

The Elected Members extend their congratulations to Brendan Jenkins on his election to President of the Irish League of Credit Unions.

The Elected Members extend their congratulations to Gael Scoil Éois on completion of their new school and congratulate all the work of those involved.

13. AOB.

Meeting concluded.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed _____
Meetings Administrator
Date, June 23rd, 2025