

The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday January 19th, 2026 @ 10am, Clones Municipal Office, Clones, Co. Monaghan.

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

In Attendance: Nial O'Connor A/Director of Services, Matthew Lambe A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Craig Connolly Executive Engineer and Gillian Costello Staff Officer.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sinead Flynn welcomed all to the January 2026 Ballybay/Clones Municipal District Meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

2. Correspondence Sent

Correspondence sent was noted.

3. Correspondence Received

Correspondence received was noted by Members and following discussion;

Members noted receipt of correspondence from Siobhán Griffin, Regional Transport Manager with Bus Éireann, confirming her willingness to attend the February Municipal District meeting. It was unanimously agreed that an invitation will be issued to Ms. Griffin for the meeting scheduled on 16 February. Members acknowledged that significant issues arose with school bus transportation during the last term and noted that this meeting will be timely in supporting planning for the upcoming term.

Correspondence was also received from the Rockcorry Christmas Tree Committee, expressing appreciation to the Elected Members for their contribution towards the 2025 Christmas lighting in the village. Members welcomed this acknowledgment and commended Rockcorry, along with all towns and villages in the district—particularly Clones and Ballybay—for their excellent Christmas displays.

Arising from correspondence from the European Commission, Cllr. Truell proposed that the Ballybay–Clones Municipal District further write to President von der Leyen and Commissioner Roswall to welcome the extension of the nitrates derogation and to request that consideration be given to extending it beyond 2029.

In response, Cllr. Treanor welcomed the extension but cautioned against the Municipal District independently seeking a further extension at this stage. He advised that it would be prudent to engage with the agricultural sector first, given the complexity of the issues involved. He noted that the Commission’s response highlights that there are broader matters to consider beyond simply requesting an extension. All Members agreed with this position.

Cllr. Gilliland added that the extension was granted on the basis of scientific evidence, an approach initiated by Minister Heydon to support the request through quantifiable and factual data. He further noted that the acknowledgment received by the Municipal District from the European Commission

demonstrates the commitment, transparency, and collaborative efforts undertaken by Ministers, during engagements in Europe.

4. 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 and the undergrounding of overhead power cables area and streetscape of the Market House. Construction works will commence later this month.

Clones Youth Centre

Funding of €250k has been received for the refurbishment of Clones Youth Centre this project is currently at tender stage and is it hoped to appoint a construction contractor next month.

Outdoor Recreation Schemes 2022

Dromore Blueway –

Planning Permission for this project has been granted. Detailed designs are being prepared, and works will commence in Q2 of 2026. The delay in the commencement of works is due to environmental conditions placed on the project with works only permitted between May and September.

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 Preliminary Design Report has been completed outlining three route options, Engineering staff have examined the three routes and have provided feedback on same.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023

Measure 2

Gortnawhinny Lido

Funding of €119,560.00 has been granted for the Gortnawhinny Lido. Works are ongoing and will be completed in Q1 2026.

ORIS 2024/2025: Measure 1 & Project Development Measure Successful Projects

Funding of €49,950 has been received for predevelopment work for a 2.3km walking trail at Cashlan Lough.

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.

The launch of this project will take place on the 25th of February in the Courthouse in Newtownbutler.

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. The structure has been installed, and a drinking water fountain will be installed as part of this project in the coming weeks. Wifi connection will be made in the coming weeks.

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

Final items are being resolved currently before contract award in the next fortnight to the apparently successful contractor. Notice of closure of the temporary car park (currently on site) is to be given to the public from Monday 19th January with the car park to close on Friday 13th February. Contractor to take site position from Monday 16th February to commence.

Lennard Arms

A Creative Consultant had prepared a Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan and Business Plan in respect of a Visitor Attraction of scale at the former Lennard Arms Hotel. Preliminary meetings have taken place with the detailed design teams and works will commence later this month.

Ballybay Market House –

The detailed designs are completed, and all relevant designs and documents were forwarded to the department for approval prior to proceeding to tender stage. The Department have come back with several queries and responses have been prepared and returned to the department earlier this month.

Community Recreation Fund 2023

98 Avenue Bus Stop: -

A funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. Works are substantially completed.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 Window 3

Funding has been received for the following projects: -

Local Authority	City/Town/Village Area	Project Group Name	Project Title	Total Grant Received
Monaghan	Ballybay town park	Monaghan County Council	Provision of basketball court and equipment	€69,161
Monaghan	Ballybay town park	Monaghan County Council	Replacement of pedestrian bridge in the town park	€54,700

Both projects are at design stage.

Clar 2023 Developing Community Facilities and Amenities

Peace link Sensory Garden

Works are substantially completed with planting and snagging to be completed in the spring.

Community Centre Investment Fund – Rockcorry Community Centre

The Detailed Design Stage is complete. The Decision Gate 2 (Approval to Proceed to Tender) paperwork has been submitted to the Department, and we are awaiting approval to publish the tender documents.

Greenways

Ulster Canal - Clones to Smithboro Greenway: -

Flood modelling has confirmed that 4.1km of the preferred route is at risk of flooding. Alternative construction techniques to provide a flood resilient Greenway, with accompanying cost estimates, have been developed by Monaghan County Council in conjunction with our consultants and presented to TII for review. TII have responded that the current National Design Standards for Greenways are being updated, with flood risk management included within the review process. Once the Design Standards are reviewed and updated, they will be used to assess our proposed solutions for the Clones to Smithboro greenway project.

Ulster Canal – Smithboro to Monaghan Greenway: -

TII have now approved the preliminary design to manage flood risk along the proposed route (Note: The flood risk along this scheme is not as significant as the Clones to Smithboro scheme). Detailed design currently ongoing, target is to have TII formal approval to proceed to planning in mid-March. It is Monaghan County Councils intention to publish the Part VIII Planning Application in Apr 2026, subject to TII approvals.

2024 Community Recognition Fund

An application totalling €200,000 was successful for the Upgrade & Refurbishment of Ballybay Multi-use Community Building. This project went to tender twice using established frameworks however no contractor provided a costing for the construction of the project. This project has now been

retendered using the open procedure and the closing date for receipt of tenders is the 19th of January.

Site Assessment for Gone but Not Forgotten Memorial Garden

Monaghan County Council engaged the Paul Hogarth Company to complete a site selection report in March of this year. The consultant team identified 20 potential sites for a memorial and garden.

These sites are all located within the town of Clones.

Following the assessment of all twenty sites, three sites were short listed to be considered in greater detail: -

- Barry McGuigan Park
- Páirc Phobail Séamas Mac Cába /Seamus McCabe Community Park
- Roslea Road Car Park at Junction with Church Hill

The consultation process has now closed, and a report will be compiled and be ready for review next month. There has been a total of 1121 surveys completed.

Making spaces for Teenagers Clones Teen Haven: Where Stories Unfold

An application was made earlier this year to the Department of Children Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for the development of a safe, inclusive and welcoming space for teenagers of all backgrounds into the local community. This application has been successful and funding of €125k has been received for Phase 1 of the project. A contractor has been appointed, and works are ongoing. An application for Part VIII planning permission for Phase 2 of the project is currently being prepared.

Clones Gaol HTI application

Funding for €140k was received via the Historic Town Initiative for enabling work for the Clones Gaol to stabilise the existing building, walls and intermediate floor and install a temporary roof to protect it from loss and in preparation for a comprehensive conservation led approach to returning the building to use for the community. Works are ongoing on this building, and this phase of works will be completed next month.

Active Travel Scheme linking Ballybay Main St and the Town Park and Schools

The National Transport Authority have confirmed funding has been made available to explore the feasibility for the development of an active travel scheme linking Ballybay Main St and the Town Park and Schools. The funding will allow for vegetation removal and surveying of the proposed route; this work has commenced. On completion of surveys the scheme will be developed, and an option selection report will be prepared.

Project Code:	Project Name	Comments
MN/21/0020	Low-Cost Junction Tightening - Newbliss (where R189 meets R183).	The Active Travel Unit has discussed with the possibility of relocating the existing bus stops to Clones Road with NTA. Currently waiting on feedback from NTA and the bus service operators.

MN/22/0001	Clones Peace Link AT Scheme	S Wilkins commenced works on garden area at Coyles entrance Nov 2025. Works to be completed later this month
MN/22/0004	Lough Egish Village AT Scheme	Works are substantially completed. Official opening to be arranged.
MN/25/0001	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.	MCC have published tender for installation of 42nr bus stop flag poles and sockets. 13nr location within the Clones MD Contractor to commence works Q1 2026.
MN/25/0004	SRTS- Killeevan Ns	NTA have completed draft design and MCC have provided comments. At present we are awaiting the NTA to provided detail design. The proposed Scheme will require a Speed limit review on the Clones Newbliss road. The NTA and An Taisce will engage with the school regarding final design.
N/A	Bike Repair Stands	Bike repair stands to be installed in Clones and Ballybay Q1 2026.

Teehill Depot Clones

This proposed project has been tendered for the appointment of a construction contractor. The Tender assessment is currently taking place.

Depot Ballybay

A suitable site has been identified for leasing for the provision of a Council Depot in Ballybay at the rear on More Oil, Monaghan Rd, Ballybay. This depot will used utilised to store materials, machinery and provide welfare facilities for staff.

Car Parking Ballybay

A detailed design consultant has been appointed to prepare designs for a Part VIII Planning application at the rear of 3 Main St Ballybay for the provision of car parking. Site clearance in preparation for site surveys will commence next month. The car park design will be completed in conjunction with design for the Housing Project on No3.Main St.

Bank Of Ireland Clones

A Part VII planning application is at present being prepared to develop the ground floor of the property following receipt of funding via the Peace Plus Programme. The funding is part of an East Border Region led application for Digi hubs.

The project will have two key elements:

- 1) Creation of Mini-Digi Hub:** Fit out of Building in Clones

2) **Programme Delivery**; Provision of Services which will include,

- Data literacy workshops and analytics masterclasses.
- Digital transformation consulting for SMEs.
- Networking events to foster local and cross-border business connections.
- Access to data processing and cloud computing resources

The budget of the project in Clones is €770,354.30, this will include equipment, infrastructure and works and staff costs.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) - Category 2 Projects

St. Tiernach's Quarter Regeneration Project

Monaghan County Council applied for Clones Community & Public Realm, St Tiernach Qtr Regeneration Project in Q1 of this year. Funding of €664,668 has been received.

At present documents are being prepared for the appointment of design consultant for the provision of a Part VIII Planning application.

Actions Arising from Co-Ordinators Report

The Members welcomed the report and commended staff for their ongoing work, noting in particular the positive developments in both Ballybay and Clones.

Cllr. Gilliland welcomed the completion of the Teen Hangout, as well as the upcoming development of a basketball court and the refurbishment of the pedestrian bridge in the Town Park, Ballybay. He noted that the bridge is currently prone to flooding due to rising water levels, and that the works will be a significant improvement for the area.

Cllr. Treanor also welcomed the funding secured for the development of St. Tiernach's Quarter in Clones. He emphasised its importance in upgrading existing facilities to support Clones' continued role as the home of Ulster GAA and as the host venue for the Ulster Final, noting that it is now "a race against Casement Park."

While acknowledging ongoing progress across a number of projects, Cllr. Treanor highlighted frustration expressed by some regarding delays in certain works. He requested that Part 8 Planning items relating to this Municipal District be brought before the MD Meeting for consideration prior to going to full Council.

In response, Nial O'Connor, Director of Services, advised that Part 8 is not a statutory function of Municipal Districts. However, he committed to seeking informal consultation opportunities for MD Members during the Part 8 process.

Staff provided the following updates:

- Engagement has taken place with the Greenan's Cross community regarding the pre-development stage of the proposed walking trail at Cashlan Lough.
- Newspaper notices are currently being published, and a letter drop will be undertaken to notify residents and businesses on Fermanagh Street, Clones, of the upcoming closure of the Temporary Car Park.
- Tehill Depot will operate as a depot for outdoor staff, offering storage and welfare facilities.

Cllr. Truell requested that funding be sought for the development of sensory gardens at Ballybay Town Park and the Clones Cara Street playground.

5. Report by Municipal District Executive Engineer

Craig Connolly Executive Engineer presented his report to the Elected Members.

Roads Programme

The selected roads programme for 2026 are currently being measured for including in the tender package. Works have commenced with the preparation of these roads for drainage works ahead of resurfacing. Testing and trial holes on these roads will be completed by mid-February to allow for the design and tendering of the works.

2025 Restoration Maintenance Programme

A number of roads will be identified using the Pavement Management System and PSCI ratings to compile a list of roads for surface dressing in 2025 as part of the Restoration Maintenance Programme.

Low-Cost Safety Initiatives

An application has been made to the Department for locations which have previously been identified for the 2026 LCSi Programme. Monaghan County Council will be notified of decisions made on Q1 of 2026.

Drainage Notices

Engineering staff have been trained in logging and processing drainage issues. Since the start of January, there has been a number of issues logged on the defects app and have notices have been issued to landowners. The engineering staff will always make themselves available to discuss any drainage issue to members of the public who have received a notice.

Road Closures

There are currently no road closures in the MD.

Patching

The Municipal District currently have 2 patching crews on site continually patching the roads within the MD. Since the December meeting, there was a small number of roads patched due to the cold spell. During the recent cold spell, patching was ceased and crews focused on treating hazardous areas, and assisting with requests across the MD

Climate Adaptation

An application has been made to the Department for Climate Adaptation works for 2026. Monaghan County Council will be notified of decisions made on Q1 of 2026.

Recent Cold Spell

Crews were stretched during the recent cold spell to ensure that the agreed salting routes, and urban areas were kept clear. The MD Office and staff were inundated with requests to treat areas and help across the MD. Assistance was offered where possible, and salt bins and salt was made available free of charge to members of the public across the MD to ensure that they could maintain access to their homes and businesses.

Shared Island Initiative

The Municipal District Office met with Fermanagh Omagh District Council to discuss the Shared Island Initiative with a view of applying for funding to carry out repair and maintenance works on roads in the border region. There is a Grant Information Session being held on the 22nd of January with an application deadline for all Grant calls on 27th of February 2026 at 1pm.

Actions Arising from Engineers Report

The Members welcomed the report and commended staff for their ongoing work. Appreciation was expressed for the opportunities presented under the Shared Island Initiative and for the efforts of staff during the recent cold weather event.

Cllr. Treanor welcomed the Shared Island Initiative, noting its strong potential to address repair and maintenance needs on border roads, many of which are in poor condition. He emphasised the importance of maintaining continued pressure and focus on this issue, as the Initiative is well-aligned to deliver on these needs. These views were supported and echoed by all Elected Members.

Members praised staff for their work during the prolonged cold spell, including deployment of salting trucks throughout the road network. Salting activities carried out in and around towns and villages. Cllr. Treanor highlighted that some salting of footpaths and housing estates was completed manually using buckets. He requested that the possibility of using tractors or increasing the number of salt bins be examined.

Cllr. Gilliland noted significant drainage issues during the cold spell, where surface water flowed onto roads, froze, and created hazardous conditions. He asked whether the Municipal District could survey affected areas, open blocked outlets, and increase drainage notices to address ongoing risks.

Craig Connolly, Executive Engineer, advised Members: under the Shared Island Initiative, a dedicated staff member is engaging with the community. An information session is scheduled for 22 January, the closing date for applications is 27 February.

During gritting operations, the GSS surveys towns and determines the most appropriate action, whether deploying tractors or salting manually. Salt bins and an initial fill of salt are provided free of charge to community group/school/business. Drainage notices continue to issue on an ongoing basis. Members were invited to forward any specific concerns directly to Craig.

Cllr. Treanor requested that a notice be issued to all schools within the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District & through the PPN to reach communities informing them of the availability of free salt bins. This request was unanimously agreed.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

Cllr. Truell requested an update on the cleaning of Lower Main Street, Newbliss, as well as progress on signage at the old railway bridge in Killeevan. Craig Connolly, Executive Engineer, advised that both matters are currently in hand, and that discussions are ongoing with Roads in relation to the signage.

7. Questions

Cllr. Coyle will ask:

Q1: Will Monaghan County Council immediately examine the installation of a Crash Barrier at a currently very dangerous section of roadway on the R162-9, Mullinault, Latton if a vehicle/carload of persons were to go off the Regional Road at this location the consequences would be horrendous.

Answer:

Engineering Staff will assess this location, prepare estimated costings and include on the Low Cost Safety Improvement scheme list for future funding applications.

Q2: Can Monaghan County Council confirm the level and detail the activities/services being performed/provided from the New Ballybay Fire Station at Corrybrennan, Ballybay. Also has a date

been set or are arrangements being put in place for an Official Opening of the State of the Art Facilities in Ballybay?

Answer:

Monaghan County Council can confirm that the new Ballybay Fire Station at Corrybrennan is fully equipped to provide a comprehensive range of modern fire and emergency response services for the Ballybay area and the wider region.

The state-of-the-art facility includes an appliance bay capable of housing two fire service vehicles, a station office and watch room, breathing apparatus maintenance room, PPE cleaning room, compressor room, kitchen facilities, lecture and training room, storage areas, and fully equipped shower and toilet facilities. Externally, the station provides a dedicated drill yard incorporating a drill tower, along with car parking facilities.

The location of the new station offers immediate operational access to West and South Monaghan, including Latton, Bawn, Rockcorry, and Lough Egish. The development represents a significant improvement in welfare, training, and operational capacity for the Ballybay Fire Service and is designed as a modern, energy-efficient facility, achieving Near Zero Energy Building (NZEB) standards.

Arrangements for an official opening of the new Ballybay Fire Station are currently being considered, and likely to be in Q2, further details will follow in due course once a date has been finalised.

Q3: Will Monaghan County Council give priority to consideration of inclusion of the LS08200 (Larkins Cross-Lough Egish Chapel) on the Winter Gritting /Salting Programme. The circumstances are exceptional, with the location of St. Oliver Plunkett National School, Tossey on this roadway, with a staff of approximately 35 and 260 pupils, including an Autistic Unit (it being the only one in South Monaghan for a lengthy period) resulting in huge traffic on this roadway each day, buses/cars etc. with the needs of an Autism Class Facilities being exceptional.

Answer:

Monaghan County Council's winter service plan was agreed based on the resources available to the Council. There are 2550km of public roads in the county. It is not possible to grit all routes, and priority is given to National and Regional routes and a small number of strategic Local Primaries. The priority routes cover 610km, which accounts for 24% of the county's roads network and exceeds the 18% national average which is provided by other Local Authorities. The Winter Service Plan will be reviewed at the end of the season. This submission will be taken into consideration in this review, in the context of available budgets.

Q4: The Community of Doohamlet are continuously raising their serious concerns of speeding vehicles through the village located on a Regional Road (R183), while the presence of the 'Speed Van' should be a deterrent according to locals the problem persists. This is a very heavily pedestrianised area, with huge community facilities, housing and residents located very close to the village centre. What proposals have Monaghan County Council to immediately deal with this very dangerous situation i.e. speed cushions/pedestrian crossings/flashing Lights etc?

Answer:

The section of the R183 in Doohamlet has formed part of the Low Cost Safety Improvement schemes application for funding for 2026. Decision of funding is expected to be announced by end of Q1 2026.

Q5: Water appears to be seeping out on to the footpath between Loch Mor Avenue, Ballybay and Ballybay Community College. While there is very grateful appreciation of the works carried out by Monaghan County Council in having the tree's cut/faced which were a scourge to persons walking

on the footpath, there is concern particularly in this frosty/wintry period of the danger of slippery areas on the footpath of falls and injury. Can Monaghan County Council have the issue further investigated and possibly addressed?

Answer:

The outdoor staff will investigate the cause of the issue when resources allow and determine the maintenance works required to alleviate the problem.

Cllr. Truell will ask:

Q1: I request an update regarding the yard and derelict building located at Lower Main Street, Newbliss.

This site has been in a neglected condition for a considerable period. The building associated with the yard is now a significant eyesore within the village and is causing ongoing problems for the neighbouring house, including concerns around safety, maintenance, and general amenity.

I would appreciate clarification on:

- Whether the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District has assessed this property, and
- What plans, if any, the Council has for the future of this yard and building.

In particular, I ask that the Council consider either:

- Developing or refurbishing the derelict building, or
- Demolishing the structure if it is no longer viable, in order to address the ongoing issues and improve the appearance and safety of the area.

Answer:

The yard and derelict building located at lower Main Street Newbliss was, on 23rd October 2025, vested in Monaghan County Council.

The Municipal District is currently arranging for the building to be made safe.

This property offers a number of social/community development opportunities, and the Council is currently reviewing a number of options as to how best utilise the site.

Q2: I am writing to request that the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District consider improving and enhancing the play park located on the Clones Road in Newbliss village.

The play park is an important facility for children and families in the area, and with some investment and upgrades it could be made safer, more inclusive, and more enjoyable for all users. Improvements could greatly enhance the amenity of the village and support community wellbeing.

I would appreciate it if the Council could advise whether any assessments, upgrades, or future plans are in place for this play park, and if not, whether this request could be considered as part of upcoming works or funding programmes.

Answer:

Engineering Staff will review the playpark and will carry out repairs and maintenance where required. There are no plans to upgrade the play park but will be considered for funding applications.

Q3: I request that the Ballybay/Clones Municipal District come up with a solution to improve the surface of LT 61001 known as Annaghmartin Lane, Smithborough, as it's not on any future road plan and will it be added to a low-cost road programme?

Answer:

The LT61001 was not selected for the 2026 to 2028 Roads Programme. If funding becomes available for Low-Cost Interventions, it will be assessed to determine if it meets the criteria for the application.

Cllr. Flynn will ask:

Q1: Can the Executive provide an update on what progress has been made in relation to tree maintenance across the Municipal District, in particular in the areas of Ard an Clogher and Ard Cluain, Clones, Ballybay Community College and Smithboro village?

Answer:

The falling trees at Ballybay Community College have been removed. Provisions have been made in this year's budget for tree maintenance and areas at Ard an Clogher, Ard Cluain, Clones and Smithboro village will be assessed.

8. Notice of Motion

Motion received from Cllr Coyle:

That Ballybay-Clones Municipal District demand of the Minister for Education and youth, Hildegard Naughton TD and the Government to immediately address the long running dispute with School Secretaries and School Caretakers. a vital part of Irelands Schools and Educational system, over their access to the Public Service Pension Scheme, an entitlement well deserved for their contribution to School life.

In the absence of Cllr. Coyle it was unanimously agreed this motion will be carried over to our February 16th, 2026, Meeting.

Motion received from Cllr Flynn & Cllr Treanor:

That this Municipal District write to the Department of Transport and to Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport, seeking additional funding and resources to support the salting and gritting of rural roads, having regard to the extensive rural road network within the Ballybay-Clones Municipal District, within which a significant number of schools and childcare facilities are located; and that the Municipal District further write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland requesting a review of winter maintenance and salting arrangements within the Municipal District, with a view to expanding coverage.

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

9. CE Orders

Noted

10. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

Congratulations

Letters of congratulations to all BCMD community groups, congratulating each group on their excellent work in 2025 and looking forward to another successful year in 2026.

Fintan Kelly: who was honoured for his exceptional contributions to the Monaghan Senior Football Team. This recognition was bestowed upon him at the Monaghan GAA Annual Awards event, which took place in the Four Seasons Saturday 17/01/2026.

Shane McGuirk, on securing a [PDC Tour Card](#) in late 2025, leading to participation in the 2026 Premier League Darts.

Sympathies

Grainne McNamee, on the passing of her father Eddie McKenna husband of former County Councillor Shile McKenna.

Teresa McGuirk, on the passing of her brother Eddie McKenna husband of former County Councillor Shile McKenna.

11. AOB.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Sinead Flynn, extended birthday wishes to Cllr. Treanor and Cllr. Gilliland, wishing them both many happy returns.

Meeting concluded.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed _____
Meetings Administrator
Date, February 16th, 2026