

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, M-Tek I Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 16th March 2026 at 11.00am

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

Online: Cllr Pauric Clerkin

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 16th February 2026

On the proposal of Cllr A. Johnston, seconded by Cllr R. Aughey it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held on 16th February 2026 be confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters raised.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator

Mr. M. Taylor took Members through the March Report circulated with the meeting agenda. Members noted the contents of the report.

Mr. M. Taylor responded to Members queries as follows:

- **Peter's Lake Budget:** Final account to be agreed with the contractor; an update will be reported back to Members.
- **Rossmore Bike Trails and the huge consultancy costs incurred:** The cost of consultants, as well as their use of AI on projects of this nature, to be discussed with the Procurement Team.
- **Greenway Land Acquisition:** Mr. Taylor confirmed that the Greenway Linkage is to connect the current Greenway with the section of Greenway along the Mall Rd. A land acquisition is required for this for a portion of land at the entrance to the Go Station on the Mall Road.
- **Castleshane Forest:** Roads Dept. will explore closing off the existing N2 entrance once the new entrance becomes operational, subject to the carpark being completed in advance of this.
- **Large Patching List:** Tender is currently out. Rising oil prices will impact bitumen costs. Mr. R. O'Neill will report on the list of patching works on regular basis going forward.
- **Climate Adaptation Funding / R213:** In relation to the Climate Adaptation funding allocation, Mr. Taylor confirmed the project has gone to tender; once complete, it will be clearer what works can proceed, however it is expected that many multiples of the allocated funding of €80k will be required to undertake the necessary works. As a result, the works will likely need to be completed on a phased basis.

- **Clontoe Road:** Works will include resurfacing and signage. Further design is required for Phase 2, with bridge works anticipated for 2027. Designs will be circulated to Members.
- **Traffic Lights in Emyvale:** Roads Dept. has tendered for the works; an update will be requested.
- **Rossmore Park Entrance for buses:** Barrier height will be 1.9m, electronically lifted and operated by phone. The barrier is required to ensure controlled access of buses entering the park; without it, access would become unmanaged.
- **Monaghan Town Webcam:** GDPR allows the Monaghan Town webcam, operated by Monaghan County Council, to be turned on only for a limited number of specified events annually. Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce operates its webcam independently and is not subject to the same GDPR constraints.
- **Bus Stops:** Enhancement programme is being looked after by Active Travel.
- **Monaghan Town Flooding:** The 47 properties referenced are located in the Milltown area.
- **Carparks:** The Diamond Centre carpark is scheduled for resurfacing in 2026. Tendering is underway; costs will be influenced by global conflict and oil prices, which affect bitumen pricing. This outcome will determine the timeline for Peter's Lake carpark works.
- **Macartan Road:** Listed for resurfacing in 2026. These works are being looked after by the National Roads Team.
- **Emyvale Pedestrian Crossing:** Discussion was had about the extended length of time that the traffic lights are out of action in Emyvale following a Road Traffic Collision. It was agreed by to write to National Roads Section requesting an update for the repair of these lights.

Cllr A. Johnston encouraged Members to respond to the online survey re public safety – closing date 31st March.

Members thanked the Monaghan Branch of the Lions Club for bringing the Lions Club Annual Convention to Monaghan noting its very positive impact on local businesses.

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated with the meeting agenda:

- Letter from Olivia Larkin, Aontu Re: Local Link Service for Upcoming Country Music Festival
- Response from Superintendent Pat O'Connell Re: Garda Personnel
- Response from Uisce Eireann re: Rooskey WWTP
- Response from the Minister of State for Sport and Postal Policy Re: Eircode for Ballinode Community Centre
- Response from Minister Heydon regarding tackling the impact of cattle herds being infected by TB.
- Response from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Andrew Muir MLA (Northern Ireland) regarding tackling the impact of cattle herds being infected by TB.

5. Questions & Motions

Cllr Seán Conlon will ask:

1. For the purpose of easing traffic congestion at Church Square, will the Council implement yellow hatched road markings on the two junctions at the entrance and exit in front of the courthouse?

Response: The Monaghan MD will review this location in accordance with the Department of Transport Guidance on Traffic Signs and Road Markings.

2. In relation to identifying a site for a Community Hub building in the Killygoan/Pound Hill/Connolly Park area, what progress has occurred following a recent meeting between the MD Executive and Monaghan Integrated Development representatives? What are the next steps in advancing this project?

Response: A successful meeting was held between Monaghan County Council Community Section, Monaghan Municipal District, Monaghan Integrated Development and Killygoan Residents Association to discuss a potential Community Hub in the Killygoan Area. Killygoan Residents Association had a lot of ideas for potential uses for the building, and activities that it could be used for. Monaghan Integrated Development confirmed that LEADER funding could be applied for as seed funding to look at the requirements for such a facility and to compile a business case.

To progress with this project, Killygoan Residents Association need to finalise a business case for the proposal and to confirm the requirements for the building, the operated and managed. Once this is finalised, it will determine the required size and layout of the building. Should the proposal demonstrate to be viable, funding streams can then be identified for Project Development to bring the project through to a construction ready stage.

Monaghan County Council is also actively exploring options to identify a suitable site or property to accommodate the proposed Community Hub, and any emerging proposals will be considered in conjunction with the business case.

3. With increased use of bus services transiting through Monaghan Town, and in an effort of encouraging active travel, will this Council engage with the relevant authorities in having bus shelters installed at the North Road, as well as in the Council car park behind the Credit Union?

Response: The NTA have provided an allocation of €500,000 to MCC for Bus Stop Enhancement works in 2026. This funding is for public Transport Bus Stops and does not include school bus stops.

The Active travel team have been working the NTA Public Transport section to develop a programme of works that would improve public transport for users.

Monthly meetings are now held with NTA Public Transport and MCC AT team. NTA confirmed that a design team can be appointed and paid for from the annual allocation. A work programme is being developed to identify all bus stops across the county to carry out improvement works. Tender documents are being prepared for design team and will be issued in March 2026 for tender.

The North Road bus stop is included in this improvement works

In addition to this MCC are working on a package of works that will include pole replacement and signage across the county at public transport stops.

The contractor is appointed for pole replacement on existing bus stops. Works will start in March 2026. Further locations from list of all stops across the county to be identified for pole replacement.

4. Following the allocation of €67,785.00 under the Community Recognition Fund last June for the refurbishment of facilities at the Killygoan Playpark, when is it anticipated that works will commence?

Response: The Monaghan MD have compiled the required Tender documentation for the appointment of a contractor which will be advertised by the end of March 2026. It is expected that works will commence in Q2/early Q3 of 2026.

Cllr Alan Johnston will ask:

1. What plan does the MD have to fix the pot holes that are becoming more prevalent and eroded?

Response: The Monaghan MD currently have 2 patching crews full time on pothole repairs. Roads that have large numbers of localised potholes will be considered for a large macadam patch. On improving weather conditions and as part of a County wide initiative a programme of repairs on persistent potholes will be completed. All pothole repairs and large macadam patches are completed within the budget allocated to the MD.

2. What plans does the MD have to conduct a safety review for pedestrian crossings and courtesy crossings

Response: The Monaghan MD have recently commenced the compilation of a list of all pedestrian crossings within the Monaghan MD. Safety reviews of these pedestrian crossings will commence following the completion of this list.

3. How many requests did the MD receive from An Garda Siochana to provide CCTV footage?

Response: Monaghan County Council has received 6 viewing requests and 20 download requests from An Garda Siochana to date.

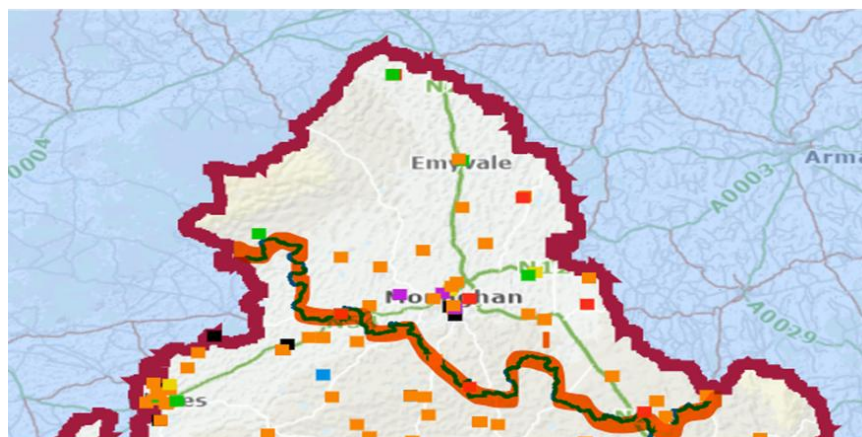
4. How many individuals in Monaghan MD accessed the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme in since the programme was initiated
 - a. What is the breakdown of supports offered such as housing/health/technology/finance/community

Response: The Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Programme continues to facilitate independent living for older adults across County Monaghan. By providing a dedicated Local Coordinator to conduct home-based assessments, the programme identifies and designs bespoke support packages that enable residents to age in place with dignity.

- **Total Participants Visited:** 139 older people
- **Average Number of Supports:** 6.7 per participant
- **Average Return Visit Rate:** 1.9 visits (data as of 05.03.2026)

The high average of **6.7 supports per person** indicates a comprehensive approach to addressing complex needs across the programme's six key domains: Housing, Health, Community/Social Supports, and Technology, Finance and Climate and Energy.

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- **Participants:** 37 individuals (approximately 27% of the county-wide total).
- **Total Supports Delivered:** ~325 supports.
- **Local Impact:** On average, participants in this district receive roughly **8.8 supports each**, trending higher than the county average. (data as of 05.03.2026)

Nature of Provided Supports

The Monaghan Coordinator links participants to a variety of services:

- **Housing:** Housing Adaptation Grants, SEAI energy retrofits, and rightsizing advice.
- **Health:** Coordination with GP services, Public Health Nurses, and hospital transport.
- **Community:** Facilitating access to Meals on Wheels, befriending services, and social groups.
- **Technology:** Installation of pendant alarms, fall detectors, and digital training.
- **Finance:** Bills advice, social welfare payments, pensions
- **Climate/Energy:** SEAI grant applications, warmer homes advice

Cllr Pauric Clerkin will ask:

1. To ask Monaghan MD for timeline on all ongoing housing projects in Monaghan and when they will be complete.

Response:

Slí Lorcáin, Latlorcan, Monaghan

Phase 1 - 22 Houses substantially complete in December 2025. These houses will be ready for Occupation in May 2026

Phase 2 – 29 Houses will be complete and ready for Occupation in July 2026

Slí NaCoille, Mullaghmatt, Monaghan

21 Houses substantially complete in December 2025. These houses will be ready for Occupation in April 2026

Cois Abhainn, Ballinode, Monaghan

Phase 1 – 10 Houses substantially complete in December 2025. These will be ready for Occupation in April/May 2026

Phase 2 – 12 Houses will be complete and ready for occupation in July 2026

Macartan View, Monaghan

1 Part V house will be complete by June 2026

****Other projects currently in the pipeline and still awaiting approval will be updated on at a later date.**

2. To ask Monaghan MD if there are plans in place to install a rubbish bin at the new playpark in Lui na Greine, Scotstown.

Response: The Monaghan MD currently have no plans to install a rubbish bin at the new playpark in Lui na Greine. If the Residents Group or Scotstown Tidy Towns were willing to service a bin at this location the Monaghan MD can arrange for one to be installed.

3. To ask Monaghan MD what plans are in place to erect a bus shelter outside Emyvale Community Centre.

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Motions:

Proposed by Cllr Alan Johnston, Seconded by Cllr Pauric Clerkin:

That Monaghan MD write to the Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien urging him to bring forward CCPC recommendations around the opening up of taxi services by removing key regulatory barriers in the taxi market so that providers such as Uber or Bolt can enter.

This will result in the provision of taxi services bring more responsive to consumer needs and align better with how transport systems are evolving all over the world. The goal is to achieve a balance that protects consumers and ensures access, while also allowing competition and innovation to improve the market. This is not about lowering oversight or regulation. Any new entrants could and should be regulated to maintain high service and safety standards. Consumers and businesses deserve an innovative, functioning taxi sector that provides choice. Consumers shouldn't be faced

with long waits or the possibility of staying home due to a lack of taxi availability. A lack of taxi services is hurting small local businesses especially in the hospitality sector.

Following a short discussion on the motion, the Cathaoirleach put it to the meeting, and it was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Cllr Sean Conlon, Seconded by Cllr. Bronagh McAree:

As part of the Town Centre First plan and actions arising out of it, specifically in relation to the creation of a 'Teen Hang' or 'Teen Hub' structure where wi-fi and phone charging access is available, that this MD designate the area opposite the main entrance to the Peace Campus for this purpose.

Following a short discussion on the motion, the Cathaoirleach put it to the meeting, and it was agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Cllr Bronagh McAree, seconded by Cllr Niamh McCooey:

That this MD writes again to the OPW and to Minister Kevin Boxer Moran asking for a report to be commissioned on the flooding at Emyvale, at the Rover Blackwater.

The Cathaoirleach put the Motion to the meeting, and it was agreed unanimously.

6. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

There were no votes of sympathy/congratulations.

7. AOB

On the proposal of Cllr R. Aughey, seconded by Cllr. A. Johnston, that Monaghan MD call on the Minister for Housing, James Browne, to let Monaghan County Council proceed with planned works for new housing at Old Cross Square in light of the current housing crisis.

The Cathaoirleach put the Motion to the meeting, and it was agreed unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
A/Municipal District Coordinator

Dated this _____ day of April 2026