

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, M-Tek I Building, Knockaconny, Monaghan on Monday, 21st September 2026 at 4.00pm

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Bronagh McAree and Raymond Aughey

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July 2026

On the proposal of Cllr S. Conlon, seconded by Cllr S. Treanor, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Sub Committee Meeting of Monaghan Municipal District held on 20th July 2026 be confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

Members raised concerns regarding reports of antisocial behaviour at the public toilets in Rossmore Forest Park and requested that a collaborative approach be undertaken with Coillte to address the issue and explore potential preventative measures. Mr. M. Taylor confirmed that this issue had been discussed with Coillte recently and that Monaghan Municipal District had sought quotations to install sensor activated lighting in an attempt to reduce anti-social behaviour.

In relation to a number of inspections carried out in 2025, on foot of request from the residents of Glencove Manor for additional carparking spaces, it was agreed MD staff would follow up with further inspections and report findings to the Members.

3. Report from Municipal District Co-Ordinator

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

Mr. M. Taylor & Mr. R. O'Neill responded to Members queries as follows:

Housing Infrastructure Fund (€1.8 million): In response to a query regarding the allocation of funding, Mr. M. Taylor advised that the project is progressing and that a detailed update will be provided to Members at the October Municipal District meeting.

Low Cost Safety Schemes: In response to queries regarding the focus of Low Cost Safety Schemes, Mr. M. Taylor advised that priority is given to projects within towns and villages. He confirmed that locations are identified and assessed based on factors including speed survey data, accident history, and traffic volumes.

Urbleshanny Hall: Mr. M. Taylor confirmed works to the roof are substantially completed.

Castleshane Forest: In response to a query regarding the commencement date for the works, (now anticipated in Q1 2027), Mr. Taylor advised that, as Monaghan County

Council is not the landowner, approval must first be obtained from Coillte. Once this approval is secured, the Council will proceed with stakeholder engagement.

Rossmore Forest Park – Car Park Works: Mr. M. Taylor confirmed that a contractor has been appointed and that works to the car park are scheduled to commence in mid-October.

In response to a query regarding the provision of a Local Link service to Rossmore Forest Park, Mr. Taylor advised that Local Link has confirmed its willingness to introduce a stop at the park. However, certain works are required at the entrance barrier to facilitate access.

Mr. Taylor further advised that he has been liaising with Coillte on this matter and that it has been agreed that Monaghan County Council will undertake the necessary civil works, while Coillte will install the electric raising barrier to allow for the barrier to be raised allowing access.

Ulster Canal Greenway: Mr. M. Taylor confirmed he will update Members on the timescale for this project at a future meeting.

Halloween preparations – Monaghan Town: Mr. M. Taylor informed Members that a number of meetings have taken place regarding plans for Halloween in Monaghan Town, involving staff from Monaghan Co. Co., Peace Campus, Foróige and CMETB. He advised that, once the programme of events has been finalised, details will be circulated to Members.

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated with the meeting agenda:

- Response from Roads Dept/TII Re: Right turning late at Moyles, Ardaghey
- Response from the OPW Re: Flooding in Monaghan Town and Emyvale
- Response from Ms. Siobhan Griffin, Bus Eireann Re: School Transport
- Correspondence from Hollywood Development Park Committee in response to issues raised at MD Meeting
- Correspondence from Tydavnet Show Committee Re: date of August StreetFood Festival
- Response from Mr. Christopher O’Sullivan, T.D., Minister for Nature Heritage and Biodiversity Re: Unsuccessful Community Monuments Funding application
- Email from Ms. Cathy Bennett, T.D. Re: Urgent need for ramps in villages across Monaghan Municipal District
- Correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland Re: Funding for flooding for Monaghan Town.

5. Questions & Motions

Cllr Niamh McCooey will ask:

1. Can Monaghan County Council confirm when the climate adaptation works on the R213, close to Castleshane village, are expected to be carried out?

Response: The Contractor appointed to carry out the Climate Adaptation Works on the R213 commenced works on 15th September. These works are expected to be substantially completed by the end of October.

2. Can Monaghan County Council confirm which housing estates within the Monaghan MD have not yet been taken in charge by the Council?

Response: The Table below references that 37 residential developments in Monaghan MD have not been Taken in Charge, to date. The Council has received 8 applications to Take in Charge.

	Town/Village	Name of Estate Not Taken in Charge	Comments
1	Ballinode	Cois Abhainn	No TIC application received
2	Ballinode	Riverside Close	No TIC application received
3	Carrickroe	Chapel Court	No TIC application received
4	Carrickroe	Deravoy	No TIC application received
5	Clara	Gleann Clarach	No TIC application received
6	Emyvale	The Meadows	Recommendation to TIC at CPG 22/9/26 and full Council Meeting 5/10/2026
7	Knockconan	Oisin Brian	This development is on a list of Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPIs) in County Monaghan from the 2025 DHLGH / Local Authority National Survey of DPIs. It is being reviewed by the Uisce Eireann team overseeing the 'UÉ DPI Resolution Programme' where remediation and resolution of DPI infrastructure is being prioritised.
8	Knockconan	Oisin Vale	This development is on a list of Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPIs) in County Monaghan from the 2025 DHLGH / Local Authority National Survey of DPIs. It is being reviewed by the Uisce Eireann team overseeing the 'UÉ DPI Resolution Programme' where remediation and resolution of DPI infrastructure is being prioritised.
9	Monaghan	An t-Ullghort / Ultrad	No TIC application received
10	Monaghan	Annahagh Close	No TIC application received

11	Monaghan	Ard Cúil Seana	TIC application received and under review
12	Monaghan	Ashgrove Lawns	No TIC application received
13	Monaghan	Black Lane	No TIC application received
14	Monaghan	Cherrywood	No TIC application received
15	Monaghan	Cluain Ard	TIC application received and under review
16	Monaghan	Cois Chnoic	No TIC application received
17	Monaghan	Coolshannagh Road	No TIC application received
18	Monaghan	Derrynagrew	No TIC application received
19	Monaghan	Gortakeegan Halting Site	No TIC application received
20	Monaghan	High Street	No TIC application received
21	Monaghan	High Street	No TIC application received

3. Further to a question I raised in January 2026 regarding a comprehensive safety audit of all pedestrian crossings and ramps within Monaghan Town, can the MD provide an update on the outcome of this audit, what works have been completed to date, and the timeframe for completing any outstanding works?

Response: In March 2026 Monaghan Municipal District commenced a review and information gathering exercise on 47 no. pedestrian crossing points within Monaghan Town Centre. This survey included the type of crossing and any signage, road markings and lighting associated with such crossings. The details of this obtained information were discussed with Roads Section as many of the crossings within Monaghan Town are associated with a National Road route. This information will be used for any future planned works or upgrades for these crossings where and when funding becomes available. In addition to this exercise a Walkability Audit for Monaghan Town was completed together with Age Friendly in April 2026. Many of the pedestrian crossings within the town were reviewed as part of this audit. This audit is currently being finalised and will be presented at a future MD meeting.

4. Can Monaghan County Council confirm the number of drainage notices issued in 2026 to date?

Response: To date the Monaghan Municipal District have issued 7No. formal drainage notices in 2026. In addition to these formal notices, engagement has taken place with multiple landowners where water has been found entering the public road. As winter period and wetter weather approaches the Municipal District Staff will recommence inspections of drainage issues from private lands onto public roads and issue notices were required.

5. Can Monaghan County Council confirm how many road defects have been identified within the Monaghan MD in 2026 to date? Of these, how many required treatment on more than one occasion during this period?

Response: There have been 94 road defects identified in 2026 to date. Of these 17 required attention on more than on occasion.

Cllr Sean Conlon will ask:

- 1 In anticipation of increased car parking and bus stop location inside the gates of Rossmore Park on the Threemilehouse Road, are increased road safety measures being planned that will enhance the safety of road users exiting the Park onto this busy road where limited visibility exists?

Response: To clarify, the planned works at Rossmore car park are not anticipated to increase visitor numbers or number of vehicles to the park. The proposal is to formalise and resurface the existing small stone car park close to the entrance. Discussions are ongoing with Coillte to allow for the planned upgrade of the existing vehicle height restriction barrier at the R189 entrance. Currently buses are unable to access the park so are regularly stopping at the gates to allow people to disembark and board the bus. Once Coillte has installed the proposed electric barrier, selected buses will be provided access to this barrier to allow access to the park. There is also a proposed bus parking area planned to allow for one bus to park off the road to allow people to safely disembark and to board the bus within the grounds of the park, negating the need to stop along the road.

There are currently no planned works along the R189 at the entrance to Rossmore Park. Concealed Entrance signage and road markings are currently in place at this location. There is currently no land within the ownership of Monaghan County Council at this location to allow for realignment of the road at this location.

2. For the purpose of addressing the concerns of residents living at Rowantree Court, are steps being taken that will facilitate the fire certificate being reinstated at this apartment building?

Response: Following a review of Rowntree Court, fire safety issues were identified that require amendments to the existing fire safety arrangements and the introduction of an interim fire safety management plan. Oaklee Housing (AHB) is currently working to address these issues.

3. What progress has occurred following my previous requests that this MD liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland seeking the installation of a designated right turning lane off the N2 onto the Moyles Road L-5520?

Response: MCC have contacted the Regional Road Safety Section of TII to request any Collision History data is available, no response as yet, staff have moved within this section and currently following it up with other staff.

There is also a tender out for a consultant to carry out a video survey of the junction, this will include all movements at the junction and current traffic volumes along the route. Once this data is available, it will be included with the collision data and geometric information and will be presented in a report for TII.

Cllr Alan Johnston will ask:

1. Can the MD provide an update as to the Clones Road/Ulster Canal Greenway pedestrian crossing application that is with TII

Response: A consultant has just been appointed to prepare a detailed design and tender documents for this scheme. Construction is programmed for Q1 27.

2. Can the MD provide an update as to the progress of the road safety works at the Model School and provide a timeline for outline of works to be done and an estimated completion timeframe

Response: The Monaghan Municipal District have completed a topographical survey, traffic survey and a site assessment of the proposed location for a new pedestrian crossing on the Rowantree Road. A design solution suitable to this location has been completed which has been subject of review by an independent Road Safety Auditor. The MD are investigating possible funding streams to install this pedestrian crossing.

3. Will the MD work with Local Link to provide a Local Link bus stop at Rossmore Forest Park

Response: Monaghan Municipal District have had positive discussions with Local Link, and they have indicated that they would consider adding Rossmore Park as a bus stop location to their current routes. Monaghan Municipal District have discussed this with Coillte who has agreed to allow for the planned upgrade of the existing vehicle height restriction barrier at the R189 entrance to allow bus access to facilitate the bus stop and to encourage the use of the public service for accessing the park.

4. Has the MD plans to resurface the L5232 to the end of the Glaslough junction?

Response: This section of road is not on the current Adopted Roads Programme 2026-2029. The MD will add this section of road to the list of consideration for future road programmes.

5. Can the MD provide an update on the status of Market/Park Street regeneration?

Response: There are currently no plans or funding in place for regeneration works at Market Street or Park Street. Such works would require funding for project development and to bring any proposal through the statutory processes.

Cllr Pauric Clerkin will ask:

1. Can Monaghan MD provide an update regarding the public lights outside Edenmore National School and Edenbeag Childcare?

Response: The existing public lights at Edenmore NS and Edenbeag Creche do not meet the required standard for MCC to take in charge. The Monaghan Municipal District have sought quotations to bring these lights up to the required standard, if the Elected Members agree to take in charge.

2. Can Monaghan MD investigate the taking in charge of the footpath on the L1610 to the L1012 in Ballinode Village?

Response: The Monaghan MD will investigate this footpath and bring a report and recommendation to the Elected Members for consideration at a future meeting.

3. Can Monaghan MD provide an update on any progress being made to St. Mary's Hall in Scotstown?

Response: The roof panel installation to the main hall and rear annex are complete with flashing and guttering installation ongoing. Tenders for the internal refurbishment works have been received and are currently being assessed. Subject to the completion of the tender assessment process it is anticipated that the internal refurbishment works will commence in October and be completed by the end of November.

4. Can Monaghan MD confirm if repair works have been carried out on the footpaths in both Ballinode and Tydavnet Villages?

Response: The Monaghan MD will carry out an assessment of the footpaths in Ballinode and Tydavnet. Any areas that require repairs will be added to the schedule of works and completed where funding allows.

5. Can Monaghan MD confirm if there is a timeframe for the installation of a pedestrian crossing between the Sliabh Beagh Hotel and the playground?

Response: In July 2026, Monaghan Municipal District along with Knockatallon Development Company CLG submitted an application to CLÁR for a raised pedestrian crossing between Sliabh Beagh Hotel and the playground. It is expected that details of successful funding applications will be known before the end of Q4 2026. Should the funding application be successful, works would be completed on site in 2027.

Cllr Bronagh McAree will ask:

1. What plans and funding options are available to upgrade the existing children's play park in Emyvale? For clarity, this request relates specifically to the children's play park and is entirely separate from the Teen Hangout project.

Response: The Monaghan Municipal District intend to carry out upgrade works to the surfacing in the existing children's play park in Emyvale during Q4 2026. These works will be completed along side the installation of the new Teen Hangout. These works will be funded by the monies committed to playparks by the Monaghan Municipal District Elected Members in the June MD Meeting.

2. Will the Municipal District carry out a night-time assessment of street lighting in Emyvale, Carrickroe and Mullan village, identify existing black spots and arrange for additional or upgraded lighting where required?

Response: The public lighting schemes in these villages have all been installed to the required standard. Any public lights that are observed not to be working can be

report via the Deadsure App on the Monaghan County Council website - <https://monaghan.ie/report-it>.

3. Will the Municipal District install additional and clearer directional signage at the roundabout entrance to Monaghan Peace Campus, as the current signage is inadequate for visitors trying to locate the entrance?

Response: The Monaghan Municipal District will review the existing signage in place at this location. If deemed necessary, additional signage will be installed.

Motions:

Cllr Alan Johnston proposed, Cllr Sean Conlon seconded:

That Monaghan Municipal District ensure that its tenders prioritise local contractors/service providers where this is permissible under relevant procurement rules and where they meet the relevant criteria.

Following a short discussion on the motion, the Cathaoirleach put it to the meeting, and it was agreed unanimously. Members acknowledged the valuable work undertaken by the Local Enterprise Office in supporting local businesses to engage with the public procurement process.

6. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

On the proposal of Cllr A. Johnston, seconded by the Members, it was agreed to extend a vote of sympathy to the family of Cllr Seamus Coyle on his recent passing. The Members expressed their condolences and acknowledged his contribution and dedicated service to public life and the community.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Conlon, it was agreed by all to extend a vote of sympathy to Ruairi and Emmett Duffy, Monaghan Municipal District, and their family on the recent passing of their sister, Bronwyn.

On the proposal of Cllr S. Treanor, it was agreed by all to extend a vote of sympathy to Owen Smyth (former Monaghan Town Councillor) on the recent passing of his brother, Brian (Bernard) Smyth.

On the proposal of Cllr A. Johnston, it was agreed by all to extend a vote of sympathy to John McArdle, IT, Monaghan County Council, on the recent tragic passing of his sister Thomasina and her husband Patrick.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Clerkin, it was agreed by all to extend a vote of sympathy to the family of Pat McKenna, (former Monaghan County Council Councillor), on his recent passing.

On the proposal of Cllr P. Clerkin, seconded by Cllr S. Treanor, it was agreed by all to extend a vote of congratulations to Monaghan Town F.C on winning the Clinton Travel Men's Division 2 League Title.

7. AOB

On the proposal of Cllr Seamus Treanor, seconded by Cllr Pauric Clerkin: That Monaghan Municipal District writes to Minister Kevin "Boxer" Moran TD, Office of Public Works, thanking his department for works carried out at Coolshannagh, Monaghan Town at the Customs Building.

On the proposal of Cllr Seamus Treanor, seconded by Cllr Pauric Clerkin: That Monaghan Municipal District writes to the US Ambassador to Ireland, Mr Edward Walsh, condemning the burning of the American National Flag at a protest held in Dublin recently.

A vote was taken by show of hands on the motion, with three Members voting in favour (Cllrs S. Treanor, P. Clerkin and A. Johnston) and two Members abstaining, (Cllrs S. Conlon and N. McCooley). The motion was carried, subject to confirmation that it complies with Standing Orders. The Municipal District Executive will liaise with Corporate Services in this regard.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _____
A/Municipal District Coordinator

Dated this _____ day of October 2026