

**Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan
Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin**



**The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney
Monaghan County Council**

Minutes of proceedings of April 2018 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 10.50 a.m.

Present: - Cathaoirleach McNally

Cllrs. P.J. O'Hanlon , Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Aidan Campbell, Colm Carthy

In attendance: - Paul Clifford, Director of Services; Gareth Mc Mahon Coordinator, John Lennon, District Engineer; Amanda Murray, Staff Officer; Deirdre Power , A/Assistant Staff Officer; Veronica Corr, Northern Standard.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr . Crowe and seconded by Cllr. Carthy the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 23rd March 2018 were adopted.

2. Matters arising

Replies to queries:

- Cllr . O'Hanlon voiced his concern regarding the lack of correspondence from Minister for Roads and said he will be proposing monies to be taken from own resources,
- Cllr. Campbell enquired about the problem of Flooding at Annadromand
District Engineer John Lennon said the MD was currently seeking a Part 8 from planning
- Cllr Crowe asked about Flooding at Lurgan More in Oram close to the nest box
District Engineer John Lennon said a drain at Lurgan More has been cleared
- Cllr. Crowe asked about cattle crossing on the Castleblayney Road
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said Roads Section would forward result when available
- Cllr. Crowe asked for an update on the low cost safety school for Our Ladys, Castleblayney
District Engineer John Lennon replied that works would commence in the summer during school holidays
- Cllr McNally enquired about signs for the Linear park
District Engineer John Lennon said signs have been ordered and will be put in place as soon as received

- Cllr Keelan asked about funding for walking routes in Inniskeen village
District Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said Inniskeen had received funding under town and village but he would investigate if there is funding available for a walking route
- Cllr Carthy asked for trees to be trimmed adjacent to Valley Close at Drummond Etra
- Cllr McNally asked for speed cushions at the Ross Road
- Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said the Roadplan report was due at the end of April

3. Correspondence

- **Correspondence received from An Post GPO O'Connell Street, Dublin** in relation to request for Post Box at the back of Super Value Carrickmacross.
- **Correspondence received from Minister Heather Humpries** in relation to response letter from Minister Zappone regarding an increase in funding for Early Childhood and childhood education.

4. Consideration of Co-ordinators monthly report

Issues Raised Discussed

- Cathoirleach Mc Nally voiced his dismay at the increase from tenders for road repairs.
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said Roads section were examining options concerning the tender rates.
- Cllr. Carthy asked for an update on the Market Square shop
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said the brief and criteria for the Market Square craft shop were currently being examined.
- Cathoirleach Mc Nally asked for an update on the Aghaile road.
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said the consultants were currently being selected for the Aghaile road .
- Cathoirleach Mc Nally enquired if Funding was available for the car park at Shirley house lane
Director of Services Paul Clifford said that funding was not available presently but the car park would be project ready with Part 8 currently with planning section.
- Cathoirleach Mc Nally asked for an update on the Ballybay Road and the Castleblayney Road
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon advised that consultants "Roadpland" were currently carrying out a study of the area.
- Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon advised the members to view the up to date progress on the website of Artist Mark Richards regarding the Thomas "Big Tom" Mc Bride piece
- Cllr Carthy said the area's around the new footpaths on the Kingsourt road had been left in a mess.
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said that the snag list on the contract had yet to be completed.

5. Consideration for date for awards night Community Group allocations 2018

It was agreed by all present that the awards night for the Community Group Allocations would take place on Monday 28th May 2018 at 6pm at the Civic Offices Carrickmacross.

6. Questions

Questions raised by Cllr. Padraig McNally for April 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

1. In light of the delay in starting work on the footpath on the Drumconrath Road, what is the up-to-date position regarding this development?

Response: The District Office is set to commence works on the Drumconrath Road once all written consents are received from landowners.

2. Has this MD carried out the skid resistant test on the Killanny Road adjacent to the roundabout under the N2 at Monalty, Carrickmacross as promised early this year?

Response: The District Office plans to carry out texture depth testing on the wearing course on the week ending the 27th April 2018. This testing will be dependent on weather conditions.

3. Has this Council made any progress regarding the provision of 2 extra lights at Killanny Church in County Monaghan.

Response: A public lighting programme has been prepared by the Municipal District for 2018 and will be presented to the elected members at April's Road Area meeting. Consideration will be given to Cllr McNally proposal, subject to funding and approval from the elected members.

4. When will the new lights erected at the junction adjacent to Inver College be switched on?

Response: Airtricity Ireland has confirmed that the new public lights at the Ballybay/Castleblayney junction will be connected to the ESB network in the coming weeks.

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for April 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council

5. What is the up-to-date position on trimming trees in the Drummond Etra housing estate, Carrickmacross?

Response: An Arborist has assessed the trees at the rear of Drummond Etra and his recommendation is to remove the trees because they have a low to moderate amenity value. We will contact the residents in Drummond Etra informing them of our decision to remove the trees in the last quarter of 2018. Consideration will be given to any comments or observations received from the residents.

6. When will the results of the March night-time survey of the Carrickmacross Main Street Lights be made available to councillors?

Response: Vincent McKenna will give a lighting report to the Elected Members at the April's Road Area meeting.

7. When is it envisaged that work will commence on the clearing of the stream/shuck that runs through Foxfield, Carrickmacross?

Response: The District office plans to clean the stream between Woodvale and Foxfield Estates in July/August, subject to weather conditions.

8. When will work begin on upgrading and repairing existing footpaths throughout Carrickmacross?

Response: NC Plant Hire Ltd works programme indicates that repair works to existing footpaths in Carrickmacross Town will commence on the 14th May 2018.

9. When will the MD clear the dumping that has occurred on the Donaghmoine road near Capragh?

Response: The illegally dumped rubbish was removed by the District Office on the 4th and 5th of April 2018.

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan for April 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

10. What is the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of CCTV cameras in the town of Carrickmacross and its environs?

Response: A review of the implications for CCTV systems arising from the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) is currently underway and the provision of all CCTV systems has been suspended until the review has been completed.

11. Given that only 1 out of 7 applications was successful for the Low Cost Safety Scheme funding for the Carrickmacross /Castleblayney area, what plans have the council to progress the unsuccessful schemes for Inniskeen village / Lisanisk / Donaghmoine road pedestrian crossing and the other schemes that have been refused funding ?

Response: The District Office cannot progress the remaining projects without Department funding.

12. How many complaints are currently logged in our MD office in relation to the need to have road repairs/maintenance carried out & how long will it take to have these urgent repairs addressed ?

Response: 250 road complaints have been received by the District Office since the start of 2018, with 73 to be completed. Response time is dependent on the urgency of the complaint, but on average, it takes 3/5 weeks from receiving a complaint to having the complaint dealt with.

13. In commending the council for the resurfacing works carried out at Dunard Estate in Inniskeen, what plans have the council to resurface the roadway adjacent to the pitch & putt course which is in a deplorable state ?

Response: The District Office has agreed the road restoration programme for 2018, with the Elected Members. There is no plan to overlay the LP 4623 in 2018.

14. In relation to the scourge of illegal dumping in the area, when a report is received from a member of the public or another section of the council etc what is general target time for dealing with same ?

Response: All complaints referred to Environmental Services are investigated and prioritised based on risk. In terms of clean ups, the time can vary depending on scale and the resources needed for the cleanup.

7. Notice of Motions

Motion by Cllrs. Colm Carthy, Noel Keelan and Jackie Crowe for April 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

“The Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District supports the call by Arthritis Ireland for the implementation of the National model of care for paediatric rheumatology which was approved in June 2016; we call on the HSE and the Minister for Health, Simon Harris TD, to implement this model as soon as possible owing to the huge increase in children under the age of 16 waiting over 12 months to see a consultant.’

- The motion was unanimously agreed by all

Motion by Cllr. P J O’Hanlon for April 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

“That the Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District calls on Monaghan County Council to develop a Greenway in the South Monaghan area”.

- Seconded by Cathaoirleach McNally and unanimously agreed by all

It was proposed by Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cathaoirleach McNally and agreed by all

“A letter be sent to Fáilte Ireland and to the Department of Roads ,Transport in relation to setting up a Greenway between Carrickmacross –Dundalk, Carrickmacross- Kingscourt. Also a copy of the letter to be sent to the Tourism office Monaghan Co. Council “

- Cllr O’Hanlon also added that on receipt of responses that it would become part of the agenda
- Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon informed the meeting that a group from counties Louth , Meath , Cavan meet on a quarterly basis and have discussed a preliminary route, however no funding is currently available to deliver this scheme.

8. Director of Services Orders

The Directors orders 37/2018 to 41/2018 attached to the agenda were noted.

9. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:

- Mc Bride family Oram on the death of their father Thomas “Big Tom” McBride
- Theresa Traynor on the death of her husband Paul Traynor
- Kathleen Murray on the death her daughter Maire Clarke cousin of Cathaoirleach Padraig McNally

Votes of Congratulations

- Our Ladys Secondary School Castleblayney on winning the National Law Finals on 21st April 2018.

10. Any Other Business

- Cathaoirleach McNally asked for a litter bin at the playground in Inniskeen
- Cathaoirleach McNally asked for signs stating “*mobile camera in operation*” for the approach road into town due to littering.
- Cathaoirleach McNally welcomed Superintendent Fergus Traynor to Carrickmacross
- Cllr. O’ Hanlon was concerned about the cessation of block grant funding
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon replied that the Block grant is now subsumed into the discretionary grant
- Cathaoirleach McNally asked that the Main street gets attention before the Festival
- Cllr. Carthy requested that a traffic counter is mounted at Tullynakseagh
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon agreed to place two counters on the road

It was proposed by Cllr. O’ Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Mc Nally

“that a letter is sent to each of TD’s and local Minister and Minister for Roads regarding the current state of the roads “

- Cllr .Carthy asked two hour parking and loading bay signs plus road markings for Farney street.
- Cllr. Keelan asked for replacement of damaged mats at Inniskeen playpark
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said that all parks are inspected regularly and will get a report on the matter.
- Cllr. O Hanlon commended the Peace and Reconciliation Platform on “**the Bomb and the Bullet Legacy** “ presentation which was organised by Dr. Rory O’ Hanlon and held in the Shirley Arms Hotel.

It was proposed by Cllr. O’Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Keelan

“that the Municipal District send a thank you letter to the four individual speakers and Dr. O’Hanlon for the “The Bomb and Bullet legacy presentation on April 19th 2018 “

A short discussion took place regarding *Monaghan Co. Council Versus Mc Daid court case.*

- Cllr. Mc Nally requested an update on the Mc Daid Court case
- John Lennon District Engineer said he had been advised that judgement was in favour of Monaghan County Council and that Mr. Mc Daid had to remove the underpass.

A Minutes silence was taken for the late Thomas “Big Tom” Mc Bride RIP , Formil, Oram, Castleblayney

Meeting concluded at 1 p.m.

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: 28th May 2018