

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



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

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**Minutes of proceedings of June 2016 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Office, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Monaghan on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 @ 10.30am**

Present: - Cathaoirleach Cllr Aidan Campbell  
Cllrs Colm Carthy Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Pdraig McNally, PJ O’Hanlon

In attendance: - Paul Clifford, Director of Services; John Lennon, Acting Coordinator, Amanda Murray and Teresa McGuirk

Apologies: Frances Matthews, Co-ordinator

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the May 2016 monthly meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy and seconded by Cllr McNally the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were adopted

**2. Matters arising**

Following a query Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr O’Hanlon seconded and all agreed  
*“That this council explores whether we can accommodate the development of Industrial/Commercial lands in both Carrickmacross and Castleblayney by identifying the existing zoned lands and communicating with the landowners to establish their level of interest”.*

Replies to other queries:

- Members were informed that the provision of toilets at Cloughvalley Play Park was being examined subject to funding and suitability of site. Members agreed that the toilets should be accessible for all
- Regional and urban hedge cutting contract has commenced
- Report on Annadruman expected in few weeks

**3. Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from

- Carrickmacross Language School Summer Programme – Request to mark 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spanish Students visiting the town
  - Cllr O’Hanlon proposed, Cllr McNally seconded and all agreed to invite the group to meet with the council at a date to be agreed with the group (suggested date Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 @ 4.30pm in Carrickmacross Civic Offices)
- Speed Limit Review – Progress report at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016
  - Noted. Speed limit for Lisanisk to be included on Speed Limit agenda for discussion.

#### Additional Correspondence

Carrickmacross CoderDojo – request to use Civic Building on Saturday mornings.

Following a discussion Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr O’Hanlon seconded and all agreed

*“That the Municipal District executive examines the possibility of accommodating the CoderDoJo group in our civic building”*

#### **4. Carrickmacross Link Road – Phase II**

It was agreed that the executive would consult with the relevant landowners to establish their level of interest / support in developing this road and to prepare a reply for the September meeting.

#### **5. Consideration of Coordinators monthly report**

##### Issues Raised/Discussed:

- Members thanked staff for their support over the festival weekend and complimented all involved in the festival which had been a huge success with large numbers attending
- Resurfacing works due to commence week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- Work has commenced on the replacement bridge at Oram
- Signage to be erected at Tullyraghan (junction at Pollocks)
- Report on condition of Convent Wall has been received – property owners to meet to discuss options outlined in the report. Members to be updated on the outcome

#### **6. Questions**

*The following questions were asked by Cllr. Carthy*

1. Will this Municipal District consider adding a footpath and public lighting from the entrance of Clonseady Housing Estate (Magheraclone) to the main Carrickmacross – Kingscourt Road to the footpath list owing to the high number of children/students who are required to walk on the road to get collected by their school bus?

*Response: The Public Footpath and lighting programme for 2016 has already been agreed with the elected members. Consideration will be given to Cllr Carthy’s proposal in 2017*

2. Can the Municipal District confirm what is the up-to-date position on the Magheross grave yard wall which has been temporarily propped – will this wall be properly fixed in the coming months?

*Response: The District Office in conjunction with the Planning Section of Monaghan County Council is preparing an acceptable engineering solution for the reinstating of the graveyard wall. It is envisaged that this work will commence in the last quarter of 2016.*

3. The Municipal District office recently erected entrance signage to the road that leads to the running track and recycling centre in Carrickmacross. Will the Municipal District add current and future business (that are located along this road) to this signage?

*Response: The District Office will consider adding additional names to the entrance sign on receipt of application from those companies wishing to have their names included.*

4. What is the up-to-date position on the unfinished developments in:

- a. Lough na Glack Housing Estate, Carrickmacross

*Response: The Planning Authority has met with the Receiver responsible for this development on a number of occasions and has agreed a site resolution plan. It is anticipated that the remedial works identified in the SRP to complete the development will commence in the very near future.*

b. Commercial/Residential building along the Ardee/Riverside Roads, Carrickmacross

*Response: The Planning Authority is aware that negotiations between the owner and an approved housing body are ongoing. It is hoped that this will provide a solution to the partially constructed portion of this site.*

The following questions were asked by Cllr. McNally:

1. Can the Municipal District give us an update on the various dangerous walls around Carrickmacross, as to when work will be commencing?

*Response: The District Office has identified five walls requiring remedial works. St Finbar's Church is nearing completion. Magheross graveyard wall will commence in the last quarter of 2016. The owners of the remaining walls are in constant communication with Monaghan County Council and are actively trying to resolve the issue.*

2. When will all junctions be trimmed back for safety reasons in the Municipal District of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney?

*Response: The District Office has completed over 70Km of the National Road network. Hedge cutting of the 190 regional road junctions has commenced and the urban areas will follow thereafter.*

3. Has the Municipal District or Monaghan County Council heard anything back from the Department or Consultants regarding the Sligo Dundalk Road which was planned to go through Carrickmacross as it rumoured to have been shelved?

*Response: The preliminary design phase of the project has been completed by the consultants working on the project. There is currently no funding available to progress the project through the planning, detailed design, tender and construction phases.*

The following questions were asked by Cllr. Keelan:

1. Given that some savings have been made in relation to the county council road surfacing contracts, can our engineer confirm that the small area at Dunard Estate in Inniskeen Village that has been overlooked for the last number of years, will now be resurfaced as requested by the Residents Association, and also given the poor state of the road in the centre of the village can the council confirm that some resurfacing work will be carried out in the coming weeks?

*Response: The Road Programme for 2016 was agreed with the elected members at a Roads District meeting in February. If additional funding becomes available through savings or additional funding, it is the plan of this District Office to complete those roads that were presented at the meeting but removed from the programme due to insufficient funding first. Consideration will be given to Cllr Keelan's proposal in 2017.*

2. In relation to Inniskeen Village, what is the up-to-date position regarding the provision of extra footpaths/walking routes, linking up all the areas throughout the village as discussed on site with community organisations and the elected members some time ago?

*Response: Taking account of the limitations on funds for new works, Monaghan County Council will undertake a review of footpaths in Inniskeen in 2016, using our own engineering staff. Members will be consulted in relation to all aspects of the review.*

3. In relation to Lisanisk, can our engineer confirm that the small area that has had a kerb line put in place some time ago, will be surfaced this year in the interest of road safety, and as requested by the Lisanisk Residents Association?

*Response: The footpath programme for 2016 was agreed with the elected members at a special Roads District meeting in May. Consideration will be given to Cllr Keelan's proposal, subject to finding and approval from the elected members.*

## **7. Notice of Motions**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr Keelan and agreed by all.

*"This Municipal District calls for weight restriction bye-laws to be introduced on the LT48032 Road (Coolderry), which has recently been resurfaced, to prevent heavy duty vehicles from using it as a short cut. This road is not properly piled to withstand heavy weight and has weight limit signs added already".*

The District Engineer agreed to check if bye laws were required.

Following receipt of an email stating that works were due to commence shortly Cllr Carthy withdrew this Notice of Motion.

*"This Municipal District highlights its concern that the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has recently carried out extensive road markings to the N2 (Ardee to Monaghan town) without adding proper markings to the south-bound junction for LS08152 (Old Castleblayney Road/Castleross Nursing Home Junction) and calls on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to carry out this work as a matter of urgency. (The Municipal District also calls on the local Gardaí to furnish the TII with incident reports on the number of accidents that have already occurred at this junction".*

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr McNally and agreed by all.

*"That this Municipal District examines the possibility of putting in place measures to reduce speed at Coolreagh Cottages, Killanny i.e. ramps or speed limit or maybe both.*

The District Engineer agreed to liaise with Louth County Council regarding speed limits for the village (as most of the village sits in County Louth)

## **8. Director of Services Orders**

30/2016	Appointment of Coffey Construction Ltd to construct footbridges over the Proules & Kilmactrasna Rivers in Carrickmacross
31/2016	Appointment of C.S. Pringle Consulting Engineers to prepare Section 50 Application for Road Bridge adjacent to Mannon Golf Club, Donaghmoyne, Carrickmacross
32/2016	Appointment of C S Pringle Consulting Engineers to prepare Section 50 Application for Road Bridge on the LP4911 adjacent to Jimmy Babington at Crumlin
33/2016	Affixing of the Council Seal to Transfer Order, Monaghan County Council and Nancy McHugh
34/2016	Appointment of NC Plant Hire Ltd to undertake emergency stabilization of verges at two locations on the LS89011 Coalpit Road
35/2016	Appointment of NC Plant Hire Ltd to erect 5 No. town twinning signs.

Following a query regarding timescale for works at Drumgoan Cllr McNally proposed, Cllr O'Hanlon seconded and it was agreed

*"That this Municipal District writes to the Office of Public Works (OPW) to request that they ensure that remedial works at Drumgoan take place this autumn"*

## **9. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations**

The following Votes of Sympathy were passed, a minutes silence as observed with all present standing.

- PJ Brennan and family on the death of his wife Annette Brennan
- Geraldine Rooney and family on the death of her husband Brian Rooney
- Patsy McKenna and family on the death of his sister Maura McKenna
- Packie Deighan and family on the death of his brother Shane Deighan, Ardaghay
- Margaret Malone and family on the death of her husband Thomas Malone

- Martin McNally on the death of his sister Kate Finnan, Dublin
- The Carville Family, Oram on the death of Martin Carville
- The Rooney and McGrath Families on the death of Liam McGrath
- The Cruise Family on the death of Thomas Cruise

Votes of congratulations were extended to the following:

- Big Tom McBride on winning the All Ireland Hall of Fame Country Music Awards

#### **10. Any Other Business**

Following a detailed discussion on the impact of the Brexit Vote in the United Kingdom and its implications for the Republic of Ireland Cllr O'Hanlon proposed, Cllr McNally seconded and it was agreed

*"That This Motion calls on the Minister for Finance to implement a 5% reduction/rebate on all costings back to companies who export their products to the UK to help with the fluctuation of sterling and that this be reviewed every 3 months"*

Furthermore, Cllr Keelan proposed, Cllr Crowe seconded and it was agreed

*"That this Municipal District calls on the Government to facilitate a Border Poll on Irish Unity at the earliest opportunity"*

#### Other Items

- Traffic Cones currently in place on O'Neill street for the duration of the repair works at St Finbar's Church be removed as soon as possible following the completion of the works
- Plans for works on the Drumcondrath Road (subject to availability of funding) to be circulated to members when prepared
- Former grassed area opposite football field in Inniskeen (dug up during works to install public lighting) to be repaired
- Muckno Mania Festival scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July

Cllr Campbell proposed, Cllr Crowe seconded and it was agreed to hold the next monthly meeting in the Gate Lodge at Lough Muckno in Castleblayney @ 2pm.

Next month's meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 @ 2pm in the newly renovated Gate Lodge at Lough Muckno in Castleblayney.

Meeting concluded at 12.20

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Meetings Administrator

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016