

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD IN THE FINE GAEL ROOM, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON THE 13TH OF MARCH 2024**

PRESENT:

Councillor	John King – In the Chair
Councillor	Ollie Clooney
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	Conor Bergin
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	Seamus McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. James Dowling, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. James Dowling, Senior Executive Engineer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the February meeting of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on 14th of February 2024

On the proposition of Councillor Conor Bergin seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the minutes of the February meeting held on the 14th of February 2024 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the February meeting of the Municipal District held on the 14th of February 2024.

(3) Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024

The Members were circulated with details of the proposed Municipal District Works for 2024. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services & Mr. James Dowling, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the various queries raised. On the proposition of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the Members unanimously agreed the schedule of Municipal District Works 2024 as presented.

(4) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 37/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install traffic safety measures to reduce speeding and provide public lighting on the busy L1036-40 at Tinnakill, Coolrain”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD staff will meet with Councillor Bergin to investigate what measures can be implemented to reduce speeding at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 38/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council address the very poor road conditions at the entrance to St Mark's Church, Church Street, Borris-In-Ossory as a matter of priority"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Maintenance Crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 39/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council repair the public lights in the Kyle Manor estate in Borris-in-Ossory as a matter of priority"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange for the Public Lighting Maintenance contractor to repair the public lighting in Kyle Manor Borris-in- Ossory.

Notice of Motion No: 40/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County provide parking facilities on the vacant site adjacent to St Fintan's Cemetery Mountrath"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the plot in question has been a location under the overall management of the Housing Section. It is understood that the site will become available for alternative uses. Potential funding streams will now be examined with a view (subject to planning considerations and budgetary considerations) to developing parking facilities on at least part of the site.

Notice of Motion No: 41/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency carry out road repairs on the very busy road outside residences at Redcastle L1077"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council area staff have inspected this road and have arranged for a quotation from a contractor to carry out road repairs. Once agreed with the contractor works will commence.

Notice of Motion No: 42/2023

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out the necessary surveys and works to provide a hard shoulder on the R445 from Mountrath to Castletown in the interest of road safety for all"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Design will assess the road space available to investigate if a hard shoulder can be accommodated along the R445 from Mountrath to Castletown.

Notice of Motion No: 43/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council repair damaged bridge at Upper Ballyfin"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD staff will carry out a bridge inspection of this bridge

Notice of Motion No: 44/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out road repairs at Cush, Clonaslee near Rickett's Bridge"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD staff will meet with Councillor McDonald to investigate the remedial measures required on the road surface at Cash, Clonaslee.

Notice of Motion No: 45/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out road repairs at Barnashrone and Cloonagh, Ballyfin"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 46/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council upgrade road markings close to the GAA grounds in Clough village - that the road markings be coloured yellow and white and also double yellow lines at the front of the houses across from the hurling field to allow residents access the property"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 47/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council provide extra parking spaces in Quigley Park Rathdowney due to the extra volume of cars now being parked there which is causing serious congestion in the estate"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD staff will meet with Councillor King on site to discuss the proposals for additional parking in Quigley Park Rathdowney

Notice of Motion No: 48/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council following my request earlier in the year treat as urgent the provision of a new footpath from St Kieran's Park Errill to the village as now we have an additional 14 houses completed in this estate"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD staff will meet with Councillor King on site to discuss the provision off a footpath from St. Kierans Park to Errill Village.

Notice of Motion No: 49/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out urgent repairs on the boundary wall at the playground in Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council look after the maintenance of the play equipment on this site. The site on which the equipment was installed is provided by the Community. Staff from the Council will meet the Councillor on site to review the issue raised and to examine potential solutions.

Notice of Motion No: 50/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out road repairs on the Durrow Road opposite Hayes Pub in Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 51/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect new welcome signs in Cullohill”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Area Staff will meet with Councillor Clooney and discuss the location of the proposed signage in Cullohill

Notice of Motion No: 52/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council undertake works at Glendine to alleviate anti-social behaviour and to discourage car enthusiasts from using the area for unofficial car rallying”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Staff will meet with Councillor Bracken and An Garda Siochana to discuss measures to be installed to discourage anti social behaviour at Glendine.

Notice of Motion No: 53/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out repairs and make safe the following dangerous road - Nyra/Camira/L-2095”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 54/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace the footpaths on both sides of the entrance to Kirwan Park, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD staff will meet with Councillor Bracken on site to discuss the repairs required to the footpath.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that no correspondence had been received since the last meeting of the Municipal District.

8. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

*It was agreed that the next monthly meeting of the Municipal District would be held on **Wednesday, 10th of April 2024 at 9.30 a.m.***

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Director of Services

