

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE  
20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor	John King (Cathaoirleach)
	Councillor	David Goodwin
	Councillor	Paddy Bracken
	Councillor	Seamus McDonald
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillor	Brendan Phelan
	Councillor	James Kelly

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary, Corporate Affairs.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2017**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor David Goodwin, the Minutes of the March meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District would be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in the Fine Gael Room.

**4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Notice of Motion No: 53/2017**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect sign for Clonaghadoo and Church at the N80 Junction, Clonaghadoo”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have contacted TII with a view to the installation of a Sign for Clonaghadoo

**Notice of Motion No: 54/2017**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council upgrade the signs in the Slieve Bloom area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will conduct a survey of the existing signage in the Slieve Bloom area and prepare a programme for the upgrade/repair/replacement of signs as required. An application for recreational funding will be sought for this specific purpose.

**Notice of Motion No: 55/2017**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe the overgrown trees, opposite house at Clonaghadoo”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out an inspection at this location and establish ownership of the trees concerned, following which appropriate action can be taken.

**Notice of Motion No: 56/2017**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council fix the sewerage manhole cover on the N 77 Ballyraget road Durrow, opposite Derry road as a lot of these covers are becoming loose and very noisy causing upset to people living on the public street”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken . The Members were advised that Laois County Council have carried out repairs to this and 2 other manhole covers in the vicinity recently to resolve the matter.

**Notice of Motion No: 57/2017**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address the serious problem at the motorway bridge no MK-M07-008 at Coolbally, Aghaboe, Ballacolla. The approach road to the bridge has sunk badly and this is causing difficulty for all vehicles using this bridge”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has investigated the issue and will bring the matter to the attention of Midlink as the area in question relates to the Motorway Project road and falls under their remit.

**Notice of Motion No: 58/2017**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council improve safety measures at Glashina cross, Clough on the R434 Road such as new stop signs and road markings at this junction in order to make it safe for all road users”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will undertake signing and lining work at this location as appropriate.

**Notice of Motion No: 59/2017**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide traffic calming measures from Moll Rose Corner to the Bay Road Business Park, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out road lining and cautionary markings at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 60/2017**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out repair work to the footpath at Harbour Street, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will undertake footpath repairs in Harbour Street.

**Notice of Motion No: 61/2017**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair or replace the channel kerbs at O’Connell Square, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised Laois County Council will replace and repair the channel kerbs in O’Connell Square, Mountmellick as required.

**It was agreed in the absence of Councillor Kelly that the replies to his Notices of Motion be read out and noted in the Minutes.**

**Notice of Motion No: 62/2017**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out works to make safe the evergreen and beech trees at Swan Road Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out an inspection of the trees at this location and arrange for pruning maintenance as necessary.

**Notice of Motion No: 63/2017**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council erect a 15 metre long fence at the open drain beside Residence at Ossory Court, Borris in Ossory”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that This has been referred to our Building Control Officer for his investigation and report. When a report is received a further response will issue.

**Notice of Motion No: 64/2017**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council re-locates the flashing warning lights at Rathdowney National School, Church Street and carries out repairs to the lights at Barnashrone National School”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the location of School warning at Rathdowney National School, will be reviewed and if warranted will be relocated. Existing School Warning Lights at Barnashrone National School are beyond economical repair and these will be replaced.

**It was agreed in the absence of Councillor Kelly that the replies to his Notices of Motion be read out and noted in the Minutes.**

**Notice of Motions No: 65/2017**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install stop signs at Ferns House, Cuddagh”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine the signage requirement at this junction and make provision for same.

**Notice of Motion No: 66/2017**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council remove trees at Glosa, Rathdowney, as a matter of safety”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out an inspection of the trees at this location establish ownership and proceed as required. The Members expressed concern as this is a black spot for accidents.

**Notice of Motion No: 67/2017**

Councillor Brenan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council provide funding for Playground in Borris-in-Ossory”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Currently no direct funding opportunities are available to Laois County Council to provide a playground in Borris-in-Ossory. The Council have been providing assistance and advice to the local community on site selection and potential community funding opportunities. A potential site has been identified by the community and currently the community are endeavouring to resolve some legal issues with this site.

**Notice of Motion No: 68/2017**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide street cleaning service for Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange for the Road Sweeper to attend Rosenallis once per month for street cleaning.

**Notice of Motion No: 69/2017**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give an update on the connection of Goodwin Estate to the Sewage Treatment Plant”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services has raised this matter informally with Irish Water Staff. The former Asset Needs Brief System with Irish Water has been replaced with a new Statement of Needs system. Mr. Brennan has directed that a Statement of Need be forwarded to Irish Water in respect of this connection. On a separate front, the Senior Engineer, Water Services has undertaken to examine whether a Group Sewerage Scheme could be applicable here (although that would require a contribution from property owners). The Members expressed serious concern in relation to this matter

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Members were circulated with the details of CLÁR funding which had been received from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government including a map of the areas and Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services responded to the various queries raised. The closing date of May 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 was noted by the Members and it was also noted that Ms. Pamela Tynan, Public Participation Network had informed community groups of the scheme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE  
AFFAIRS**