

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
19th APRIL 2018**

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

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 MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 22ND OF MARCH 2018

On the proposition of Councillor David Goodwin seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the Minutes of the March meeting held on the 22nd of March 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Kelly extended thanks to the Environment Section for all the assistance given to community groups during Clean-Up Laois Week.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 17th of May 2018.

4. Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 55/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide toilet facilities at the public playground in Coolrain village”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council was previously approached by Coolrain Tidy Towns regarding the provision toilets at the Coolrain Playground. The group has been advised that if they wish to pursue the provision of toilets on site, it may be possible for them to apply for funding towards that project through national community funding schemes that may come on stream in the coming months.

Notice of Motion No: 56/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on the provision of the new playground for Borris-in-Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phealn. The Members were advised that the community of Borris-in-Ossory, through Borris-in-Ossory Development Association are currently involved in the preparation of a town plan as part of that planning process, consultation has commenced with Laois County Council regarding the provision of recreation and play facilities.

It was noted that a number of sites have been identified by both the Development Association and the County Council for consideration.

Notice of Motion No: 57/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update on the funding required to complete the Square Rejuvenation Project in Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the current estimate to complete this project is €470,000

Notice of Motion No: 58/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out drainage works at the River Barrow downstream from Two Mile Bridge to Forest”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this stretch of river and include on the schedule for maintenance.

The Members requested that works on the River Barrow be prioritised.

Notice of Motion No: 59/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council pipe drain at Derrycarrow, Camross as there are trucks travelling in this area and the road is dangerous”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out an assessment at this location and proceed as appropriate.

Notice of Motion No: 60/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect new signs at Cappanarrow Bridge”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County will review the signage at this location replace upgrade signage as required.

Notice of Motion No: 61/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair Knocknakearn Road, Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out an assessment of the road and drainage infrastructure at this location and schedule repairs as required.

Notice of Motion No: 62/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road at Cloonagh, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs at this location at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Officer briefed the Members on the various applications that have been made for recoupment costs and funding that is required to repair damage caused to infrastructure resulting from the recent severe weather events.

Notice of Motion No: 63/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council re-erect the fence at Meadowbrook Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the front boundary fence of this estate has collapsed in a number of places. The Housing Department is going to tender for the fence to be repaired/replaced. The work will be completed subject to funding.

The meeting noted that there have been a number of accidents at this location and Mr. Donal Brennan indicated that he would liaise with Mr. Michael Rainey, S.E.O on the matter.

Notice of Motion No: 64/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council outline footpath restoration and provision for Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have made provision for matched funding with Councillors Discretionary funds for 2018 for footpaths and will work with all councillors in this regard to prioritise the works required.

Notice of Motion No: 65/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council outline safety scheme for Middlemount, Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Road design will investigate the issue at this location. If it is warranted this location will be included for safety funding application.

The Members requested that a speed detection camera van be utilized at this location as an interim measure.

Notice of Motion No: 66/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council assess state of road at Loran, Pike of Rushall”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess the condition of the road at this location and repair as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 67/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide funding for the replacement of the gates and railings in the old section of St. Fintan’s Cemetery, Ballyfin and also the provision of plinths and footpaths in the new section of St. Fintan’s cemetery”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that there is a countywide survey being conducted at present in cemeteries that are in Laois County Council ownership to identify works required.

Councillor Bracken indicated that there are health and safety issues at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 68/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council pipe the drain at the bad bend at Cloncosney Lane, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess the situation at this location and proceed as appropriate.

Notice of Motion No: 69/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council make safe the junction at Lord Edward Street/Harbour Street/Kirwan Park, Mountmellick, with the provision of a roundabout”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Road Design will review this junction and propose safety improvements if required. Any works will be subject to funding being available

Notice of Motion No: 70/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the school flashing warning lights at Errill National School in the interest of road safety for patrons attending the School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that school flashing lights has been notified to maintenance contractor and will be repaired.

Notice of Motion No: 71/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council renew the disabled car parking markings on road and also install a new sign at the library Rathdowney in the interest of public safety”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will renew Road markings and erect sign at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 72/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the serious problem of flooding at Boardwell, Clough (starting at Boardwell cemetery and ending at Billy Bowes house) which is currently causing ever increasing surface damage to the road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council is aware of this re-occurring issue and have included same on a recent application for funding.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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CERTIFIED: _____
**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
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