

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
13th DECEMBER 2018**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 15TH OF NOVEMBER 2018

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the November meeting held on the 15th of November 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services indicated to the Members that the preparation of the Annual Services Delivery Plan would be commenced shortly. A survey has been carried out on cemeteries across the County and a Programme of Works will be carried out. Mr. Brennan requested the Members to submit details of cemeteries which require attention/works carried out.

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 17th of January 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 152/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council clean the road at Clonaslee leading to Brittas Lake, a lot of walkers use this road daily. Also remove trees from the River Clodiagh”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this road is currently being cleaned and trees will be removed from the Clodiagh as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 153/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide lay bys at O’ Moores Forest to avoid traffic congestion”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this location will be investigated and measures to alleviate congestion will be devised.

Notice of Motion No: 154/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council include the road at Ballygillaheen in the 2019 Roads Programme”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this road will be inspected and repaired as necessary and will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.

Notice of Motion No: 155/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the ongoing difficulty that residents living in Patrick Street, Mountmellick are having with people parking and blocking their entrances – while there are clearway markings at these entrances they are being completely ignored – one solution would be the provision of flexible parking posts”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will refresh the yellow box at this location and the Traffic Wardens will continue to monitor and enforce the Bye-Laws at this location. Flexible posts are not feasible at this location. Where the Traffic Warden is not available illegal parking is a matter for the Gardai.

Councillor Bracken indicated that this has become a very serious matter for the Patrick Street Residents and that the residents are receiving abusive behavior when they ask a motorist to remove their vehicle from their gateways.

Mr. Stan Cullen/ A.S.E.E indicated that he would revert to the Road Design Section with a view to finding a possible solution to the problem.

Notice of Motion No: 156/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council in conjunction with TII investigate the provision of traffic lights at Smiths Corner, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this site is included in TII safety improvement works and LCC with TII will be considering all the options to make this junction safer for road user in 2019.

Notice of Motion No: 157/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council request a completion date from ESB Networks regarding the connection of public lights and pedestrian lights at Emmett Street, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that a letter will be issued to ESB networks Portlaoisie Office for their response.

Councillor Bracken requested that an urgent letter be issued to ESB networks in connection with this matter.

Notice of Motion No: 158/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council examine the footpaths in Rathdowney from Church Street to the Conoboro bridge on the left hand side with a view to resolving flooding at the entrances to some houses due to road works and re-surfacing works”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this footpath has been inspected and funding opportunities will be examined for required improvements to resolve any flooding issues.

Notice of Motion No: 159/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide a pedestrian / Zebra crossing and other calming measures on the Cullahill road from Durrow to facilitate the safe crossing for children and adults crossing the road at Stanley's garage as this road is busy at all times”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this site will be reviewed by Road design for provision of pedestrian crossing. Installation of pedestrian crossing will be subject to funding being available.

Councillor John King indicated that this is an extremely busy location with a national school and a housing estate located here and requires urgent safety measures.

Notice of Motion No: 160/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resolve the continuous flooding at house at Boardwell, Clough and also the Borris in Ossory road from Ballacolla village as these too areas are black spots for accidents during winter months”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that options for resolving the flooding issues at Ballacolla are currently being progressed. Applications made in 2018 for funding to address flooding issues at Boardwell were not successful. Efforts to secure funding will continue in 2019.

Notice of Motion No: 161/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council upgrade the street lights at New Road Mountrath where the Health Centre and Public Playground is located”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the Road Design section will review this site for lighting levels. The lights will be upgraded subject to funding being available.

Notice of Motion No: 162/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council, due to the road closure at Cuddagh, Castletown, give details of the works being carried out and when they will be completed”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this emergency work is complete and the road has now reopened.

Councillor Kelly indicated that there still remains an issue with water build up and Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. confirmed that he would investigate the matter.

Notice of Motion No: 163/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give details of what their proposals are to address the traffic congestion and road safety issues at the junction of the N77 and Derry Road, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that there is permission granted to demolish the house on the corner of this junction and set back the proposed new dwellings to improve sightlines. In the event that the landowner does not proceed with the development, the Council will explore options to improve this junction in consultation with TII.

Notice of Motion No: 164/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out necessary road repairs at Coolagh, Kilcavan”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that This road has been inspected and will be repaired as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 165/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road at Shanbeg/Camira, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this road has been inspected and will be repaired as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 166/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road at Redgate, Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this road has been inspected and will be repaired as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 167/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace the Knockaroo sign at green Road, Ballybrophy”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this is complete.

Notice of Motion No: 168/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remove trees opposite Bealady Cemetery”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Council will engage with the private owners of these trees to seek agreement on removing any dangerous trees at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 169/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road at Kilbreedy, Rathdowney

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this road has been inspected and will be repaired as necessary.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

SIGNED:_____
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CERTIFIED:_____
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS