

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN  
CHONTAE ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	Ollie Clooney
Councillor	Conor Bergin

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Carmel McNicholl, S.E.O., Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-  
OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER  
2019**

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin, the Minutes of the November meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that next meeting would be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

**4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Notice of Motion No: 141/2019**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe the road junction at Sand’s, Ballyfin”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that The Road Design Section will arrange to meet the Elected member on site to identify the exact location and required safety measures. Once issues are established, the Road Design Section will prepare safety proposals which will be subject to resources being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 142/2019**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council give an update regarding the removal of the trees at Camross Cemetery”***

These Notice of Motions were seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that The Parish Committee sought tenders for these works - closing date for receipt of tenders is the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. Once these are evaluated a Contractor will be appointed. Subject to approval, works will commence in January 2020.

Councillor Seamus McDonald requested that the graveyard programme to be revisited in 2020.

**Notice of Motion No: 143/2019**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe the N80 junction at Moneyquid, Killeigh”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that The Road Design Section will bring this location to the attention of the Safety Engineer in TII for consideration under a safety improvement scheme.

Any proposal to implement a scheme will be subject to approval and funding by the TII.

**Notice of Motion No: 144/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council ensure that a road safety scheme be applied for and funding secured in early 2020 to address the serious road safety issues at Acragar, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that a request for funding has been submitted to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) to undertake works at this location in 2020. The Elected Member will be updated of those shortlisted for safety improvements in early 2020.

**Notice of Motion No: 145/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide funding for an extension to the footpath from Mountmellick to the Rock National School in the interest of pedestrian safety”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will arrange to meet the Elected Member on site to identify the exact location and extent of required footpath. Road Design will prepare design proposals which will be subject to resources being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 146/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide traffic calming/ ramps at the entrance to Twomey Park, Pattison Estate & Davin Park, Mounmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that these ramps will be installed.

**Notice of Motion No: 147/2019**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council extends the footpath from opposite the Church to the Graveyard in Shanahoe”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Councillor on site to establish the need for an extension to the footpath at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 148/2019**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council cleans the River Gully from Ballacolla down to Moyne, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet representatives from Coillte on site regarding the removal of fallen trees from the River Gully channel. The Councillor will be updated on the outcome of this meeting.

Councillor Clooney indicated that this is now a matter of urgency.

**Notice of Motion No: 149/2019**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council rectify the drainage problem that has arisen on the N77 in Durrow opposite Woods Shop following the resurfacing works this year.”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Road Section will investigate this drainage issue and will rectify the problem.

Councillor Clooney indicated that there are uneven levels of tarmacadam on this very busy stretch of road and water is flowing downwards.

**Notice of Motion No: 150/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair a serious hollow on the Kyledellig Clough road which is prone to flooding on an ongoing basis during winter months. This road has been closed on numerous occasions causing disruption to School buses and patrons using this road”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Councillor on site to examine the options available in order to solve the flooding issues on this road.

**Notice of Motion No: 151/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council support the request from the Principal of St Colmcilles National School, Errill in relation to the need for safety measures such as road markings / flashing beckons / lights and signage in order to make it safe for all attending the School”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Road Design Section will arrange to meet Elected member and principal of St Colmcilles National School to identify exact location and required safety measures. Once issues are established Road design will prepare safety proposals. This site may also be considered for 2020 CLAR funding application.

**Notice of Motion No: 152/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*“That this Council give a commitment for 2020 to install a pedestrian crossing and flashing beckons at St Fergals College Rathdowney to ensure safety for all children and adults attending School and using playground and walking track on a daily basis”*

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Collie Clooney. The Members were advised that Road design will review this location and requirement for Pedestrians crossing. Road design will prepare the proposal if funding is allocated for new pedestrian crossing.

**Notice of Motion No: 153/2019**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*‘That Laois County Council install a pipe to address drainage issues at residence in Longford Lane in Camross’*

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the maintenance crews will attend this area to address the drainage issues on the public road.

**Notice of Motion No: 154/2019**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*‘That Laois County Council address the surface water issue at Springmount, Shanahoe’*

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the maintenance crews will attend this area to address the drainage issues on the public road.

**Notice of Motion No: 155/2019**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*‘That Laois County Council repair the footpath at St Patrick’s Terrace and put a public light on the lamppost at St Canice’s Terrace, both Borris-In-Ossory’*

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Public Lighting Section will review this site for the installation of a lantern.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CERTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
CORPORATE AFFAIRS