

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, 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 2020**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the November meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Conor Bergin referred to the presentation by Mr. Farhan Nasiem, A/Senior Executive Engineer at the November Municipal District Meeting. The Members expressed concern in relation to the standard of the new LED lights.

Councillor Bracken proposed the possibility of bringing forward a policy where there would also be a budget available and not dependent on discretionary funding only.

Councillor James Kelly raised the issue of the parking proposals for Mountrath which were previously agreed and in particular the intention to publish a notice of Laois County Council's intention to erect the signage for time limited parking. Councillor Kelly requested that the Members be advised of the timeline for this.

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 at 9.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae to agree the Roadworks Programme for 2021. It was further agreed that no Notices of Motions would be tabled for discussion at this meeting.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2021

The schedule of meetings for 2021 was agreed with the amendment to have a July meeting which would be scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. This was proposed by Councillor James Kelly and seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin.

#### 5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

##### Notice of Motion No: 108/020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***"That Laois County Council address the serious traffic visibility issues at the entrance to the graveyard from the L-1033 in Camross village and erect a new set of gates at the entrance to the cemetery, as the old gates are in extremely poor condition as part of the Programme of Works for 2021"***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that there is a sightline issue exiting the cemetery, the view is obstructed by a wall connected to an old GAA building, this has been the case for many years. Laois County Council will look to liaise with the GAA club to look at options to improve the sightlines as the wall is the property of the GAA club. The gates will be inspected to see what repairs can be carried out if required.

##### Notice of Motion No: 109/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***"That Laois County Council examine the L-1050 road at Derrylahan/Marymount, Camross with a view to road safety measures being installed to address a series of dangerous bends on the road"***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange meeting with Elected member on site and will carry out survey to identify issues raised.

##### Notice of Motion No: 110/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***"That Laois County Council renovate Lacca Bridge on the L-1050 at Ballaghmore, and also that the road would be included for resurfacing in a future roads programme"***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the bridge identified will be cleared of vegetation for further inspection. Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of a future roads programme.

**Notice of Motion No: 111/2020**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council clear the drain to resolve the flooding issue at land at Catholes”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the site to identify the exact location of the drainage issue.

**Notice of Motion No: 112/2020**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois Council erect ‘cul de sac’ sign at Catholes, Ballyfin”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councilor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will erect this signage in the coming weeks.

**Notice of Motion No: 113/2020**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect ‘no dumping’ signs at Lacken, Rosenallis (near property)”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that The Waste Enforcement Section will carry out a survey to determine the exact areas in Lacken that are subject to illegal dumping activities.

When this survey is completed, the Environment Section will erect ‘No Dumping’ signs, if it considers the installation of the signage is required and if it considers the signs will be effective. The Environment Section will contact the Councillor on completion of the survey at Lacken.

**Notice of Motion No: 114/2020**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out remedial works to prevent road collapse at property at Shanderry, Windsor, Coolrain”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

**Notice of Motion No: 115/2020**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address the severe road deterioration at the entrance to the public car park, Main Street, Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council recently made an application to the Department of Transport for funding to be made available in 2021 to upgrade the road surface on Main Street, Mountrath.

The Elected Member will be advised as to the outcome of this application. In the interim maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

**Notice of Motion No: 116/2020**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council install a speed ramp as a traffic calming measure on Mill Road, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the estates identified to assess the need for ramps.

**Notice of Motion No: 117/2020**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council replace the Road Markings at the bad bend at Coolderry, Ballacolla and erect dangerous bend signs at same”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the existing signage and road markings on the approach to this bend will be reviewed. The signage and road markings will be improved where found to be inadequate.

**Notice of Motion No: 118/2020**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council re-surface the Kilbricken Road L5661 from the Old School House, Clonard towards Kilbricken Station”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of a future roads programme.

**Notice of Motion No: 119/2020**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out a survey of the road L5072 from Holy Cross, Mountrath to Coolrain as this is a very busy road and there are a number of serious issues namely some very bad bends which are not signed and the cross roads at Gormans cross where there is no view on the approach from the Killenure road side”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange meeting with Elected member on site and will carry out survey to identify issues raised.

**Notice of Motion No: 120/2020**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council build a boundary wall or a stable fence between land owner and Errill Village View housing estate as the existing fence is gone beyond repair allowing dogs to wander on to land where there are thoroughbred horses”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the current approved 2020 Housing Maintenance budget does not have the funding to progress this request. This request to install a boundary fence along the open space area only can be assessed in 2021 in accordance with existing and future demands against the available budget.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 121/2020**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council apply for funding to extend the sewerage line in Rathdowney out to the Johnstown Glebe road to Errill to facilitate 17 houses who wishes to connect to the town sewerage as this was promised when works were carried by Ward & Burke back in 2016”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this is a significant project involving a wastewater pumping station, gravity and rising mains and will require substantial funding. Laois County Council will refer to Irish Water for their consideration and response.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 122/2020**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council meet with Clough Tidy towns with a view to enhance works with a particular focus on continuing an existing wall in front of the Church in keeping with the character of the area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Elected Member and the Community group to examine the proposal and possible funding options.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 123/2020**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide traffic calming measures on the R422 at Harbour Street, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange meeting with Elected member on site and will propose safety measure at this location.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 124/2020**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council replace the damaged footpaths at the entrance to St. Joseph’s Terrace, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Elected Member on site to undertake an inspection of the footpaths in the estate.

The Members also requested if the area on Emmett Street outside the former Nissan Garage could be considered.

**Notice of Motion No: 125/2020**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the damaged footpaths at Davin Park, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Elected Member on site to undertake an inspection of the footpaths in the estate.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for noting

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

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Director of Corporate  
Affairs