

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE  
14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor	Brendan Phelan
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	James Kelly
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 MAY MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2018**

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the May meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services raised the matter of the establishment of a Town Team in Mountrath. The Members confirmed their support to same. This concept is in operation in Portlaoise and also in a number of other Local Authorities around the Country.

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

**4. Notice of Motions**

**The following two Notice of Motions were taken together**

**Notice of Motion No: 88/2018**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install speed ramps, flashing lights and pedestrian crossing at the Playschool, Rosenallis Road, Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken.

**Notice of Motion No: 91/2018**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide traffic calming/signage/road markings at Tir na Nog Playschool/The old Boys School Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that The Road Design Section will inspect this site in the coming weeks. Road Safety recommendations if required will be proposed at that stage. Any works will be subject to funding being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 89/2018**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe Nyra Cross”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that the N80 Nyra junction was identified by LCC in 2017 as requiring a road safety upgrade. The Nyra turn off is used frequently by vehicles as an alternative to going through the town of Mountmellick which has on street parking as well as two severe ninety degree bends. The N80 has upwards of 8,000AADT through Mountmellick. The two issues combined to slow movements through the town, leading to vehicles using the R422 to Mullaghanard cross and the L2095 to Nyra as an alternative.

Site inspection shows that there were issues with sight distance as vehicles approached the Nyra junction from the North. Vehicles coming from Tullamore and turning right were vulnerable due to limited sight distance in advance and the speed of these approaching vehicles. The issue was compounded if there were a number of vehicles queuing, as they are then closer to the bend. There have been numerous accidents at this location. With four accidents over the last 18 months prior to the upgrade.

The problem of limited sight distance was solved by taking out the ditch/trees on the south bound lane, with a new fence installed. In addition when the road was resurfaced nearside passing bay was installed without hard shoulder as per TII Publications. These upgrades were completed in October 2017.

Mr. Paul McLoughlin, A/Senior Engineer indicated that he would meet the residents at this location.

### **Notice of Motion No: 90/2018**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council include in the Flood Relief Programme, the cleaning of the Rivers Barrow, Clodiagh and Blackwater”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry works on the rivers identified within the resources available and subject to the necessary approval being granted.

Councillor McDonald requested that some of the €9.1 million allocated for flood relief measures could be used on the cleaning of these rivers.

### **Notice of Motion No: 92/2018**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the road at Troy’s Coss/Brittis, Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out the required repairs at this location.

### **Notice of Motion No: 93/2018**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out a programme of line markings refresh/stop signs and clear way boxes in the Mountmellick area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have recently placed/renewed several kilometres of road markings within the Borris In Ossory Mountmellick Municipal District with further works to be undertaken in the coming weeks and months within the resources available.

### **Notice of Motion No: 94/2018**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council provide safety measures on the bridge at Castletown over the River Nore on the R445 Road”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this work relates to the Bridge repair works programme. This will be included in bridge repair works in 2019 schemes if recommended by the Area office.

Mr. Paul McLoughlin, A/S.E. indicated that he would investigate possible interim measures at this location.

### **Notice of Motion No: 95/2018**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council carry out a road safety survey on the regional road R434 between Aghaboe (hand of Aghaboe) and Ballcolla to determine that this road can cater for the heavy traffic on this stretch of road”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange Traffic Count survey for R434 which will provide data for number and type of vehicles using this road.

Councillor Brendan Phelan requested that a survey be done for Borris-in-Ossory also. Mr. Paul McLoughlin, A/S.E. indicated that the matter would be referred back to Road Design with a view to making an application for funding

### **Notice of Motion No: 96/2018**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council carry out road repairs at two black spots on the Rushin Road (R440) Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs as required on the R440 as requested.

### **Notice of Motion No: 97/2018**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Councils Engineers liaise with farmers at Manor Road, Mountmellicks to see can they alleviate flooding of land”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will Liaise with the Landowners concerned at a date and time to be agreed with Cllr Goodwin.

### **Notice of Motion No: 98/2018**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council alleviate flooding at house at Johnsgrove, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will inspect the issue and address as appropriate.

### **Notice of Motion No: 99/2018**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the road at Gurteen, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will undertake repairs at Gurteen Rosenallis as requested.

Councillor Goodwin requested that the repairs be carried out prior to the festival of the mountain on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018.

### **Notice of Motion No: 100/2018**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give an update on the progress of work at the Ballagh, Durrow which was included in the roads program for 2018”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County council have carried a tendering process and awarded a contract for this work with a start date of the 18<sup>th</sup> June for The Ballagh.

**Notice of Motion No: 101/2018**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council erect some bollards outside the Credit union in Rathdowney as cars are being parked on footpath during business hours which causes great difficulty to patrons both young and old and mothers with buggies calling to the credit union”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess the issue identified and erect bollards to address inappropriate parking as necessary at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 102/2018**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council find a more suitable site for bottle bank in Borris in Ossory as this is on private property at the rear of the Leix County Hotel. This site is now being used as a dumping ground for all sorts of rubbish”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that A potential new location for the bottle banks has been identified in Borris in Ossory and grant funding for improvement works for the proposed location have been sought prior to the relocation of the bottle banks. It is anticipated that subject to the receipt of the funding the works could be completed in coming months.

**Notice of Motion No: 103/2018**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council cut vegetation at Johnstown, Glebe to improve visibility***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will soon commence the Verge Maintenance programme with junctions and sections of road with severe bends a priority in the first instance.

**Notice of Motion No: 104/2018**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council outline plans for Nore River maintenance at Borris-in-Ossory”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have engaged the services of a qualified firm of ecologists to undertake the necessary inspections, studies and assessments with a view to submitting an application to An Bord Pleanala for approval to commence works on a 5.2 km section of the River Nore from Borris In Ossory to Derryarrow.

**Notice of Motion No: 105/2018**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council remove silt under bridge in Donaghmore in order to avoid future flooding”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will remove the silt for the relief eye as requested by Cllr Phelan.

The Members paid tribute to the Cathaoilreach, Councillor John King and also wished Mr. Paul McLoughlin, A/S.E. well in his new role in the Flood Relief Capital Project Office.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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

