

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ARAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 18TH OF MAY 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor	Paddy Bracken – In the Chair
Councillor	Ollie Clooney
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	Conor Bergin
Councillor	John King
Councillor	Seamus McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the April meeting of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 19th of April 2023

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor John King the minutes of the March meeting held on the 19th of April 2023 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

(3) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 54/2023

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council in the interest of safe use of public regional road R435 from Donaghmore village towards Rathdowney remove hedgerow and some embankment on both sides of road and lease with local land owners with a view of a successful outcome”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council engineers will review the forward visibility on the approach to the village to determine the extent of hedgerow that would need to be removed to comply with current standards.

Notice of Motion No: 55/2023

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair wall and replace coping stones on bridge at the old Rectory road close to Belady cemetery Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that repairs to the bridge will be undertaken by maintenance crews over the summer months.

Notice of Motion No: 56/2023

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect cautionary amber signs around the bad bends on the approach road from Johnstown close to Rathdowney town”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the road design section will work with the MD office to ensure warning signs are erected to inform motorists of the bends at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 57/2023

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council as a matter of urgency carry out road safety works on the narrow road adjacent to Dowlings farm at Derrycarrow Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council staff will arrange to meet with Cllr Kelly at the site to assess the need for safety improvement works.

Notice of Motion No: 58/2023

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide on site information along the Sliabh Bloom Cycle Way to alert cyclist’s that when using the various tracks provided, that in the event of an accident or emergency, they may or will be out of mobile phone coverage”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will work will Coillte to advise Mountain Bike Trail users of this message.

Notice of Motion No: 59/2023

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council implement a litter bin replacement programme throughout the Borris in Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal Area for damaged and not fit for purpose bins”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that litter bins are only replaced when the condition of the existing bins necessitates replacement. Laois County Council are actively monitoring the condition of the bins to ensure renewals are completed on a timely basis.

Notice of Motion No: 60/2023

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues at Scully’s cross on the L-1031 at Longford, Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council staff will arrange to meet with Cllr Bergin at the site to assess the need for safety improvement works.

Notice of Motion No: 61/2023

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install measures to prevent traffic from hitting the wall at a residence at Cardtown, Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council staff will arrange to meet with Cllr Bergin at the site to assess the need for safety improvement works.

Notice of Motion No: 62/2023

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council remove the grass verge and replace with gravel at the entrance to Kilcotton GAA grounds in Knockaroo, Borris-In-Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Councillor and representatives from the GAA to establish what the issues are and how best to address them.

Notice of Motion No: 63/2023

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install a turn right sign on the N80 road at the entrance to Tinweir Lane, Tinweir, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that a junction ahead sign will be installed on the approaches to this junction as requested.

Notice of Motion No: 64/2023

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council upgrade the footpaths in Cullohill”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that pavement condition surveys will be undertaken on the footpath and repairs will be undertaken where defects are identified.

Notice of Motion No: 65/2023

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council put measures in place to slow traffic at Junction L5593 on the Rathdowney to Durrow Road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that a member of staff from the road design section will meet Cllr Clooney onsite to establish what measures may assist at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 66/2023

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect signs for Castlebrack old graveyard”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange for replacement/new signage as deemed necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 67/2023

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

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

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will meet Councillor McDonald to examine the nature of the safety concerns at this location and will advance same with the assistance of the TII.

Notice of Motion No: 68/2023

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council request the E.S.B. to remove pole at the rear of a house at Clodiagh Way, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the ESB have received a request to relocate infrastructure in Clodiagh Way. The matter is in the process of being dealt with by the ESB.

Notice of Motion No: 69/2023

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install bollards on either side of the entrance at Ashgrove Housing Estate, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that A survey will be undertaken in the estate to identify poor parking practices. Street bollards/furniture options will be considered at the mouth of the junction.

Notice of Motion No: 70/2023

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council update the pedestrian link from the convent bridge to the bridge at Irishtown”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that delivery of the link will be considered in conjunction with the Mountmellick Flood Relief Scheme. The link will also be identified as a key pedestrian route under the Mountmellick Local Transport Plan.

Notice of Motion No: 71/2023

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council be updated on the progress of the Mountmellick Transportation Plan”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that A first draft of the transport plan will be received this June following which a review will be carried out by the Roads and Planning Departments. A briefing to the Elected Members on the local transport plan will be arranged following issue of final draft.

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 29th of June 2023 at 2.00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Director of Services