

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-
OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE BUSINESS
SUPPORT UNIT MEETING ROOM, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 18TH OF OCTOBER 2022**

PRESENT:

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

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 September Meeting of Borris-In-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 29th of September 2022

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor John King the minutes of the September meeting held on the 29th of September 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

There was no matters arising.

(3) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 127/2022

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect a warning signpost at the Hand Cross, Clough to slow traffic heading towards Aghaboe”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine the broader signage along this route and upgrade signage where found to be inadequate.

Notice of Motion No: 128/2022

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council extend the footpath in Ballacolla Village from Hayes pub towards the Abbeyleix Road for pedestrians”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the footpath configuration will be examined in the Village to determine the need and available space for an extension to the footpath.

Notice of Motion No:129/2022

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect signage to slow down traffic at property at the entrance to Grantstown Lane, Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member to review the signage along this route.

Notice of Motion No: 130/2022

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council include the road from Grennan to Attanagh on the 2023 Road Re-Surfacing Programme”

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: 131/2022

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect ‘Danger Deer’ roadsigns at Moine on the Ballacolla Road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the requested signage will be erected in advance of the wooded area at Moyne, Durrow.

Notice of Motion No: 132/2022

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council include Mill Road, Boston, Cullohill in the 2023 road re-surfacing programme”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. 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:133/2022

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair damaged bridge near Shanbeg, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that a bridge inspection will be undertaken to confirm the condition of the structure. The Elected Member will be updated on the condition of the bridge following the inspection.

Notice of Motion No: 134/2022

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair bridge at Shanbeg “

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that a bridge inspection will be undertaken to confirm the condition of the structure. The Elected Member will be updated on the condition of the bridge following the inspection.

Notice of Motion No: 135/2022

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council remove tree from river at Barkmills as there is a risk of flooding at this location”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members advised that maintenance crews will attend to this blockage in the coming days and weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 136/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the road safety issues at Clonfad, Cuddagh, Castletown where the narrowness of the road and close proximity of a stone wall makes it dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians alike”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Elected Member at the site to review the configuration of the road relative to the parapet wall to determine what improvements can be achieved.

Notice of Motion No: 137/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council through its Active Travel Fund take the necessary actions to install an extension of the existing footpath on the Ballyfin Road, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that this request will be brought to the attention to the SEE, Active Travel with a view to examine how funding can be sought for same.

Notice of Motion No: 138/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out road safety works and provide extra car parking facilities at Churchfield Heights, Castletown”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Elected Member in the estate to examine the current parking layout with a view to determining the needs of the residents for additional spaces.

Notice of Motion No: 139/2022

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give support to the residents in Clough village regarding identifying a suitable walking route around the village of Clough under the guidelines of the Irish heart foundation and Healthy Ireland program to promote walking and cycling in the area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the Sport & Leisure Officer will assistance from the Active Travel team, provide assistance to the local community of Clough to identify suitable walking and cycling route options around the village and assist with identifying funding streams for future projects.

Notice of Motion No:140/2022

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install bicycle racks close to Creche and Community hall in Clough village as a lot of people are cycling to both places and racks are needed for the safety of bicycle user”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the outdoor space will be examined in the village to identify where new cycling facilities could be incorporated.

Notice of Motion No: 141/2022

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council engage with land owners and seek funding for the removal of some hedgerows around the very dangerous bends on the Rathdowney road from Donaghmore village as part of the safety roads program for 2023”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that surveys will be undertaken on this stretch of road to determine the length of hedgerow which needs to be set back to achieve forward visibility standards.

Notice of Motion No: 142/2022

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resolve the flooding issue and install a storm water gully at Connolly Street/Lord Edward Street”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that it is anticipated that the upgrade of the drainage network at this junction will coincide with the watermain rehabilitation at the same location.

Notice of Motion No: 143/2022

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide proper stormwater drainage at O’ Moore Street, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that level surveys will be completed on this street in the coming days. The outcome of the survey will identify the most suitable outfall. Drainage works will follow.

Notice of Motion No: 144/2022

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair and make safe the section of road at Bay Road, Mountmellick where a car overturned during the recent National Ploughing Championships”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the provision of safety signage is proposed in advance of the raised ramparts along this stretch of road. Repairs to the pavement will be undertaken by maintenance crews in the coming days.

(4) Correspondence

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

(5) Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the **17th of November 2022 at 9.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber.**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Director of Services

