

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
21ST SEPTEMBER 2018**

PRESENT:

Councillor	Paddy Bracken (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor	Brendan Phelan
Councillor	John King
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	David Goodwin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services & Ms. Catherine Gorman, Clerical Officer, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 14TH JUNE 2018

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor John King, the Minutes of the June meeting held on the 14th June 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

2. REVIEW OF THE FITNESS FOR PURPOSE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASUAL TRADING ACT 1995 AND THE OCCASIONAL TRADING ACT 1979

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services brought to the attention of the Members the 'Public Consultation on the Casual Trading Act 1995 and the Occasional Trading Act 1979' from the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation. The Members noted that the closing date for receipt of submissions is Wednesday 31st October 2018.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillors raised the issue of engineering support to the Municipal District. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, advised that a replacement S.E.E. for the Western Area will be assigned to the Municipal District on the 1st October 2018 for the duration of Mr. Paul McLoughlin's S.E.E.'s appointment to the Flood Relief Capital Project Office and would be present at the October M.D. meeting. Councillors asked that further engineering staff for the Municipal District be considered to assist with the workloads.

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 18th October 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 106/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out repairs to road at Gurteen, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that repairs will be carried out at this location with the next two weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 107/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair road at Coolagh, Kilcavan”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs at this location within the next two weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 108/2018

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update/progress report on Local Improvement and County Involvement Scheme in the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that LIS and CIS works are 90% complete and remaining schemes will be completed by the year end.

Notice of Motion No: 109/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install speed ramps, flashing lights and pedestrian crossing at Tullamore Road, Clonaslee (near school, church and GAA grounds)”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will be applying for funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme in 2019 to address safety issues at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 110/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect slow down sign at Derrycarrow, Camross and also children at play sign”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that signage will be erected as appropriate at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 111/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council replace wall and repair bridge at Clonaghadoo”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that repair works on the bridge will be carried out in October.

Notice of Motion No: 112/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide an update on river and drain maintenance already undertaken and planned in the Mountmellick/Rosenallis area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that:

- Irishtown Bridge on the N80 has had silt and vegetation removed from the eye of the bridge improving capacity and conveyance in the channel.
- At the Convent Bridge on the R422 the third eye has been cleaned and both the upstream and downstream approaches have had vegetation and silt build up removed.

- Works are ongoing on the stretch of Owenass river between the above mentioned bridges clearing vegetation, silt deposits (above current low water level) with tree/limb cutting to commence this week to remove any potential problem causing impediments in the channel. Once vegetation is cleared we anticipate that bank repairs will be necessary where slippages that have occurred become evident. Repairs will be undertaken as required.
- Cleaning of the Clontygar stream along with a number of feeder drains/streams to the River Owenass and Barrow have taken place with further works planned throughout the remainder of this month.
- Vegetation and tree removal has taken place for several kilometres along the banks of the Barrow through Cloncannon.
- Works undertaken in Clonaheen involve Tree cutting and vegetation removal in the channel on the Murglash river.
- Maintenance has commenced on the Pound river to remove vegetation/silting and improve conveyance.
- River bank repaired, Rock Armour placed, alignment of river improved, scouring issue at bridge repaired, and parapet walls repaired/rebuilt out at Skerry.
- River bank repaired and trees/obstructions removed on the River Owenass at the Basin.
- Bank Reinstatement, alignment improved at Rathcoffey on the River Barrow. Further removal of river gravel and bank reinstatement/abutment protection required urgently.
- River clearing planned on the River Clodiagh in Clonalsee to remove/disperse deposits of river gravel at the bridge and improve conveyance in the channel (awaiting consent of IFI).
- Any fallen trees and potential debris blockages have been removed when observed or upon receipt of notification of same.

Notice of Motion No: 113/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council outline plans and a timeframe for footpath renewal and repairs throughout the Municipal District”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised to liaise with the Western Area Engineer regarding their requests for footpaths under discretionary funding. A programme for footpath repairs under this funding will then be developed.

Notice of Motion No: 114/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace the chevron signs on the Birr Road, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the signs will be replaced in the next two weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 115/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install disabled parking areas and signs outside both banks and credit union in Rathdowney in order to make it safe for patrons who have a disability”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this request will be considered as part of the overall provision and renewal of disabled parking facilities in Rathdowney.

Notice of Motion No: 116/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on the progress of the 8 houses at Mooreville, Rathdowney ”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council received Stage 1 approval for this project from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 5th September 2018. A design team are currently being appointed to develop the detailed design.

Notice of Motion No: 117/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the issue of putting in an entrance from Erkindale Drive Estate, Durrow to the cemetery at the back of the catholic church to facilitate patrons digging graves, using machinery and mowers as the pathway beside the church is too narrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that an application was made for funding to complete these works through the Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme in 2018. Unfortunately the application was unsuccessful this year. Funding has been allocated by the DCCAE for 2019 however the numbers of applications exceed the available funding. Prioritisation of the various projects will be considered in early 2019 and it is hoped these works will be agreed at that time.

Notice of Motion No: 118/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council who are working in partnership with Irish Water on the upgrade of the ageing water mains between Castletown and Mountrath ensure that the contractor reinstates the road surface to the required standard”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will ensure the provision of road opening licences are fully adhered to.

Notice of Motion No: 119/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install bollards and fencing at the vicinity of Clover United Soccer Club, Mooreville Estate and Quigley Park, Rathdowney to prevent the illegal parking of caravans and camper vans”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the traffic and road safety issues at this location will be examined by the Area Engineer.

Notice of Motion No: 120/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide funding to install direction signs for St. Aengus Soccer Club and St. Fintan’s G.A.A. Club at Patrick Street, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that installation of signage is subject to licensing by the Local Authority – applications can be made for the installation of signs at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 121/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council change level of sign at Johnstown Glebe Cross to improve visibility”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that signage at this location will be examined and if appropriate, signage will be altered.

Notice of Motion No: 122/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair road in Kilcoke, Ballybrophy as the road has split in the centre”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that a technical examination will be carried out on this pavement and options for repair examined.

Notice of Motion No: 123/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace bollards at Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that these bollards have been replaced.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor James Kelly raised the issue regarding up to date Standing Orders. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services advised that a copy of same would be circulated to the Members.

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

