

**MINUTES OF THE GRAIGUECULLEN/PORTARLINGTON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE PARISH
CENTRE, GRAIGUECULLEN AT 2.00 p.m.**

PRESENT Mr. John Moran, Cathaoirleach (In the Chair)
Mr. Aidan Mullins M.C.C.
Mr. Paschal McEvoy, M.C.C.
Mr. Tom Mulhall, M.C.C.
Mr. Ben Brennan, M.C.C.
Mr. Pdraig Fleming, M.C.C.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance
Mr. John Ormond, A/Senior Executive Engineer

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF GRAIGUECULLEN/PORTARLINGTON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 20TH OF JUNE 2018

On the proposal of Councillor Mulhall seconded by Councillor Brennan the minutes of the June meeting held on the 20th of June 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

2. PROGRESS REPORT

The report was noted and the Members complimented Mr John Ormond, A/Senior Executive Engineer on the works that had been completed since the last meeting. Mr Ormond agreed to follow up on a number of issues raised by the members, including the turning on of the lights in Portarlington, additional bins in Portarlington and the repair of the digital speed detection sign in Bracklone St, Portarlington.

3. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 91/2018

Councillor Paschal McEvoy proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That Laois County Council carry out a slip test on the bend at Old Mills, Stradbally as there have been a number of accidents at this bend recently”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Tom Mulhall. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/S.E.E. would arrange to have the road surface inspected at this location and will complete tests to determine the surface texture of the pavement. Remedial measures will be determined based on the results of the surface texture depths. If required this road can be considered for inclusion in the 2019 roads programme.

Notice of Motion No: 92/2018

Councillor Paschal McEvoy proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That Laois County Council re-surface the road that is in bad repair at Timogue, Stradbally outside house – this road has been patched on several occasions”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that there are no funds available to complete resurfacing at this location under the 2018 road programme. This section of road will be surveyed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 annual roads programme. Mr Ormond agreed to meet Councillor McEvoy on site.

Notice of Motion No: 93/2018

Councillor Paschal McEvoy proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out a speed survey in Timahoe Village with a view to putting speed restrictions in place”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/Senior Executive Engineer will arrange for a speed survey to be completed at this location. Traffic calming measures will be considered based on the results of the speed survey.

Notice of Motion No: 94/2018

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council fix the drain in Bilboa as it is in a very dangerous condition”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that this work will be completed within the next two weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 95/2018

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update as to when the Killeen Road is being officially opened”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that this road was re-opened to the public on Monday the 17th of September.

Notice of Motion No: 96/2018

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update as to when the bridge in Bilboa will be repaired”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that tender documents are currently being prepared for this work. The works will be completed in late 2018 subject to available funds or early 2019.

Notice of Motion No: 97/2018

Councillor Aidan Mullins proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council improve the signage and road markings at Deer Park Cross outside Portarlinton”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Tom Mulhall. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/S.E.E. would arrange to have the road markings refreshed at this location in the coming weeks. Existing signage will also be inspected and amended as required.

Notice of Motion No: 98/2018

Councillor Aidan Mullins proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council indicate when work will commence on widening the junction at French Church Street and the Link Road in Portarlinton to improve traffic flow”.

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that Road Design has completed the design of French Church Street Junction. Works can commence in the 1st quarter of 2019.

Notice of Motion No: 99/2018

Councillor Aidan Mullins proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council indicate when work will commence on replacing the parapets on the River Barrow Bridge on French Church Street in Portarlinton”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that parapet railing fabrication drawings and precast concrete parapet construction drawings have been approved by Laois County Council's design representative and construction works have commenced off site on both these elements of the project. It is expected that site works will commence on Friday the 5th of October and be completed before 12th December 2018.

Notice of Motion No: 100/2018

Councillor Tom Mulhall proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update on the taking in charge of the Glen Estate, Kilnacourt, Portarlinton”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that there are still 2 no. live permissions on this development, planning references 17/203 and 18/310. As this estate is still under development, the estate will not be taken in charge until completed in accordance with the relevant planning permissions.

Notice of Motion No: 101/2018

Councillor Tom Mulhall proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put in place measures to stop water coming in off the road at Old Pound, Ballybrittas on to O’ Dempsey’s G.A.A. Ground Property”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that this location was previously inspected and a small berm installed to divert the water past the GAA grounds. The GSS for the Portarlinton Area has recently been in contact with representatives from the GAA club in relation to this issue. Mr Ormond agreed to meet Councillors Mc Evoy and Mulhall on site.

Notice of Motion No: 102/2018

Councillor Tom Mulhall proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put in place measures to stop water lying on the road outside house at Screagh Cross, Portarlinton”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/S.E.E. would arrange to meet with Councillor Mulhall on site to investigate this issue and discuss any remedial action required.

Notice of Motion No: 103/2018

Councillor John Moran proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out repairs to the chevron sign at house at The Swan”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/S.E.E. would arrange for this location to be inspected and the chevron sign re-erected or replaced as required. It is expected that this will be completed within the next two weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 104/2018

Councillor John Moran proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That Laois County Council examines Sleaty Roundabout, Graiguecullen as a series of accidents have occurred here “

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that the Road Design Office is currently preparing an inlay / overlay design for this location. A costing of the works will be done once the design is complete and the works will be tendered. It is anticipated that works will be completed subject to available funding in Q4 2018 or early 2019. Agreement with the adjacent property owner will also be required. Temporary warning signage has been erected at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 105/2018

Councillor John Moran proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council replace the sign that has been knocked down for Ashfield”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan. The Members were advised that this has been referred to TII for replacement and it is expected that the works will be completed in the next two to three weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 106/2018

Councillor Padraig Fleming proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding at the entrance to a house near the Mill Cross , Ballylinan”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that works have recently been completed at this location and will continue to be monitored over the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 107/2018

Councillor Padraig Fleming proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That Laois County Council look at measures to increase parking facilities at side of at St Mary’s Church , Wolfhill”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/S.E.E. will arrange to meet with Councillor Fleming and local residents at this location to determine the scope of the works involved. It should be noted however that there is a car park available opposite this church with approximately 50 spaces provided. Current car parking facilities appear to be sufficient for most occurrences at St Mary’s Church.

Notice of Motion No: 108/2018

Councillor Padraig Fleming proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council look at flooding near a house at Hollypark, Newtown”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan. The Members were advised that Mr. John Ormond, A/S.E.E. will arrange to meet with Councillor Fleming at this location and investigate the cause of the flooding.

4. Portarlington Business Incentive Scheme

It was proposed by Councillor Mulhall and seconded by Councillor Mullins that the Business Incentive Scheme should be applied to vacant business properties in the Lea Road Business Park

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence since the last meeting.

5. Time and date of next meeting:

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 17st of October 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
John Moran, Cathaoirleach