

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
19th of February 2015**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Brenda Cuddy, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORRIS IN OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON 15th of JANUARY 2015

On the proposition of Councillor David Goodwin and seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of January 2015 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

An update was provided in relation to matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of January 2015.

3. SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Director of Services gave an update in relation to this and advised that this matter will be listed for consideration at the March Meeting of the Municipal District.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that no correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 19/2015

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair the street lights at St. Fintans Cemetery and Mountrath Community College, Mountrath and also alleviate the congestion and parking problem at the school”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the maintenance contractor has been informed to repair this light. Normally reported faulty lights are fixed within 2 days.

Notice of Motion No: 20/2015

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide funding to repair the footpaths on the Main Street, Borris-in-Ossory and also the manhole cover outside Coffeys House”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that a review of all footpaths within the western area is being carried out and works will be carried out on a priority basis. The Manhole cover in question is an Eircom cover which has been reported to Eircom.

Notice of Motion No: 21/2015

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council implement traffic calming measures and if possible reduce the speed limit from 80kmh to 50kmh on the approach roads to Killadooley National School and Killasmeestia Church”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that there is currently a speed limit review taking place and this request will be included in the review. The matter will be referred to Road Design for inclusion in same.

Notice of Motion No: 22/2015

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council contact Irish Rail regarding the bridge at Lisduff, Errill as a matter of urgency as surface conditions are desperate at this bridge. There has been no further progress from Irish Rail since the meeting held in March 2014 ”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that contact was again made with Irish Rail in relation to Lisduff Bridge last week and they have advised that their Senior Track and Structures Team have inspected the ramps and also carried out a survey of same. They are currently finalizing their proposal which is near completion. They will be in contact within the next few weeks to set up a meeting to discuss their proposal, estimated start date for the works, road closure and surfacing requirements”

Notice of Motion No: 23/2015

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council contact the owners of Peadar’s Pub, Rathdowney and provide some funding to make this property more secure and to enhance the façade”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to planning under the Derelict Sites Act.

Notice of Motion No: 24/2015

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council put public notice in local newspapers requesting landowners to cut their hedgerows and also that this Council provide detailed account of what is required thereof from road safety maintenance section before the nesting season starts”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the advertisement has been forwarded for publishing.

Notice of Motion No: 25/2015

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council make safe the road near Conroy’s house, Clarahill, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that works have been carried out in the last number of days as requested.

Notice of Motion No: 26/2015

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect ‘No Dumping’ signs remove trees and rubbish at Rosenallis Cemetery”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this issue will be referred to the local Litter Warden for investigation and the best location for the erection of a ‘No Dumping Sign’ will be investigated.

Notice of Motion No: 27/2015

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out urgent road repairs at Cush, Clonaslee (near McCanns house).

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that repairs are being carried out at present by the patching unit and this area will also be included for consideration in the 2015 strengthening programme subject to the pavement index survey.

Notice of Motion No: 28/2015

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give up date progress on repairs at Lisduff Bridge”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that contact was again made with Irish Rail in relation to Lisduff bridge last week and they have advised that their Senior Track and Structures team have inspected the ramps and also carried out a survey of same. They are currently finalizing their proposal which is near completion and will be in contact within the next few weeks to set up a meeting to discuss their proposal, estimated start date for the works, road closure and surfacing requirements.

Notice of Motion No: 29/2015

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair footpaths in Cullohill Village” This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly.

The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out a review of all footpaths within the western area and works will be carried out on a priority basis.

Notice of Motion No: 30/2015

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remove fire hydrant from private property in O’ Daly Terrace, Rathdowney.

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that they should raise this query directly with Irish Water on the dedicated elected members telephone number. Irish Water will consider the members views and they will respond directly.

Notice of Motion No: 31/2015

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remove stones and other debris from the Clodiagh River under the bridge in Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that a programme of works will be prepared to carry out works on Clodiagh River under the bridge at Clonaslee subject to funding and necessary paperwork being in place.

Notice of Motion No: 32/2015

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council alleviate flooding at Michael Fallon’s yard, Main Street, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that it is proposed to install an additional gully to catch the surface water in the area of Michael Fallons yard and these works will be included in the 2015 drainage programme”

Notice of Motion No: 33/2015

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council repair road at Coolagh, Kilcavan, as a matter of urgency”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Patrick Bracken. The Members were advised that repairs are being carried out at present by the patching unit and this area will also be included for consideration in the 2015 strengthening programme subject to the pavement index survey”

Notice of Motion No: 34/2015

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remove the parking bays on the Ballyfin Road, Mountrath at the junction of Rushin Road because vehicles that park here are causing extreme safety issues exiting this junction”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this is included in the list of works for the road lining crew when they are next in the area.

Notice of Motion No: 35/2015

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the subsidence at the Convent Bridge, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that the matter would be referred to road design for a full bridge inspection and report.

Notice of Motion No: 36/2015

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remark the roundabouts at Connolly Street and O’ Moore Street, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this will be included in the list of works for the road lining crew when they are next in the area.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS