

Minutes of the Portlaoise Municipal District Meeting held in Áras and Chontae on the 25th April 2018 at 11:00 am
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Present: Mary Sweeny, M.C.C. Chairperson

Catherine Fitzgerald, M.C.C., Caroline Dwane Stanley, M.C.C.

Willie Aird, A.C.C., John Joe Fennelly, M.C.C., Noel Tuohy, M.C.C.

In attendance: Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services, Wes Wilkinson Senior Executive Engineer, Kim Kinsella, A.O.

1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PORTLAOISE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 21ST MARCH 2018.

On the proposal of Councillor Dwane Stanley seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald, the minutes of the meeting held on the 21th March 2018 were confirmed and circulated.

2) MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr. Aird asked had agreement been reached with CIE regarding the footpath at the railway crossing. He and Cllr. Fitzgerald reiterated that this was very dangerous and a safety Issue. Wes informed them that he was still in talks with CIE

Cllr. Dwane Stanley thanked Wes Wilkinson for the repairing of fence at Mountain View

3) NOTICE OF MOTIONS

57/2018 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly	Mr. Wes Wilkinson SEE Portlaoise MD
<i>“That this Council erect a concealed entrance sign at Barna, Castlecomer Road, Ballinakill as there is a series of dangerous bends at this location”</i>	<i>I will meet Councillor Fennelly on site to investigate the issues at the location.</i> Seconded by: Cllr. Aird
58/2018 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly	Mr. Wes Wilkinson SEE Portlaoise MD
<i>“That this Council re-paint the disabled parking bays on Main Street & Market Square Abbeyleix”</i>	<i>The disabled parking bays on Main Street & Market Square Abbeyleix will be repainted when road marking works are being carried out in the area in the coming weeks.</i> Seconded by: Cllr. Tuohy
59/2018 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly	Mr. Michael O’ Hora, S.E.

<p><i>“That this Council give an update on the replacement of the footpaths at Raheen Cemetery”</i></p>	<p><i>There is a Countywide survey being conducted at present in cemeteries that are in Laois County Council ownership to identify works required.</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by: Cllr. Aird</i></p>
<p><i>60/2018 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley</i></p>	<p><i>Ms. Kim Kinsella, A.O., Roads</i></p>
<p><i>“That this Council contact the Minister of justice & Equality and request funding to be made available for CCTV for the Mountmellick Road in light of the recent Criminal and anti- social behaviour in the Area”</i></p>	<p><i>Management and installation of CCTV is a matter for the An Garda Siochana. A letter will issue from Laois County Council to the Gardai with the details of this Notice of Motion.</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by: Cllr. Tuohy</i></p>
<p><i>61/2018 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley</i></p>	<p><i>Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer</i></p>
<p><i>“This this Council request the Environment Section to install cameras in the area of Ballytegan down to Knocknagroagh, Ridge Road, to deal with the ongoing problem of illegal dumping of rubbish”</i></p>	<p><i>This location has been included on the rota of sites for mobile CCTV cameras placement. First placement will be in the immediate coming weeks but they will be on rotation at this location throughout the year from now on.</i></p>
<p><i>62/2018 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley</i></p>	<p><i>Wes Wilkinson SEE Portlaoise MD</i></p>
<p><i>“That this Council resurface the Bog Road, Ballytarsna”</i></p>	<p><i>Road repairs will be carried out at this location in the coming weeks.</i></p>

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Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

63/2018 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Mr. Farhan Nasiem, A/SEE Road Design
“That this Council install a crossing from the pedestrian exit at Lidl to footpath”	The section of the road at Lidl’s pedestrian exit is not in charge by Laois County Council. Further to this pedestrian exit there is existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Laois shopping centre Roundabout. This location will be reviewed and assessed.
64/2018 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Mr. Wes Wilkinson S.E.E Portlaoise MD
“That this Council be given an update regarding the river walkway”	A Consultant has been appointed to carry out an environmental study on the proposed route from Parc an Phobail to the Southern Circular Road. The outcome of this report will feed into the final design which will be advertised for Part VIII in the coming months.
65/2018 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Mr. Farhan Nasiem, A/S.E.E., Road Design
“That this Council install the new roundabout at Rockview as soon as possible”	Design for new Roundabout has been completed and Part8 is in process for new roundabout at Rockview.

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Councillor Willie Aird

66/2018 – Councillor Willie Aird	Wes Wilkinson SEE Portlaoise MD
<i>“That Portlaoise Municipal District calls on Laois County Council to restore the paths and green area which was damaged during flood remedial works in Boughlone”</i>	<i>The green area and paths were disturbed during recent investigation works at this location. Plans are currently being made to repair and replace sections of surface water sewer in this area. The green area and paths will be permanently reinstated and landscaped as part of these works.</i>
67/2018 – Councillor Willie Aird	Mr. Wes Wilkinson, S.EE., Portlaoise MD
<i>“That Portlaoise Municipal District calls on Laois County Council to rebuild broken boundary walls at the Willows, Forest Park and also to remove fallen trees as a result of Storm Ophelia from this area”</i>	<i>Works will be carried out shortly to address these issues in the Willows Forest Park.</i>

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Councillor Mary Sweeney

69/2018 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Mr. Wes Wilkinson SEE Portlaoise MD
<i>“That roads at Clontico be repaired”</i>	<i>Road Repairs will be carried out at this location in the coming weeks</i>
70/2018 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Ms. Orla Barrett, S.E.E.
<i>“That glass bottle banks at Ballyroan Community Hall be re-located”</i>	<i>The Environment Section is actively looking for a new location for the Bottle Banks in Ballyroan. We would be delighted to discuss alternative sites with the community for this valuable community facility.</i>

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Councillor Noel Tuohy

71/2018 – Councillor Noel Tuohy	Ms. Orla Barrett, S.E.E.
<i>“That this Council in the interest of health and</i>	<i>While Laois County Council Environment</i>

<i>safety clear up the illegal dumping in the vacant house in Lakeglen”</i>	<i>Section deals with all cases of illegal dumping in a very serious manner it is not possible for us to comment on individual ongoing cases involving private property.</i>
<i>72/2018 – Councillor Noel Tuohy</i>	<i>Mr. Michael Rainey, S.E.O., Housing</i>
<i>“That the back lane of the 8 houses in Marian Avenue (adjacent to Conniberry Way) be resurfaced as per agreement with residents”</i>	<i>The resurfacing of the back lane is included in the schedule of works and is expected to be completed by June 2018.</i>
<i>73/2018 – Councillor Noel Tuohy</i>	<i>Mr. Wes Wilkinson SEE Portlaoise MD</i>
<i>“That this Council put in a path on the grass margin on Summerhill Lane and continue the bollards from Aghnaharna towards the schools”</i>	<i>Laois County Council are currently examining options for funding of these works at Summerhill Lane and in the Aghnaharna area.</i>

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr. Fennely asked could funding be made available for small maintenance works other than the Cllrs. discretionary.***
- Cllr. Fenelly raised the infrequency of sweeping in Abbeyleix and requested that this was looked at before the Roads Programme was brought before full Council.***

- *Discussion about Public Lighting – Angela McEvoy to discuss individual light with Cllr. Fitzgerald.*
- *Cllr. Tuohy asked about Lighting up County Hall in blue on April 2nd for Autism day.*

6. FIX TIME, DATE & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is to be held on the 18th April 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of Áras an Chontae.

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018

- *Schedule of Meetings 2018 circulated. Municipal Schedule proposed by Cllr. Fennelly and Seconded by Cllr. Sweeney.*

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

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DIRECTOR OF SERVICE.