

**Minutes of the Portlaoise Municipal District Meeting held in Áras and Chontae
on the 15th March, 2017 at 11.00 a.m.**

Present: John Joe Fennelly, M.C.C. Chairperson ,
Catherine Fitzgerald, M.C.C., Caroline Dwane Stanley, M.C.C.
Willie Aird, A.C.C., Mary Sweeney, M.C.C., Noel Tuohy, M.C.C.,
Gerry Lodge, M.C.C.

In attendance: Kieran Kehoe, D.O.S., Wes Wilkinson, A.S.E., Kim Kinsella,
A.O.,

**1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PORTLAOISE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 15TH OF MARCH 2017.**

On the proposal of Councillor Mary Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald, the minutes of the meeting held on the 15 February, 2017 were confirmed and circulated.

2) MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley referred to the Woodgrove.

3) NOTICES OF MOTION

37/2017 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley	Seconded: Noel Tuohy
<p><i>“This Laois County Council contact Respond Housing Body and ask them to consult with their tenants and take their concerns into consideration prior to any new tenancy agreement being put in place”</i></p> <p>Mr. Ian McCormack, S.E.O., Housing The Housing Department will contact Respond and ask them to consult with their tenants with regard to tenancy agreements.</p>	
38/2017 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley	Seconded; Cllr. Aird
<p><i>“That this Council install extra Traffic Calming and Safety Measures in the vicinity of the Gael Scoil, Educate Together, and Marybourough School”</i></p> <p>Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services A meeting will be arranged between representatives from the schools, Laois County Council’s Road Safety Officer and Area Staff. Cllr. Aird requested a letter to the Superintendent regarding this issue.</p>	

39/2017 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley	Seconded: Cllr. Sweeney
<p>“This this Council ensure that any existing problems with the sewage and waste water drainage system in Glenbrook Estate Ballyroan are rectified”</p> <p>Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services Works are ongoing in this estate at present.</p>	
40/2017 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Seconded: Cllr. Aird
<p>“That Laois County Council carry out repairs at the Bog Road, Ballyroan”</p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E. Road Repairs were carried out on the Bog road this week.</p> <p>Cllr. Sweeney thanked Mr. Wilkinson</p>	
41/2017 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Seconded: Cllr. Aird
<p>“That Laois County Council refresh and re-align road markings at the junction of Cashel, Ballyroan”</p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E. The lining at the junction will be refreshed when other the line marking works are being carried out in the area in the next 1-2 months.</p> <p>Cllr. Sweeney said this was very important as it was very dangerous</p>	
42/2017 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Seconded: Cllr. Fennelly
<p>“That Laois County Council replace the directional finger post signs for Abbeyleix at the Ballinakill Road Junction, Ballyroan”</p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E. This sign will be ordered this week and will be erected in the coming weeks.</p>	

43/2017 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly	Seconded: Cllr. Sweeney
<p>“That this Council set up a rota to clean all gullys in the Municipal District of Portlaoise”</p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E. The surface water gullys in Portlaoise town centre and Abbeyleix town centre are cleaned in October each year. We are due to carry out additional cleaning of gullys in Abbeyleix in late March.</p> <p>Cllr. Fennelly requested that this would be done quarterly</p>	
44/2017 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly	Seconded: Cllr. Aird
<p>“That this Council open and clean all water tables on the Ballytarsna Road as you head for Shanahoe”</p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E. Water cuts will be opened along this section of road in the coming weeks.</p>	

Cllr. Fennelly thanked Mr. Wilkinson	
45/2017 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly	Seconded: Cllr. Aird
<p><i>“That this Council give a timescale to repair the bridge at Parkavilla Road near Cromogue Cross”</i></p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E.</p> <p><i>The bridge wall will be repaired within the next 4-5 weeks.</i></p>	
46/2017 – Councillor Noel Tuohy	Seconded: Cllr. Lodge
<p><i>‘That this Council repair the public lighting in Millbrook’</i></p> <p>Mr. Farhan Nasiem, A/S.E.E.</p> <p><i>This estate is not in charge and has been referred to planning section for repair of lights.</i></p> <p>Mr. Kieran Kehoe said that the taking in charge of this estate is advancing</p>	
47/2017 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Seconded: Cllr. Sweeney
<p><i>“That this Council ensure that we zone land specifically for sheltered housing”</i></p> <p>Ms. Angela McEvoy, Senior Planner</p> <p><i>Dwelling units are considered appropriate within the following land use zones – Village and Town Centres, Residential 1, Residential 2 Community, Educational and Institutional and Tourism in the Laois County Development Plan 2011-2017. Similar but varied standards apply also within the Local Plan areas. Sheltered accommodation is therefore considered to be catered for in these land use zones. .</i></p>	
48/2017 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Seconded: Cllr. Sweeney
<p><i>“That this Council be given an update re: Parking at Portlaoise Rail station”</i></p> <p>Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services</p> <p><i>Laois County Council continue to progress this issue.</i></p>	
49/2017 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Sweeney
<p><i>“That this Council improve signage at Tougher roundabout making it clear ‘The Portlaoise Exit’”</i></p> <p>Mr. Farhan Nasiem, A/S.E.E.</p> <p><i>This matter has been referred to the T.I.I.</i></p>	
50/2017 – Councillor Willie Aird	Seconded: Cllr. Fitzgerald
<p><i>“That the Portlaoise Municipal District calls on Laois County Council to carry out repairs to the road surface at the Rockview roundabout on the Mountrath road and also on the Timahoe Road near Odlums”</i></p> <p>Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E.</p> <p><i>The road repairs have been carried out on the Timahoe Road at Odlums and the repairs and Rock View Roundabout will be completed in the coming weeks.</i></p>	
51/2017 – Councillor Willie Aird	Seconded: Cllr. Tuohy
<p><i>“That the Portlaoise Municipal District calls on Laois County Council to give an up to date position regarding its discussions about the provision of a site for additional</i></p>	

parking for the Railway Station at Tower Hill”

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services

Laois County Council continue to progress this issue.

52/2017 – Councillor Willie Aird

Seconded: Cllr. Tuohy

“That the Portlaoise Municipal District calls on Laois County Council to indicate it’s plans for collection of waste material in Saint Peter and Paul’s Cemetery”

Ms. Martina Bracken, A.O., Environment

Laois County Council are working with Portlaoise Cemetery Committee in relation to the upkeep & maintenance, including removal of waste materials, in Saint Peter & Paul’s Cemetery, Portlaoise.

Cllr. Aird requested a date when this work will be done.

53/2017 – Councillor Jerry Lodge

Seconded: Cllr. Fitzgerald

“That this Council re-surface Glynnside Estate”

Mr. Wes Wilkinson, A/S.E.E.

Minor road repairs have been carried out in this estate. This road can be considered for the 2018 Roads Programme.

Cllr. Fennelly thanked Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Kehoe for response.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Presentation by Wesley Keogh Planning Department on Derelict Sites

Cllr. Lodge welcomed and requested that upper floors of buildings would be examined and also stated that he would like to see the levy increased nationally.

Cllr. Tuohy highlighted 3 properties on Main Street.

- Municipal District Schedule proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Sweeney.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Department regarding the Community Facilities Scheme.- €1000 per group. Applications through LCDC, then through Municipal District. Details will be circulated.

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

The next meeting is to be held on the 19th April 2017 @ 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of Áras an Chontae.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

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Certified: _____

DIRECTOR OF SERVICE.

