

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

Present: Mary Sweeny, M.C.C. Chairperson ,

Catherine Fitzgerald, M.C.C., Caroline Dwane Stanley, M.C.C.
Willie Aird, M.C.C., John Joe Fennelly, M.C.C., Gerry Lodge, M.C.C.,
Noel Tuohy, M.C.C.

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

**1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PORTLAOISE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 18TH OCTOBER 2017.**

On the proposal of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor
Caroline Dwane Stanley, the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October, 2017
were confirmed and circulated

**2) CONFIRMATION OF BUDGET MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PORTLAOISE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 18TH OCTOBER 2017.**

On the proposal of Councillor John Joe Fennelly seconded by Councillor
Mary Sweeney, the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October, 2017 were
confirmed and circulated

3) NOTICE OF MOTIONS

<p>139/2017 – Councillor Noel Tuohy</p> <p><i>“That Laois County Council in consultation with the Gardai consider further road safety and traffic calming measures in the vicinity of the Rock NS, Mountmellick due to the ongoing speeding and dangerous driving manifesting in this area”</i></p>	<p>Farhan Nasiem a/S.E.E. Road Design</p> <p><i>The installation of Periodic Speed Signs on the R422 in the vicinity of the Rock NS commenced this week. It is expected that the signs will be commissioned and made operation within the next 2 weeks.</i></p> <p><i>The Periodic Speed Signs will impose a 30kph speed limit on this section of road at the times for drop off and collection of children.</i></p> <p>Seconded; Cllr. Dwane Stanley</p> <p>Mr. Wilkinson to meet with School Principal Letter to Garda to inform of above Meeting with BOM to progress Road Safety at this location</p>
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140/2017 – Councillor Noel Tuohy	Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office
<i>“That this Council erect required signage / markings on the exits to the Stradbally Road from Beladd’</i>	<i>The signage & markings on the exits to the Stradbally Road from Beladd will be reviewed and the required signs and markings will be installed.</i> Seconded; Cllr. Dwane Stanley
141/2017 – Councillor Noel Tuohy	Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office
<i>That this Council help maintain ‘The Lake’ in Glendowns</i>	<i>The outlet of the lake will be monitored over the winter period and debris will be removed as required.</i> <i>The lake in Glendowns is a habitat for a variety of wildlife. The Portlaoise M.D. Office has requested an ecologist report in relation to this location. It is intended that the report will provide guidance in relation to the types of works that can be carried out in this area.</i> Seconded; Cllr. Jerry Lodge
142/2017 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley	Farhan Nasiem a/S.E.E. Road Design
<i>“That this Council contact the (NTA) National Transport Authority to request a bus Stop at Bellingham Estate, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise”</i>	<i>Laois County Council has brought a policy on Bus Shelters through the relevant Strategic Policy Committee and this will be brought to full Council for adoption shortly. This policy will ensure that a review of the bus stop locations in Portlaoise is carried out. The proposal for a bus stop at Bellingham can be considered as part of this review.</i> Seconded: Cllr. Noel Tuohy Potential locations will be identified and go before Full Council for consideration
143/2017 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley	Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office
<i>“That this Council Contact Iarnrod Eireann and ask them to reinstate the Cemetery wall at Straboe that was damaged by them without further delay”</i>	<i>However I will arrange to meet with Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley on site to investigate the issue.</i> Seconded; Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald

<p>144/2017 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley</p>	<p>Farhan Nasiem a/S.E.E.</p>
<p><i>“That this Council install without delay the "Periodic School Signs " and to put in place additional road safety measures in the Area of the Rock School, Mountmellick”</i></p>	<p><i>The installation of Periodic Speed Signs on the R422 in the vicinity of the Rock NS commenced this week. It is expected that the signs will be commissioned and made operation within the next 2 weeks.</i></p> <p><i>The Periodic Speed Signs will impose a 30kph speed limit on this section of road at the times for drop off and collection of children.</i></p> <p>Seconded; Cllr. Noel Tuohy</p> <p>Mr. Wilkinson to meet with School Principal Letter to Garda to inform of above Meeting with BOM to progress Road Safety at this location</p>
<p>145/2017 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office</p>
<p><i>“That this Council resolve the flooding problem in Beechlawn”</i></p>	<p><i>The Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office are currently carrying out a programme of cleaning and jetting of surface water gullys and sewers in the area. Beechlawn will be included on the schedule for these works.</i></p> <p>Seconded: Cllr. Jerry Lodge</p> <p>Wes Wilkinson to investigate Road Levels</p>
<p>146/2017 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office</p>
<p><i>“That this Council install a yellow box on the Timahoe Road at the entrance/exit to Rankin's Wood”</i></p>	<p><i>The entrance/exit to Rankin's Wood on the Timahoe Road will be reviewed and the required markings will be installed.</i></p> <p>Seconded: Cllr. Sweeney</p>
<p>147/2017 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Farhan Nasiem a/S.E.E.</p>
<p><i>“That this Council meet with the Principal and Representatives from the Rock National School regarding safety measures for the school area”</i></p>	<p><i>The installation of Periodic Speed Signs on the R422 in the vicinity of the Rock NS commenced this week. It is expected that the signs will be commissioned and made operation within the next 2 weeks.</i></p> <p><i>The Periodic Speed Signs will impose a 30kph speed limit on this section of road at the times for drop off and collection of children.</i></p> <p>Seconded; Cllr. Dwane Stanley</p> <p>Mr. Wilkinson to meet with School Principal</p>

	Letter to Garda to inform of above Meeting with BOM to progress Road Safety at this location
148/2017 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office
<i>“That Laois County Council provide update regarding the installation of ramp at Ashley Gardens”</i>	<i>The speed ramp in Ashley Gardens will be installed within the next 2-3 weeks.</i> Seconded: Cllr. Jerry Lodge
149/2017 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office
<i>“That Laois County Council provide update for installation of ramp at Colliers Lane”</i>	<i>The speed ramp on Colliers Lane will be installed within the next 2-3 weeks.</i> Seconded: Cllr. Dwane Stanley Cllr. Fitzgerald suggested to look at Clonmel model
150/2017 – Councillor Mary Sweeney	Farhan Nasiem a/S.E.E.
<i>“That Laois County Council examine further safety measures at the Rock National School, Mountmellick”</i>	<i>The installation of Periodic Speed Signs on the R422 in the vicinity of the Rock NS commenced this week. It is expected that the signs will be commissioned and made operation within the next 2 weeks.</i> <i>The Periodic Speed Signs will impose a 30kph speed limit on this section of road at the times for drop off and collection of children.</i> Seconded; Cllr. Dwane Stanley Mr. Wilkinson to meet with School Principal Letter to Garda to inform of above Meeting with BOM to progress Road Safety at this location

<p>151/2017 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly <i>“As a result of the recent vandalism on the vacant properties at Veci Hill, Abbeyleix, that this Council uses its powers under the Derelict Sites and Dangerous Buildings policies to make the site safe as it is now a Health & Safety concern to the other residents that live in the estate”</i></p>	<p>Ms. Angela McEvoy, Senior Planner <i>A site inspection will be carried out by the Planning section to determine whether derelict sites legislation is relevant to this estate and will be also referred to Dangerous Structures for investigation.</i> Seconded; Cllr. Dwane Stanley Cllr. Fennelly welcomed Derelict site investigation and Thanked the Planning Section</p>
<p>152/2017 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly <i>“That this Council give a commencement date for work at the dangerous junction at Ralish, Abbeyleix”</i></p>	<p>Farhan Nasiem a/S.E.E. Road Design <i>Works commenced this week at this location</i> Seconded; Cllr. Fitzgerald</p>
<p>153/2017 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly <i>“That this Council clean up and install extra water tables in the Shanahoe and Raheen areas”</i></p>	<p>Wes Wilkinson S.E.E. Portlaoise M.D. Roads Office <i>Works to clean up and install water tables in the Shanahoe and Raheen areas will be carried out in the coming weeks.</i> Seconded: Cllr. Sweeney</p>
<p>154/2017 – Councillor Jerry Lodge <i>“That this meeting be informed of the up to date position regarding the taking in charge of the following estates – Westlands, Millbrook & The Garden Village”</i></p>	<p>Mr. Pat Delaney, A.O., Planning <i>Westlands – A CCTV has recently been carried out and we are awaiting the results to progress Taking in Charge.</i> <i>Millbrook – A CCTV survey has been requested and we are awaiting the company to carry out same.</i> <i>The Garden Village –A legal issue arose in relation to the taking in charge of this estate. Laois County Council has sought legal opinion in relation to this issue.</i> Seconded by Cllr. Dwane Stanley All Cllrs. Sought for Garden village to be put on the January Agenda for progress report</p>
<p>155/2017 – Councillor Jerry Lodge <i>“That this meeting request an urgent meeting with the I.D.A. regarding the lack of industrial development”</i></p>	<p>Mr. Kieran Kehoe, Director of Services <i>Laois County Council have been informed that the I.D.A. Chief Executive will be attending a meeting in Laois over the next couple of months.</i> Seconded; Cllr. Fitzgerald All Members would welcome visit from IDA</p>

5). ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Letter of Sympathy to go to family of Joe Hesh McCormack to acknowledge years of service on Portlaoise Town Council.
- Portlaoise Southern Circular – Members update on current stage of the project. All welcomed this report
- Mr. Kieran Kehoe informed the Municipal that a Town Team had been set up under the Framework for Town Centre Renewal. A report of the Town Team will be an item on the Agenda and Members will receive a monthly report on progress.
- Letter to issue to all Members regarding Christmas Parking Arrangements.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

The next meeting is to be held on the 13^h December @ 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of Áras an Chontae.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

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DIRECTOR OF SERVICE