

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE AND VIA MICROSOFT
TEAMS ON THE 19TH OF JULY 2024**

PRESENT:

Councillor	Seamus McDonald – In the Chair
Councillor	Ollie Clooney
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	Conor Bergin
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	John King

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the May meeting of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on 8th of May 2024

On the proposition of Councillor Ollie Clooney seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the May meeting held on the 8th of May 2024 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 8th of May 2024.

Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 82/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency carry out road safety measures at Scully’s Cross on the L-1031 at Longford Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Engineers will meet Councillor Kelly on site to discuss implementation of potential remedial measures.

Notice of Motion No: 83/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update on the repair works to be carried out on the bridge at Drim Water Treatment Plant, Paddock, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have been seeking to work with the party responsible for the damage in order to be able to expedite the repair.

Notice of Motion No: 84/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council as part of the Government’s Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2024 carry out road safety measures on the R423 regional road at Brockera and Cavansheath Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Design Dept. will meet with Councillor Kelly to assess potential road safety remedial measures.

Notice of Motion No: 85/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council re-surface road at the Catholes”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Roads Maintenance crews will attend to this repair in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 86/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding problem at Peter’s Hill, Moneyquid, Killeigh .

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Roads Maintenance crews will clean the drains in the coming weeks to resolve the flooding

Notice of Motion No: 87/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council make safe the junction at New Mills”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Staff will meet with Councillor McDonald on site to discuss the provision of safety measures at the New Mills Junction.

Notice of Motion No: 88/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council implement safety measures at Moyne Cross, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Staff will meet with Councillor Clooney on site to discuss the provision of safety measures at Moyne Cross

Notice of Motion No: 89/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council implement measures to alleviate flooding at a house on Knockanoran Lane, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Roads maintenance crew will attend to carry drainage works to alleviate road flooding at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 90/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council upgrade the footpath on the Clogh Road, Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Roads Maintenance crews will attend to this repair in the coming weeks

Notice of Motion No: 91/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair damaged wall at the Conoboro Bridge, Rathdowney as a matter of urgency as this area is extremely busy with traffic on a daily basis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Roads Maintenance crews will attend to this repair in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 92/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install a big belly solar bin in the square area, Rathdowney as this area is now extra busy during the summer season”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Engineers will meet Councillor King on site to discuss the location of big belly bin.

Notice of Motion No: 93/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remove small area of embankment to create layby at the entrance to the Charleville Road, Ballaghmore, Borris-in-Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Engineers will meet Councillor King on site to discuss the provision of a layby at Ballaghmore.

Notice of Motion No: 94/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council complete Phase 2 of the refurbishment of O’ Connell Square, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Council will explore potential avenues for grant funding for further works in this location.

Notice of Motion No: 95/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council seek funding to upgrade the road from Hickey’s Bridge, Derrycloney to the junction of the Rosenallis/Clonaslee Road – the R422”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have committed to their 2024 road strengthening programme which is the last year of a three year programme. The road in question can be examined for inclusion in the next three year programme.

Notice of Motion No: 96/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council get an update on T.I.I. in relation to the provision of a roundabout on the N80 at Derrycloney, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Councils Road Design Department are continuing to explore opportunities for junction improvements at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 97/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install traffic safety measures to reduce speeding on the busy L1036-40 road at Tinnakill, Coolrain”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Engineers will meet Councillor Bergin on site to discuss the speeding issues on the L1036, to discuss the implementation of road signage.

Notice of Motion No: 98/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the flooding issues on the R445 at Aughafan”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Roads Maintenance crews will attend to this repair in the coming weeks

Notice of Motion No: 99/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues for pedestrians on Castle Avenue, Derrin, Borris-in-Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Design Dept will carry out a site inspection to assess the road safety issues for pedestrians at Castle Avenue.

8. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick MD would take place on the 11th of September 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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Director of Services