

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 11th OF SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ollie Clooney

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. James Dowling, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Rory O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the July meeting of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on 19th of July 2024

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the July meeting held on the 19th of July 2024 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

Councillor John King sought a commencement date for the repair works to Conorboro Bridge in Rathdowney (Notice of Motion No: 91/2024) – Mr. James Dowling, Senior Executive Engineer advised that the works will commence on the 23rd of September 2024.

Councillor James Kelly extended compliments on behalf of the residents for the recent works carried out at the bridge at Drim Water Treatment Plant (Notice of Motion No: 83/2024)

Councillor Paddy Bracken raised Notice of Motion No: 94/2024 in relation to the refurbishment of O' Connell Square, Mountmellick and sought an update on funding sources for the works. It was agreed to follow up on the matter.

3. Notice of Motions

<p>Notice of Motion No: 100/2024 Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-</p>
<p><i>“That Laois County Council address the severe road surface issues on the L-10778 at Cappagh South, Mountrath”</i></p> <p>This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Maintenance Crews will attend to the surface repairs in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Notice of Motion No: 101/2024 Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-</p>
<p><i>“That Laois County Council install additional signage to reduce speeding on the R-435 at Ballybrophy Railway Station”</i></p> <p>This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Area Engineer will meet with Cllr Bergin on site to discuss additional signage on the R435.</p>
<p>Notice of Motion No: 102/2024 Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-</p>
<p><i>“That Laois County Council address the severe road surface issues on L-10776 at Brockra, Ballyfin and also install a road number signpost”</i></p> <p>This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Maintenance Crews will attend to the surface repairs in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Notice of Motion No: 103/2024 Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-</p>
<p><i>“That Laois County Council provide a traffic calming ramp to include a pedestrian crossing at Mountrath Community School and Applegreen in the interest of road safety for all”</i></p> <p>This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Design Dept will carry out an inspection of the site to investigate suitable measures to be implemented at this location.</p>
<p>Notice of Motion No: 104/2024 Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-</p>
<p><i>“That Laois County Council install street lights at Spa Hill, Mountrath on the footpath installed in July 2022 to provide safety for pedestrians”</i></p> <p>This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Public Lighting Department will arrange for a public lighting design and costings to be carried out</p>
<p>Notice of Motion No: 105/2024 Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-</p>
<p><i>“That Laois County Council give an update on the provision of the car park on their lands adjacent to Mountrath Cemetery and the Community School”</i></p> <p>This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that funding for future development of this car park will be considered as part of the overall budgetary process - both the Revenue budget and the 3-year indicative forward capital</p>

programme. In addition, the Council will examine potential external funding opportunities as they may arise.

Notice of Motion No: 106/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out safety measures at Castlefleming Bridge, Errill regarding putting up new signage and markings on road to indicate who has proper right of way in order to prevent accidents occurring at this junction”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Municipal District staff will meet with councillor King on site to discuss road safety measures at Castlefleming Bridge, Errill.

Notice of Motion No: 107/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the damaged digital school sign and also install pencil bollards outside St. Colmcilles National School, Errill in order to create safety for all children attending the school”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Public Lighting Section will arrange for the damaged school sign to be repaired to improve road safety.

Notice of Motion No: 108/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on roads that are now completed under the Local Improvement scheme and also on roads that will be resurfaced before end of 2024”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that The RI is 100% complete, RM programme is 75% complete, there is two outstanding CIS jobs in Kirwan Park, Mountemellick and Ossory Court, Borris in Ossory. 5 of the 7 LIS Scheme completed to date also.

The Members enquired the up to date position regarding the Local Improvement Schemes. Councillor John King proposed that a letter issue to the Department regarding additional funding being provided for the scheme. This proposal was seconded by Councillor James Kelly and supported by all the Members.

Notice of Motion No: 109/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update on progress on the bridge at the River Barrow at Rearyvalley”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Area Office has finalised the design and are awaiting funding prior to tendering this project.

Notice of Motion No: 110/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council make contact with the TII to make safe the junction on the N80 at Moneyquid, Killeigh”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Design Department have previously raised the

Moneyquid issue with TII and will do so again at the next road safety meeting between TII and Road Design.

Notice of Motion No: 111/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put in place traffic calming measures, at the Deadmans, Ballyfin”

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 traffic calming measures in Ballyfin.

Notice of Motion No: 112/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council in conjunction with the HSE address the serious parking and safety issues at the Health Centre on the Birr Road, Clonaslee on the R422”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that there is no space available for on street parking outside the Health Centre, Laois County Council can request the HSE to provide additional parking within their boundary

Notice of Motion No: 113/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the very dangerous footpath outside Houses at Silverwood, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council Road Maintenance Crews will attend to this repair in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 114/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council in the interest of pedestrian safety lower the footpath on either side of the junction at Smiths Corner, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council MD Staff will meet with Councillor Bracken on site.

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick MD would take place on the 9th of October 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

The Members requested that an in-committee meeting be facilitated before the Multi-Annual Roadworks Programme is agreed for 2025 - 2027. Mr. Donal Brennan, Interim Chief Executive advised that this would be scheduled.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
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Director of Services

