

**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 10TH OF JANUARY 2024**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, Senior Executive Engineer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the December meeting of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on 7th of December 2023

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney, the minutes of the December meeting held on the 7th of December 2023 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the December meeting of the Municipal District held on the 7th of December 2023

(3) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 01/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding issue at a residence at Brockera, Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this drainage issue will be inspected and remedial measures undertaken.

Notice of Motion No: 02/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair damaged bridge at Meelick, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the bridge will be inspected and included for repair on the bridge maintenance programme.

Notice of Motion No: 03/2024

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put in place safety measures at Clonaghadoo School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine the safety issues at this location and will consider options for improving safety at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 04/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install new public lighting from Erkina Court, Rathdowney to Carroll’s Junction, Golf Links Road. All this area at present is very poorly lit and also with the extra Ukrainian families and patrons walking to the shops the lights are needed for security and safety for all”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the route (L1558) from the site to the junction with the R436 is serviced by existing public pavement and public lighting. The public lighting standard along the road is consistent with nearby residential areas.

Notice of Motion No: 05/2024

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface the road from Main Street, Rathdowney to St Fergal’s College as a matter of priority for the 2024 Roads Programme. Part of the problem is pavement structure, other works carried out by Uisce Eirean and heavy traffic on a daily basis which is causing cracks and potholes to occur”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the R433 in Rathdowney Town will be resurfaced as part of the next 3 year multi-annual roadworks programme. Staff from Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the road to inspect the defective pavement.

Notice of Motion No: 06/2023

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council include in it’s Road Re-surfacing Programme for 2024 the road from Coolbally Clough to Kyledellick cross and also Garryduff Road adjacent to it as part of the Roads Programme for 2024. These roads have not been resurfaced for over fifty years”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of the next multi-annual roads programme.

Notice of Motion No: 07/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide stop signs and road markings on the approach roads to the narrow bridge at Camross village and replace the road direction sign at Marymount Cross Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the Area Office will review the current safety provisions at these junctions and will supplement existing signage and markings as deemed necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 08/2024

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide new entrance signs to the Pike of Rushall on the R445 regional road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were Advised that Laois County Council will arrange for replacement/new signage as deemed necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 09/2023

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out an examination on the state of poor repair of the footpaths in Kiln Lane Housing Estate, Mountrath and where necessary works to be undertaken to repair same”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were Advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the

site to inspect the damaged footpaths.

Notice of Motion No: 10/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road that has subsided at Barkmills, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that subsidence of the road has occurred because material wash out next to the River Owenass at Barkmills. Remedial works will involve soil nailing the unstable slope. These works will be completed in the coming weeks.

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Notice of Motion No: 11/2024

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the surface water flooding at Silverbrook Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that an Engineer will inspect the existing drainage infrastructure at this site to determine the cause of the flooding issues. A level survey will be undertaken at the site to identify a possible drainage outfall to solve this issue.

Notice of Motion No: 12/2023

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide funding to resurface the road at Scaroon, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of the next multi-annual roads programme.

Notice of Motion No: 13/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues on the L-1517 road at Ballymeelish between Green Roads, Ballybrophy and Killadooley National School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that a meeting will be arranged with the Elected Member at this location to establish the issues of concern and identify remedial works.

Notice of Motion No: 14/2024

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect green safety bollards to improve visibility at the junction of the L-1635 and R434 at Springfield, Clough”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that junction definition posts will be erected to delineate the side road.

Notice of Motion No: 15/2023

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out footpath repairs adjacent to St Canice’s Church in Clough village”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the site to inspect the damaged footpaths.

Notice of Motion No: 16/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide public lighting on the Mill Road, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that an Engineer from Laois County Council road design dept. will meet with the Councillor to investigate the possibility of installing public lighting at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 17/2024

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council upgrade the footpaths in Cullohill”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the site to inspect the damaged footpaths.

Notice of Motion No: 18/2023

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council clean the River Erkina”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that in 2023 Laois County Council engaged ecologists to inspect and identify obstructions to flow in the river channel along the River Erkina. It is proposed that works will be undertaken in 2024 involving the removal of fallen trees and large debris causing significant obstruction to or deflection of river flows during high-flow events.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that no correspondence had been received since the last meeting of the Municipal District.

6. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next monthly meeting of the Municipal District would be held on Wednesday, 14th of February 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Director of Services

