

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 15TH OF APRIL 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Seamus McDonald (In the Chair)
 Councillor John King
 Councillor Paddy Bracken
 Councillor James Kelly
 Councillor Conor Bergin
 Councillor Ollie Clooney

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the March Meeting of Borris-In-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 18th of March 2021

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the March meeting held on the 18th of March 2021 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

Councillor James Kelly raised the following Notice of Motion (06/2021) which had been considered at the February meeting as follows:-

“That this Council carry out a survey on the Spa Hill to Forest Road, Mountrath with the purpose of installing the unfinished footpath for the safety of all road users”

It was agreed that a copy of the report be made available to Councillor Kelly in this regard.

Councillor Paddy Bracken raised the following Notice of Motion (33/2021) which had been considered at the March meeting as follows:-

“That this Council carry out road safety improvements and weight restrictions on HGVs on the Drinagh/Cloonagh Road”

Councillor Bracken requested that the Road Design Office contact him with the proposals for the safety measures at Drinagh, Mountmellick

(3) Fix Date for Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the **21st of May 2021 at 9.30 a.m. via Microsoft teams**

(4) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 34/2021

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the need for public lighting on the L-1514 Rathdowney Road, Borris-in-Ossory outside the residences adjacent to the Laois County Council area office”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will assess this location for the provision of lighting.

Notice of Motion No: 35/2021

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install urgently needed traffic calming measures such as speed detection signs on the R434 at Aghaboe, Clough as part of the Programme of Works for 2021”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will arrange a site meeting with the Elected Member and Area Engineer to identify issue and proposed solutions.

Notice of Motion No: 36/2021

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the need for public lighting on the L-1520 at the Green Roads heading for Killasmeestia”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will assess this location for the provision of lighting at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 37/2021

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide a loading bay at the junction at Macs corner and Emmett Street, Mountmellick – this loading bay is required to service the retail businesses in this area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that there is no space on the N80 to provide a loading bay. This situation is always like this at this location. The Elected Member to contact the Area Engineer and Business owners to explore options for loading bay on side roads.

Notice of Motion No: 38/2021

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the damaged bridge at Derrycloney, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the bridge identified will be visited by the Laois County Council staff and cleared of vegetation for further inspections.

Notice of Motion No: 39/2021

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the flooding issues at Derrydavy, Mountmellick as there is severe flooding at this location during heavy rainfall”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that a level survey will be undertaken on the road to identify a solution to relieve the flooding issue.

Notice of Motion:- 40/2021

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council clean and repair the Cathole Bridge at Catholes, Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the bridge identified will be visited by the Laois County Council staff and cleared of vegetation for further inspection.

Notice of Motion No: 41/2021

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair Tinnahinch Bridge and also conduct a traffic survey at the same location”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the bridge identified will be visited by the Laois County Council staff and cleared of vegetation for further inspection. A counter will be placed at the bridge to record traffic flow. The Elected Member will be advised of the results.

Notice of Motion No: 42/2021

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update regarding the provision of a sewage treatment plant at Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Irish Water currently do not have any plans to construct a sewage treatment plant at Ballyfin.

Notice of Motion No: 43/2021

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install new welcome signs on the approach roads to Pike-of-Rushall”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the signage at this location will be reviewed by Laois County Council in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 44/2021

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out remedial road works on the L1077 Road at Redcastle, Ringstown and Irej and to also include it in the list of road restoration improvement works for 2022”

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

Notice of Motion No: 45/2021

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out urgent works to include a post and fence rail and bollards at St. Fintans Cemetery Mountrath to prevent further damage to headstones and graves”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the availability of funding for the provision of bollards and a new post and rail fence at St. Fintan’s Cemetery, Mountrath. These items are not on the works programme for 2021 but can be included for consideration for the 2022 works programme.

Notice of Motion No: 46/2021

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council investigate the back of St. Fintan’s Terrace where dumping is occurring at present and consider putting some gravel on same”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the waste being deposited to the rear of the houses is primarily green waste coming from St. Fintan’s Terrace gardens. The Environment Section will cost for the removal, transport and disposal of the waste and to re-surface the areas with Clause 804. A decision can then be made on whether the clean-up and improvement works will be carried out.

Notice of Motion No: 47/2021

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council consider the repair of footpaths in Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Elected Member on site to undertake an inspection of the footpaths in the village.

Notice of Motion No: 48/2021

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council consider the removal of two trees on the New Line Road opposite Dunmore Woods”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Elected Member to examine the issue at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 49/2021

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install a pedestrian crossing at the playground entrance beside St. Fergal’s College Rathdowney as this is a very busy area at all times due to the movement of students and smaller children using the facilities the whole year round. I am requesting this project to commence this year”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that there is no road crossing at St. Fergal’s College, Rathdowney which is very busy all the time with students and children using facilities. It is recommended that an installation of controlled pedestrian crossing beside St. Fergal’s College, Rathdowney would greatly increase the road safety for pedestrians at these locations.

Notice of Motion No: 50/2021

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council take in charge all the public lights at the community owned crèche at Killadooley, Killesmeestia in the interest of public safety for all patrons and children using this facility”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the Community Centre are responsible for energy bills and maintenance of lights. Laois County Council do not install and maintain public lights for County buildings. Therefore, these light within the premises cannot be taken in charge.

Notice of Motion No: 51/2021

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council upgrade the village signage in Donaghmore to the same standard as Rathdowney & Errill as part of the completion of the village project”.

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the signage at this location will be reviewed by Laois County Council in the coming weeks.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____
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Director of Corporate
Affairs