

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
16th OF FEBRUARY 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor Brendan Phelan
Councillor James Kelly
Councillor Paddy Bracken
Councillor Seamus McDonald
APOLOGIES: Councillor David Goodwin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Michael Rainey, A/Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/Senior Executive Engineer, & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 19TH OF JANUARY 2017

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, the Minutes of the January meeting held on the 19th of January 2017 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Members raised the issue of the disused telephone box at Market Square, Mountrath. It was noted that an email had been sent to Eir and a response was awaited in relation to this matter.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District would be held on the 16th of March 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in the Fine Gael Room.

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 19/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council remove the vegetation and growth at the Stone arch bridge in Durrow in order to do some necessary repair works to protect the structure of the bridge”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that vegetation covering both facades of the stone arch bridge in Durrow will be removed in the summer of 2017. Funding will also be sought from the Heritage Council to undertake masonry repairs after the vegetation is removed.

Notice of Motion No: 20/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface the public carpark in Mountrath beside the Bank of Ireland”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that a proposal can be prepared and costed and subject to funding being provided the works can be carried out.

Notice of Motion No: 21/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface road at Tubberboe Lane, Durrow and have it included in the roads programme for 2017”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will include it for consideration as part of the 2017 road works programme subject to survey and agreement by elected members.

Notice of Motion No: 22/2017

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council alleviate flooding at Whitley House, New Mills, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the surface water at this location drains to a soakaway. An investigation will be arranged later this week to confirm the issue with the current system. The soakaway will be replaced if found to be silted up.

Notice of Motion No: 23/2017

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repairs the road at Shanbeg, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this road will be included on the patching Rota

Notice of Motion No: 24/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road in front of Glanbia, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that funding will be sought from TII to carry out the necessary road repairs. The Members requested that a timeframe be sought on these works.

Notice of Motion No: 25/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road outside the main entrance of St. Joseph’s Church, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this road will be included on the patching Rota

Notice of Motion No: 26/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide camera’s to prevent the ongoing serious dumping at Bay Road, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Environment Section has mobile CCTV cameras that are being deployed to litter blackspot areas around the county. Bay Road, Mountmellick will be included on this list of areas for mobile CCTV cameras in the future.

The Members expressed concern with regard to the increase in dumping around the County. Mr. Michael Rainey noted the concerns of the members and gave an overview of the awareness and enforcement actions that are currently underway.

Notice of Motion No: 27/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install road safety signs and road markings on regional road R430 from the M7 bridge at Trumera to Gilmans Corner Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the section of the R430 road referred to is a bog rampart. The pavement surface is quite good overall but Laois County Council will upgrade signage and road marking at the site.

Notice of Motion No: 28/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council remove the bollards and outbuilds at Patrick Street Mountrath that were installed for traffic calming as a national route and install cycle lanes and extra parking instead”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that a Road Safety Audit could be undertaken to consider the appropriateness of the existing build outs following the downgrading of the road from National Primary to Regional in recent years. However, any proposed works should only be carried out as part of an overall proposal for the town.

Notice of Motion No: 29/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council relocate the stop sign at the L5538/R433 junction in Errill village to improve road safety”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that an advance Stop sign will be erected in advance of the junction.

Notice of Motion No: 30/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council re-surface Middlemount/Clough Road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will include it for consideration as part of the 2017 road works program subject to survey and agreement by elected members.

Notice of Motions No: 31/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide funding to upgrade footpaths in the Borris-in-Ossory Area, i.e. Rathdowney, Borris-in-Ossory & Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that an inspection of the footpaths will be undertaken with the Councillor to prioritise those footpaths in greatest need. A proposal can be prepared and costed and subject to funding being provided the works can be carried out.

Notice of Motion No: 32/2017

“That this Council provide funding for repairs to the Nore at Derryduff, Coolrain”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that a programme of works on the River Nore will be prepared in the coming months. The focus in 2017 will be to stabilise the river bank at Derryduff as identified by the Councillor.

Notice of Motion No: 33/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install speed radar signs at the Pike of Rushall National School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that a traffic counter will be installed at the site to record traffic speed. The results will establish the need for the erection of signage and the most suitable location.

Notice of Motion No: 34/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out repairs and install signage from Derrycarron to Cappinarrow, Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this road will be included on the patching Rota. The Roads Supervisor for the Area will meet the Councillor on site to discuss the need for signage.

Notice of Motion No: 35/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect ‘No Dumping’ signs at Brocklagh, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the Environment Section are currently sourcing appropriate “No Dumping” signage. This request will be considered when the new signage has been procured

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

6. SCHEDULE OF ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2017

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor John King, the schedule of Roadworks Programme was unanimously agreed for 2017 as presented by Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
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**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS**