

MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 20th OF FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor	John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	Ollie Clooney
Councillor	Conor Bergin

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 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 16th OF JANUARY 2020

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the January meeting held on the 16th of January 2020 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor James Kelly referred to Notice of Motion No: 06/2020 regarding flooding issues at Sliabh Bloom Way and requested that the works be commenced immediately if possible.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that next meeting would be held on the re-scheduled date of **23rd of March 2020 at 9.30 a.m.**

4. EXTENSION OF BUSINESS INCENTIVE SCHEME TO DURROW

Ms. Denise Rainey, Special Projects Officer presented the proposed Durrow Business Incentive Scheme to the Members for their consideration. The Scheme is devised to encourage the use of vacant commercial properties in Durrow over a three year period and will assist new commercial businesses to set up in Durrow. Ms. Rainey outlined the objectives and criteria for the scheme. The scheme was proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members complimented the Special Projects Officer, Ms. Rainey on bringing the proposed scheme forward for the town of Durrow.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 19/2020

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect signage for the Church of Ireland at Garryhinch”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Councillors on site to establish the need for signage at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 20/2020

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put in place traffic calming measures on the Roskeen Road at Clonaghadoo School, also erect ‘Children at Play’ signs at house at the same location.

These Notice of Motions were seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Councillor on site to establish the need for signage at this location. Road Design will review this site for safety improvement and consider this site for Safety Schemes 2021 funding application.

Notice of Motion No: 21/2020

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council make safe the junction at the N80 Moneyquid, Killeigh”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this location is being looked at with TII for safety improvements under Road Safety Inspections. Road Design will liaise with TII with a view to preparing and implementing safety measures at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 22/2020

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out the following works, i.e. kerbing, low brick, edging and road tarmacing at Cork Hill and the Mill in Donaghmore Village”

These Notices of Motions were seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the works at this location could be considered for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. This funding stream is closed at present but an application in respect of this proposal could be considered under future programmes.

Councillor Kelly referred to proposals for the vintage museum at the Mill and requested if this could be explored.

Notice of Motion No: 23/2020

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council as part of its proposed cemetery improvement works provide funding at Ballyfin cemetery to install 3 street lights at its entrance”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the priority under the Cemetery Programme is to address a series of repairs and path and plinth improvements – it is on these issues that the current programme is focused.

Councillor Ollie Clooney expressed concern regarding the quality of the LED lighting.

Notice of Motion No: 24/2020

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the flooding and road safety issues at the junction of the Mountrath to Ballyfin R423 and the L10771 Derrylusk, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the maintenance crews will attend this area to address the drainage issues on the public road.

Notice of Motion No: 25/2020

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect wheelchair user signs on the New Line Road, Durrow and also a speed limit sign at the Swan Cross end of the road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet with the Councillor on site to establish the need for signage at this location.

Members indicated that this matter was now urgent.

Notice of Motion No: 26/2020

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council re-surface the lane at house at Ballykealy, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the lane identified is not in charge of Laois County Council. An application in respect of this lane could be considered under a Local Improvement Scheme.

Notice of Motion No: 27/2020

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface the Cappanacloough Road, Shanahoe, L5657”

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

Notice of Motion No: 28/2020

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair stone wall at the Conoboro/Ballacolla Road, Rathdowney and erect amber signs to indicate bend ahead as this part of the road is prone to accidents”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the maintenance crews will attend this area to address the damaged parapet wall. Laois County Council will meet with the Councillor on site to establish the need for signage at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 29/2020

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair and carry out structural works at the bridge at Turffarney, Rathdowney as a matter of urgency due to wall collapsing into stream and loose stones falling from the arch of the bridge”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will undertake a structural inspection on this bridge and update the Councillor of the outcome.

Notice of Motion No: 30/2020

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council make provision for an electric charging unit in the Square, Rathdowney for patrons who have purchased electric vehicles and need them recharged and also put a plan in place for service units in other towns in the areas and to liaise with the relevant stakeholders who wish to support this initiative”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council is currently preparing a tender for the provision of electric vehicle charge points in Portlaoise (Phase 1). Laois County Council plans to roll out Phase 2 of the provision of charge points after completion of Phase 1 to other towns in the County.

Notice of Motion No: 31/2020

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council investigate the flooding outside Houses No. 67 & 69 Kirwan Park, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will undertake a level survey and revert with findings to the Councillor.

Councillor Paddy Bracken indicated that there are ongoing issues with collapsed piping at these locations and there are issues following recent periods of heavy rainfall.

Notice of Motion No: 32/2020

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council take in charge the following estates – Silverwood, Silverglen & Silverbrook”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that there is €15,000 cash bond remaining. A list of outstanding works is currently being costed to complete the estate and progress to take in charge in 2020.

Notice of Motion No: 33/2020

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide funding to repair the road at Barkmills, Mountmellick”

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 a future roads programme”

Notice of Motion No: 34/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resurface the road at Clonfad, Castletown”

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

Notice of Motion No: 35/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resurface the road at Cuffsborough, Clough”

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

Notice of Motion No: 36/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resurface the road at Ballinrally Lane, Camross”

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

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Ollie Clooney raised the issue of the LED Lights especially at the Swan Road/Mary Street/Shannon Road in Durrow and expressed concern in relation to the quality of same. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services indicated that he would have the matter investigated with the Road Design Department.

Councillor James Kelly raised the issue of CCTV in Woodenbridge, Donaghmore & Mountmellick and enquired as to the length of time the process would take to have this in place. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services referred to correspondence which had been received from the Department of Justice. Laois County Council will undertake to assume the role of Data Controller – it was noted that the timeline for the Data Privacy Impact Assessment is expected to be 6 – 8 weeks.

Councillor Ollie Clooney requested the possibility of funding being issued to the community in the meantime. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services undertook to contact the Department of Justice regarding the release of monies.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

