

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ARAS AN  
CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF  
FEBRUARY 2023**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, S.E.E. & 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 the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2022**

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the December meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

**(2) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

**(3) Roadworks Programme 2023**

It was agreed that the Roadworks Programme would be tabled for consideration at the March meeting of the Municipal District.

**Notice of Motion No: 01/2023**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council install a new road safety barrier at Abbeyleix Road, Mountrath following a recent road accident”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that repairs to the safety barrier will be completed this week following the collision.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 02/2023**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out urgent remedial road repairs and drainage cut outs at Cuddagh South”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 03/2023**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council as part of its 2023 Roads Programme prioritise the L-1620 road in Castletown village which has deteriorated to an extent that pavement cracks and surface roughness are very prevalent”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Castletown village is included on the 2023 schedule of works. The proposed works will include resurfacing and road marking which will in turn enhance accessibility to the primary school and the De La Salle Centre.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 04/2023**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council take measures to alleviate the flooding at Ballygauge, Ballacolla on the Rathdowney Road”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will attend to this road in the coming weeks.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 05/2023**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give a progress on the proposed safety measures at Park Cross, Ballacolla”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that topographical surveys have been completed at this junction and design drawings are currently being prepared. It is proposed that modifications to the junction to achieve enhanced visibility will be undertaken in 2023.

**Notice of Motion No: 06/2023**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide additional street lighting on the Cork Road, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Road Design Public lighting staff will arrange to meet with Cllr Clooney and assess the need for additional lighting on the Cork Road, Durrow.

**Notice of Motion No: 07/2023**

Councillor Conor Bergin & John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council resurface the L-16711 at Dysartbeigh, Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the road in question is not included on the 2022-2024 multi-annual roadworks programme. Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of a future roads programme.

**Notice of Motion No: 08/2023**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect new welcome signs at Aghaboe”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the provision of Welcome Signage is generally reserved for villages and Towns within County Laois. Aghaboe is not officially designated as a village, however, given the attraction of Aghaboe Abbey consideration will be given to the provision of appropriate signage in the context of the existing safety & information signage provision on the Regional Road (R434) approach to this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 09/2023**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council address road safety concerns at Rushall NS and erect new signage for the school at the Pike of Rushall”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly. The Members were advised that Road Design Staff will assess the current safety provision at Rushall National School and arrange for replacement/new signage as deemed necessary.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 10/2023**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council prevent the water from crossing the road and the road to be raised and strengthened from the Quakes graveyard heading towards Borris-in-Ossory on the L-1510 as section of road is one km in length”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that topographical surveys will be completed on this road to establish a solution to the ongoing surface water issues at this location. The Elected Member will be updated on the findings of the survey.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 11/2023**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council examine the subsidence on all bridge structures crossing the M7 and M8 in the Borris-in-Ossory Area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the bridge structures on the M7 & M8 Motorway form part of the “Project Road” and are the responsibility of the Motorway Operators. Laois County Council will contact both TII & the relevant Motorway Contractor to advise of the concerns raised and request an assessment and remediation works as required be undertaken.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 12/2023**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council give an update on progress on the sewage scheme at Goodwin Estate, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Work on this Group Sewerage Scheme is due to commence and be completed before the end of April. The contractor is appointed and will commence work imminently.

### **Notice of Motion No: 13/2023**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion: -

***“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding issue at Clonduff, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that level surveys will be completed on this street in the coming days. The outcome of the survey will identify the most suitable outfall. Drainage works will follow.

### **Notice of Motion No: 15/2023**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect signs for pedestrian crossing at Gorrough Bridge, Clonaslee, and also remark the playschool at the same location”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will review the current safety provision at this pedestrian crossing and will supplement existing signage and markings as deemed necessary.

### **Notice of Motion No: 16/2023**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council in conjunction with T.I.I. provide traffic control measures as in traffic lights on the N80 at Glanbia/Smyth’s Corner, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will review the current operation of this junction and consult with TII with regard to the appropriate measures to best serve the operation of this key junction within the Town of Mountmellick.

### **Notice of Motion No: 17/2023**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council lower the footpath at Harbour Street, Mountmellick which is necessary for people with mobility issues”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Maintenance crews will undertake repairs to the pavement at this location in the coming weeks.

**Notice of Motion No: 18/2023**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the damaged culvert at Coolagh, Kilcavan, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that repairs to the structure are proposed in the coming weeks.

**4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the **16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at 9.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber.**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**

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**Director of Services**