

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL  
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE  
17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2018**

On the proposition of Councillor David Goodwin seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the December meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor James Kelly raised the matter of the survey on cemeteries. Mr. Donal Brennan requested the Members to submit details of cemeteries which require attention or works carried out. The Members requested a copy of the works on foot of the survey.

Councillor John King requested details of progress made during the last year on works carried out in the Municipal District. Councillor King also raised the issue of the poor service of public lights in the Borris-in-Ossory area. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that Mr. Farhan Nasiem, A/S.E.E. has been in contact with Kilaree Lighting regarding the ongoing programme. Mr. Cullen indicated that he would expedite the matter.

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

#### 4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

##### Notice of Motion No: 01/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding problem at property at Rinn”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that works to address this flooding problem are in progress.

##### Notice of Motion No: 02/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council put in place traffic calming measures at Chapel Street, Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Road design will review and propose safety measures for this location. Installation of any proposed measures will be subject to funding being available.

##### Notice of Motion No: 03/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding at the Dead Man’s, Ballyfin”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this issue has been investigated and funding has been applied for. These works will be progressed, subject to funding.

##### Notice of Motion No: 04/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***“That this Council make provision for funding to provide safety crossing and lights at playground beside St. Fergal’s College, Rathdowney, as this is a very busy area due to buses and cars at school time with over 300 students attending”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Road design will review and propose safety measures for this location. Installation of any proposed measures will be subject to funding being available. Councillor King requested that the works commence this year if possible.

**Notice of Motion No: 05/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council install traffic passing bays from Moran’s Cross to Dunmore, Durrow, as this road is too narrow with the influx of extra traffic”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this work will be completed shortly.

**Notice of Motion No: 06/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council present an update on Phase 1 on the works in the square in Durrow on the overhead infrastructure regarding ESB and when will work be complete and also the status of Phase 2”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Council will continue to engage residents and ESB to complete Phase 1 of the works. Applications for funding to deliver Phase 2 of the scheme have been made. Funding has yet to be confirmed.

**Notice of Motion No: 07/2019**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide funding to install extra street lights at the busy junction R445/R434 Derrin Cross, Borris-in-Ossory.”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Road Design will review this junction for Lighting requirements. Installation of any street light is subject to meeting the warrant for street lighting and funding being available.

Councillor Kelly indicated that there is only one light at Derrin Cross and that there should be at least 8 lights on this stretch of road. There has been numerous accidents at this location. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. to investigate.

**Notice of Motion No: 08/2019**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council as a matter of urgency address the road safety issues at L50721 Danganroe, Castletown”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the Rural Speed Limit signs on this road are in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Advice Note. Parking areas in front of dwellings in the area are private lands.

Following a discussion, Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that he would meet the residents with Councillor Kelly.

**Notice of Motion No: 09/2019**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council install street bollards in the vicinity of the traffic lights at the junction of the Portlaoise Road/Ballyfin Road, Mountrath”***

This Notice of motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this site will be investigated to identify and resolve any established traffic safety issues.

**Notice of Motion No: 10/2019**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***“That this Council repair the road at the Cat Hole, Ballyfin”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Road repairs will be carried out as necessary.

**Notice of Motion No: 11/2019**

Councillor David Godwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council inform members when the houses in Goodwin Estate, Rosenallis are going to be connected to the sewage treatment plant”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that from a Water Services aspect, there are two possible methods to organise the connection to the Rosenallis Public Sewerage Scheme.

The first method would involve Irish Water including such a mains extension within their capital programme. Any extension would be a matter for Irish Water to evaluate within their overall National priorities. The second option would be for a Group Sewerage Scheme to be established in the area. A grant of up to 75% of the overall cost, subject to a maximum of €6,750 per house is available to fund this scheme.

Laois County Council would assist in making a submission to the Department once an application for a new Group Scheme has been received from the Group. Once

approved by the Department, Laois County Council Water Services will provide the technical and engineering support required to allow the Group Sewerage Scheme to make an application to Irish Water for connection to the Irish Water network. The application has to be made by such a Group Scheme to IW.

Mary Donohue, Administrative Officer, Rural Water Liaison Officer is available to meet to progress this matter.

Mr. Michael O' Hora addressed the meeting in relation to this issue also. Councillor Goodwin re-iterated the urgency of this matter.

**Notice of Motion No: 12/2019**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***“That this Council repair the roads in the Camross and Coolrain area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this work is underway and will continue.

**Notice of Motion No: 13/2019**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***“That this Council resurface the road at Kyleamullaun, Errill”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this road will be inspected and considered for inclusion in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.

**Notice of Motion No: 14/2019**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***“That this Council resurface the road from Clonburren to Kyle Cross, Rathdowney”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this road will be inspected and considered for inclusion in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.

**Notice of Motion No: 15/2019**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address constant flooding at Knockanoran, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Council is currently engaging with the landowner at this location to resolve the flooding issue.

Councillor Phelan acknowledged the positive response from the landowner in this matter and thanked the officials also.

**Notice of Motion No: 16/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council improve the car park facilities at Glenbarrow, Rosenallis- this should also include the purchase of lands if possible so as to improve the car parking capacity”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Council is engaging with landowners to improve car park facilities at this location. Councillor McDonald indicated that there is 10 acres of land for sale at this location and that a proportion of this may be an option. Councillor Bracken indicated that toilet facilities are required at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 17/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address immediately the very dangerous road at Brogherla Big, Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded John King. The Members were advised that this location will be investigated and measures to maintain traffic safety will be devised as necessary.

**Notice of Motion No: 18/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address the dangerous section of road from the Pound Bridge to the junction of the new road in Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this road has been inspected and will be repaired as necessary.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**CERTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
CORPORATE AFFAIRS**