

MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 16th OF JANUARY 2020

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Pat Grassick, A/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 Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the Minutes of the January meeting held on the 16th of January 2020 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that next meeting would be held on the 20th of February 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 01/2020

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface the car park at the New Graveyard in Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Community Department will review this location for resurfacing works. Implementation of resurfacing works will be subject to funding being available.

Notice of Motion No:02/2020

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council put a continuous white line opposite the school in Cullohill”

These Notice of Motions were seconded by Councillor John Kingn. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected member on site to identify the extent of road markings required.

Notice of Motion No: 03/2020

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council extend a tarmacadam road surface to service the existing houses at Castlewood Lane Durrow”

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.

It was agreed that Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. would meet the Elected Members in relation to this issue.

Notice of Motion No: 04/2020 & Notice of Motion No: 16/2020 were taken as follows

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out a road safety survey at Ballaghmore village with a view to installing traffic calming measures”

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update and timescale for the installation of traffic calming and safety measures in Ballaghmore village (approach roads R445 and L1050-58) as a matter of priority, further to motion 86/2019”

These Notices of Motions were seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport have yet to confirm the funding allocations in respect of the 2020 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads. The Elected members will be advised of the schedule of works once the funding amount is confirmed.

Notice of Motion No: 05/2020

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council in conjunction with the relevant state authorities seek funding to provide for street lighting at the very busy junction at Derrin Cross, Borris in Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will arrange to meet the Elected member on site to review this junction.

Notice of Motion No: 06/2020

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council following on from their completed survey and as a matter of urgency carry out the works to alleviate the flooding issues at the 6 residences in Sliabh Bloom View, Borris in Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Councils Housing Department are in the process of tendering for these works. The works will be completed as part of the 2020 Maintenance Programme.

Notice of Motion No: 07/2020

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding at Kilcavan Cross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. 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: 08/2020

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That in the event of freezing conditions that Laois County Council carry out gritting at Derrylamogue School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that The Laois County Council Winter Maintenance Plan prioritises the schedule of routes which are treated as part of the normal winter service operations. The road identified by the elected member is not included.

The Members expressed concern about this area and schools in general during freezing conditions.

Notice of Motion No: 09/2020

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council seek additional funding to carry out road repairs at Tinnahinch, Boyle, Cash, Clonmore and Graiguefulla, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Maintenance crews will attend to and address the issues at the locations identified. In addition, Laois County Council will assess these roads in the overall context of the development of future road programmes.

Notice of Motion No: 10/2020

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out traffic calming/road safety measures at the Junction at Turley’s Pub on the R422/R423 at Harbour Street, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Roads Design Section will inspect the location to determine the most appropriate intervention required. Delivery of any intervention will be subject to funding being available.

Notice of Motion No: 11/2020

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out road safety measures outside property at the Owenass Bridge, Barkmills, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the Roads Design Section will inspect the location to determine the most appropriate intervention required. Delivery of any intervention will be subject to funding being available.

It was noted that the landowner are willing to give some of the land for the safety measures to be carried out at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 12/2020

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide funding in 2020 to repair the road at Scaroon, Clonaslee – this road needs major works”

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: 13/2020

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council contact road design with a view to do a town plan for Rathdowney and work with local groups and residents to put a plan in place now that we are entering a new decade. Items of interest such as bus shelter/ new street lights/green area/and addressing derelict sites”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by James Kelly. The Members were advised that progressing this item may require a cross departmental approach between Roads and Planning Roads Design Section will engage with the Planning Department to discuss the proposals from the Community groups including exploring possible funding options.

Notice of Motion No: 14/2020

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council contact road design with a view to have a one way system of traffic in Durrow and also do a traffic audit on the amount of heavy HGV milk lorries delivering milk to Glanbia plant on a daily basis. Part of this problem is the milk quota being abolished. If something is not done soon Durrow will be a black spot for accidents”

There was no seconder to this Motion.

Notice of Motion No: 15/2020

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council as part of the safety measures plan for the Killadooley Child Care Centre install safety railings as a matter of priority as this centre is busy due to its location beside the national School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected member on site to identify the exact location and required safety measures.

Notice of Motion No: 17/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install additional public lighting in Ballaghmore village”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by James Kelly. The Members were advised that *the Road Design Section will arrange to meet the Elected member on site to identify the exact location of the proposed lights.*

Notice of Motion No: 18/2020

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council address the serious road safety issues at the traffic lights at the junction/bridge at Ballybrophy Railway Station"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Road Design Section will arrange to meet the Elected member on site to discuss the safety concerns.

The Members indicated that there are two sets of lights at this location and there needs to be synchronization of same.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CERTIFIED: _____
A/DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS