

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 2019**

**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 APRIL MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 2019**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, the Minutes of the April meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor John King raised the matter of public lighting repairs in Rathdowney & Ballacolla. He indicated that this was giving rise to traffic congestion in Ballacolla. Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. indicated that he will follow up with the Contractor as a matter of urgency. Councillor Bracken also raised the matter of an issue with the traffic lights at Harbour Street, Mountmellick.

Notice of Motion No: 68/2019 which was raised at the April Meeting was discussed in relation to the re-instatement of line markings at the junction at Ballaghmore. It was noted that these line markings need to be re-instated as a matter of urgency – Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. to follow up.

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

On the proposition of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the **19<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at 9.30 a.m.**

**4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Notice of Motion No: 73/2019**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

*“That this Council put traffic calming measures in place at Cork Road, Durrow”*

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Road Design section will review this section for traffic calming measures. Implementation of traffic calming measure will be subject to funding being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 74/2019**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out repairs work to Cooloney Bridge over the River Gully at Moyne Estate, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the bridge needs to be cleared of vegetation. Following this, a bridge inspection will be undertaken to identify structural defects.

**Notice of Motion No: 75/2019**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council put a pedestrian crossing on the Kilkenny Road, Durrow between the Catholic Church and the Playground”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Road Design section will review this section for installation of Pedestrian crossing. Installation of Pedestrian crossing will be subject to funding being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 76/2019**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues that haulage companies and heavy farm machinery are experiencing at the Trumera Railway Bridge on the R430 Mountrath to Abbeyleix Road”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the Dublin-Cork railway line crosses the R430 via an overbridge at Trumera. The height clearance for vehicles is marked on advance signage and on marker plates on the bridge structure. Laois County Council will examine the requirement for additional signage on this route.

**Notice of Motion No: 77/2019**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install extra 80 kmph speed signs and other traffic calming measures on the R430/N80 junction from Mountmellick to Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine the requirement for additional signage on this route and shortcomings will be addressed in the coming weeks under routine sign maintenance works.

**Notice of Motion No: 78/2019**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues at the very dangerous bend near Farm at Killanure, Camross”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine the issues at this location and make provision for works as required.

**Notice of Motion No: 79/2019**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council give an update on the parking problems at Glenbarrow, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the Council is engaging with landowners to improve car park facilities at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 80/2019**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe the gate and put in place handrail at Clonaslee Cemetery”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that an extensive survey of the 27 local authority cemeteries in Laois was completed in 2018 and a report on the proposed operation and maintenance of the cemeteries prepared together with recommendations for additional funding. On foot of the report additional monies have been made available for the funding of cemetery improvement works throughout the county. Funding of €30,000 per District has been allocated for 2019, with an additional €12,000 having been provided by the members of Borris-Mountmellick District. Improvement works are proposed at Ballyfin, Camross and Mountmellick cemeteries as per the MD Works programme. The report also identifies works that are required in Clonaslee cemetery and proposed that this work will be carried out in 2020.

**Notice of Motion No: 81/2019**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council provide funding for Ballyfin Cemetery”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that an extensive survey of the 27 local authority cemeteries in Laois was completed in 2018 and a report on the proposed operation and maintenance of the cemeteries prepared together with recommendations for additional funding. On foot of the report additional monies have been made available for the funding of cemetery improvement works throughout the county. Funding of €30,000 per District has been allocated for 2019, with an additional €12,000 having been provided by the members of Borris-Mountmellick District. Improvement works are proposed at Ballyfin, Camross and Mountmellick cemeteries as per the MD Works programme. These works are at tender stage and it is envisaged that works will be carried out in Q4 2019. The provision of paths and plinths to delineate additional grave spaces at cemeteries are considered essential works based on available grave spaces at each cemetery and separately funded.

**Notice of Motion No: 82/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide access to the River Walk beside the Owenass River to enable access for wheelchair and buggy users at Irishtown, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this will be done.

**Notice of Motion No: 83/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair and make safe the footbridge over the River Triogue at the Rock, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that a bridge inspection will be undertaken to identify structural defects.

**Notice of Motion No: 84/2019**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out a programme of upgrading the line markings/stop signs and clearway boxes in Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that line markings will be improved following pavement resurfacing works in Irishtown and Emmett Street in the coming months. Clearway boxes and stop bars will be refreshed during these works.

**Notice of Motion No: 85/2019**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council take action for additional safety works to be carried out the dangerous derelict structure on Main Street, Borris-In-Ossory which was formerly known as ‘White’s pub’ in the interest of the health & safety of the public”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the property is listed on our Derelict Sites Register and a request has been made to the owners to make contact with proposals to deal with the issues of dereliction and has been referred to the Environment Section for an assessment under Dangerous Structures legislation. No response has been submitted to date. A further inspection will be carried out within the next week and appropriate notices will be served.

**Notice of Motion No: 86/2019**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on two approach roads into Ballaghmore, the Camross road and between the village and the R445 Roscrea road at Ballaghmore Castle”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Road Design will review this section of road for safety improvement. Any proposed works will be subject to funding being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 87/2019**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install traffic safety measures on the dangerous junction R434/L1632 between Clough and Aghaboe to improve visibility for motorists”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Road Design will review this section of road for safety improvement. Any proposed works will be subject to funding being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 88/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council resurface the road at Ballymullen, Errill, Rathdowney as this road is gone beyond repair and has not been tarred in over fifty years”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the Ballymullen Lane is not included on the 2019 Road Strengthening Programme. Laois County Council will include this road for consideration as part of the development of future Road Programmes.

**Notice of Motion No: 89/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council secure funding to provide safety measures at the Killadooley Child Care Creche in Killesteestia such as bollards and road markings as there are currently over 100 children using these facilities on a daily basis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that this project will be borne in mind when the next Clár or similar funding process becomes available.

**Notice of Motion No: 90/2019**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council check and repair the bridges at Garryduff/Borahan and Clonmeen, Errill as a matter of urgency as these bridges were only designed to carry light loads at the time of construction but now due to heavy vehicles on all roads, stonework needs to be repaired and made safe”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that bridge inspections at the structures identified will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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