

**MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA  
MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 2021**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. James Dunne, Assistant Engineer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

**(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the June Meeting of Borris-In-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2021**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the June meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 were confirmed as circulated. Councillor James Kelly sought clarification regarding the attendance of the members of the press in the Council Chamber at meetings of the District going forward. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services advised that this matter was tabled for consideration on the agenda for the C.P.G. meeting scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.

**(2) Matters Arising**

(1) Councillor Kelly sought an update on the following two Notice of Motions which had been considered at the June meeting of the Municipal District:-

**Notice of Motion No: 79/2021**

***“That Laois County Council under its maintenance budget for land drainage carry out the work identified on the Upper Nore, at the Basin Wall, Derryduff, Coolrain and also carry out clearance and maintenance works on the river”***

It was noted that the environmental natura impact statement is being carried out and that the Members would be kept appraised of same.

**Notice of Motion No: 81/2021**

***“That Laois County Council carry out the agreed road works to allow meeting traffic pass freely on the L-5615 road at Peafield/ Knockbrack, Pike-of-Rushall”***

The Members requested that a meeting be arranged with the Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton and the Executive Engineer, Mr. Edmond Kenny in relation to this location.

- (2) Councillor Paddy Bracken sought an update on the following Notice of Motions which were considered at the June meeting of the Municipal District

**Notice of Motion No: 82/2021**

***“That this Council address the serious footpath subsidence outside St. Vincent’s Community Nursing Unit in Mountmellick”***

Mr. James Dunne, Assistant Engineer confirmed that Laois County Council are in consultation with the maintenance personnel of the HSE in relation to this with a view to having the matter examined.

**Notice of Motion No: 83/2021**

***“That this Council address the footpath and wall outside House No. 102 St. Joseph’s Terrace, Mountmellick – this is ongoing for a number of years and it is now a serious health and safety issue”***

Mr. James Dunne, Assistant Engineer confirmed that Laois County Council will examine this issue when the meeting with the HSE takes place in relation to Notice of Motion No: 82/2021.

**(3) Date for Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the **16<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**

**(4) Notice of Motions**

**Notice of Motion No: 88/2021**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council as part of its ethos of inclusiveness provide funding to install wheelchair swings in the playgrounds of this Municipal District.***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council are providing a range a of accessible equipment at Mountrath Amenity Area and Coolrain playgrounds, and current procurement underway for Borris in Ossory, also has provision for accessible equipment. Over the next 3 years, further consideration will be given to the accessibility and inclusivity of playgrounds in Mountmellick, Clonaslee, Rathdowney, Castletown and Kiln Lane, Mountrath, subject to availability of budget.

**Notice of Motion: 89/2021**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency repair the boundary fence at Moonbawn Housing Estate Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Estate Management has sought costings for the repair of this boundary fence. However, repair works will be determined by the availability of sufficient financial resources in this year’s budget.

**Notice of Motion No: 90/2021**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency repair the boundary fence dividing Arderin Housing Estate and the Delour River at Camross village”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this matter has been referred to the technical team for inspection and recommendation.

**Notice of Motion No: 91/2021**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council provide an update and timeline for flood mitigation works to be carried out on Shannon Street, Mountrath as soon as possible”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that a decision is due from An Bord Pleanála during the month of July 2021. Funding is in place for the work from the OPW.

**Notice of Motion No: 92/2021**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install a white line to protect pedestrians and walks on the Sli na Slainte walking track between the R445 Roscrea Road Roundabout and R435 Shanboe Roundabout in Borris-In-Ossory”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that works are currently on-going with footpath being installed on approach to the Roundabouts. Laois County Council will meet with the Elected Member to discuss this motion once the current works are complete.

**Notice of Motion No: 93/2021**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council insert a yellow box to prevent unauthorised parking in the Royal Court estate in Borris-In-Ossory”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have installed plastic bollards to prevent unauthorised parking at this location.

**Notice of Motion 94/2021**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council erect amber arrow cautionary safety signs at the bad bends on the approach road to Rathdowney from Johnstown”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected member to review the signage at this location.

### **Notice of Motion: 95/2021**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council in it’s budget for footpaths provide funding to install a new footpath at Johnstown Glebe, Rathdowney as this area has houses built for over 30 years”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the site and carry out a review of the works to be undertaken.

### **Notice of Motion: 96/2021**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the small area of road with a level road surface to avoid pooling of water outside property entrance in Ballacolla close to the village”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Elected Member at the site to identify the exact location of the pooling of water and undertake a level survey.

### **Notice of Motion No: 97/2021**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council consider the provision of a bus shelter at Sean Doire, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that The Roads Design section will review this location to determine the most appropriate solution. The site will be assessed and an application will be submitted to the NTA for funding subject to the location meeting the necessary criteria (minimum criteria of services per day) for the provision of bus shelters.

### **Notice of Motion No: 98/2021**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council give an update on efforts to relieve flooding in Shanahoe”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Elected Member at the location and a level survey will be carried out.

**Notice of Motion No: 99/2021**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council re-surface the road near Aughmacart Cross”***

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: 100/2021**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect a school sign indicating Clonaghadoo National School at the junction for Geashill on the N80, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will meet the Elected Member on site to view the current status of road signs at this Junction.

**Notice of Motion No: 101/2021**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council carry out road line marking and refresh existing road markings in the Mountmellick town areas”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out a review of the line marking in the Mountmellick town area. Following a review, the conditions of the line marking will be discussed with the Elected member.

**Notice of Motion No: 102/2021**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the damaged footpaths outside the Garda Station in Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs to the footpath in the coming weeks.

**Notice of Motion No: 103/2021**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe the road junction at Campclone, Ballyfin”***

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

**Notice of Motion No: 104/2021**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

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

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the design and tender specifications are complete. Project is currently progressing to tender via e-Tenders.

**Notice of Motion No: 105/2021**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:

***“That Laois County Council remove dangerous tree at Rosenallis Graveyard”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the site to assess the impact of the trees at this location.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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