

**MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN  
CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF  
JULY 2022**

**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. James Dowling, A/S.E.E. & 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 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor John King, the minutes of the June meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

**(2) Matters Arising**

Councillor James Kelly raised the following Notice of Motion which had been considered at the June Meeting of the Municipal District:-

**80/2022 – Councillor James Kelly :-**

***“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency repair the flashing warning signs at both the Pike of Rushall and St. Fintan’s Boys National Schools in line with the Road Safety Authorities road safety guidelines”***

Councillor Kelly requested that an audit be carried out and contact be made with the schools. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services confirmed that contact would be made with the Smarter Travel Office. Mr. James Dowling, A/S.E.E. indicated that preliminary surveys have been done and a final survey will be done with costings.

Councillor John King raised the matter of the recent announcement by AIB to make 70 of its bank branches cashless. Councillor King proposed that correspondence issue to the Minister for Finance & AIB in this regard requesting them to reverse this decision. This proposal was seconded by Councillor James Kelly.

### (3) Notice of Motions

#### **Notice of Motion No: 91/2022**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council apply to the Department of Transport for funding for resurfacing the R445 (formerly N7) at Ballytarsna, Pike of Rushall under ‘Former National Roads’ as part of the 2023 investment programme for regional and local roads, to be announced early next year”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Roads Section will include the section of the R445 (formerly N7) at Ballytarsna, Pike of Rushall as part of Laois County Councils application for Former National Roads funding in 2023.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 92/2022**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council address the serious road surface issues on the L-5674 at Trumera, Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that an Engineer will arrange to meet Councillor Bergin at the road to inspect the issues.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 93/2022**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council address the parking issues for residents in the Ossory Court estate in Borris-In-Ossory”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that an Engineer will arrange to meet Councillor Bergin at the road to inspect the parking issues in Ossory Court.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 94/2022**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give an update on the proposed widening of the road at Middlemount, Rathdowney as this area has proved to be a black spot for accidents and loss of life. This request is a matter of urgency”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the Roads Section are preparing a funding application for submission to the Department of Transport to address the issues at this location.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 95/2022**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council liaise with Dawn Meats Rathdowney so as to install an automatic unit on the present sluice gate in order to avoid looking for security staff or engineers who are off duty after work, which will avoid the river overflowing and causing flooding to adjoining properties”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council would welcome a meeting with Councillor King and Dawn Meats to further this request.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 96/2022**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council check with CIE on the near completion of this new modern car park/public lights / new footpath at Ballybrophy train station and also install safety ramps as requested by local residents as part of conditions of planning”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that all works are to be handed over from the Contractor to CIE on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. In relation to the request for speed ramps LCC will liaise with CIE to ensure the planning conditions are met.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 97/2022**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council put in place, traffic calming measures at the Cappalug Road near Clonaghadoo School”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange site meeting with elected member to identify issues at this location and will propose safety improvement works as required.

**Notice of Motion No: 98/2022**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council address the dangerous junction issue at Meadowbrook, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that an Engineer will arrange to meet Councillor McDonald at the junction to inspect the sightlines.

**Notice of Motion No: 99/2022**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council carry out repairs to damaged bridge at Upper Ballyfin and also remove dangerous telegraph pole at the same location”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange a bridge inspection and an examination of the pole.

**Notice of Motion No: 100/2022**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council implement safety measures at the junction of Harvey’s Cross, Kilermogh”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that an Engineer will arrange to meet Councillor Clooney at the junction to inspect the sightlines.

**Notice of Motion No: 101/2022**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council decommission or revamp the pump house at the back of Bobs Bar, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Irish Water have included the upgrade of this pump house as part of their National Wastewater Pumping Station upgrade programme and this has been approved to progress this to detailed design stage. Once the detailed design is complete a workshop will be arranged between Irish Water and Laois County Council Water Services stage for final sign-off.

**Notice of Motion No: 102/2022**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council cut all grass verges at crossroads, blind turns, etc in the entire Borris in Ossory area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that hedgecutting will be undertaken at junctions where sightlines are compromised during the months of July and August.

**Notice of Motion No: 103/2022**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council put in an urgent request to the National Transport Authority via Transport for Ireland to relocate the present bus stop at Castletown from the R445 regional road into the village for the benefit of all”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that The Active Travel Engineer will meet with Cllr Kelly to identify the possible preferred location for the relocation of the existing bus stop. The Active Travel Section will then engage with the NTA regarding the possibility of relocation.

**Notice of Motion No: 104/2022**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install traffic safety measures at Kilbricken”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that an Engineer will arrange to meet Councillor Kelly to identify what safety measures are required.

**Notice of Motion No: 105/2022**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install street lights at the very busy Derrynaseera Cross Camross to make the intersection features visible to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that an Engineer will arrange to meet Councillor Kelly to identify the location of the proposed street lighting

**Notice of Motion No: 106/2022**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address the parking and the entrances access difficulties at Lord Edward Street, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that it has been agreed to install yellow boxes at the entrances to the accesses for the lanes to the rear of the properties.

**Notice of Motion No: 107/2022**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address the flooding problem at Acragar, Mountmellick – an extra roadside gully might solve this problem”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that A new gully has been agreed between Laois County Council and the property owner.

**Notice of Motion No: 108/2022**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address the flooding at Chapel Street, Mountmellick on the N80”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that The Roads Design Section will meet with the councillor to confirm the exact location of the issue and agree proposals to address same.

**(4) Correspondence**

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

**(5) Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the **15<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 at 9.30 a.m.** in the Council Chamber.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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Director of Corporate  
Affairs

This concluded the business of the meeting

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathairleach**

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**Director of Corporate  
Affairs**