

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT MEETING
ROOM, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON THE 9TH OF JUNE 2022**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the May Meeting of Borris-In-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 19th of May 2022

On the proposition of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken, the minutes of the May meeting held on the 19th of May 2022 were confirmed as circulated.

(2) Matters Arising

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

Notice of Motion No: 63/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out a survey and cost analysis for a footpath/safe walkway to link Mountrath and Castletown”

Councillor Kelly requested that the survey be carried out as soon as possible.

(3) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 73/2022

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put measures in place for sewerage and waste water facilities in Ballacolla, Cullohill & Shanahoe”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that having reviewed the terms of the new Rural Water Programme 2022 Scheme (Measure 8), LCC have received confirmation that any village/settlement on the Irish Water list of serviced/partially serviced settlements cannot be progressed under this new measure. Therefore, Ballacolla would not be eligible.

Having reviewed the terms of the new Scheme and, acknowledging the planning and environmental criteria against which applications will be considered, the top three, emerging, locations in County Laois are (in no particular order) Vicarstown, Cullahill and Ballyfin. Laois County Council is reviewing these locations against the assessment criteria, with a view to selecting one for full Feasibility Assessment and submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in September 2022. Subsequent Applications for subsequent years will then follow, priorities advised by the terms of the Scheme and the value of funding allocated to Laois County Council under the Scheme. The Scheme as published is an 85% funding Scheme and LCC will have to fund 15% of the overall value of works undertaken in County Laois under the Scheme.

Notice of Motion No: 74/2022

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council clean the Erkina River from the Woodenbridge to Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have engaged the services of a Consultant Ecologist to inspect the physical constraints to flow on the River Erkina between the Wooden Bridge and Castledurrow. The Elected Member will be kept updated on the outcome of this examination.

Notice of Motion No: 75/2022

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council re-surface the road at Chapel Street, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will seek costings to address the structural deficiencies of this road and to provide a new surface.

Notice of Motion No: 76/2022

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council re-instate the bottle bank in Camross Village in consultation with the local Tidy Towns/Community Development Association”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Environment Section are in ongoing contact with Camross Tidy Towns and Camross Community Development Group with a view to re-establishing a Bring Bank facility in Camross. The Groups are to provide a list of potential suitable locations. Pending receipt of that list, the Council's preferred site is at a corner of the church car park, a site which facilitates suitable access for the public and the collection contractor and further provides a visible site. In addition, it is also of note that Laois County Council provides ongoing oversight of Bring Banks whereby complaints regarding unsightliness at Bring Banks have reduced by 90%.

Notice of Motion No: 77/2022

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That Laois County Council erect a single infill light on the bend at Raheensheera entering Killasmeestia village in the interests of road safety and visibility for motorists”

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 exact location and possibility of installing additional light at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 78/2022

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois Council provide an extension to the footpath at the entrance to Kyle GAA grounds in Ballaghmore”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that there is no footpath linking either the School or the GAA field with Ballaghmore Village. Laois County Council will examine the road layout to determine what options are available to provide a new footpath.

Notice of Motion No: 79/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install street lights at Burkes Cross, Killanure to improve safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Road Design section will arrange site meeting with elected member to identify issue and propose the solution at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 80/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“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”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the repair works of these signs has been identified to maintenance contractor and will be repaired.

Notice of Motion No: 81/2022

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install improved safety measures as soon as possible at the pedestrian crossing on Portlaoise Road, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that road markings on the approach to the controlled crossing point will be improved as part of the resurfacing of the Main Street this year.

Notice of Motion No: 82/2022

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out urgent road repairs and resolve the flooding problem near Martin O’ Brien’s house at Ballynahown, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Engineers from Laois County Council have examined the drainage system at this location. Design options are being considered which will address this issue.

Notice of Motion No: 83/2022

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council include in the 2023 Works Programme, the road from the metal bridge, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange for maintenance crews to undertake repairs on this road in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 84/2022

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect ‘No Dumping’ signs at Coolagh, Clonaslee near the County Boundary”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will replace the No Dumping signage at this location in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 85/2022

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council make provision in its road works plan for next year to resurface the road from the Creche centre beside Killadooley National School to the Church entrance gate in Killesmeetia as this area is extremely busy on a daily basis, in both mornings and evenings with parents dropping their children off for school and creche”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the road from Ballyhegaddon Bridge to the Killadooley /Gortnalee junction will be resurfaced this year. Road improvement works are scheduled in Killesmeetia Village in 2023.

Notice of Motion No: 86/2022

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install a new footpath from outside the Post office in Errill village to the junction on the School Road Errill, and also update the pedestrian crossing with new paint. This Post office and shop is located on the corner of the junction and is extremely busy with locals, passing traffic and children attending the local school”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will replace this footpath in the coming weeks. Road markings on the approach to the crossing point will be renewed.

Notice of Motion No: 87/2022

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council support the initiative under a Healthy Ireland program with the provision of a walking and cycle route in and around the village of Clough as requested by both parents and locals living in the area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Active Travel Engineer will arrange to meet with Councillor King in Clough to go through the proposal.

Notice of Motion No: 88/2022

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council re-surface the road from Super Valu to Fox’s corner, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the L-6131 fronting onto Saint Vincent’s Community Nursing Unit will be resurfaced this year. Previous requests made by the Elected Member to address the subsidence issue opposite the Hospital will also be addressed this year.

Notice of Motion No: 89/2022

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out maintenance works to the drain at the rear of Bayview Housing Estate to the Triogue River”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that drainage maintenance works on this channel will be undertaken in the Autumn of 2022.

Notice of Motion No: 90/2022

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council upgrade and provide a right turning lane on the N80 at the Derrycloney Junction”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Road Design Office has engaged with TII to implement Safety measures at this location. Topographical survey will be carried out and design options will be submitted to TII for approval.

(4) Correspondence

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

(5) Fix Date, Time & Venue for Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the res-scheduled date of the **21st of July 2022 at 9.30 a.m.**

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

**Director of Corporate
Affairs**