

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
16th OF MARCH 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor Brendan Phelan
Councillor James Kelly
Councillor Paddy Bracken
Councillor Seamus McDonald
APOLOGIES: Councillor David Goodwin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 16TH OF FEBRUARY 2017

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the February meeting held on the 16th of February 2017 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Members referred to Notice of Motion No: 29/2017 passed at the February meeting as in relation to an advance stop sign being erected in advance of the junction at the L5538/R433 Junction in Errill village – it was agreed that Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer would follow up the matter.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District would be held on the 20th of April 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in the Fine Gael Room.

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 36/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair sunken road outside the Card Stand shop in the square Rathdowney following sewerage works that were done by Ward & Burke contractors at the time”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs at this location. Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer indicated that he would examine all routes with a view to putting a plan in place for repairs

Notice of Motion No: 37/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council investigate why the drain is blocking up at Capponellan Lane, Durrow beside the old N-8 as this is causing serious flooding in this area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the Council recently carried out improvement works to the drainage system in this area. There is maintenance required to drains in private lands and a request has been made for this work to be carried out.

Notice of Motion No: 38/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council cut back the hedgerow at School Lane, Mountrath as this is very dangerous for traffic at school time and people attending funerals . Also this land is owned by Laois County Council and it should developed in to a proper Car park to serve both Church & School in the interest of public safety for all”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will maintain the hedgerow at this location in the interest of road safety. Discussions between elected Members and the Executive regarding the proposed future use of the lands will be facilitated.

Notice of Motion No: 39/2017

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect dangerous bend signs at Capard (Skerry) Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that an assessment will be carried out and signs will be provided at this location as required

Notice of Motion No: 40/2017

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road at Campclone, Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Campclone has been included on the Patching Rota for Repairs at the earliest opportunity.

Notice of Motion No: 41/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out repairs at Coolderry Road/Lane, Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Coolderry Road/Lane, Ballacolla has been included on the patching rota for repairs at the earliest opportunity. The Members requested that, if possible, a text message be sent to them when repairs are completed.

Notice of Motion No: 42/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair bridge at Ballinrally, Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have carried out an initial inspection of this bridge which indicates that two new parapet walls are required due to damage that has been caused to the bridge. An estimate has been prepared for the likely cost of these repairs. There is currently no funding allocated for these repairs.

Notice of Motion No: 43/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install lights at Parknahown, Cullohill”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that at this location lights were installed and funded by Councillor’s discretionary funding – the first light in 2015 and the second in 2016. If another light is required than light can be installed under same funding.

Notice of Motion No: 44/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the ongoing flooding problem at O’ Moore Street, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that following completion of the current works on Emmet Street this Council will investigate the drainage issue with a view to resolving the matter.

The Members expressed concern in relation to the loss of business to the businesses on O’ Moore Street and requested that consideration be given to a reduction in rates. It was requested that the views of Members be relayed to the Head of Finance, Mr. Gerry Murphy. It was also requested that weekly updates be given to the businesses for the remainder of the roadworks.

Notice of Motion No: 45/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council in conjunction with the T.I.I. provide a roundabout and pedestrian safety measures at Irishtown/St. Vincent’s Hospital Junction at the N80 at Irishtown, Mounmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Road Design will be in contact with the TII to improve safety at this junction with the option for a roundabout at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 46/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair and upgrade the school flashing lights at Derrylamogue, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that these School Flashing Lights will be repaired and upgraded if required.

Notice of Motion No: 47/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install Disabled Parking Signs at the Disabled Parking spaces in The Square Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect Disabled Parking Signs at this location.

Notice of Motions No: 48/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the flooding issues at Residence at Derrahnaseera Coolrain”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the drainage issues at this location and where necessary implement a suitable solution for issues identified that are under the remit of the Local Authority.

Notice of Motion No: 49/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the flooding issues at Phelans Shop Ballaghmore”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the drainage issues at this location and where necessary implement a suitable solution for issues identified that are under the remit of the Local Authority.

Notice of Motion No: 50/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair damaged bridge at Coolagh, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the damage at this bridge and prepare an estimate for the likely repair cost.

Notice of Motion No: 51/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council seek funding to extend sewage at Brittas, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this is a matter for Irish Water to consider. It has been referred to them. Initial feedback would suggest that this area is unlikely to be a priority consideration by Irish Water for sewer mains extension. During the recent Laois 6 Towns Sewerage Network upgrade – foul sewer mains were typically not extended beyond the urban development boundary and Brittas in Clonaslee was outside that boundary.

The Members indicated that there are 12 houses on this road and it was agreed that Laois County Council would make an application for funding for the extension. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services indicated that he would raise the matter with the Local Leads from Irish Water at a meeting later today.

Notice of Motion No: 52/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council clean all road signs from Clonaslee to the County boundary”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have commenced the cleaning and maintenance of all road signage along this route.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The guidelines received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government regarding the Communities Facilities Scheme for 2017 were circulated to the Members and Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services gave a brief outline of the guidelines and indicated that the scheme will fund projects that seek to enhance communities. The LCDC in conjunction with the MDs will be responsible for the allocation of funding and applications will be called in March 2017. The closing date will be 30th of June 2017. Mr. Brennan indicated that the maximum amount to be approved for any one project is €1,000 and that the Municipal District will have the final decision on projects which are recommended by the LCDC. Further details will be available in due course.

6. SCHEDULE OF ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2017

On the proposition of Councillor James Kelly seconded by Councillor Patrick Bracken, the schedule of Roadworks Programme was unanimously agreed for 2017 as presented.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS