

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL  
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE  
22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor	Brendan Phelan
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	James Kelly
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 MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2018**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the February meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Kelly raised Notice of Motion No: 26/2018 in relation to the storage facility for the fire jeep at Mountrath Fire Station. Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that correspondence has issued to the Department and funding has been allocated.

**3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2018

**4. Notice of Motions**

**Notice of Motion No: 37/2018**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council replace/upgrade the footpaths at Main Street, Borris-in-Ossory and Shannon Road and Patrick Street, Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs to footpaths that require so in a phased basis throughout the Municipal District within the resources available.

**Notice of Motion No: 38/2018**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council install street lights at Daingeanroe, Castletown”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Public Lighting section will look at this location - any upgrade works and new installation will be subject to funding being available.

**Notice of Motion No: 39/2018**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this council provide for extra parking spaces at Moonbawn Housing Estate, Mountrath”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Council has already carried out extensive improvements to the green area in this estate. It is the opinion of the Housing Section that there is sufficient parking already provided.

**Notice of Motion No: 40/2018**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give an update on when completion of work will be carried out in Donaghmore village under the village funding program that was sanctioned in 2017”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council are currently making the necessary arrangements for the completion of this scheme with the remaining works to commence in April.

Councillor Paddy Bracken referred to the re-introduction of the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and asked if Ballyfin could be considered for works

**Notice of Motion No: 41/2018 & 51/2018 were taken together as follows**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council include Ballacolla and Clough villages on its route for litter bin collection as there is no litter bin service in these areas at this time.***

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council empty the refuse bins at Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly.

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out a review of the existing service provided within the Municipal District and examine if it is possible within the resources available to extend same.

**Notice of Motion No: 42/2018**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“Laois County Council will carry out a review of the existing service provided within the Municipal District and examine if it is possible within the resources available to extend same”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs as necessary at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 43/2018**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Municipal District acknowledge the Trojan efforts of the management and staff of Laois County Council during the recent snow storm, including the Fire Service, Civil Defence, Army, Gardaí, local farmers, local contractors and members of the community”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members complimented the staff and all agencies involved.

**Notice of Motion No: 44/2018**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council survey the junction at New Mills/Drinagh, Mountmellick with a view to improving safety at this junction”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Road Design will review the junction of these roads for a safety scheme and will propose a solution as appropriate.

**Notice of Motion No: 45/2018**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council include the road at Coolagh, Clonaslee under the Roads Restoration Programme”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have considered this road and it is included in the draft programme of works for 2018

**Notice of Motion No: 46/2018**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair and resurface the road at Strahard, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs at Strahard as required and give consideration to this road for inclusion in future road resurfacing programmes.

**Notice of Motion No: 47/2018**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give an update about connecting Goodwin Estate, Rosenallis to the sewage treatment Plant”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that a new Executive Technician is due to commence in Water Services on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and is being assigned to Rural Water. He will carry out a survey on Goodwin Estate to assess the cost of developing a new group sewerage scheme in the estate. A grant of up to 75% of the overall cost, subject to a maximum of €6,750 per house is available to fund the new scheme.

**Notice of Motion No: 48/2018**

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair the road at Coolagh, Kilcavan”***

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

**Notice of Motion No: 49/2018**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council make safe the road at houses at Coolagh, Clonaslee”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will renew road markings at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 50/2018**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council carry out road repairs at Cush, Clonaslee, the Lake Road, also at Graigueafulla”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out road repairs at these locations.

**Notice of Motion No: 52/2018**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council repair or replace signage at Red House Cross Roads, Rathmakelly”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County will replace the signage at this location

**Notice of Motion No: 53/2018**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council address constant flooding at Knockanoran, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County will assess the surface water issue at this location with a view to developing a solution where possible.

**Notice of Motion No: 54/2018**

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council resurface and level road at Coolowley Tullaccommon”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County will carry out repairs and give consideration to this road for future road resurfacing programmes.

Councillor James Kelly raised the matter of the notifications of positive traffic controls and on some occasions very short notice is given to the Members on this. Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer indicated that this can be the case for emergency works but would investigate the matter.

**5. PRESENTATION ON LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR MOUNTMELICK BY MR. DAVID O’ HARA, EXECUTIVE PLANNER**

Mr. David O’ Hara, Executive Planner circulated copies of the Local Area Plan for Mountmellick to the Members. Members were advised that the plan will be on display until the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2018. There is also a drop in information day on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 and a public consultation evening on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 in the Library.

**6. PRESENTATION ON ENVIRONMENT WORK BY MS. ORLA BARRETT, S.E.E.**

Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Executive Engineer delivered an update on Waste Enforcement & Litter, Environmental Complaints, Anti-Dumping, Landfill, Civic Amenity Operations & Bottle Banks and responded to the various queries raised by the Members. In particular Ms. Barrett briefed the meeting on the forthcoming projects to combat dumping issues for 2018. Members complimented Ms. Barrett and all staff in the Environment Section for their tremendous work in this area.

**7. SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2018**

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Members unanimously agreed to the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2018 as presented.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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

