MINUTES OF THE GRAIGUECULLEN/PORTARLINGTON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15th OF MARCH 2023 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, PORTLAOISE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT Mr. P.J. Kelly MCC (In the Chair)

Mr. Aidan Mullins M.C.C. Mr. Padraig Fleming, M.C.C. Mr. Ben Brennan, M.C.C.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance

Mr. Philip McVeigh, Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer

Apology: Mr. Paschal McEvoy Cathaoirleach M.C.C.

Ms. Aisling Moran, M.C.C.

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the February meeting of the Graiguecullen/Portarlington Municipal District held on the 15th of February 2023

On the proposition of Councillor Ben Brennan seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming, the Members unanimously agreed the minutes of the February meeting of the Graiguecullen / Portarlington Municipal District held on the 15th of February 2023.

(2) Progress Report

The report was noted, and the Members complimented Mr. Philip McVeigh, Senior Executive Engineer and all the team on the works that had been completed since the last meeting.

A request was made to have the dog bag dispenser on the Numbers Road in Graiguecullen removed as some dog walkers were using it as a bin.

A discussion took place on the caravans parked on private lands in the Meadow's Way, Graiguecullen housing estate and a request was made to have them removed.

(3) Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023

The Members were circulated with the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023. On the proposition of Councillor Padraig Fleming seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023 was unanimously agreed as presented.

(4) Notice of Motions:-

Notice of Motion No: 19/2023

Councillor Aidan Mullins proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council give an update on the taking in charge of The Glen Estate in Kilnacourt, Portarlington"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor P.J. Kelly. The Members were advised that the Developer (Patrick Fadden Le Monde Holdings) is in the process of preparing revised "As Built" drawings and updated CCTV for the Glen in Kilnacourt. These will be done in the next 2 – 3 weeks. The Developer has also been advised of repairs required to footpaths and road surfaces in a number of areas. Once the above items have been addressed, we will be in a position to progress the taking in charge.

Notice of Motion No: 20/2023

Councillor Aidan Mullins proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council give an update on the application for funding to the NTA for a new footpath from the Railway Station to Corrig Wood in Portarlington"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor P.J. Kelly. The Members were advised that following application to the NTA for funding, the Council was not provided with an allocation to deliver the proposed footpath.

Notice of Motion No: 21/2023

Councillor Aidan Mullins proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That Laois County Council give an update as to when Railway Mews estate in Portarlington will be taken in charge by Irish Water"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan. The Members were advised that on the 24th of August 2022, Uisce Eireann confirmed to the Planning Department of Laois County Council that Uisce Eireann has accepted all water pipes and foul/combined sewers within the public areas of Railway Mews estate for taking in charge. The Planning Department of Laois County Council advised the Water Services Department of this on the same date. It is now in the charge of Uisce Eireann.

Notice of Motion No: 22/2023

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council put in a drain outside a house on Joe's Road, Killeshin and fill in the drain outside another house on the same road"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet on site with the Elected Member to identify the works required.

Notice of Motion No: 23/2023

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council fix the drain outside the Church of Ireland in Mayo Crettyard on the R431"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has inspected this location and has recently carried out drainage improvement works along this section of the R431.

Notice of Motion No: 24/2023

Councillor Ben Brennan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council drop the kerb on the footpath on the road down to Doonane Church"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to carry out these works in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 25/2023

Councillor Padraig Fleming proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council repair the surface on the N78 at Ballycoman and Ballylehane Lower on the approach road to Ballylinan in the interest of health and safety as there are defects on the centre line of the road and road edges"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor P.J. Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out repairs on this section of the N78. In addition to the interim repairs, this section of road will be examined with a view to having it included for a structural upgrade in a future TII programme.

Notice of Motion No: 26/2023

Councillor Padraig Fleming proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out water cuts along the R430 / R426 from Killeshin, Newtown to the Swan Area"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor P.J. Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to carry out these water cuts in the coming weeks. The works on this section of the R430/R426 will take two weeks to complete.

Notice of Motion No: 27/2023

Councillor Padraig Fleming proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to provide traffic calming measures on the N80 on the approach roads to Ballickmoyler Village to include speed radars and additional road markings on both sides of the village in the interest of health and safety for all"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor P.J. Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out speed assessments on the N80 approaches to Ballickmoyler Village to inform discussions on traffic calming measures with TII.

Notice of Motion No: 28/2023

Councillor P.J. Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council maintain and make safe the public sheep dip facility on the Heath – the dip area itself is full of water and would be a very dangerous area for children to explore"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will forward this request to the registered owner of the property where the sheep dip facility is located.

Notice of Motion No: 29/2023

Councillor P.J. Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council investigate the possibility of installing water gullies and an extraction pipe to alleviate water pooling at the junction known as Sallyford Pump, Ballybrittas"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet on site with the Elected Member to identify the works required.

Notice of Motion No: 30/2023

Councillor P.J. Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council erect more prominent signs showing Emo Village and Emo Court off the Portlaoise/Portarlington road at Coolbanagher as some motorists visiting Emo Court miss the turn and then perform at times dangerous U turns to get back on the right road"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will inspect this location to identify suitable points for the installation of additional signage for Emo Court.

Replies to the following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor A Moran were read out on the proposal of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor A Mullins.

Notice of Motion No: 31/2023

"That this Council carry out water cuts on the road from Hollymount to Coolnaugh Cross"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has inspected this location and has carried out road drainage works between Hollymount and Coolanagh Crossroads.

Notice of Motion No: 32/2023

"That this Council clear the open drain alongside the public road after the roundabout beside Ballylinan National School"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has inspected this location and will arrange to carry out these works in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 33/2023

"That this Council carry out drainage works on the approach road into Luggacurren as there is some water ponding along this section of road"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Aidan Mullins. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has inspected this location and will arrange to carry out these works as soon as possible.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

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

5. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Graiguecullen/Portarlington Municipal District would take place on the 19th of April 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

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	Paschal McEvoy, Cathaoirleach