

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
18th May 2017**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 20th OF APRIL 2017

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor James Kelly the Minutes of the March meeting held on the 20th of April 2017 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

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 15th of June 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in the Fine Gael Room and that the AGM of the Municipal District would also take place at 11.00 a.m. on the 15th of June 2017.

4. TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME

The Members were circulated with a copy of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 and Mr. Paul McLoughlin briefed the members on the contents and criteria of the scheme and responded to any queries raised by the Members. It was noted that the closing date for applications is the 30th of June 2017.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 70/2017

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council Remove the Bank at Shannon Road Mountrath, in the interest of Safety”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine the section of bank in question following which, if appropriate and feasible to do so, the bank can be removed.

Notice of Motion No: 71/2017

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council alleviate flooding at house at Johnsgrove, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the drainage issue at this location and resolve as appropriate.

Notice of Motion No: 72/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency re-connect the 12 street lights at Mountrath Community College and St. Fintans Graveyard”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have applied for new connection with ESB Networks for these lights. Once connection is completed these lights will be energised.

Notice of Motion No: 73/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the serious road traffic issues at the junction of Derry Road and Kilkenny Road Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Road Design had discussed to improve the safety of this junction with TII. Road Design has also requested TII to include this site for funding of Safety Schemes 2017.

Notice of Motion No: 74/2017

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide for proper road safety measures at the dangerous junction of Derrin Cross (R445/R434) and Sentry Hill (L5613) Borris in Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the junction is located near The R445/R434 junction and is parallel with the R445. The Local road is located within 15 meters of the Regional road. The ghost island junction is currently being marked on the R445 Regional road, under the Road lining contract. The junction around this road can be looked at for a proposal for a safety scheme for next year.

Notice of Motion No: 75/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the footpath at St. Fintan’s Church, Ballyfin”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out footpath repairs at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 76/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide a passing lane at Rearymore, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County will assess the need and possibility of providing a passing bay in Rearymore.

Notice of Motion No: 77/2017

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace the directional sign at the Birnhill, as sign was removed following an accident at this location”

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

Notice of Motion No: 78/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding problem at house at Ashbrooke, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the drainage issue at this location and resolve as appropriate.

Notice of Motion No: 79/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect a Yield Right of Way sign at the junction near house at Drim, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect a Yield Right of Way sign at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 80/2017

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect sign for Crossroad at Drummond”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect a Crossroads sign at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 81/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair road from Kilcoke to Kildelig”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has included this road on the roster for pothole repairs.

Notice of Motions No: 82/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair footpaths in O’Daly Terrace, Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have carried repairs in O’Daly Terrace on the sections of footpath in most need of repair. Further improvements at this location is dependent on the availability of funding. Mr. Paul McLoughlin undertook to meet Councillor Phelan on site.

Notice of Motion No: 83/2017

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace sign for Knockaroo at the Green Roads”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will replace the sign for Knockaroo at this location. A discussion took place around the name for the sign and it was agreed that this be clarified prior to it’s erection.

Notice of Motion No: 84/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair damaged wall following accident at the Conoboro bridge Rathdowney and put up signs to indicate narrow bridge ahead in order to reduce accidents occurring at this junction”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will have an assessment of the bridge and approach roads carried out and carry out works accordingly.

Notice of Motion No: 85/2017

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council gave an update on when work will be complete at Ballybrophy bridge regarding instillation of traffic lights and road markings, as this junction is extremely busy due to comutures using the railway station”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Civil works are now complete for installation of Traffic Lights and Street lights. Laois County Council are waiting on ESB to confirm location for ESB Supply connection which they have now provided. Remaining works which includes resurfacing of Road, installation of traffic Lights and road marking would take 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

Notice of Motion No: 86/2017

Councillor JohnKing proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council investigate the unstable embankment on the Cullahill mountain and do whatever work that has to be done to make it safe for all users of this road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan . The Members were advised that Laois County Council will have an assessment of the embankment carried out following which provision will be made to facilitate works that are identified.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS

