

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
17th MAY 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 APRIL MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 19TH OF APRIL 2018

On the proposition of Councillor Brendan Phelan seconded by Councillor David Goodwin, the Minutes of the April meeting held on the 19th of April 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Kelly raised Notice of Motion No: 55/2018 which was discussed at the April meeting in relation to the provision of toilet facilities at the public playground in Coolrain Village. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services indicated that the Town & Village Renewal Scheme has been advertised and the Community Facility Fund also is expected to be announced.

Councillor Paddy Bracken raised Notice of Motion No: 67/2018 which was discussed at the April meeting in relation to the funding for the replacement of gates and railings in the old section of St. Fintan' s Cemetery, Ballyfin and the provision of plinths and footpaths in the new section of the cemetery. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services confirmed that Laois County Council are undertaking a review of cemeteries at present. The replacement of railings and gates is not included in this year' s programme of works.

Councillor David Goodwin raised Notice of Motion No: 63/2018 passed at the April meeting in relation to the re-erection of the fence at Meadowbrook, Rosenallis. Councillor Goodwin indicated that this is a matter of great urgency that this fence be replaced. Councillor Goodwin requested an update for the next Municipal District Meeting.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 14th of June 2018.

4. Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 73/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the severe flooding issues at Tom Cashins garage Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the issue at this location and proceed as appropriate.

Notice of Motion No: 74/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide disabled car park spaces at both St Fergals Church and ICA hall Castletown”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess the request onsite and provide disabled car parking spaces within the public area under its control as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 75/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council which has allocated funding for works at Canon Delaney Bridge, Rushin Road, Mountrath and Trumera Cross commence the works as a matter of urgency”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have commenced preparatory works on both of these schemes with a view to completing the work as part of the 2018 works programme.

Notice of Motion No: 76/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council redo all road markings around Dunes Stores and Super Valu, Rathdowney and erect new stop sign as you leave car park to enter square, in the interest of public safety for all road users”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess the road marking and signage conditions at the identified locations and renew as required within the area under its control.

Notice of Motion No: 77/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council devise plans for social housing needs on their own lands to the rear of St Kieran's park Errill as there is a big demand for new houses with young family's returning to the area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that the Housing Section has prepared a preliminary design for social housing on this land. This will be submitted to the Dept. as a Stage 1 application for their consideration.

Notice of Motion No: 78/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect No Dumping signs and some mobile cameras at the slip road at Eglish Grogan Rathdowney where old couches and filthy bags of Rubbish are being dumped on a regular basis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that signage will be erected within the week and the location will be included on the mobile cctv Rota.

Notice of Motion No: 79/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the traffic and safety issues at Glenbarrow, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have carried out considerable improvement works at this location in recent years consisting of the provision of a car park, upgrade and overlay of the public road which included passing bays for vehicles. Notwithstanding these improvements the popularity of this scenic recreational facility has led to severe congestion and difficulty for visitors and residents of the area particularly on weekends with fine weather. To this end Laois County Council have applied for and secured funding for the construction of an additional carpark to improve the visitor experience and to ease the difficulty being experienced by residents in the area. Consultation with Coillte is ongoing with a view to delivering this project in the later stages of 2018. In the interim signage will be installed requesting motorists to park in an appropriate manner and not to block the public road.

Notice of Motion No: 80/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the water issue on the footpath at Bay View, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will investigate the issue and seek to address the matter as appropriate within the resources available.

Notice of Motion No: 81/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide lay bays at Rearymore, Rosenallis to facilitate traffic movement”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will provide passing bays where it is feasible to do so along this stretch of road.

Notice of Motion No: 82/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council erect sign for County Laois at the Laois Offaly Border at Moneyquid, Killeigh"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will liaise with TII regarding the request for the provision of signage at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 83/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council erect sign for Ballyfin at Sands Junction"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect a sign for Ballyfin as requested at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 84/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council erect no dumping signs and CCTV cameras at Brockera, Clonaslee and Cush"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Signage will be erected within the week and the location will be included on the mobile cctv rota.

Notice of Motion No: 85/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council give an update on preservation works on Borris-in-Ossory Courthouse"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that there is a amount of money available for some works this year on Borris-in-Ossory Courthouse which will be used to improve the appearance of the building and secure the building against deterioration.

Notice of Motion No: 86/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on flood prevention work at Middlemount and Grantstown, Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have undertaken works at this location to intercept and pipe surface water through lands to a watercourse to alleviate the build up of surface water at this location which occurs during periods of intense or prolonged rainfall.

Notice of Motion No: 87/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address poor condition of road at Ballygeehan, Ballacolla”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess the condition of the road and carry out repairs as required.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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CERTIFIED: _____
**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS**