

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
15th OF NOVEMBER 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 18TH OF OCTOBER 2018

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the October meeting held on the 18th of October 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor James Kelly referred to Notice of Motion No: 133/2018 in relation to allocation of funding from the Irish Public Bodies Insurance fund to address and repair the deplorable state of the footpaths at Patrick Street, Mountrath. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that a Contractor has been appointed and that Laois County Council are awaiting the date for commencement of these works.

Councillor John King referred to Notice of Motion No: 138/2018 in relation to the survey of the Bog Road at Templetuohy and requested interim measures at this location.

Councillor King also referred to Notice of Motion No: 136/2018 in relation to parking measures around the Fire Station in Durrow. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that there has been further discussions and hopes that there will be a resolution to the matter in early course.

Councillor Paddy Bracken referred to Notice of Motion No: 127/2018 in relation to traffic calming measures at Acragar, Mountmellick and indicated that there was another serious accident there. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that pavement testing will be carried out at this location.

The Members extended their recognition and appreciation of all of the work completed by the outdoor staff in the Municipal District over the last year.

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 13th of December 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 139/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council acquire land to extend the cemetery at Clonaghadoo”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that St. Mary’s, Clonaghadoo is a private cemetery and not under the management of Laois County Council. The 1994 Local Government Act facilitates the provision of burial grounds by persons or groups other than local authorities subject to obtaining full planning permission. Should the local community wish to extend the cemetery at Clonaghadoo they may do so through the normal development and planning process.

A discussed ensued on this matter wherein Councillor McDonald enquired as to the possibility of acquiring land in the area. It was also outlined by Councillor McDonald that there is a landowner in the area with land availability. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services indicated that he would be available to meet the community group to see how the matter could be further progressed; one significant aspect would be a site assessment test with a view to ascertaining if any site meets with the requirements for a new burial ground. Councillor Kelly proposed an on-site meeting with Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services and the landowner. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald.

Notice of Motion No: 140/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding problem, outside house at Coolagh Cross, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this location will be inspected and measures will be identified to address any flooding issues.

Notice of Motion No: 141/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council undertake to grit at the following schools, Derrylamogue, Rosenallis, Ballyfin, Clonaslee and Clonaghadoo in frosty conditions”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council has recently finalised the 2018/2019 Winter Maintenance Plan. As is the case every year and in line with best practice, the treated routes are selected based on the route designations (eg. Motorway Routes, National Secondary Roads, Regional Roads) and the associated traffic volumes.

Laois County Council currently treats 468km of this strategic road network, which equates to c.23% of the entire road network, one of the highest percentages in the Midlands region. The length of the network that can be treated is limited by the capacity of the winter maintenance fleet as well as the funding available for the provision of this service which means no further extension of the routes is currently feasible. However, in extreme events, additional salt and grit could be stored at strategic locations on the regional and local road network for use by the public.

Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. also indicated that salt/grit could be delivered to the schools if necessary in the cases of extreme weather.

Notice of Motion No: 142/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out remedial road works in the vicinity of the traffic island on the busy N77 at Barnhill Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this work is currently underway and will be completed shortly.

Notice of Motion No: 143/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out road safety measures at Trumera Cross and GAA Club”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this location will be assessed. Any road safety issues will be referred to Road Design.

Councillor Kelly indicated that this was an extremely busy stretch of road – it was agreed that Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. would meet Councillor Kelly on site.

Notice of Motion No: 144/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council extend the footpath opposite Mountrath Community College in the interest of pedestrian safety”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the provision of footpaths opposite the College requires significant private lands. The Council is not in a position to acquire these lands.

A discussion ensued – Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that he would set up a meeting with the School Principal.

Notice of Motion No: 145/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the road at Clonlony, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this road will be inspected and repaired.

Notice of Motion No: 146/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resolve the flooding problem at the Parochial House in Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Council is aware of the issue and will take steps to address it.

Notice of Motion No: 147/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the culvert at house at Clonaheen, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members advised that this Council will inspect this matter to determine what steps can be taken to address the issue.

Notice of Motion No: 148/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council make provision to take in charge Brodericks housing estate Knockiel Rathdowney as there is ongoing issues with foothpaths /road surfaces and height of manhole covers”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that it is proposed that this estate will be advertised for taking in charge before the end of 2018 with a view to taking in charge in 2019 which will give the Council the opportunity to carry the necessary works subject to the availability of funding. The public lighting is currently being maintained by Laois County Council.

Notice of Motion No: 149/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide finger post sign for Clough village close to Manor Stone junction on the Rathdowney road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this location will be assessed for a suitable location for the sign.

Notice of Motion No: 150/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council carry out necessary drainage works at the entrance area to Erkina Court Rathdowney and repair road surface where needed as this area is continually flooded”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this location will be inspected and measures will be identified to address any flooding issues.

In the absence of Councillor Phelan, the responses to Councillor Phelan’s Motions were read into the minutes as follows:-

Notice of Motion No: 151/2018

“That this Council clean water verges in the Rathdowney/Errill area before winter rain”

Reply - *This work is underway and will continue.*

Notice of Motion No: 152/2018

“That this Council repair Cuddagh Road due to subsidence”

Reply - *This work will be carried out within the next week.*

Notice of Motion No: 153/2018

“That this Council provide funding from I.P.B. to complete footpath provision”

Reply - *The details of the IPB funding are shown in the Indicative Capital Programme for 2019 -2021 presented to the members at Monday’s Council meeting.*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

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