

MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 19th of NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor	John King (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	James Kelly
Councillor	Ollie Clooney
Councillor	Conor Bergin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan Director of Services, Mr. Edmond Kenny, 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 17th OF OCTOBER 2019

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the October meeting held on the 17th of October 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that next meeting would be held on the 12th of December 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 123/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council make safe the junction at Lacken Lane, Clonaslee Road, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that ‘Junction Ahead’ signs will be provided as advance warning of the junction. Definition posts will be replaced at this junction.

Notice of Motion No: 124/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair bridge at the Dangans”

These Notice of Motions were seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will undertake a structural inspection on this bridge and update the Councillor of the outcome.

Notice of Motion No: 125/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update on the sewage at Goodwin Estate, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that funding was sought for and approved by DHPLG under the Multi-annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021. Tender documentation is currently being prepared by Water Services staff. This project will be advertised on e-tenders. An application for a connection will be made to IW.

Notice of Motion No: 126/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council apply for funding to resurface road in Cullahill from the Post Office to the speed limit sign on the R639 road to Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of a future roads programme.

Notice of Motion No: 127/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council examine the footpaths on Main Street, Borris in Ossory and make provision for funding to repair and replace where necessary for all pedestrian users”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that a meeting will be arranged on site between engineering staff and the Councillor to assess the footpath at the location identified.

Notice of Motion No: 128/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council in its budget for cemetery works provide funding to repair and replace badly damaged footpaths inside the local cemetery Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that funding for cemetery works at Rathdowney was not provided in the 2019 budget. These footpath works were identified in an extensive survey of the 27 Local Authority cemeteries. This survey was completed in 2018. These works had previously been scheduled in the Cemetery Programme of Works for 2021. A revised schedule will be prepared in early 2020 and this request will be borne in mind.

Notice of Motion No: 129/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues in Ballyfin at the National School, Catholic Church and GAA Club with a commitment to carry out a road safety audit as soon as possible”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Road Design office will arrange a meeting on site with councillor to identify exact location and issues at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 130/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council make good the flooding issues at property in Castletown village”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that A Non Return Valve was installed on property combined sewer connection. If the sewer on the public road floods or surcharges the non-return valve will close and this will prevent flooding from the sewer back up into the house. This non-return valve is located within private property and it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain this non-return valve and keep it free of grease and debris to ensure it functions correctly.

Notice of Motion No: 131/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council install "Warning Beware of Horses Hazard Signs" on the 2 kilometre stretch of road between Cooper's of Shanderry Coolrain to the cross at the Pike of Rushall in line with the RSA aim to improve road safety in Ireland"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that these signs will be installed.

Notice of Motion No: 132/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council provide an update on the development of a Playground and the Sli na Slainte walking track in Borris-In-Ossory"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Sport & Leisure Officer is working with Borris-in-Ossory Development Committee to prepare a planning application for the proposed playground. Consultation with local children has been carried out and funding applications are being prepared with Laois Partnership. The Borris-in-Ossory Slí na Sláinte Walking Route is nearing completion and signs will be erected upon completion of snag listed items. Project will be completed by year end.

Notice of Motion No: 133/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council resurface the L1612 between the Green Roads and Moanfad/Grangebeg, Borris-In-Ossory as a matter of urgency"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of a future roads programme.

Notice of Motion No: 134/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council resurface the L5056/5057 at Clononeen/Springhill, Borris-In-Ossory as a matter of urgency"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will assess this road in the overall context of the development of a future roads programme.

Notice of Motion No: 135/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect additional lights from Cullohill Village to the Primary School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by John King. The Members were advised that Road Design will review the lighting at this section of the road and arrange a meeting on site with the Councillor to identify issues at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 136/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council upgrade the footpaths in Ballacolla Village”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that a meeting will be arranged on site between engineering staff and the Councillor to assess the footpath at the location identified.

Notice of Motion No: 137/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace all the rubbish bins in Durrow to Solar Bins”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that funding was granted for solar bins in Portlaoise Town through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. This funding stream is closed for 2019 but an application in respect of this proposal could be considered under future programmes.

Notice of Motion No: 138/2019

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council extend the 30 minute free parking to one hour in all areas covered by the parking bye-laws in Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Current parking bye laws (2011) in respect of Mountmellick and subsequent agreements of the former Mountmellick Town Council provide for 30 minutes free parking and a parking fee of 60 cent per hour. The question of the amendment of the parking bye-laws is a matter which might usefully be raised in the first instance at the Roads, Transportation, Environment, Water and Emergency Services SPC.

Notice of Motion No: 139/2019

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council erect warning signs on the R423 at Ballyfin indicating Deers Crossing”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that these signs will be installed.

Notice of Motion No: 140/2019

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair the dangerous footpath at Davin Park, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that a meeting will be arranged on site between engineering staff and the Councillor to assess the footpath at the location identified.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS