

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-  
OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER  
2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ollie Clooney (In the Chair)  
Councillor John King  
Councillor Paddy Bracken  
Councillor James Kelly  
Councillor Conor Bergin

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Seamus McDonald

**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 the Minutes of the October Meeting of Borris-In-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2021**

On the proposition of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the minutes of the October meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 were confirmed as circulated.

**(2) Matters Arising**

Councillor Kelly sought an update on the following Notice of Motion:-

**Notice of Motion: 131/2021**

***“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency dedicate funds to the installation of street lights at the blacked out areas on Factory Street, Mountrath”***

The Area Engineer gave an update to the meeting on the current status of the lights at this location.

### **(3) Municipal District Additional 2021 Allocation**

The Members were advised that €25,000 was being allocated in relation to unspent training and conference monies for 2021. It was agreed that the breakdown was agreed in consultation with the Area Engineer, Mr. Edmond Kenny.

### **(4) Fix Date for Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the December meeting would be held on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

### **(5) Notice of Motions**

#### **Notice of Motion:- 142/2021**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion: -

***“That Laois County Council give an update and timeline for completion of the safety improvement scheme on the R445 at Redcastle Junction, Mountrath as a matter of urgency”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that construction work has commenced on Redcastle Junction and will be completed in the coming weeks.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 143/2021**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council give an update and timeline for completion of the safety improvement scheme on the R445 at Derrin Cross, Borris-In-Ossory as a matter of urgency”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that construction work on Derrin Cross Junction will commence this week and will be completed in the coming weeks.

#### **Notice of Motion No: 144/2021**

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council apply to the Department of Transport for funding for resurfacing the R445 (formerly N7) at (1) Main Street, Mountrath (2) Pike of Rushall/Ballytarsna and (3) Moneymore, Borris-In-Ossory under ‘Former National Roads’ as part of the 2022 investment programme for regional and local roads, to be announced early next year”***

This Notice of Motion received no seconder.

**Notice of Motion No: 145/2021**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council in line with Laois County Council’s Recreation, Play & Sports Strategy offer full support and resources to Ballyfin Community Development Association for the provision of a playground for Ballyfin”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council are providing ongoing support to Ballyfin Community Development Association as they further the development of their community playground. This project was recently awarded CLÁR funding and we understand that it is hoped that the project will be completed by July 2022.

**Notice of Motion No: 146/2021**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council install traffic calming measures on the Roundwood to Killanure Road to assist in reducing the increased levels of speeding in this area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange meeting with elected member to identify speeding issues at this location and will propose safety measures.

**Notice of Motion No: 147/2021**

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council approve and construct a speed ramp in Camross Village for the future safety of all”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the site to examine the road layout and the options available to improve safety.

**Notice of Motion No: 148/2021**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect danger signs and make safe the bad bend at property at Ballylusk, Ballyfin”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member to review the signage requirements in this area.

**Notice of Motion No: 149/2021**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council include the Lake Road, Cush, Clonaslee in the 2022 Roads Programme”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. 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: 150/2021**

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That Laois County Council erect new road signs at the Meelick Road, Rosenallis”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member to review the signage requirements in this area.

**Notice of Motion No: 151/2021**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out repairs on a section of road at Coolebanny, Clough”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council crews will attend to this road to undertake the necessary repairs.

**Notice of Motion:-152/2021**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council trim the trees at the Tentore Junction on the Durrow to Rathdowney Road”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were Advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member at the Site to assess the impact the trees are having on road users at this junction.

**Notice of Motion: 153/2021**

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council install “Slow Dangerous Bend” sign to slow traffic at Tinweir, Durrow”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member to review the signage requirements in this area.

**Notice of Motion No: 154/2021**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council remove the trees and repair the footpath at Debbicott Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet with the Elected Member to examine the damage caused to the footpath.

**Notice of Motion No: 155/2021**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council provide in the interest of safety/bus parking line marking at Clonaghadoo Primary School”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will arrange to meet the Elected Member to review the road markings at this location.

**Notice of Motion No: 156/2021**

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council carry out a Road Safety Audit at the rear entrance to Scoil Phadraig Naofa and St. Joseph’s National School at Irishtown, Mountmellick”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange meeting with elected member to identify issues at this location and will arrange for safety Audit.

**Notice of Motion No: 157/2021**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council give an update on the plans for Rathdowney Town under the Town Realm Project on when surveys will be carried out in the square area/brewery river and recreation area and car park”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have arranged to undertake topographical surveying in the centre of Rathdowney Town. The surveying work will be completed in the coming weeks.

**Notice of Motion No: 158/2021**

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

***“That this Council pledge to give support for the completion of the erection of this famine pot project in Errill village remembering the history and impact of famine on Errill area”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Council staff are available to assist the community group in their application for further grant assistance for this project

**Notice of Motion No: 159/2021**

**Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-**

***“That this Council identify a suitable place for a bottle bank in Errill village as the other site was developed into an amenity area under a Tidy towns project”***

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that The Environment Section has considered an alternative site near the graveyard and national school about a kilometre to the south of the village. The site was on ground being considered for development of a community hall and the Tidy Towns suggested that we wait for those redevelopment plans to progress. If we were to place the bring bank at that site, we would need the consent of neighbours. The Environment Section also look at a Council-owned strip of land next to the public road (R433) about 3.5 kilometres from the village towards Rathdowney (the 50kph boundary of which is about 5.5km from Errill). This location is considered too far from the village. The local Tidy Towns group were to be actively searching for an alternative site - one which could accommodate the Glassco Recycling collection HGVs without being near overhead wires—but no suitable site has yet been identified.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received since the last meeting

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Director of Corporate  
Affairs**

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