

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
18th OCTOBER 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

1. VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of the Chairperson, Councillor Paddy Bracken, it was unanimously agreed to extend a vote of sympathy to Councillor David Goodwin on the recent death of his sister, Ms. Myra Wardrop.

2. WELCOME

On the proposition of the Chairperson, Councillor Paddy Bracken, it was unanimously agreed to welcome Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. to the Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY
MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT HELD ON THE 21ST OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

On the proposition of Councillor Brendan Phelan seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, the Minutes of the September meeting held on the 21st of September 2018 were confirmed as circulated.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Members requested that a report on progress to date this year be circulated before the next meeting of the Municipal District. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. agreed that this would be done.

Councillor James Kelly referred to Notice of Motion No: 118/2018 in relation to the ageing water mains between Castletown and Mountrath and the issue of the contractor re-instating the road surface to the required standard. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that this would be followed up on. Councillor Kelly also referred to a letter he had received from Irish Water in this regard.

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 15th of November 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 124/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council resolve the flooding problem at Sheila O’ Connor’s house at Ashbrook, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this issue has been investigated and the drain will be cleaned in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 125/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council include the road at Brogala and Cush, Clonaslee in the 2019 Works Programme”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this road will be inspected and evaluated against criteria for inclusion in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.

Notice of Motion No: 126/2018

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out road repairs at Derrycarrow, Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this road has been inspected and repaired as necessary.

Notice of Motion No: 127/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide traffic calming/safety measures at the dangerous bend outside Tom Scott’s house at Acragar, Mountmellick as there has been numerous accidents at this location”

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Road Design personnel will examine the location and prepare a report. Chevrons would be required to highlight the approaching bend.

Notice of Motion No: 128/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace broken footpath opposite House No. 11 Ashgrove, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the footpath has been inspected and will be repaired.

Notice of Motion No: 129/2018

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council complete its programme of road and junction markings in the Mountmellick Area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the Council will complete road markings where the need has been identified and resourced.

Councillor John King indicated that he would like to see road markings being carried out at Aughafan outside Castletown

Notice of Motion No: 130/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council improve lighting at Bealady, Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Road Design Personnel will examine the location and prepare a report in relation to improvement in lighting. Installation of any new light will be subject to funding being available.

Notice of Motion No: 131/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface Main Street, Borris-in-Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this road will be inspected and evaluated against criteria for inclusion in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.

It was noted that noise and vibrations are causing great difficulty on the Main Street.

Notice of Motion No: 132/2018

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on the maintenance of the River Nore”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the maintenance works on the River Nore are complete for 2018. Bridge cleaning works are still underway on the River Nore and are due to finish this week.

Councillor Phelan indicated that he would like to see a programme of works being agreed for river cleaning – in particular at Coolrain

Notice of Motion No: 133/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council allocate funding from the Irish Public Bodies insurance fund to address and repair the deplorable state of the footpaths at Patrick Street, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this section of footpath is currently being procured at present and will be completed in November.

It was agreed that a meeting with the Tidy Towns Group be scheduled as soon as possible to appraise them of the situation.

Notice of Motion No: 134/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this council as a matter of urgency to ensure the safety of all road users carry out comprehensive remedial roadworks on the R430 at Moonbawn, Abbeyleix Road, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that a tender for the repair of this section of road is underway and will be completed this year subject to funding.

Notice of Motion No: 135/2018

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out traffic calming measures at Mooreville, Rathdowney”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Road design Personnel will examine the location and prepare a report in relation to traffic calming measures. Any safety measures will be subject to funding being available.

A discussion ensued during which Members expressed concern in relation to traffic calming at this location and the possibility of moving the speed detection signs at the Old Convent. Mr. Stan Cullen, A/S.E.E. indicated that he would have this location investigated.

Notice of Motion No: 136/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the issue of parking measures around the Fire station in Durrow and in particular with regard to the usage of entrance for Fire Personnel, Kayaking Club & Farmers”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that this matter is currently being discussed with the Fire Service. Access arrangements are in place for the Fire Personnel, farmers and the kayaking club.

Notice of Motion No: 137/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on when work will commence on the re-surfacing of the road at the square in Rathdowney outside the Card Stand”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this work will be completed during the mid-term break.

Notice of Motion No: 138/2018

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out a survey on the Templetuohy/Bog Road, Clonmeen, Errill following the sinking of the road due to the hot summer weather”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this road has been inspected and will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.

The Members requested that warning signs be installed in the interim in an effort to restrict/control traffic on this road or reduce traffic

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS