

MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 17th OF OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Orla Barrett, S.E.O., Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER 2019

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the September meeting held on the 23rd of September 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor John King referred to Notice of Motion No: 103/2019 in relation to flooding in Ballacolla – Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. confirmed that works would be complete on the 18th of October 2019.

Councillor James Kelly referred to Notice of Motion No: 96/2019 in relation to the provision of line markings on the road from the Pike-of-Rushall to Coolrain – Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. confirmed that works would be commencing in the next two weeks subject to weather conditions.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that next meeting would be held on the 21st of November 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 108/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency address the road (health and safety issues) at Ballinla, Ballaghmore”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that the Area office staff will arrange to visit this road and revert with findings to the Councillor.

Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. agreed to meet Councillor Kelly on site.

Notice of Motion No: 109/2019 (in the name of Councillor James Kelly) & Notice of Motion No: 114/2019 (in the name of Councillor Conor Bergin) were taken together as follows

“That Laois County Council provide a timeline following the confirmation from the OPW that Mountrath in light of the ongoing flooding issues especially at Stillbrook, the Playground and Nolans residence Shannon Street, is prioritised for re-assessment to be included as a matter of urgency in The Laois Flood Relief Scheme”

"That Laois County Council address the flooding issue behind property in Shannon Street, Mountrath"

These Notice of Motions were seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the OPW have advised that CFRAM Study areas that did not make the Benefit Cost Ratio (1:1) threshold have been ranked and reprioritised. This has resulted in Mountrath now being in the top 5 schemes nationally to be subjected to a further financial and technical assessment. A framework of consultants is being established to progress this work. In recent weeks, the Area office completed a survey and a preliminary design proposal to help relieve flooding instances on properties impacted in the Shannon Street area in advance of an overall scheme that is awaited. Further consultation will be undertaken with OPW with a view to making an application seeking funding for this work.

Notice of Motion No: 110/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out the road safety measures that were agreed upon in 2017 at property at Derrylusk Mountrath"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the Area office staff will arrange to meet with the landowner to agree a suitable boundary treatment.

Notice of Motion No: 111/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council undertake to clean the four blockages of the River Nore at Castletrench, Mountrath and Shanahoe"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Area office staff will arrange to visit the effected rivers identified when flood water subside and revert with findings to the Councillor.

Notice of Motion No: 112/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council resurface the Cappanaclough Road L5657"

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: 113/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council provide additional lights in Attanagh Village"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that the Public Lighting section will review this section for additional lights at this location.

Any new light installation will be subject to funding being available.

Notice of Motion No: 115/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council erect a signpost for Killasmeestia on the L1531 at the junction with L1532 in Killadooley from the Rathdowney direction to prevent confusion for motorists"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this will be done.

Notice of Motion No: 116/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council repair/renovate the bridge on the L1050 at Lacca, Ballaghmore and also erect a cattle crossing signpost on the same road"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. 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: 117/2019

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council undertake drain cleaning on all minor storm drains in and around Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that this work is currently underway.

Notice of Motion No: 118/2019

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council provide a disabled parking bay outside the new post office at Connolly Street, Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that this will be done.

It was also agreed that An Age Friendly Bay be considered for this location.

Notice of Motion No: 119/2019

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council undertaken emergency repairs to the footbridge over the River Triogue at the Rock, Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that there is extensive failure of the corrosion protection to the steel members which has led to extensive corrosion of the steel, with some section loss in places. It is proposed to apply suitable corrosion protection to all steel members. Additional steel bracing will be provided also.

Notice of Motion No: 120/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council include in its bin collection service the area of Clough and Ballacolla to be included on its weekly route as the tidy towns in both places are working hard to keep their villages clean and tidy”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that a review of the existing service will be arranged to see if this request can be accommodated.

Notice of Motion No: 121/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council stabilise the embankment on the Cullahill mountain road and provide car safety barriers for all road users and people walking”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that Laois County Council are in the process of engaging a specialist contractor to undertake slope strengthening works on Cullahill mountain by soil nailing and shotcreting. These stabilising works will control future erosion of the embankment. Once the works are complete a vehicle restraint system will be installed to restrain and contain traffic on the road.

Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. to investigate further.

Notice of Motion No: 122/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair footpaths in Clough village between the church and the Eir building as it may cause an injury to people attending church”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the maintenance crews will undertake repairs to this footpath.

Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. indicated that these works were almost completed. A query arose in relation to footpaths in Erkindale Drive being left in a state of disrepair following works by Irish Water. Mr. Edmond Kenny, A/S.E.E. to check the road opening licence at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 123/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council carry out road repairs on the road from Ballyfin to Redcastle Cross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that maintenance crews will attend to and address the issues at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 124/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update regarding the cleaning of the River Barrow from the Bornass Bridge to Tinnahinch Bridge”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council are in the process of preparing a 3 year multi-annual programme for

maintenance works on the River Barrow upstream of Mountmellick. The programme will cover the period 2020-2022.

Notice of Motion No: 125/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council give an update on the bridge at Rearyvalley, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that the rehabilitation of Rearyvalley bridge is currently at detailed design stage.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS