

MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER 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 JULY MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 25TH OF JULY 2019

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor James Kelly, the Minutes of the July meeting held on the 25th of July 2019 were confirmed as circulated.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Paddy Bracken enquired as to the funding which had been allocated for cemeteries – Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services indicated that he would give a full report on cemeteries at the next meeting. It was also noted that overgrown trees at cemeteries remains an issue.

3. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 17th of October 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 91/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council put in place traffic calming measures at Tullamore Road near school and GAA grounds also at Rosenallis Road opposite playschool at Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Road Design will arrange site meeting with Councillor Seamus McDonald to identify issues if required and Road Design Section will prepare a proposal to improve safety at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 92/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council replace foot bridge at Clonduff, Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was 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: 93/2019

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council replace bins at Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the bring bank in Camross was removed earlier this year, as there was an operational concern regarding overhead wires. Laois County Council are endeavouring to secure an alternative site in Camross. In the meantime, please see below the location of the other bring banks for people living in the Camross area:

- Castletown (National School next to Elderfield entrance)
- Coolrian (adjacent to Post Box)
- Mountrath (XL Might Mols Service Station on Portlaoise Road)
- Pike of Rushall (R445 Lay-by at Crossroads)

Notice of Motion No: 94/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council as a matter of urgency address the poor drainage system in the back gardens of houses numbered 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 & 33 Sliabh Bloom View, Borris-in-Ossory”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that this drainage issue was reported to the Housing Maintenance Section on the 18th of September 2019. The Clerk of Works will investigate and provide a report on this issue. Once this report is complete the Housing Engineer will provide an update.

Notice of Motion No: 95/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council provide toilet facilities for the playground at Coolrain Village”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin. The Members were advised that Coolrain Tidy Towns currently hold the lease for the playground site in Coolrain. Laois County Council does not have a policy in relation to the provision of toilet facilities at the playgrounds in the County, for the information of the members there are 20 playgrounds and park areas within the County.

The Members requested that costings be examined in relation to same.

Notice of Motion No: 96/2019

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the road safety issues on the road from the Pike-of-Rushall to Coolrain by providing white line markings on the middle of the road”

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 Council to assess the need for road markings at the location identified

Notice of Motion No: 97/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install traffic calming measures, such as an island outside property in Derrin, Borris-in-Ossosry”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that during the period when the road was classified the N7, extensive traffic calming measures were provided at this location, in the form of signage, road markings, traffic islands and build-outs. Laois County Council will undertake a review of the effectiveness of these measures and update the Councillor.

Notice of Motion No: 98/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the serious speeding and road safety issues in Rosenallis, on the R442 approach road into the village and outside the National School”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Road Design Section will arrange a meeting on site with Elected Member to identify issues and prepare proposal to improve safety at this location.

Notice of Motion No: 99/2019

Councillor Conor Bergin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install green reflective bollards at the busy T Junction on the R435 at Doon, Borris-in-Ossory to improve visibility for motorists at night”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the junction definition bollards will be installed.

Notice of Motion No: 100/2019

Councillor Paddy Brakcen proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address drainage issues on road outside houses 40-52 Grove Park, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this work is complete.

Notice of Motion No: 101/2019

Councillor Paddy Brakcen proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council repair and make safe the concrete footpath and address the safety issues of pedestrians crossing at Macs Corner in Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Transport Infrastructure Ireland will undertake a Road Safety Audit at this junction with a view to including a pedestrian crossing. The Councillor will be advised of the outcome of the audit.

Notice of Motion No: 102/2019

Councillor Paddy Brakcen proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council carry out improvement works to the road between Churchfield Heights and Laois County Council’s graveyard in Castletown Village and to cut back the ditches and improve the surface of the road at this location”

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: 103/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the serious issue of continuous flooding in Ballacolla on the approach road from Aghaboe and also other drainage works as promised outside property at Durrow on the Cullahill Road”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney. The Members were advised that the existing soakaway drainage system on the Aghaboe Road in Ballacolla has failed. A new drainage system will be constructed in the coming weeks linking the area prone to flooding with the existing drainage system on the Abbeyleix Road.

Notice of Motion No: 104/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council install new kerbing and footpath in Borris in Ossory opposite Midland Tyre filling station as these paths are in a poor state of repair”

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: 105/2019

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council give an update on the proposed new roof for the library in Rathdowney as funding for this project has already been secured”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that a consultant Engineer has been appointed to the project . Detailed site investigations of the current roof and building including asbestos survey have been completed. Detailed drawings and construction specifications for the project are drafted . We expect that the contract will be advertised for tender in the next 2-3 weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 106/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council put additional lights on the Cork Road, Durrow”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Public Lighting Section will reviewed this section of road for additional lights. The Roads Section will also request funding in 2020 budget for these lights if funding is approved by Council than works will be carried out in 2020.

Notice of Motion No: 107/2019

Councillor Ollie Clooney proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resurface the section of the road from the Gully bridge to Park cross on the Ballacolla, Abbeyleix Road”

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.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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CERTIFIED: _____
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
CORPORATE AFFAIRS