

Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan

Comhairle Contae Mhuineachain



The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney

Monaghan County Council

Minutes of proceedings of MD monthly meeting held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 2.00pm.

Present : Cathaoirleach Colm Carthy.

Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Aidan Campbell, PJ O’Hanlon, Padraig McNally.

In Attendance: Paul Clifford, Director of Services. Gareth McMahon, Co-ordinator, Matthew Lambe, District Engineer. Amanda Murray, Staff Officer, Stephanie McEaney, Assistant Staff Officer.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Campbell and seconded by Cllr. Carthy the minutes of the April monthly meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2019 were adopted.

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2.0 Matters Arising

Cllr. Campbell requested an update on the Market House building in Castleblayney. Cllr. Crowe added that a lot of local people are worried about the future of Castleblayney, which has had several serious issues to deal with over the last number of months.

Paul Clifford informed the meeting that the contractor is now on site and it is envisioned that the works should be completed in 8 weeks. The contractor is removing the roof structure to make the building safe to enable a structural assessment to then take place. In relation to funding he stated that same will be guided by the future use which will have to be discussed by all stakeholders.

Cllr. Carthy requested that an adjoining footpath be put in place from the Stedfast Industrial Estate to the Dundalk Road, Carrickmacross.

3.0 Correspondence

(a) Letter from Shane Ross, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport in relation to this MD's numerous letters regarding the state of roads and the lack of funding to repair same.

Cllr. O'Hanlon stated that FF had a meeting in Castleblayney last week and at same it was requested that Michael McGrath, spokesman for finance will highlight same with the next government reiterating the serious issues in Carrickmacross – Castleblayney MD in relation to roads.

Cllr. O'Hanlon stated that the next Minister needs to drive these roads and see for themselves the serious problem. He added that at this stage the roads were patched out. He stated that the government were now concentrating on funding for the children's hospital, metro etc and the roads are suffering as a result.

(b) Details of special event to celebrate the life of our friend and colleague Katrina Coleman – O'Roideain were circulated. "Katrina Day" BBQ will take place on Thursday the 30th of May with proceeds going towards Carrickmacross Cancer Society. The members spoke highly of Katrina, her work ethic and service she gave to Monaghan County Council through some difficult times with always a smile on her face.

4.0 Municipal District Co-ordinator's Report

Cllr. Campbell

Requested an update on the Rural Regeneration Fund and the Pilot Residential Schemes.

Reply – Steering committee in place in Castleblayney and next step is to appoint Technical Advisor and commence tender process. In relation to Carrickmacross - awaiting a verification report to be forwarded to the Department.

Welcomed the works at the Ski Club, Lough Muckno. What is completion date of the footpath area to link in with the Dundalk Road?

Reply – Tender documents prepared for footpath area and the detailed design for the open water area will go to tender in the next 6 weeks.

Cllr. Keelan

In relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme can the back lands in the town area be looked at?

Reply – Area action plan to be put in place.

Has there been much response from landowners in relation to the Greenway?

Reply – A survey was circulated to land owners regarding same.

What is the timescale for resurfacing?

Reply - Timescale for the road resurfacing program is July / August.

Update on Tullyvaragh Junction?

Reply - Contact Frank McEntee, Senior Engineer, Roads Section for update.

Update of Drumganny Road?

Reply – The OPW has indicated that this location does not “meet the minor works criteria”. Representatives of the MD are to meet with the OPW Inspector to discuss how the above schemes can be modified to make them eligible for funding.

It was also agreed to discuss house flooding at Drumgossat and the possibility of raising part of the road slightly.

Cllr. O Hanlon

Can the back-land rivers, Mullinary area, Carrickmacross be put on program of works to be inspected and cleaned out?

Cllr. Crowe

Welcomed the south lodge fishing stands in Lough Muckno and he was happy to see the Part 8 works at Annadrummond underway.

Delighted to hear of Oram's new tidy towns committee.

Cllr. Carthy

Asked that the footpaths in a few areas on Main Street, Carrickmacross were re-visited as there were loose paving slabs in some areas.

Reply – Same repaired last week.

Any update on the traffic problems at schools in Cloughvalley?

Reply – Contact Adrian O'Sullivan, Road Safety Officer, Monaghan County Council and readdress the problems.

5.0 Questions

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan for May 2019 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

- (1) Will this Council examine the possibility of carrying out further improvement works including the widening of the bridge at the area known as (Coleman's Mill) at Cornanure, Broomfield in order to facilitate better access for large vehicles including HGVs servicing the farming community?

Response: This Council will examine this bridge and ascertain if widening this bridge can be carried out. There are many such bridges throughout the district which require improvements we will have to evaluate budgets, wages etc on completion of Regional Improvement and Surface Dressing Works and then decide what can or cannot be completed.

- (2) What plans has this Council in the time ahead to improve and resurface some of the access roads into Inniskeen village including the area adjacent to the Pitch and Putt course, Finnegan's Cross and the roadway out to the Grattan's GAA club grounds as examples?

Response: The section of road in question the LP4621-0 adjacent to the Inniskeen Grattans GAA Club grounds and the LP4630 Finnegan's Cross are not on the 2019 or 2020 roads programmes but this Council will endeavour to maintain both roads until both roads are adopted to a future roads programme. The section of road adjacent to the Pitch and Putt course LP4623 is on the 2020 roads programme.

- (3) Given that the provision of a CCTV camera system is now progressing for Monaghan town, will the executive of this Council now progress a CCTV camera system for Carrickmacross town and its environs, given the alarming number of robberies that have occurred in the Carrickmacross area recently?

Response: *The provision of CCTV camera systems is being explored and costs involved calculated, however, issues around new data protection regulations need to be fully investigated prior to the provision of any CCTV camera system in the District.*

- (4) What will it cost to carry out the current proposed new public lighting programme in the Carrickmacross /Castleblayney area, what funding is available and where are these works to be carried out, what projects will proceed in this current year?

Response: *The Public Lighting Programme for 2019 has a budget totalling €13,300 and it is proposed to carry out works in Inniskeen on the footpath adjacent to the L4621-0 and on the Shercock Rd Castleblayney on the footpath adjacent to the R181-4.*

- (5) How many staff are currently employed in the Carrickmacross/Castleblayney MD area both indoor and outdoor how does this figure compare prior to the abolition of the two town Councils?

Response: **Staff @ 03/01/2014** - (Outdoor staff Cmx and Cby TC's and Areas) 45 (Total indoor staff Cmx and Cby TC and Area) 16 (TOTAL 61).

Staff @ 26/04/2019 - (Outdoor) 33 (Indoor) 8.

6.0 Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

Vote of congratulations was extended to Jim Hand on his successful reign as President of Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce and congratulations was also extended to the new President John Tobin.

7.0 AOB

Cllr. Carthy

Lights at Cloughvalley playpark flickering on and off.

Can CCTV be investigated for the Convent Lands basketball pitch area? A lot of Anti-social behaviour going on.

Dog Fouling bins needed on Convent Lands area.

Cllr. Crowe

Dip on Road (L37420).

Contact Louth County Council in relation to fish flow concerns from Muckno Lake.

Welcomed the delivery of Goalposts for Drummilard Park.

Cllr. McNally

Can this MD promote and recreate the atmosphere of the Thursday market in Carrickmacross, which has lost its way over the last number of years?

Can this MD liaise with property owners with a view to placing an information tower at the road entrance?

Can the wooden barrier area the area of Cloughvalley park be extended to the football field area?

Welcomed the fact that the Tullyvaragh junction works would be completed by August.

Update on Ivy lane Car Park?

More restrictions needed regarding parking in Council car parks especially the car park to the rear of the Fiddlers, where people are parking all day and in some cases for weeks. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the Chamber when the new Council resits to discuss parking issues with a view to a traffic warden policing the area 2 to 3 times a week for a period of time.

Cllr. Keelan

Can traffic calming measures be looked at on the R179 (Longfield junction cross). Straight road some near misses on same?

The LT40411 (Ballybay to Shantonagh Road) needs attention.

Set up a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce at the June meeting.

Cllr. O'Hanlon

Reiterated his hope that a second C-tec building will be funded soon. He added that Carrickmacross needs same and that there is currently a waiting list to use the hot desk in the C-tec building. He stated that Carrickmacross should be advertised as the capital of the north east by placing billboards on the bypass and welcoming everyone into town.

Cllr. Carthy

Wished all standing for re-election the best of luck.

At the end of the meeting a presentation was made to Cllr. Pdraig McNally and his wife Dolores on his retirement after 34 year's service to Monaghan County Council.

All the members wished Cllr. McNally best wishes on his retirement.

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm.

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Meeting Administrator

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