

**Ceantar Bardasach Carraig Mhachaire Rois – Baile Na Lorgan  
Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin**



**The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney  
Monaghan County Council**

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**Minutes of proceedings of May 2018 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 4 p.m.**

Present: - Cathaoirleach McNally

Cllrs. P.J. O'Hanlon , Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Aidan Campbell, Colm Carthy

In attendance: - Paul Clifford, Director of Services; Gareth Mc Mahon Coordinator, John Lennon, District Engineer; Amanda Murray, Staff Officer; Deirdre Power , A/Assistant Staff Officer; Veronica Corr, Northern Standard.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr .Crowe and seconded by Cllr. O'Hanlon the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr . Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Campbell the minutes of the Meeting with Vincent Mc Kenna regarding Street Lighting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 were adopted

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Campbell the minutes of the Budget meeting for Roads and Footpaths on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were adopted.

**2. Matters arising**

*Replies to queries:*

Cllr O 'Hanlon requested that the Greenway is placed on the Agenda for the next meeting if Failte Ireland do not respond .

Cllr Mc Nally enquired about signs with CCTV warning against littering .

District Engineer John Lennon replied the Environment Section had ordered the signs

As a follow on from a Roads Meeting prior to the main June Municipal District Meeting ,

**It was proposed by Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Keelan and agreed by all present**

***“Owing to significant increase in costs relating to road resurfacing which has meant a 30% reduction in number of roads we can surface this year, The Carrickmacross Castleblayney Municipal District calls on the Department of Transport , Tourism and Sport and the Minister Shane RossTD to increase significantly the level of roads funding for the 2019 budget. We also call for further funding to be allocated to this council in 2018 to deal with major works required on local roads”***

### 3. Correspondence

- **Correspondence received from Department of Rural and Community Development** outlining that the District regional and local roads are under the remit of the Department of Transport , Tourism and Sport .

***Cllr. O’Hanlon proposed Cllr. Mc Nally seconded and agreed by all present***

***“That a letter be sent to all local T.D’s including the Minister for jobs and Enterprise be called to the next Municipal District Meeting or if they can’t meet us in Carrickmacross that we will meet them in Dáil Eireann relation to funding for our Local and Regional Roads”***

- **Correspondence received from Minister Brendan Smith TD** in relation to representation made to the Minister for Transport, Tourism, Sport regarding the need to allocate funding for the Roadworks Programme 2018.
- **Correspondence received from Noel Finnegan Engineer Monaghan Co Council** in relation to Part 8 Planning Permission regarding the Library at the Gate Lodge II Project in Castleblayney.

### 4. Consideration of Co-ordinators monthly report

#### Issues Raised Discussed

- Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon said that Phase 2 of the works for the Patrick Kavanagh Centre would take approximately 9 months for the construction and fit out of the exhibition space and all works were expected to be complete by next summer.

A Discussion took place regarding the refurbishment of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre.

- Cllr. Mc Nally asked for an update on the Greenway for the June meeting
- Cllr Mc Nally enquired about expressions of interest for the Market House Square outlet.
- Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon replied that the process of exploring the lease options was ongoing.
- Cllr Mc Nally asked about usage for the basement storage facility
- Cllr Mc Nally enquired if a wooden barrier could be installed at Cloughvalley
- Cllr Keelan asked was an application for a walking route submitted for over the fane river at Inniskeen.
- Cllr Carthy asked if the basement at the Market Square could be used for storage for Heritage group  
Director Paul Clifford replied that the Market Square basement was not adequate for storage
- Cllr. Mc Nally asked that the Municipal District look at a walking and cycling strategy over the flyovers.
- Cllr Campbell asked the District to assist with eradication of japanese knotweed at Gas Lake in Castleblayney  
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon replied that Knotweed cannot be treated until the end of August - September
- Cllr. Mc Nally asked if there were works planned for Lisdoonan village
- Cllr .Carthy asked that gullies are cleared at the Ulster Bank before the Carrickmacross Festival
- Cllr O’ Hanlon commended the council for the work on the market square and the promotion of lace making  
Director Paul Clifford replied that Lace making workshops were being planned working with the Co-op to assist the development of lace in the county together with Clones Lacemakers.  
Coordinator Gareth Mc Mahon added that the centenary of lace making will be celebrated in 2 years with planned events.

## 5. Questions

1. Has this MD started its review of all our villages in our MD with a view to establishing what is needed to upgrade same.

Response:

The District office has begun gathering statistical information relating to the villages and dispersed rural communities within the Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District. Visual assessments of the village will be carried out over the summer months. Deficiencies identified from the analysis of statistical information and the visual assessments will form the basis of future funding applications.

2. Has this MD finalised its plan for an off road walking route linking the Donaghmoynne road to old Castleblayney road.

Response:

The District office is meeting representatives of the Road Section, Monaghan County Council in the coming days to review the proposed walking route along the N2. Approval from the TII is required before the Municipal District can proceed to detail design.

3. What method of tendering is being used when outsourcing work by this MD i.e. are these works publicly advertised or are we contracting contractors directly who have expressed interest in working for Monaghan County Council.

Response:

The procurement of goods and services for all public service bodies are governed by detailed procurement procedures. All staff are obliged to follow the regulations, Department Circulars and guidelines contained therein. For medium and large value civil works contracts, contractors are procured through eTenders, or supplygov. Low value civil works contracts are awarded on submission of written quotations.

As part of the tendering process all contractors wishing to tender for public works contracts must demonstrate, to Monaghan County Council that they have the resource, experience and competence to undertake works on their behalf.

4. What is the extent of the works needed to increase the capacity of the Carrickmacross Waste Water Plant? When is it expected that these works will commence?

Response:

The proposed upgrade of the Carrickmacross Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) includes for: Civil and Mechanical and Electrical upgrades to the WWTP to address hydraulic overloading Capital maintenance of critical assets The relocation of the existing outfall location from the Proules River to the Longfield River. It is scheduled that the Upgrade Contract will go to tender in early 2019 with construction to commence in late 2019 or early 2020.

5. Has this MD received the report regarding traffic calming on the Ballybay and Castleblayney roads in Carrickmacross?

Response:

The District Office has received a draft copy of their preliminary report from Roadplan Consulting Engineers. We are currently reviewing the preliminary report.

6. Has the council looked into the possibility of adding a loading bay to Farney street owing to the growing number of businesses in the area?

Response:

Yes, the District Office is reviewing the practicability of introducing a loading bay on Farney Street.

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for May 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

7. **When is it envisaged that snag items will be carried out on the Kingscourt road footpath recently installed?**

Response:

The outstanding snags on the footpath, along with regarding of the road verges on the Kingscourt road where completed on Friday 25 May.

8. **What is the current timeframe for works on the road patching list to be completed?**

Response:

**265** road complaints have been received by the District Office since the start of 2018, with **26** to be completed. The Municipal Office estimates that it will take 2 weeks to complete the current complaint list, but road maintenance will continue throughout 2018.

9. **What is the expected completion date for the Drumconrath road footpath?**

Response:

The new footpath on Drumconrath road will be completed by the 9/06/18.

10. **When is it expected the OPW will clear the Proules river, Carrickmacross?**

Response:

The District Office has contacted the OPW requesting a work programme for the Proules River. When the programme is received, the Elected Members will be furnished with a copy.

Questions raised by Cllr. Jackie Crowe for May 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

11. **When is it proposed to start the first phase of works installing lights and footpaths on the Old Coach Road, Castleblayney?**

Response:

The District Office is presently procuring a contractor to install the new footpath on the Old Coach Road. We anticipate that construction works will commence in July/August 2018.

12. **What is the update on the traffic count on the old N2 Monaghan Road, Castleblayney which were put in place recently to monitor the speed of cars on this road.**

Response:

A traffic count was carried out between the 16-27/04/18. High Levels of speeding violations were recorded. The District Office will prepare a traffic calming proposal for this location in 2018 and will seek funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for 2019.

13. **What ancillary works are still to be carried out in the Drumillard Playpark with was recently refurbished?**

Response:

Work has been completed on the fencing and new pathways in and around the park and a new special needs swing has been installed. The Council is currently sourcing new goal posts for the green area and has plans to install a sensory garden.

14. **With regard to the flooding at Lurganmore, Oram, are the Council planning to put a bigger pipe at this location?**

Response:

A new section of storm pipe was installed at Lurganmore Oram in late 2017 to alleviate flooding cause by a collapsed pipe from works completed by a service provider in the road verge. The pipe capacity is adequate to deal with the volume of storm water in the open drain. There is no plan to install a larger diameter pipe.

Questions raised by Cllr. P.J. O'Hanlon for May 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

15. Since the introduction of the property tax how much money has been collected in the Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council?

Response:

This question has been put to the Finance Section, Monaghan Co. Council. When an answer is received it will be circulated to the members.

Questions raised by Cllr. Keelan for May 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

16. What is the up to-date position in relation to the provision of a CCTV camera system in the town of Carrickmacross and its environs ?

Response:

The provision of CCTV camera systems has been suspended across Monaghan County Council until the full ramifications of the Data Protection Regulations are assessed and a policy put in place.

17. Given the danger that Asbestos poses to public health, will this council carry out a survey throughout this MD area to access if asbestos exists adjacent to public areas etc., and if so, can this council take measures to have it removed?

Response:

Monaghan County Council has a policy within the Health & Safety Management System for dealing with asbestos if or when it is encountered. Action is required where it is likely that asbestos is present in the workplace. Where it is discovered, or presumed that asbestos is present, then a register is required. The Water Services Section and the Housing Section of Monaghan County Council both maintain registers in this regard as they manage assets likely to have asbestos containing materials (ACMs). Asbestos is typically found in older building products or in old pipe infrastructure and as such it is highly unlikely to be encountered in the public spaces and buildings for which this MD is responsible. Furthermore, asbestos is non hazardous unless airborne and inhaled in dust form through cutting or breaking of asbestos containing material. The risk for this MD associated with ACMs is considered to be very low and therefore no further action is deemed to be necessary in this regard.

18. Given that funding has been refused for a number of projects throughout this area such as the provision of proper walking / footpath links and a footbridge over the River Fane in Inniskeen village and a pedestrian crossing at the Donaghmoynne road / Lisanisk junction to name but a few, will this council examine the possibility of funding these important projects through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme which is now open?

Response:

The aim of the scheme is economical development and successful proposals will demonstrate close collaboration between communities and business interests. The Department of Rural and Community Development clearly outlines the types of activities that can be supported. The District Office will explore Town and Village Renewal Scheme as a funding avenue.

19. What plans has this council to carry out improvement works including the resurfacing of the Carrickmacross to Shercock town regional road R178 given that this very important road is in a deplorable and dangerous condition in my view?

Response

The Municipal District plans to structurally overlay 650m of the R178, Shercock Road in 2018. The overlay will run from the roundabout on the Ross road to the Aghalile road.

20. What plans have this council to resurface the roadway adjacent to Lois housing development in Lisdoonan village given its very poor state of repair?

Response

The Restoration Road Improvement programme for 2018 was approved by the elected members in early 2018. The District Office has no plan to resurface the LP 4102.

Questions raised by Cllr. Campbell for May 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

21. **With the recent announcement of funding for remote CCTV to detect anti-dumping.**

**(a)What allocation of the new cameras will be used in the Castleblayney-Carrickmacross District?**

Response:

Two cameras will be deployed in Carrickmacross Castleblayney District

**(b)When will these operations begin?**

Response:

Operation will begin end of May

24. **With the recent funding being confirmed for the LIS scheme, how many lanes will be completed in the Castleblayney-Carrickmacross district?**

Response

Closing date for receipt of tenders for the pavement overlay contract for the Local Improvement Scheme is the 28/05/18. Only when the tender assessment has been completed will Monaghan County Council be able to determine the number of lanes that will be completed in the Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District.

**6. Notice of Motions**

Motion by Cllrs. Colm Carthy and Noel Keelan for May 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

'The members of the Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District calls on the executive, in conjunction with the Carrickmacross Tidy Towns group, to apply to the arts office for funding, through the per-cent-per-arts scheme, to install a water feature in the town centre.'

Cllr. O'Hanlon asked that the subject of a Water Feature be placed on the Agenda for September 2018.

**7. Director of Services Orders**

The Directors orders 42/2018 to 52/2018 attached to the agenda were noted.

**8. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations**

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:

- Valdez family and the Filipino community in Enniskerry on the death of Jastine Valdez
- Krugiel Family in Leixlip on the death of Anastasia Krugiel
- The Glass and Reilly families in Dunleer on the death of Cameron Reilly
- Sean O'Roideáin and family on the passing of Katrina Coleman
- Noelle Busby on the death of her husband Brian Busby
- Jim Hand and family on the death of his mother Eileen Hand
- Seamus Mc Ginnity on death of his mother
- Aidan Murray on death of his brother John Murray

## 9. **Any Other Business**

- The Bye laws for Lough Muckno in Castleblayney were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Campbell and seconded by Cllr. Crowe and unanimously agreed
  - Cllr Mc Nally requested that all Bins in the town are emptied on Saturday evenings
  - Cllr O' Hanlon asked for a speed ramp on the Ardee road  
Cllr O'Hanlon voiced disappointment regarding the non approval of funding under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme for the Steadfast Junction in Carrickmacross..

After a lengthy discussion Cllr O'Hanlon proposed and Cllr. Mc Nally seconded and all unanimously agreed

**“ that monies from Discretionary funds are used for works at the junction on the Dundalk road close to St. Josephs National School and that works should commence immediately “**

- Cllr. Mc Nally asked for a dog bin to be installed at Cloughvalley Play Park at the request of tidy towns.
- Cllr Keelan asked the District Engineer to review the amendments at O' Neill Street to include a ramp
- Cllr. Crowe asked for an update on the Old Coach Manor Public lights and footpath  
District Engineer replied that the works had been procured and was hoped to commence within the next month.
- Cllr. Carthy asked if a loading bay could be installed at Farney Street, Carrickmacross
- Cllr. Carthy asked for the report on the Proules River to be circulated
- Cllr. Crowe asked for traffic calming on the N2 on the Monaghan road at Castleblayney

A minutes silence was taken for the recently deceased

Meeting concluded at 6 p.m.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018