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The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney

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Minutes of proceedings of the Municipal District (MD) Monthly Meeting held in Carrickmacross Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday the 25th of May 2026 at 10:00am.

Present: Cathaoirleach Paul Gibbons,
Cllrs. Noel Keelan, Colm Carthy, PJ O'Hanlon, Peter Conlon, Aidan Campbell

In Attendance: Cathal Flynn, Director of Services, Damien Thornton, District Coordinator, Gary Toye, District Engineer, Aoife Kelly, Senior Staff Officer, Julieann O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer

Press: Veronica Corr, The Anglo Celt

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Paul Gibbons opened the meeting by welcoming the announcement that works on Castleblayney Market House are scheduled to commence within the next 6–8 weeks. He expressed his appreciation to the executive, as well as to former elected members Jackie Crowe and Gary Carville, for their contributions to progressing the project.
Cllr. Campbell supported these remarks and extended thanks to Heather Humphreys and all Monaghan County Council elected members for their continued support.
Cllr. Carthy concurred with the previous speakers and emphasised the importance of maintaining public buildings in active use.
Cllr. O'Hanlon noted that the building should not have been allowed to fall into such a poor condition. He stressed the importance of carrying out thorough cost analyses for projects of this nature and referenced subventions already made for the Peace Campus and BioConnect. He also referred to Carrickmacross Workhouse, commenting that organisations such as the ETB and Monaghan Integrated Development (MID) have the potential to generate income.
Cllr. O'Hanlon further raised a number of queries regarding the project funding, including:

- The amount of funding received to date.
- Whether funding will be released in stages

- The existence of a review mechanism for monitoring project costs
- Whether the project is expected to remain within budget
- If costs exceed the budget, the source of any additional funding.

Cllr. Carthy mentioned that it was confirmed at a recent board meeting of the ETB that it is intended to have a "mini campus" at Carrickmacross Workhouse which should help with the application and ultimately help the project wash its own face.

Director of Services, Cathal Flynn, advised as follows:

- The maximum grant available from the Department is €11.9 million.
- The tender price exceeded €12 million, inclusive of VAT.
- A robust business model was developed as part of the funding application.
- The building will be operated by Castleblayney Enterprise Centre.
- Projects such as the Peace Campus are intended to deliver community services.
- He expressed confidence that the proposed development represents the correct approach for Castleblayney and will contribute to revitalising the town centre.
- Any funding required beyond the maximum grant will be provided by Monaghan County Council through borrowing.
- The funding application will be circulated to the elected members which includes the business plan.

Cllr. Conlon welcomed the development, describing it as positive news for Castleblayney.
Cllr. Keelan concurred, noting the importance of ensuring the project does not become a financial burden on Council resources, while acknowledging that community services require support. He emphasised the need to safeguard public funds and raised concerns regarding the use of consultants, given the expertise available within the local authority. Cllr. Keelan also highlighted the need to remain mindful of the future of Carrickmacross Courthouse.

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. O'Hanlon, the minutes of the April 2026 monthly Municipal District Meeting, held on Monday the 27th of April 2026, were adopted.

2.0 Matters Arising

Cllr. Carthy:

Commended the executive on quick action taken on the matter raised regarding dog fouling bags.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Queried the status of the Carrickmacross CCTV Scheme. It was unanimously agreed that the item will feature as a standalone agenda item going forward.
Queried whether a contractor had been appointed and the estimated cost. In response, it was advised that the Municipal District had received a quotation of €229,000 (March 2026). There

is no provision for this in the 2026 budget, and it is proposed to re-tender to achieve better value for money.
Noted that a grant of €40,000 is available, leaving approximately €180,000 to be funded by Monaghan County Council. He queried the availability of Local Property Tax (LPT) funding; The response confirmed that LPT allocations are fully committed. It was also noted that the application had been with the Garda Commissioner's Office for a number of years.
Questioned the rationale for re-tendering and expressed frustration at the lack of funding, stating he would not support LPT at the next Council meeting without a commitment that the scheme would proceed. In response, it was stated that re-tendering is necessary to ensure value for money, with potential savings through local civil works.

Cllrs. Keelan, Carthy and Conlon shared the frustration but acknowledged the need to protect public funds and secure best value. Cllr. Conlon requested a timeline for the re-tender process, and it was advised this would take approximately 8 weeks, with an update expected at the July meeting.

Cllr. Keelan:
Sought an update on possible funding streams for the L-4510.
Reply – Two funding applications have been made to Emergency Funding and the Climate Adaptation Fund.
Requested an update on the requested meeting with Inspector Cllr. McNally.
Reply – Inspector McNally has indicated that he is open to meeting with the elected members; however, he does not understand why issues have not been raised with him directly or at Community Safety Partnership meetings. He has advised contacting Superintendent Pat O'Connell to inform him of any specific local issues.
Asked when roads marking works will commence.
Reply – these are scheduled for the summertime.
Sought an update regarding the construction works of the footpath to the Nuremore.
Reply – there is on-going engagement with a landowner.
Sought an update on the lands at the rear of BOI.
Reply – there is continuing engagement regarding this.
Asked for an update on possible flood alleviation funding for the Rassan Road.
Reply – a funding application has been made.

Cllr. Gibbons:
Requested an update on interaction with the TII regarding Brennans Cross.
Reply – This MD will seek an update from the Roads Section regarding this.
Asked for a comment on the new traffic layout at Market Square.
Reply – This is being reviewed with the Capital Projects team and will revert to members regarding this.
Noted that roads markings are faded in Castleblayney.
Sought an update on Oram and Drumillard play parks.
Reply –Ther will be public consultation in the coming weeks.

Damien Thornton, MD Co-ordinator, informed the elected members that Gary Toye, Executive Engineer will be leaving the MD on June 16th.
All elected members wished him well and complimented his work in the MD.
Cathal Flynn, Director of Services, also wished him well and offered him congratulations on his promotion.

A discussion ensued amongst the members regarding staff turnover, succession processes, and the existing staffing structure within the MDs.

Cathal Flynn, Director of Services, advised that discussions have been held with HR regarding filling the position and they will do their best to provide a handover period. He also informed the members that it may be likely there will eventually be reform in the function and staffing structures of MDs.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Keelan, it was unanimously agreed to issue a letter to Carmel O'Hare, Director of Services and Cc Robert Burns, Chief Executive stating the following:
"That Cmx-C'Blayney M.D. want to acknowledge the role Gary Toye, our Executive Engineer, has played in this district. He is a first-class operator. We also want to know when Gary's replacement will be taking place and who is the replacement?"

3.0 Correspondence

i. Correspondence from Bernie McMahon, A/Environmental Awareness Officer re: Green Schools Energy Award

ii. Response from Office of Minister of State John Cummins re: Taking in Charge Estates

Cllr. O'Hanlon remarked he will raise this issue during Minister Dara Calleary's upcoming visit to Monaghan on June 2nd. He requested that the MD investigate how much Monaghan County Council spend over a year TIC estates for this district, an estimate, if necessary, in time for the Ministerial visit.
Cllr. Carthy commented that safety issue can arise and the State should take responsibility.
Cllr. Keelan stated there should be special funding in place to cover costs.
Cllr. Gibbons noted that he received major representations regarding the issue of TIC estates.

4.0 Municipal Coordinators Report

Cllr. Conlon:
Sought an update on the Carrickmacross swimming pool project.
Reply – Following Stage 1 of the tender process will be the assessment of tenders.
Sought an update on Shirley House Car Park.
Reply – It is hoped to go to Part 8 in July.
Sought an update on the Building Frontages Enhancement Scheme in Carrickmacross.

Reply – This MD are currently reviewing the 14 applications received. There was additional verbal expressions of interest indicated.

Cllr. Carthy:
Welcomed the 4 candidates tendering for the Carrickmacross Swimming pool.
Welcomed the Shirley House car park update and queried if there is an update on the upgrade of the electrical supply.
Voiced concern about the state of roads in general and pothole repairs and asked what plan is in place, advising that there is a need to focus resources to repair potholes over the summer.
Reply – This MD are always looking at options for repairs. It is a balancing act, and the executive shares the frustrations of the elected members.

Cllr. Campbell:
Thanked the MD executive for all works carried out.
Advised that he is looking forward to the upcoming meeting regarding the Lough Muckno and its Environs Masterplan.
Highlighted the importance of working with and updating local residents regarding the Market House.

Cllr. Keelan:
Acknowledged the body of works carried out by the executive.
Stated that roads are the issue of our time.
Noted that there is no response to date from Minister O'Brien following the motion which was sent recently.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:
Voiced frustration that roads funding is centralised, commenting that he feels local roads are not recognised by the TII, so should therefore be looked after by our own local authority.
Acknowledged the role of local groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and Tidy towns with the BFES.
Noted the change in funding allocations for community groups, with approximately €100,000 previously allocated to Carrickmacross, compared to a current allocation of approximately €50,000 shared between the two towns.

Cllr. Gibbons:
Voiced frustration at the state of the roads.
Asked if there are plans for town enhancements for Castleblayney.
Reply – Castleblayney will be considered for future applications.

5.0 Q&A

Questions raised by Cllr. Paul Gibbons for the May 2026 meeting of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District:

1. **Has a recent examination of the road at Hollow Road, Castleblayney (L7840) been carried out? If so, can the findings be shared and if not, can one be carried out? There are issues with persistent, impassable flooding on occasions of heavy rain in addition to structural subsistence, serious surface degradation and safety hazards. This is a narrow but very busy road used not only by residents but as a shortcut by motorists travelling from the N2 to particularly the schools in the Laurel Hill area and Gaelscoil, in addition to other locations on the west side of Castleblayney.**
   Response:
   The executive will undertake an assessment of the LS7840, known locally as the Hollow Road, to determine the extent of required remedial works. Thereafter, the identified remedial works shall be included on this Municipal District's essential repairs and maintenance list. Weather permitting, it is envisaged that patching works to the LS7840 will be undertaken within the coming weeks.

2. **I have raised on numerous occasions the deplorable levels of lighting in Crescent Hill, Killycard Manor and Bramley Crescent. Can the Executive provide an update on taking the lighting in these Castleblayney estates in charge and carrying out essential repair work in these residential areas?**
   Response:
   The executive is actively exploring the feasibility of taking in charge the street lighting in Crescent Hill and Bramley Crescent. Costings have been secured to carry out necessary repairs to the street lighting in these estates. Mindful of the *Public Lighting Programme 2026* adopted at last month's Roads Area Meeting, the executive is exploring potential sources of funding to implement these works.

   Separately, the developer has advised that the street light issues in Killycard Manor have been resolved.

3. **Can the result of this examination be shared along with plans for any planned works There are large potholes in the Rosevale and Bree estates in Castleblayney. Can a timeline be provided on when essential patching will be carried out in these large estates.**
   Response:
   The executive shall undertake an assessment of the roads within the Rosevale and Bree estates, to determine the extent of required remedial works. Thereafter, the identified remedial works shall be included on this Municipal District's essential repairs and maintenance list. Weather permitting, it is envisaged that patching works to the roads int the Rosevale and Bree estates will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

4. **I welcome the recent patching of the road surface at New Street, Castleblayney. I am mindful though that this is not a long-term solution. Is the Executive exploring resurfacing this very busy section of road in the centre of our town?**
   Response:
   Whilst this section of road is not included on this Municipal District's currently adopted Roads Programme, the executive is exploring the feasibility of completing more comprehensive resurfacing repairs.

5. **Heavy rains in recent months led to extensive flooding in many parts of the MD. There were particular issues in the vicinity of Mindzenty Park and The Bog Road in the Lakeview area of Castleblayney with flooding seen in some areas where there had not been flooding in living memory. Has any examination of the area been undertaken with a view to assessing any contributing factors and possible actions that can be taken to minimise future impacts?**
   Response:
   Awaiting a response from Roads Section.

Questions raised by Cllr. Peter Conlon for the May 2026 meeting of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District:

6. **The old Scoil Rois on the Convent Hill is falling into disrepair. Can the council determine who owns this building and if it poses a public safety risk?**
   Response:
   The executive will seek to identify the current legal owner(s) of the property and conduct assessments of the perimeter integrity and overhead risks within the coming weeks.

7. **Regarding the village of Inniskeen:**
   a. **Has the council determined an appropriate funding stream to develop a footbridge over the River Fane?**
      Response:
      The executive continues to explore potential sources of funding to provide a "bolt on" bridge for pedestrians and cyclists alongside the existing River Fane bridge crossing on the LP4630 Inishkeen Glebe Road.

   b. **Has the council begun the development / awarded a contract for the development of the Inniskeen Village Masterplan?**
      Response:
      The *successful tenderer* for the Inniskeen 'Community Vision and Spatial Land Use Plan' has been notified. Subject to the satisfactory submission of regulatory compliance documentation, it is anticipated that contract documents will be executed shortly, with the Plan preparation to commence in June.

8. **The Dundalk Road between the roundabout and the Kingspan plant was resurfaced last year. This has been partially resurfaced again due to sinking in the road with another portion of the road breaking up now again. Has the reason for this been investigated?**
   Response:
   The executive will investigate the underlying reasons for the localised pavement settlement along this section of the R178 Dundalk Road.

9. **The Council used to clear brash / outlets form the sides of the road to allow water away and not pool or run on the road. This practice has stopped, why? and can these outlets be reopened to help protect the road surface?**
   Response:
   The executive implements an annual drainage programme on regional and local roads, primarily carried out during the winter months. This programme includes the installation of positive drainage systems and the clearing and opening of outlets at locations where drainage issues have been identified.

10. **The OPW were to be contacted re clearing old rivers (as they previously did) allowing rainwater escape from roads and property safely. Have they replied?**
    Response:
    Correspondence has been issued to the Office of Public Works (OPW) to clarify and establish their current maintenance programme as it affects County Monaghan and specifically the Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District. The executive will advise the MD elected members in due course.

Questions raised by Cllr. PJ O'Hanlon for the May 2026 meeting of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District:

11. **What is the up-to-date position in relation to the Carrickmacross Workhouse project? Are we still on track to submit a funding application in July 2026?**
    Response:
    The Part 8 planning report in respect of this project was approved by the elected members at the January 2026 meeting of Monaghan County Council. The scope of this Category 2 enabling project provides for the completion of detailed plans and costings for the restoration and re-development of the workhouse site. It is anticipated that the detailed design, and associated specifications and contract documents will be completed within the coming weeks.

    The executive is proposing to apply for funding under the current RRDF Category 1 call to implement the scheme. The closing date for receipt of proposals is the 28th of July 2026.

12. **Is there any update on the completion of a feasibility study for the provision of a food hub in Carrickmacross Town?**
    Response:
    The executive has engaged with *Enterprise Ireland* surrounding potential funding opportunities to progress a feasibility study and longer-term, design and implementation. Enterprise Ireland has advised that funding available under Stream 4 (Feasibility and Priming Grants) of the Smart Regions Fund is not a suitable option for the case in hand. Consequently, the executive, through the Local Enterprise Office, is exploring alternative sources of funding to progress the proposed feasibility study.

13. **What is the current position with the provision of a footpath link from the Dundalk Road roundabout to the LP4700 Killanny/Nuremore Hotel Road?**
    Response:
    It is envisaged that a tender request for the engagement of a suitably qualified works contractor shall issue to the market within the coming week.

14. **What stage is the CPO process at for the unfinished Drummond Close housing development on Riverside Road, Carrickmacross?**
    Response:
    For the purposes of dealing with this site under the relevant Derelict Site Legislation, Monaghan County Council has divided this property into 4 sections consisting of:
    - 8-13 Clos Dhromainn
    - 14-19 Clos Dhromainn
    - Unfinished Apartment Block along with Associated Underground and Overground Car Parking Levels
    - Brownfield Site

Following the issuing of Section 8 (2) notices, in accordance with Derelict Sites Act 1990 (as amended), in respect of each of these sections, and a detailed review of the submission received from the registered owner, on the 18th of July 2025, the Council entered these properties onto the Derelict Sites Register.

As these properties were recorded on the Derelict Sites Register on the 1st of January 2026, they became liable for the Derelict Sites Levy.

Derelict Sites levy demands totalling €216,650 were issued to the registered owner and other interested parties earlier this year.

While the registered owner has agreed to engage with the Council, the Council will shortly issue a section 15 Notice (notice of Intention to acquire Derelict Sites Compulsorily, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended) in respect of the Unfinished Apartment Block along with Associated Underground and Overground Car Parking Levels.

15. **What is the update on reopening Breffni House? This building has been vacant for several years and is an eyesore on the town.**
Response:
Breffni House, located on O'Neill Street, Carrickmacross, is not in the ownership of Monaghan County Council. This property was added to the Derelict Site register on the 7th of February 2019.

In 2024, the owner of the property undertook prescribed works to allow for the removal of the property from the Derelict Sites register.

As this building continues to remain unoccupied the Council will, in the coming weeks, recommence the Derelict Sites process and seek to have the building brought back into use.

Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for the May 2026 meeting of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District:

16. **Has the MD Executive plans to install new nets to the Convent Lands Basketball court and, if so, what is the timeline for completion?**
Response:
The executive will explore potential sources of funding to facilitate the reinstallation of the basketball hoops and nets at the Covent lands MUGA.

17. **Will the MD Executive consider a traffic count on the old Ardee Road between the entrance of Nuremore Estate back towards the Linear Park (Tullynaskeagh West) to determine if traffic calming measures need to be introduced?**
Response:
The executive shall investigate the feasibility of a road safety assessment, incorporating speed and traffic surveys, at this location.

18. **What plans are in place to deal with the significant number of potholes throughout the Municipal District in the short to medium term; can the executive give a breakdown of its current repair list and an expected timeframe for repairs to be completed on the current list?**
Response:

In the short to medium term, the executive will continue to implement the patching repair programme using the velocity patching machine.

The number of items currently on the essential repairs and maintenance list stands at 341. This list is subject to continuous review and update as new defects are identified and reported issues are addressed.

To provide a definitive timeframe to complete all works logged on the essential repairs and maintenance list is not feasible however, the executive will endeavour to prioritise and complete tasks in a timely manner.

19. **Will the MD Executive consider localised surfacing of the St Macartan's Villas/Emmet Road hill (between junction of Farney Street and St Macartan's Terrace) – similar to works carried out on lower corner of Ross Road recently?**
    Response:
    This section of road is not included on this Municipal District's currently adopted Roads Programme. The executive shall endeavour to complete localised surfacing repairs along this section of road as part of the essential repairs and maintenance programme.

20. **Following confirmation of budget for footpath repairs at last month's meeting, can the executive outline areas where footpaths will be repaired in both towns in 2026?**
    Response:
    An initial schedule of proposed footway repairs will be shared with the elected members in the coming weeks. It should be noted that this list remains live throughout the year, and other locations identified as a pressing safety concern may take priority.

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan for the May 2026 meeting of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District:

21. **In commending the work of the MD to-date on the old famine Graveyard / Bully's acre, what is causing the delay in completing these important works?**
    Response:
    Specialist reporting, including osteoarchaeological analysis, is now complete, and the site is substantially reinstated. The Municipal District executive is currently arranging the removal of the remaining timber cuttings. It is anticipated that these works will be completed within the coming weeks.

22. **What funding is available this year 2026 for new public lighting projects? When is it hoped to commence works, in particular on the project from the access to the Nuremore Hotel on the L4700 out to the Dundalk Road (R178)?**
    Response:
    The Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District has been allocated a budget of €26,500 for public lighting in 2026. It is hoped to commence works on this MD's adopted *Public Lighting Programme 2026* by mid-Q3 2026.

23. **What is the up to-date position in relation to this MD's engagement with Louth County Council regarding the possibility of improving and upgrading the roadway from Inniskeen village centre out to the Dundalk regional road (R178)?**
    Response:

The MD executive has again written to Louth County Council seeking their consideration of a joint feasibility study to assess possible improvement works along the LP4623, from Inniskeen Village to the R178 at Chanonrock. The elected members will be advised on any response in due course.

24. **What is the up to-date position in relation to the Public Realm plan for Inniskeen Village, when is it hoped to see works commence on the ground?**
Response:
Following discussions with the Department in late 2025, funding for the detailed design element of the project has been ringfenced. Following engagement with community stakeholders, the executive is developing alternative layout designs for the junction in the village centre. Further consultations with key stakeholders will take place on completion of these design options. It is hoped to have the detailed design agreed and completed within the coming weeks. Thereafter, the MD executive intends to apply for funding under Measures 2 and 3 of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to implement the project.

25. **In relation to the Local link service, what plans has this MD to put in place extra Bus stops and improve existing ones across the MD area. What plans have the council to reinstate the Bus stop at Dunard Estate as requested by the Local Residents Association give that this Bus stop service was in place for 50 years?**
Response:
At present, all Local Link and other public bus services operating within the Municipal District are running in accordance with existing contractual arrangements, and there are no current proposals to extend services or introduce additional stops.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has confirmed that it does not have a record of a historical bus stop at Dunard Estate. Currently, there are two public transport bus stops serving the Inniskeen area. One located the village centre, approximately 275 metres from the entrance to Dunard Estate, and the second at St. Mary's Church, approximately 565 metres away. These stops are connected to Dunard Estate by public footways.

Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District
Bundle A - new bus infrastructure proposed for advancement in 2026
- Main Street Carrickmacross, R927 (NB) Plate Code: 155941
- Main Street Carrickmacross, R927 (SB) Plate Code: 109091
- Council Offices Carrickmacross, LP4933 (NW Bound) Plate Code: 12815
- Council Offices Carrickmacross, LP4933 (SE Bound) Plate Code: 12814
- Shercock Rd Carrickmacross, R178 (EB) Plate Code: 12813
- Shercock Rd Carrickmacross, R178 (WB) Plate Code: 12812
- Edenamo Chaple, Inniskeen, LP 4622 (EB) Plate Code: 110091
- Edenamo Chaple, Inniskeen, LP 4622 (WB) Plate Code: 110081

Bundle B- new bus infrastructure proposed for delivery beyond 2026
- Village centre, Inniskeen, LP 4622 (EB) Plate Code: 110071
- Village centre, Inniskeen, LP 4622 (WB) Plate Code: 107481
- Shercock Rd, Corduff, R178 (EB) Plate Code: 12810
- Shercock Rd, Corduff, R178 (WB) Plate Code: 12811
- New Bus Stop Monaghan Rd Castleblayney, R183 (NB) Plate Code: New Stop
- New Bus Stop Monaghan Rd Castleblayney, R183 (SB) Plate Code: New Stop

Questions raised by Cllr. Aidan Cambpell for the May 2026 meeting of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District:

26. With the summer months approaching and a number of events planned for around Hope Castle including Muckno Mania. Can a tidy up of around the Hope Castle be organised including the taking down of the unsightly fencing around the building?
Response:
General maintenance and tidying of the area will be scheduled over the coming weeks. For security reasons and to ensure public safety, the fencing surrounding Hope Castle will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

27. What is the update on the funding received for the funding to enhance and upgrade the old orchard at Hope Castle?
Response:
This Municipal District was successful in securing €50,000 funding to procure consultancy services to develop a restoration plan for the Walled Garden, adjacent to Hope Castle, and the Annexe buildings in Lough Muckno Park. It is intended that a tender for the engagement of suitable consultancy services will issue to the market within the coming weeks.

28. When is it envisaged that our roads programme will commence for 2026?
Response:
It is expected that the first of the planned road resurfacing works in this Municipal District will commence on the LS7801 Knockavolis Road within the coming week.

29. When will the work being on enhancing the sensory garden at Lough Muckno in Castleblayney?
Response:
It is anticipated that works will commence on Phase 2 of the sensory garden in Lough Muckno in early June 2026.

30. When is it hoped to have the works complete to upgrade and enhance the jetty and slipway at the outdoor adventure centre at Lough Muckno in Castleblayney?
Response:
A Request for Tender to engage a suitably qualified contractor has been issued to the market. The closing date for tender submissions is Friday the 5th of June 2026. Pending the outcome of this procurement process, it is hoped that work will commence in mid-Q3 2026.

6.0 Motion

Cllr Conlon advised that his motion was deferred.

7.0 Director of Service Orders

Noted.

8.0 VOS/VOC

Votes of sympathy were extended to Michéal Hughes and extended family on the death of Maureen Hughes (RIP); Keith O'Rourke and Stephen & Sharon O'Rourke on the death of

Patricia (Trish) O'Rourke (RIP) and to Richard Merrin & family on the death of Hazel Merrin (RIP).

Votes of Congratulations were extended to Judge Gerard Jones on his retirement from judicial service; Reverend Ian Cruickshank and his family for the contribution made to the town of Carrickmacross and to Monsignor Shane McCaughey regarding the recent 2026 Annual Procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

10.0 A.O.B.

Cllr. Carthy:

Advised that the signage located at the front of the Civic Offices needs attention.
Spoke about the road leading to the water treatment plant. It is a private road; however, it leads to various locations. There are potholes present – is there a plan or is it on a LIS.
Requested the exploration of availability of public land in Carrickmacross suitable for use as community gardens/allotments.
Welcomed the pop-up pool remaining in Carrickmacross until December 2026 and requested that Swim Ireland are made aware of issues with the current booking system.
Advised that the 24th Carrickmacross Festival is on this weekend.

All elected members expressed their best wishes for the upcoming Carrickmacross Festival.

Cllr. Conlon:

Echoed comments regarding the Swim Ireland booking system.
Reported signing issues on the R162 Kingscourt – Shercock Road and humps on this road.

Cllr. O'Hanlon:

Sought an update on the house to be demolished on the Kingscourt Road.
Reply – Tenders are due back this week.

Cllr. Gibbons:

Advised that we need to be mindful of the residents near the Market House works in relation to construction traffic.

The meeting concluded at 12:25pm.

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Cathaoirleach Date

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Meeting Administrator