

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



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

Minutes of proceedings of May 2016 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Office, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Monaghan on Monday 23rd May 2016 @ 10.00am

Present: - Mayor PJ O Hanlon

CLLrs Aidan Campbell, Colm Carthy Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Pdraig McNally

In attendance: - Paul Clifford, Director of Services; John Lennon, Amanda Murray, Teresa McGuirk

Apologies: Frances Matthews, Co-ordinator

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the March 2016 monthly meeting

On the proposal of Cllr Carthy and seconded by Cllr Crowe the minutes of the meeting held on 2th April 2016 were adopted

2. Matters arising

None

3. Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Vanity Nightclub requesting the use of the Council's car park for a music festival a short discussion took place regarding the need to close the car park for a full week to accommodate a weekend festival.

Cllr Keelan proposed, Cllr Campbell seconded and it was agreed to grant approval subject to final agreement on the terms – Mr Clifford agreed to liaise with the applicant in this regard.

Superintendent Alan Cunningham

Cllr O'Hanlon welcomed Superintendent Alan Cunningham from An Garda Siochanna – Carrickmacross Division - to the meeting. A detailed general discussion took place covering a number of topics including crime statistics, Garda resources, the need for the public to report crime, use of CCTV, new initiative to mark property for ease of identification of recovered goods, community alert texting scheme and general information for home/property owners to protect their property.

Members all in turn thanked Superintendent Cunningham for his attendance and he then left the meeting.

4. Date for AGM 2016

Monday 27th June 2016 @ 10 a.m. was agreed. AGM to be followed by Monthly meeting

5. Set Date for Community Grants Awards Night

Community Awards to take place on Tuesday 14th June 2016 @ 7pm in the Civic Offices, Carrickmacross.

The opening of the newly extended and refurbished play park at Cloughvalley will also take place on Tuesday 14th June 2016 @ 6pm

6. Carrickmacross Link Road – Phase II

Mr Lennon reported estimated costings of approximately €1.2m to provide the link road as outlined which included estimates for the purchase of land. Following discussion it was agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

7. Consideration of Coordinators monthly report

The Coordinators monthly report was circulated to all. Members all in turn acknowledged the ongoing works in the District including the recent very successful spring clean on the N2 bypass at Castleblayney, the urgency to repairs to collapsed walls in Carrickmacross, the need to inform business of the pending road closure during reconstruction of wall at St Finbar's and requested details of any savings gained due to tendering process for the Roads Programme for the full county as opposed to tendering per district.

8. Questions

The following questions were asked by Cllr. McNally

1. Can this Municipal District establish if there is any way that the levels of lime in the water in Carrickmacross recently can be reduced?

Response: Reply from Irish Water Support Desk – thank you for your query regarding the high volumes of lime in the water supply in Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Monaghan. Irish Water is aware of the hardness of water in the Carrickmacross area in County Monaghan. Irish Water endeavours to prioritise its investment programme to ensure all water meets Drinking Water Standards. Hardness is not a criteria where meeting Drinking Water Standards is concerned. Irish Water monitors the drinking water quality for public supplies in accordance with the European Communities (Drinking Water) (No.2) Regulations 2007 and SI NO. 122 of 2014 – EU (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014. These regulations specify that water authorities are to provide 'wholesome and clean water that meets the requirements of the regulations'. The issue of hard water is a separate matter related to the mineral content (particularly calcium carbonate derived from limestone catchments). There is no reference to, or limits for, hardness in the EC Drinking Water Directive or in the EC (Drinking Water) (No.2) Regulations 2007.

2. How much funding would this Municipal District need to leave all our roads passable for next winter i.e. roads that are not on our roads programme 2016?

Response: The condition rating survey carried out in early 2015 indicated that 140km of the Non National road network in the district was rated in the 1-4 categories and would require a full structural overlay. An allocation of just over €1,000,000 was received in 2016 and will complete approximately 12km of the Non-National road network.

3. Why has the signs indicating Carrickmacross North and South not been erected on our by pass?

Response: the north/south Carrickmacross signs have been procured by the District Office. These signs will be erected in the coming weeks

4. Is this Municipal District concerned at the lack of serviced industrial land in both Carrickmacross and Castleblayney?

Response: There is substantial land zoned for industrial use in and around the towns of Carrickmacross and Castleblayney and a number of serviced industrial units vacant in both towns. There is also scope for expansion of the Food Park in Lough Egish, which will host another new food enterprise this year. In addition the County Development Plan and Local Enterprise Office support the development of rural-based industry throughout the county and encourage small entrepreneurs who develop at home.

5. Has this Municipal District received drawings from the road office regarding the proposed link road from Castleblayney by pass to the Dundalk Road?

Response: *The Road Section of Monaghan County Council has received preliminary designs for the link road between the N2 and the N53. Ground modelling alignment data will be provided by the designers shortly. When this data is received the route will be further developed.*

The following questions were asked by Cllr. Carthy:

1. Can the Municipal District confirm if the construction of the Water Treatment Plant in Carrickmacross recently carried a Per Cent for Art Scheme allocation, and if so how much has been earmarked and has this Municipal District any plans in place to spend it?

Response: *Thank you for your email regarding the Water Treatment Plant in Carrickmacross. Your query has been forwarded to the relevant department for investigation. A member of our team will investigate as soon as possible and once we have any updates we will contact you again straight sway. The Irish Water Reference number for this query is 20164, which you can keep for your own records.*

2. Has this council any update on the addition of public bins to the town of Carrickmacross as discussed at previous meetings and will it consider adding a significant number of dog-foul bins to the known walking routes of the town?

Response: *There are two new litter bins in place in Carrickmacross, the first is outside the football field on the Ballybay Road and the second is outside the football field on the Donaghmoyne Road. Regarding dog fouling bins, there is a total of four dog foul bins now in place, two of which along the Bath Avenue have been recently fitted with dog foul bags dispensers.*

3. When does the Municipal District contemplate putting together a preliminary design for the reconstruction of the public wall that runs up to Pearse Avenue in Carrickmacross?

Response: *The District Office will prepare a preliminary design and costing in the coming months. When these are completed, they will be presented to the elected members for approval.*

4. Is this Municipal District in a position to add new speed ramps to a number of estates/residential areas in Carrickmacross over the next eight months (to end of 2016)?

Response: *The Road Section of Monaghan County Council is currently reviewing the introduction of a new 30km/h limit in estates in their charge. The District Office will not be considering the installation of new speed ramps in the Carrickmacross Castleblayney Municipal District until this review is completed.*

5. Is there any update on the review that was to be carried out on the Kingscourt Road Housing Estate following my previous request to have safety bollards added?

Response: *Reflective bollards are only installed on National Roads. The Kingscourt Road is a Regional Road; therefore the District Office will not be installing reflective bollards at this location.*

9. Notice of Motions

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr McNally, seconded by Cllr Keelan and agreed by all
“In light of the huge numbers using our Skate Park, Astro Turf and Playground at Cloughvalley, that this Municipal District examines the possibility of providing a male and female toilet that will open and close along with the park itself”.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr Carthy, seconded by Cllr Keelan
“This Municipal District calls on Monaghan County Council to highlight the need for a public swimming pool in Carrickmacross to the relevant authorities if/when expressions of interest are sought for swimming pool allocations in future”.

During discussion the following amendment was added to the motion *“In the interim a feasibility study should be carried out”.* The amended motion was agreed by all.

10. Director of Services Orders

23/2016	Appointment of John McGuinness – Hedge Cutting Contract National Regional and Local Roads
24/2016	Appointment of John McGuinness – Contractors Urban contract 2016
25/2016	Appointment of C S Pringle – PSDP – Flood Alleviation Design Works at LS8150 Nelsons Kiln
26/2016	Appointment of IGLS Ltd – PSDP + PSCS – Ground Investigation at Annadrummond
27/2016	Appointment of Patrick F O’Reilly – PSDP + PSCS – REDZ Beautiful Streets
28/2016	Appointment of Motorway Care Ltd – PSCS – De-tension Wire on N2 2+1 Bypass

11. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

The following Votes of Sympathy were passed, a minutes silence as observed with all present standing.

- Bernie & Paddy Gollogly on the death of Peggy Keenan
- James & Margaret Malone on the death of their son Gerard
- PJ Forde on the death of his mother Madeline

Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following

- Our Lady's Secondary School, Castleblayney on winning first prize in the All Ireland Post Primary Schools 2016 Walton's Music for Schools Competition (School Choirs)

12. Any Other Business

Further to a request for support made at the April Meeting of the Municipal District Cllr Carthy proposed, Cllr McNally seconded and all agreed that the Council support Carrickmacross Arts Festival Committee in the amount of €3,000.

Cllr Campbell proposed, Cllr Crowe seconded and all agreed to hold a reception for visiting group from twinned town of Marseillan, France

The following items were raised by members

- Possibility of introducing bye laws for weight restrictions on the Coolderry road to be examined
- Driver Feedback sign on Kingscourt Road out of order
- Update required on works required at Inniskeen Grattans grounds
- Bins required near the roundabout on the Ballybay Road
- Depression in the road at Church Hill needs to be repaired
- Depression in the road at top of Cloughvalley and Castleblayney Road in need of repair
- Examine the possibility of moving the stop line at top of Convent Hill back slightly from the junction in interests of safety

Next month's meeting – Monday 27th June 2016 @ 10.00 am

Meeting concluded at 12.40pm

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Meetings Administrator

Date: 27th June 2016.