

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



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

Minutes of proceedings of June 2018 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday 25th June 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

Present: - Cathaoirleach Carthy

Cllrs. P.J. O'Hanlon, Padraig McNally, Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan,

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.

Apologies: Paul Clifford, Director of Services, Cllr. Aidan Campbell

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Crowe and seconded by Cllr. Mc Nally the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 30th May 2018 were adopted.

2. Matters arising

Replies to queries:

Cllr. McNally asked about litter signs with CCTV

John Lennon District Engineer replied that the signs were ready to be installed

Cllr. O'Hanlon asked if a response was received from Fáilte Ireland concerning the greenway

Amanda Murray replied there had been telephone communication.

Cllr. McNally enquired about the walking routes on the flyovers

Gareth Mc Mahon replied that the details are currently with Transport Infrastructure Ireland for consent.

Cllr: Crowe enquired about public lights for new footpath at Old Coach Manor, Castleblayney

John Lennon District Engineer replied that lights have been submitted as part of an application and that consultations were presently taking place with the ESB.

Cllr Crowe update on traffic counts on the Monaghan Road

John Lennon said the application will be in group format to the Department in October 2018

Cllr Carthy asked for an update on the Proules river.

John Lennon said the report for Proules River will be forwarded in the 3rd quarter of year.

Cllr. O'Hanlon asked for contact to be made with Finance Section regarding the Property Tax query
Cllr. McNally enquired if CCTV was installed at any bin in the town as people were using bins for domestic waste
Cllr. Carthy asked for dog bins for Cloughvalley, Ross Road and at the Linear Park.
John Lennon District Engineer replied dog bins would be installed
Cllr. McNally asked about a replacement barrier across from the fire station
Cllr. O'Hanlon asked for update on the Steadfast junction
John Lennon District Engineer replied that a study will be prepared on the junction
Cathaoirleach Carthy asked for speed reducing measure at the crossing at Farney street
Cllr. O'Hanlon asked when works would be completed for the steadfast junction.
Gareth McMahon District Engineer replied that Design and Procurement takes approximately twelve weeks

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. Keelan to send a thank you letter to Carrickmacross Festival Committee in appreciation for all the voluntary work completed at the festival in its eighteenth year.

3. Correspondence

- Correspondence received from Seamus Mc Eaney asking permission for use of car park for the Farney festival.
Consent proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. McNally and agreed by all.
- Correspondence received from Brian Shevlin asked for permission for small festival in the town.
Consent proposed Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. McNally and agreed by all.

4. Consideration of Co-ordinators monthly report

Issues Raised Discussed

Cathaoirleach Carthy asked for an update regarding the Commercial units at Market square
Gareth Mc Mahon replied that there was an interested party
Cllr. O Hanlon said that Market Square needed an anchor tenant
Cllr. McNally asked for a time frame on the Aghalile Road Survey
John Lennon District Engineer said the survey was extended to October 2018
Cllr. McNally asked for trimming and a cleanup of the Ivy lane area
Gareth Mc Mahon Co-ordinator agreed to have the task completed
Cllr. McNally enquired about the Public Realm
Gareth Mc Mahon replied that a range of projects with different complexities were in the plan and will form the basis for future applications for funding to enhance the town. Other plans are in process of being developed for Castleblayney and Inniskeen.
Cllr. McNally asked for a water feature to be part of the plan.
Cllr. Keelan asked for walking routes for Inniskeen as a follow on from Patrick Kavanagh Centre.
Cllr. Keelan asked for roads at Inniskeen to be addressed as surface was very poor for 100 yards
Cllr. Keelan asked for repairs to take place at the Drungalley road
John Lennon District Engineer said an application had been submitted to the Department
Cllr. Keelan asked for the roads at Lisdoonan village to be repaired as pedestrians are being hit by stones
John Lennon District Engineer said section of road needs overlay which would cost 25k but the Council would continue to patch.
Cllr. McNally asked if additional funding became available that Lisdoonan would have to priority.
Cllr. O Hanlon asked for a ramp at Highfield,
Gareth Mc Mahon replied that a traffic calming measure would be investigated pending implementation of the traffic calming policy due from Roads section.

Item 5

Questions raised by Cllr. Padraig McNally for June 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

1. Has this Council carried out a traffic count on the R178 Shercock to establish the level of traffic , but more importantly, the level of HGV's using this road which is in a dangerous condition.

Response

A traffic counter was installed on the Shercock Road from the 20/03/18 to the 03/04/2018. 53,578 vehicles passes were recorded during this 14 day period, giving an average daily traffic count of 3,827 vehicles, of which 182 were recorded as rigid lorries or 4.8 % of the total count and 77 were recorded as long base lorries or 2% of the total count. The number of HGV's travelling on the Shercock Road is in accordance with the national norm for a regional road.

2. Has this MD re-examined the issue of a footbridge across the Fane River in Inniskeen in order to improve safety for pedestrians in that area? It is worth noting, that Inniskeen Tidy Towns Committee would welcome such a development contrary to what may has been stated at a previous MD meeting.

Response:

The Municipal District met with the Inniskeen Village Tidy Town's committee and their preference is to widen the existing footpath across the River Fane rather than construct a new footbridge. The District Office has prepared a design proposal to widen the existing footpath over the River Fane and to construct a new footpath to the Railway Bridge.

The District Office will meet with Inniskeen Tidy Towns to discuss the matter further.

3. Has this Council carried out skid resistant test on the Killanny Road (LP4700 and LP4701) under bypass to establish whether or not it needs resurfacing in order to make it safe?

Response:

Texture depth testing of the wearing course was carried out by Monaghan County Council and the results obtained are within standard guidelines for a roundabout. The District Office will continue to monitor the behaviour of the roundabout to see if resurfacing is required. Statistical data provided by Monaghan County Council shows no accidents occurring on the roundabouts since the opening of Carrickmacross Bypass to present.

4. Has this Council received the final report on traffic for both the Castleblayney and Ballybay roads?

Response:

Roadplan submitted a preliminary road safety report to the District Office for review. This review has been completed and the report has been returned to Roadplan with our comments and observations. We expect the final safety report with us in the coming weeks.

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

5. What is the up-to-date status on the extension of handrailing to the lower entrance to St Macartans Villas/Emmet Road?

Response

The District office is currently procuring a contractor to install a pedestrian handrail from Farney St to St Macartan's Terrace.

6. When is work expected to start on the repair and upgrade of the footpaths around Carrickmacross listed as requiring urgent maintenance?

Response:

The Contractor works programme states that the repairs to the footpaths in Carrickmacross Town will commence in the second week of July 2018.

7. When is it expected additional public lighting will be added to the OPD's in Crann Nua, Carrickmacross?

Response

The District Office plans to have the public lights installed in Crann Nua in the 3rd quarter of 2018.

8. When is it expected that works will begin on the newly agreed footpath additions in Carrickmacross i.e Oriel road to graveyard; Front of the Civic offices on Riverside road; Inver College to existing footpath on Castleblayney road; Old Ardee road at Linear Park & on the Ballybay road?

Response:

The District Office envisages that the footpath programme will be completed in 3rd quarters of 2018.

9. Will traffic calming works be implemented on the Ross Road, adjacent to Barford site (which has been found to have excessive speed), prior to publication of the County Council's 'Traffic Calming Policy' or will this MD consider carrying out this work beforehand?

Response:

Installation of traffic calming measures are suspended until the Traffic Calming Policy for County Monaghan has been adopted by the elected members.

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

10. In regard to the commencement to the upgrade of the Castleblayney Waste Water Plant will this MD insure that concerns from residents in the Muckno Street area of Castleblayney that the proper procedures were used in removal of Japanese Knotweed whilst clearing the site.

Response:

The presence of Japanese Knotweed within the works has been identified from the outset. A stringent set of conditions dealing specifically with invasive species have been incorporated into the Employers Requirements to which the contractor must comply.

A site specific Japanese Knotweed Management Plan has been prepared by the Contractors Ecologist and the implementation of this plan will be monitored by the Supervising Engineers team onsite.

All works which may impact on invasive species will be undertaken in accordance with best practice management guidelines.

11. What date in June will works start to implement the low-cost safety scheme on the Shercok road adjacent to Our Lady's School in Castleblayney.

Response:

Civil works will commence on the 9th July 2018.

12. When will the outstanding footpath repairs in the Park Road commence.

Response:

The Contractor works programme states that the repairs to the footpaths in Castleblayney Town will commence in August 2018.

13. The recent traffic count on the old Monaghan Road out of Castleblayney showed recordings of cars using excessive speeds. When will works take place to alleviate the danger of drivers exiting Drumillard, Glencarn and McGrath road entrances.

Response:

The District Office will submit a Low-Cost Safety Improvement application to the Department Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2018 for funding next year.

14. Would this MD tar and chip the road from Creighanroe(Moores) to Mullyash , Oram road which would save money in the long term.

Response:

The Surface Dressing programme for 2018 has commenced and the LP3600 will be completed in the coming weeks.

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

15. In the Interest of public safety, what is the up to date position in relation to the provision of CCTV cameras 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.

16. Will this council put in place two more speed ramps in Inniskeen village, one adjacent to St.Daigh's Tce. and one adjacent to the Kavanagh Centre newly opened tea rooms in the interest of pedestrians and general road safety as requested by community organisations and local residents?

Response:

Monaghan County Council is currently drafting a Traffic Calming policy. The aims of this policy is to address the traffic calming needs of existing roads and estates and to set design guidance for traffic calming. Until this policy has been adopted by the elected members there is a suspension of the installation of traffic calming measures.

17. Will this council put in place extra traffic calming measures at Essexfort junction given vehicles, in particular large lorries/buses etc., cannot access the Dundalk road R178 from Inniskeen road safely?

Response:

The District Office has reviewed the junction onto the Dundalk Road from Inniskeen Village. There are no plans to carry out works at this junction in 2018. Statistical data provided by Monaghan County Council shows no accidents occurring at the junction in the period 1996 – present.

18. What plans have the council to carry out improvement works to the important link road at Drumganny / Carrickavoley LT 40611 which is prone to flooding?

Response:

The Restoration Road Improvement programme for 2018 was approved by the elected members, the LT40611 was not included. The District Office has no plans to carry out improvement works on this road in 2018.

19. What plans have the council to resurface the roadway in Lisdoonan village adjacent to Lois Housing development which is in a deplorable state and also what plans have the council to put in place new road markings, stop/yield signs etc. at a number of locations/junctions including the Creevy lake junction on the Lisdoonan road at Monagirr and at Lisanisk and at other junctions that need attention?

Response:

The Restoration Road Improvement programme for 2018 was approved by the elected members. The District Office has no plans to overlay this road in 2018, but will continue to maintain.

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

20. With the recent announcement of an allocation of €37,000 for lighting improvement on the N53 Dundalk road out of Castleblayney.

(A). What specific upgrading will this amount of money will this cover?

Response:

This allocation of money is from TII and is specifically for the retrofit of the existing PL on the N53, from the end of the recently installed LED lighting at the Tullyvin Roundabout, up to the junction with the Dundalk Road and out to the end of the Public Lighting just past entrance to Concra Wood golf course.

(B). When is this envisaged work due to commence?

Response:

Design of the retrofit lighting has been completed and tender evaluation is under way to determine the most economical advantageous tender. Plan to place order before end June 2018.

(C). How long will it take?

Response:

There is a lead time of 9-10 weeks for these type of LED's, once order is placed. Installation is planned for early Sept and will take approx. 1 week to complete.

21. What is the next stage in the process of the public realm and economic plans which are being facilitated by GVA and when do we expect to have the detail reports?

(B). What will be the next step when these reports are finalized?

22. When is the work due to be complete on the works which have commenced in Oram re the Welcome Signs, New bus shelter and the additional play items at the play park with the addition of the picnic table under the money which was received under the the Town and Village Scheme with the aim of promoting and rejuvenation's of villages to make them more attractive places?

Response

The Town and Village Renewal works for Oram Village are now completed.

23. With the work under the low cost safely measures due to commence in Castleblayney when the schools finish up on the Shercock road, beginning down at the Junior school and going up as far as the entrance to the Crescent.

(A) How long is it envisaged that this work will take?

Response:

Civil works are to commence on the 9th July 2018 and will continue until the end of August 2018.

6. Notice of Motions

Motion by Cllr. Keelan and Cllr Carthy for June 2018 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

'The Carrickmacross–Castleblayney Municipal District Council commits to installing a crash barrier to the Donaghmoynne road adjacent to the Ascail Dubh housing estate on foot of a recent accident where a car lost control and drove through the existing fence and hedge.

Gareth Mc Mahon asked for the re- wording of the original motion as a study was necessary for the appropriate measure.

Cllr. McNally requested for consultation to take place with residents

Cllr. Keelan agreed to amend the motion.

7. Director of Services Orders

The Directors orders 52/2018 to 63/2018 attached to the agenda were noted.

8. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:

- Michael Mc Caul on the death of his mother Bernie Mc Caul
- Kathleen Murray on the passing of her daughter Maura Clarke
- Mary Mc Keown on the death of her husband Michael Mc Keown
- Bridie Ward on the death of her husband Patrick Ward
- Dr. Rory O'Hanlon on the death of his sister Meabh Smyth, Ballybay
- Tomas Ward and Family on the death of his sister Laura (Ward) O'Neill
- Bridget Ward and family on the death of her husband Paddy Ward

It was proposed by Cathairleach Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Keelan

" A vote of Congratulations to Darren Byrne who won a bronze medal @ National Special Olympic Games last week, that we as a MD Council will invite Darren and the Monaghan Special Olympics organisation to a future meeting".

It was proposed by Cllr. O 'Hanlon and seconded by Cllr. McNally

"Congratulations to Thomas Gartland , Darragh Mee, Cuan O'Reilly, Fionan Carolan, Cian Carolan, Dylan Mc Connell on reaching the semi final of the Kennedy cup with Cavan Monaghan partnership "

It was agreed by all members to invite both groups to a meeting in September.

9. **Any Other Business**

- Cllr. Keelan asked for the fence at the Linear Park to be replaced
- Cllr. Crowe asked for a pedestrian crossing at Upper York Street beside the bus stand
- Cllr O' Hanlon asked for hedge cutting to take place at the junction of Corduff cross
- Cllr. O'Hanlon asked for the Council to secure the hoarding at Maghersoss Estate at Riverside Road
- Cllr. McNally asked for a barrier for the linear park
- Cllr McNally requested that Head of Finance John Murray or a member of rates section attend the next Municipal District meeting to give a review regarding the new rate evaluation.
Gareth Mc Mahon said Revenue had held several evening consultations in Monaghan, Castleblayney and Carrickmacross with rate payers from each town
- Cllr. O'Hanlon asked for an invitation for members of the Chamber of Commerce to attend that meeting.
- Cllr. Mc Nally asked for a ramp and pedestrian crossing at the end of Farney street similar to St. Macartans Villa's.
- Cathaoirleach. Carthy asked that the odour is investigated on the street from Boylans Pub to Farney street
Gareth McMahan Co-ordinator agreed to address the matter.

It was proposed by Cllr Keelan and seconded by Cathaoirleach Carthy

“That this MD invites the representatives of Newbase the new owners of the former Bose Plant in order to get an update on progress at the Plant including Employment opportunities etc!”.

Meeting concluded at 2 pm.

Cathaoirleach

Meetings Administrator

Date: 23rd July 2018