

**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 October 2016 monthly meeting of The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblayney held in the Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 10.00am**

Present: - Mayor Campbell

Cllrs Jackie Crowe, Noel Keelan, Colm Carthy, Pdraig McNally, P J O'Hanlon.

In attendance: - Paul Clifford, Director of Services; Frances Matthews, Co-ordinator; John Lennon, District Engineer, Amanda Murray, Staff Officer; Deirdre Power, Assistant Staff Officer. Michael Fisher Northern Standard and Pauric Clerkin ,Northern Sound Radio

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the September 2016 monthly meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr Keelan and seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were adopted .

**2. Matters arising**

*Replies to queries:*

- Plans for Toilets at Cloughvalley Playpark according to the Disability regulations were approved by Cllr . McNally and seconded by Cllr. Campbell
- Cllr Mc Nally requested the repair of the bus shelter on the Dundalk road which has been vandalised.
- Cllr. Carthy stated that the feedback signs at the Dundalk Road were facing in the wrong direction to pick up the light required for them to operate.

**3. Correspondence**

- Correspondence was received from the office of Minister for Jobs Mary Mitchell O'Connor regarding the vacant Bose Factory.
- **Members noted a letter from An Garda Siochana** regarding surveillance of play parks. Cllr Mc Nally asked bus shelters are also added for surveillance . Cllr Mc Nally said that he had been made aware that a car had entered the playpark and Fireworks had been let off at the skate park.
- **Correspondence was received from Irish Water** regarding the fact that public attendance at meetings was not possible.
- **Correspondence was sent to landowners** regarding the link road, the matter has been discussed with a number of landowners.

**4. Update of plans for new road design at N2- Castleross Junction .**

Frances Matthews Coordinator confirmed that the Castleross junction has been realigned with single white lines . Cllr McNally requested signs to be installed warning not to overtake for 150 mtrs .

**5. Consideration of Budgets for 2017**

The Budget for 2017 was discussed in detail.

It was proposed by Cllr Mc Nally and seconded by Cllr O'Hanlon that the Municipal District should be consulted regarding the finance which was sourced by the Councillors , it was unanimously agreed. Cllr Keelan requested a letter to go to Corporate Affairs suggesting that contingency monies should be ring fenced for receptions for Carrickmacross –Castleblayney Municipal District.

**6. Consideration of Coordinator's monthly report**

Issues Raised Discussed

- Cllr McNally enquired about progress concerning the collapsed wall at Shirley house lane. Engineer John Lennon outlined that an assessment will be carried out and a notice issued.
- Severe weather programme will involve significant works at Drumgowan in 2017
- Ballybay road works are completed at Marrons Transport
- Section 50 's are awaiting approval from the Office Of Public Works
- Bridge works at Crumlin , Maghercloone will be delayed awaiting approval and certification of correct cover . Works will continue in New Year.
- Link road Shercock to Ballybay Road currently negotiating with Landowners
- Main street carrickmacross sewerage works to the convent hill to be completed on Halloween week.

- Cllr Mc Nally reported that the long term car park in the town is used by people commuting leaving no space for patrons to use. Town Manager Paul Clifford to consult with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Cllr O'Hanlon requested that the revenue from the Sale of the former Town Council building in Castleblayney is kept within the Municipal District.
- Cllr O Hanlon complimented Catriona Coleman regarding the work during the Comhaltas group visit to Carrickmacross. Cllr O Hanlon thanked Frances Matthews for her commitment over the weekend for the town twinning celebrations.
- Cllr Crowe requested the skid path at Balinagarry bridge to be reinstalled at southern side. Cllr Crowe also requested that projects such as underground ducting and LED lights a, street lighting for the Knocktornagh footpath be placed on the 2017 listing. District Engineer John Lennon said that all projects were subject to funding availability in 2017.
- The Bog Road has been delayed due to Solicitors.

#### Item 7

#### Questions raised by Cllr. Colm Carthy for October 2016 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

1. *When is work envisaged to start on the pedestrian crossing on the R179 (Culloville Rd) adjacent to Cluain Alain, Carrickmacross?*

Response:

The Municipal District has appointed a contractor to install a new pedestrian crossing on the R179, near the junction with Cloughvalley. The contractor works programme states a start date of November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

2. *Has the design for proposed footpath to Pearse Avenue been completed and when does this MD envisage this design being made available to residents for review?*

Response:

The Municipal District has begun preliminary sketch proposals for Pearse Avenue. It estimated that a working design will be available for consideration by the residents and elected members in early 2017.

3. *Will this MD consider adding a Dog Foul bin to the Ross road (Bothar Rois), Carrickmacross, due to high numbers of pedestrians and dog walkers using this road on a daily basis?*

Response:

The Municipal District will provide a dog fouling bin at this location.

4. *Through the Town and Village renewal scheme, will this Council seek funding to add a raised ramp/crossing between footpaths at the bottom of the Bridewell lane, Carrickmacross (junction going into lower Drummond Etra)?*

Response:

The Municipal District has made a phased application for Carrickmacross Town under Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Phase 1 is to renew the public lighting and phase 2 will review footpaths and junction layouts on Main Street. These enhancements are subject to funding approval from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

5. *Can this MD prioritise the repair of existing footpaths throughout Carrickmacross and Castleblayney as soon as funding becomes available to reduce the number of accidents occurring to pedestrians in each town?*

Response:

Maintenance works to improve footpaths is on rolling works programme. The District Office has carried out a review of the footpaths in each town. Substantial investment is required and if additional funding becomes available Cllr Carthy proposal will be considered subject to elected members approval.

Questions raised by Cllr. Pdraig McNally for October 2016 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

6. *Has this MD, in conjunction with Monaghan County Council road design office, got shovel ready detailed drawings for the upgrading of the following roads in light of the expected increased funding for our National road Network R178,(Shercock/Dundalk road) R179 (Kingscourt to Culloville) and R180 (Carrickmacross to Ballybay).*

Response:

A Specific Improvement Grant application was made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for Regional Roads over the last number of years. The Department replied 'While Councils could apply in the past for grant funding for certain road improvement projects, budgetary constraints mean the Specific Improvement Grants Scheme has been curtailed in order to maximise the funding available for repair and strengthening work of the road network. Therefore any future realigning of Regional Roads will have to be funded from Discretionary Grant or Restoration Improvement Grant.

7. *When will the Public Toilet be put in place at the Playground in Cloughvalley as agreed in our last MD meeting.*

Response:

The Council has requested a layout plan of the toilet from the provider for circulation and approval of the members.

8. *When is it expected that work will commence on the Urban Renewal Projects in both Carrickmacross and Inniskeen?*

Response:

A Town and Village Renewal Scheme application has been made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. No decision on the application has been received by the District Office.

9. *Has this MD held discussions with the Landowners regarding the final phase of the Industrial Link road via Rye Valley Foods and are the plans that have been circulated, sufficiently detailed as to allow work commence should money become available.*

Response:

The Council has spoken to two landowners with regard to a link road between the R178 and R180, both have indicated that they would be willing to enter into talks with the Council should the project progress to the next stage.

Questions raised by Cllr. Jackie Crowe for October 2016 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

10. *What progress has been made on the proposed new footpath from Knocktornagh to Rosevale Castleblayney. When it due is to be completed and will street lighting be provided.*

Response:

Work has commenced on the footpath between Knocktornagh to Rosevale housing estates. The public lighting allocation for 2016 is exhausted consideration will be given to Cllr Crowe's proposal in 2017.

11. *Will this MD improve road safety signage and traffic calming on the roadway adjacent to Our Lady's Secondary School Castleblayney.*

Response:

A safety audit will be carried out by the MD Engineering staff at Our Lady's Secondary School in the coming weeks.

12. *The survey for the proposed link road from the Tullyvin roundabout Castleblayney to the Dundalk Road has been completed. Has funding been sought to start this project and has any timescale been set.*

Response:

This question has been forwarded to the Road Section of Monaghan County Council for a response.

13. *In regards to the flood relief survey carried out at Annadrummond Castleblayney. Has any conclusion been reached to help alleviate the annual and sometimes daily flooding of this road which the residents have to suffer.*

Response:

The District Office has received a detailed report from the Thrace Synthetic Group outlining a design proposal for the Annadrummond road on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The District Office will review and give consideration to the findings in the report in the coming weeks.

Questions raised by Cllr. Noel Keelan for October 2016 meeting of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District Council:

14. *In relation to Inniskeen village what is the up to date position regarding the provision of extra car parking adjacent to The school as Discussed on site with School management & our MD engineering staff?*

Response:

A Town and Village Renewal Scheme application has been made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. No decision on the application has been received by the District Office.

15. *Will this council look at the possibility of putting in place single flow / traffic calming measures at the railway bridge in Inniskeen village as discussed on site will local residents & our engineering staff?*

Response:

The Municipal District will carry out a visual inspection at this location. Statistical data provided by Monaghan County Council shows no accidents occurring at the bridge in the period 1996 – present.

16. *Will this council look again at Corduff Cross on the Shercock road with a view to carrying out some minor works in order to make this junction safer as discussed at the September MD meeting?*

Response:

The Municipal District will carry out a second visual inspection at the Shercock/Corduff junctions.

17. *In relation to the provision of extra traffic calming measures adjacent to a number of schools in the area i.e. Corduff, Ballinagearn, Blackstaff, will this council look again at applying to the department for funding to put these measures in place in the interest of road safety as the response to this question I raised at the September meeting was not satisfactory?*

Response:

The Clar programme has now reopened after being closed from 2009. Measure 1 of the programme will consider funding safety packages for Schools/Community Facilities. The

Municipal District is currently assessing sites within the Municipal District and it is planned that a funding application will be made to the Clar 2016 programme.

#### **8. Notice of Motions**

The following Notices of Motion were proposed:

The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. McNally and unanimously agreed:

*"That this MD calls on the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, to make sure that the IDA and Enterprise Ireland prioritises County Monaghan to negate the possible negative impact of Brexit."*

The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. McNally and unanimously agreed:

*"That this council puts the historical and current names of the streets of Carrickmacross at the end of each street."*

The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr. McNally seconded by Cllr. O'Hanlon and unanimously agreed:

*"In light of the weakness of Sterling, that this MD call on all members of the public, to shop in our two towns in order to secure local jobs. "*

#### **9. Directors Orders**

The Directors orders 50/2016 to 59/2016 attached to the Agenda were noted.

#### **10. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations**

##### **Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:**

Packie Jone (Former Councillor) on death of Ann Jones  
Noel Rooney on the death of his mother

##### **Votes of Congratulations were passed with each of the following:**

Donaghmoyne Football Club on their Championship success  
Carrickmacross Emmetts on winning the minor hurling championship  
Blackhill Football Club on winning the junior championship  
Jim Gartlan on the award for Civic building in Carrickmacross  
Carrick Arts Festival on the award for Ireland's smallest festival

#### **11. Any Other Business**

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. McNally and agreed by all.

*"that the Municipal District calls on Minister for Jobs Mary Mitchell O'Connor to meet the members in relation to the Bose Factory facility" CC All TD's for the constituency and senators"*

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. McNally and agreed by all.

*“that a letter be sent to the Taoiseach Enda Kenny asking him for his reasons why he will not appoint a Minister for Brexit as a result of the referendum in the U.K. to leave the European Union”.*

*copy of the letter to be sent to all County Councils and Municipal Districts , leaders of opposition and non party gatherings.*

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr O Hanlon seconded by Cllr Campbell and agreed by all

*“When the meeting with Minister for Jobs Mary Mitchell O’Connor and the local Minister Heather Humphries , Local TD’s Local Senators, that Paul Clifford and Frances Matthews attend the meeting and give a presentation on broadband within the County of Monaghan”*

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr Mc Nally and seconded by Cllr O Hanlon:-

*“to call on the Transport Infrastructure Ireland to adopt a policy were all junctions on the N2 will have proper right and left turning lanes as necessary and until this road is upgraded similar to the section between Ashbourne and Dublin “*

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr O’ Hanlon seconded by Cllr. Mc Nally and agreed by all

*“That the Municipal District re-instate the historical names on the street with current names to assist people seeking ancestors in Carrickmacross”*

- The Engineer advised Cllr. Crowe that works on the footpaths between Rosevale and Knocktornagh were currently being advertised on LA quotes.
- Cllr Carthy informed the meeting that the Coolderry road 10 tonne weight restrictions last date for submission is 5<sup>th</sup> November .
- Cllr Crowe requested that when the report for the Annaghdrummond road is complete that the Councillors will be consulted.
- Cllr Mc Nally informed the meeting that the Housing Part 8 plans were available to view at the Iontas Centre Castleblayney . Cllr Mc Nally requested that Lorcan Mac Cionna Housing Section Monaghan County Council attend the next meeting and give a presentation regarding Housing in the Carrickmacross - Castleblayney Municipal District.

Meeting concluded at 12:30 p.m.

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**Meetings Administrator**

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016.