Minutes of Meeting of the Ballinamore Municipal District held on Monday 23rd November at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Leitrim County Council.

Members present: Councillor Paddy O’Rourke  
Councillor Martin Kenny  
Councillor Brendan Barry  
Councillor Gerry Dolan  
Councillor Caillian Ellis

Apologies: Councillor John McCartin

Officials Present: Mr. John McKeon, Head of Finance.  
Mr. Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer.  
Ms. Ann Warnock, Meetings Administrator.  
Mr. Philip Delamere, Arts Officer.  
Ms. Jacqueline Logan, Clerical Officer, South Leitrim District Office.

In the absence of Councillor John McCartin the meeting was chaired by Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Paddy O’Rourke.

BMD/15/136  
23/11/15  
**Deimhniu Miontuairisci**

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Gerry Dolan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of Ballinamore Municipal District held in Meeting Room, Ballinamore Library, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim on Tuesday 27th October 2015 be adopted”.

BMD/15/137  
23/11/15  
**To receive presentation from Mr. Philip Delamere, Arts Officer**

Mr. Philip Delamere, Arts Officer with Leitrim County Council thanked the members for the opportunity of speaking to them on Leitrim Arts Strategy 2012 – 2017. Philip gave an overview of the Arts Office Programmes and the Leitrim Arts Strategy 2012 – 2017 which appear as **Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book**.

Councillor Paddy O’Rourke thanked Philip for his presentation and invited questions from the members.
Councillor Martin Kenny thanked Philip for his presentation and referred to the development of the Creative Framework, especially in the area of gaming and software development, and that more work needs to be done in this area including improved broadband.

Councillor Kenny also welcomed the implementation of a programme for utilising vacant spaces as temporary artists’ studios and temporary galleries. He stated that this was a good initiative which has been done in other areas.

Councillor Brendan Barry welcomed the direct support to artists in order to enable them to develop new work and to continue their professional development.

Councillor Paddy O’Rourke congratulated the teachers and Students of St. Hugh’s N.S. in Dowra on the launch of their book “GAA Scrapbook of Regrets.” He stated that it was a remarkable achievement as 90% of people contacted from all over the country responded to requests and questions.

Councillor O’Rourke also stated that ICBAN will have a fund next year in relation to the Arts. A population of 50,000 is necessary to benefit from the project but towns from adjoining counties can come together and submit a project. The competition will be open to all 27 EU member states.

BMD/15/138
23/11/15 Correspondence
Letter from Leo Varadkar’s Office, Minister for Health

Councillor Martin Kenny stated that the correspondence received from Minister Leo Varadkar’s office was only an acknowledgement to the letter issued by the members of Ballinamore Municipal District which stated that “the matter has been referred to the Health Service Executive to reply to directly”. The problems still remain at St. Patrick’s hospital, Carrick on Shannon. The restoration of the 5 day Nurse led service is absolutely necessary and he proposed that a letter would issue to Frank Morrison in the HSE requesting an update on this matter.

It was agreed by members that a letter would issue to Mr. Frank Morrison of the HSE in this regard.

Letter from Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport

Councillor Paddy O’Rourke stated that the Minister is aware that it is not practicable to take monies from discretionary funding in order to carry out works such as LIS or Community Involvement Schemes.

Councillor Martin Kenny stated that the pilot Community Involvement Scheme should be reinstated on a permanent basis.
Councillor Brendan Barry queried as to why the Community Involvement Scheme was withdrawn especially when it was so successful in Leitrim.
Mr. Shay O’Connor, Senior Engineer stated that funding was the main reason that it was withdrawn and that it worked well in most counties. He informed the members that the Council has been advised that when preparing road works programme for the next three years these must be kept at 2015 level and that no additional funding will be available in the coming years.

Part 1 – Notices of Motion

BMD/15/139
23/11/15
Road L-13431-0
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

“I propose that Leitrim County Council carry out works on road L13431-0 between Drumgownagh and Curraghnawall, Corraleehan, Ballinamore as it is badly in need of resurfacing”.

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Routine maintenance will be undertaken as necessary”.

BMD/15/140
23/11/15
Traffic Calming measures in Cloone Village
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny;

“I propose that Leitrim county Council put traffic calming measures in place in Cloone Village as traffic moves very fast along the road past the School, Community Centre and Church. This is a very necessary piece of work that requires attention”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The situation in the village will be assessed to determine the necessity for traffic calming measures. It will be necessary to source funding in order for any works to be undertaken”.

Councillor Martin Kenny stated that the school children carried out a project last year which highlighted the need for something to be done at this location to slow down traffic and make it safer.

BMD/15/141
Drumshanbo/Ballinaglera - Community Employment Scheme
23/11/15
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brendan Barry;
“I request that Drumshanbo/Ballinaglera Community Employment Scheme be sufficiently funded, so that they can carry out grass cutting and litter picking duties for the entire season of 2016.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Leitrim County Council does not provide funding to Community Employment Schemes.”

Councillor Gerry Dolan also supported the motion stating that funding should be put in place to enable the group carry out necessary works.

Shay O’Connor acknowledged the work carried out by these schemes but stated that they are a separate entity and while both work together they cannot be funded by the Council.

BMD/15/142
23/11/15

Footpath to Naomh Brid housing estate, Drumcong

To Consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brendan Barry;

“I request that Leitrim County Council provide a footpath from the main road R210 up to Naomh Brid housing estate in Drumcong.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“A scheme design and cost estimate will be prepared for the footpath requested. It will be necessary to identify a source of funding to enable any works to be undertaken”.

Councillor Brendan Barry stated that there are approximately 40 houses in the estate with no footpath from main road into the estate.

Councillor Gerry Dolan also supported this motion.

BMD/15/143
23/11/15

Land slippages along Canal

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Ciallían Ellis

“I propose that Leitrim County Council write to Waterways Ireland seeking to have the land slippages which have occurred along numerous parts of the canal put back in place and have the trees and shrubbery cut back.”

Proposed by Councillor Gerry Dolan, seconded by Councillor Paddy O’Rourke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That correspondence issue to Waterways Ireland requesting that the land slippages which have occurred along parts of the Ballinamore/Ballyconnell Canal be put back in place and that the trees and shrubbery be cut back”
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Ciallian Ellis

“I propose that works be carried out where there is depression in the far wall as you enter the car park behind AIB in Ballinamore.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The situation at the car park will be assessed and remedial works undertaken as necessary”.

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke

“I ask that the surfacing of corners along road No. LT15112 in townland of Sunnagh More be carried out along with some patching. A small amount of work on this road would halt the further deterioration of an important link road.

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Routine maintenance will be undertaken as necessary”.

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy O'Rourke

“I call upon Leitrim County Council to deal with, once and for all, the ongoing surfacing problems on road No. LT55651 at Druminchin of which was not of the residents making but rather that of private contractors working on behalf of Irish Water.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Irish Water will be notified of the problems and requested to have necessary repairs undertaken”. Councillor Paddy O’Rourke asked why Irish Water did not have to apply for a road opening licence to carry out metering works, when other contractors have to apply and have all the necessary insurances and documentation in place before the licence issues.

Shay O’Connor stated that the legislation was changed for the Irish Water metering project and that a road opening licence was not required to carry out this work.

Mr. John McKeon stated that Irish Water were in the process of developing a protocol for dealing with road openings in the future.
Traffic Calming at St. Patrick’s N.S. Drumshanbo

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan

“I call on this Council to put in place more traffic calming measures outside St. Patrick’s National School, Drumshanbo to make it safer for children, parents and teachers during school hours before there is a serious accident there.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The situation at the school will be assessed to determine the necessity for traffic calming measures. It will be necessary to source funding in order for any works to be undertaken.”

Councillor Brendan Barry supported this motion.

Mr. Shay O’Connor informed the meeting that an inventory of all such lights around the County will be carried out and a report prepared for submission to the SPC.

Works on Corderay – Drumshanbo Road.

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Dolan

“I ask this Council to have repair works carried out on the Corderay, Drumshanbo road passing Healy’s and English’s”.

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Routine maintenance will be undertaken as necessary”.

Any Other Business

1. Recent road works at Dowra

Councillor Gerry Dolan pointed out problems which resulted from works been carried out in Dowra recently. The company responsible for traffic management on the works employed staff who were not familiar with the area and people were diverted via Drumkeerin and Swanlinbar which added to their journey. He stated that diversion signs should have been in place.

Shay O’Connor stated that Leitrim County Council is legally obliged to divert traffic via roads which have a similar classification i.e. diversion from a regional road has to be via an alternative regional road.

Councillors Brendan Barry and Gerry Dolan together with all other members expressed their congratulations to St. Hugh’s National School on the launch of their book “Scrapbook of Regrets”. The pupils wrote to GAA football legends asking them to list their three greatest regrets from their careers in the game. Their replies were published in the book alongside photographs, match programme excerpts and newspaper cuttings relating to their regrets.

Signed:  
Councillor John McCartin  
Cathaoirleach,  
Ballinamore Municipal District

Signed:  
Ann Warnock  
Meetings Administrator

Date:  21\textsuperscript{st} December 2015