Minutes of Meeting of the Ballinamore Municipal District held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 11:00am in the Meeting Room, Ballinamore Library, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.

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, A/Head of Finance.
Ms. Ann Warnock, Meetings Administrator.
Mr. Michael Flynn, District Engineer, South Leitrim District.
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/15/122
27/10/15 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 29th September 2015 be adopted”.

BMD/15/123
27/10/15 To consider Speed Limit Bye Laws for Housing Estates in the Ballinamore Municipal District.

Report from the Senior Engineer, Infrastructure on the Speed Limit Bye Laws in Housing Estates was noted by the Members. This proposal will now come before the November Council meeting for approval. Copy of Report appears as Appendix I to these Minutes in the Minute Book

BMD/15/124
27/10/15 To Consider the General Municipal Allocation for the Ballinamore Municipal District in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 (4A)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.
Mr. John McKeon, Head of Finance outlined the draft Budgetary Plan 2016 as it relates to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA). Report on Budget 2016 process and General Municipal Allocations as circulated to the members appears as Appendix II to the minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book. This allocation is the discretionary funding which is made available to the municipal district members for allocation in the draft budgetary plan.

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Brendan Barry AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED;

“That the General Municipal Allocation for the Ballinamore Municipal District be adopted”

Part 1 – Notices of Motion

BMD/15/125
27/10/15

Waterways Ireland

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Cailillan 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”.

BMD/15/126
27/10/15

Keshcarrigan Village

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Cailillan Ellis;

“I propose that Leitrim county Council carry out repairs on the bridge in Keshcarrigan Village”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The Bridge in question will be examined to determine what works may be necessary. It will be necessary to identify a source of funding to enable any works to be undertaken”.

BMD/15/127
27/10/15

Road Markings

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

“I propose that Leitrim County Council raise the issue of standard of work done and service provided by whatever company laid the road markings in the area over the last few weeks. Since road markings are seen by all who visit or pass through the area, it is unacceptable to have such unsightly and unprofessional work destroying the image of our environment and this council. Some of the newly laid markings are tantamount to graffiti. With modern cars featuring safety assists which read road markings, we need to assess whether or not there is a risk to the safety of road users or an increased liability to the council arising from this matter.”
Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The contractor has been advised of the inadequacy of some sections of the work done. He has undertaken to remediate sections of road markings as necessary.”

BMD/15/128
27/10/15 Bridge at Fohera Lane

To Consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John McCartin;

“It is my understanding that Leitrim County Council is responsible for Fohera Lane as far as the bridge and that from the bridge on is in private ownership. As the bridge appears to be structurally unsound, I propose that Leitrim County Council engage with local residents with a view to assessing the extent of and sharing the costs of any repairs necessary.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The bridge in question is not the responsibility of Leitrim County Council”.

BMD/15/129
27/10/15 Convex Mirrors

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brendan Barry

“I request that Leitrim County Council place convex mirrors opposite the L-42941 beside St. Hugh’s National School, Ballinaglera, the L-14871 in Longstone, Ballinamore and that affordable convex mirrors and guidance be made available to residents on private lanes.”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“It is not the policy of Leitrim County Council to provide mirrors at road junctions”.

Mr. Michael Flynn, District Engineer stated that following advice from the NRA the use of convex mirrors is not encouraged as they are not seen as being a solution to having correct sight lines.

BMD/15/130
27/10/15 Roads at Annadale

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brendan Barry

“I request that the deep depressions on the L3356 Annadale to Kennedy’s Cross and L3355 Annadale to Castlefore roads be filled and made safe”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Routine maintenance will be undertaken as necessary.”
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Kenny

“I am proposing that Ballinamore Municipal District call on the Government to put additional resources into the health services in this region. The proposed downgrading of the day care services in St. Patrick’s Carrick on Shannon is a travesty that must be stopped. St. Patrick’s is used by a lot of elderly people from this area due to its medical centered approach. The difficulty in getting acceptable levels of home help is also causing great stress to many older people and people with disabilities.

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Brendan Barry AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That correspondence issue to the Minister for Health requesting that the Government put additional resources into the health service in this region to ensure that essential services are maintained”.

Community Involvement Schemes/Local Improvement Schemes

“I am proposing that Ballinamore Municipal District call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to reinstate the Community Involvement Schemes for cul de sac public roads and the Local Improvement Schemes for private lanes being used by more than two people. The Community Involvement Scheme made great progress in the year it was in place and many more of these types of roads could be strengthened and resurfaced if it was brought back. There are hundreds of laneways on the list ready to go if the Local Improvement Scheme was funded by government”

Proposed by Councillor Martin Kenny, seconded by Councillor Brendan Barry AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That correspondence issue to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport requesting that the Government reinstate the Community Involvement Schemes for cul de sac public roads and provide government funding for Local Improvement Schemes for private lanes “.

Lights at Fenagh National School

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

“I call on this Council to have extra lights erected at Fenagh School for the safety of children on the dark mornings and evenings.”
Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The public lighting at Fenagh will be examined to determine if it meets the required lighting standards”.

BMD/15/134
27/10/15        Road No. LT15885 & LP1587 at Beaghbeg, Carrigallen

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

“I ask that Leitrim County Council carry out the promised works at the junction of road LT15885 and road LP1587 at Beaghbeg, Carrigallen, to prevent the danger and inconvenience experienced last winter by residents on them, as a result of flooding (water flowing down the road LP11587 and accumulating at the junction) which was further exasperated when frozen posing a major risk”

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“Remedial works will be undertaken to resolve drainage problem at this location. These works will be undertaken when the current year’s road works programme is complete.”

BMD/15/135
27/10/15        Overflow at treatment works at Clooncorrick.

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

“I ask that water and sewerage department of the Council take action regarding the overflow from the treatment works at Clooncorrick which is causing hardship and loss of earnings for the adjoining landowner. There has been many requests to have this resolved”.

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

“The Water Services Department will submit an Assets Needs Brief to Irish Water to have some limited drainage works carried out around the perimeter of the site of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Clooncorrick”.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:
Councillor Paddy O’Rourke
Leas Cathaoirleach,
Ballinamore Municipal District

Signed:
Ann Warnock
Meetings Administrator

Date: 23rd November 2015