Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in the HSE Offices, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 20th November, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

Members Present: Councillor Mary Bohan
Councillor Justin Warnock
Councillor Padraig Fallon
Councillor Felim Gurn
Councillor Sean McDermott

And Councillor Frank Dolan, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

Officials Present: Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing, Corporate, Cultural and Emergency Services
Mr. Padraig MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office.
Ms Stephanie McCabe, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

MMD 17/187
24/10/2017

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Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Justin Warnock and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That the Minutes of the Manorhamilton Municipal District held in HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 16th October, 2017 be adopted.”

MMD 17/188
24/10/2017

Part 8 Dromahair Greenway Loop

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Padraig Fallon and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED.

MMD 17/189
24/10/2017

Correspondence

Letter from Saolta regarding Our Lady’s Hospital Manorhamilton

Councillor Mary Bohan stated that she was totally dissatisfied with the response received in relation to service provided by CareDoc for out of office medical calls from 6pm to 8am daily from Our Lady’s Hospital, Manorhamilton which was just confirming the service that’s provided. She stated it was essential for Sligo/North Leitrim to have their own Doctor and the current service was putting too much pressure on nursing staff. She is calling on the HSE to provide a Doctor on call. No explanation was given by the HSE and she hopes that this is not another sign of downgrading Our Lady’s Hospital. She is calling another campaign by all Councillors regarding the inadequate service provided. She proposed that an invitation be issued to the HSE to attend a meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District. All members have expressed their concerns regarding the response and supported the proposal to request the HSE to attend a meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District.

Part 1 Notices of Motion
MMD 17/190
3. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;

"I propose that resurfacing works take place on R280 from Crowne’s Bridge to the L8280. Works are also required on the L8280."

*Report by Roads - General*

"These roads will be assessed and considered for inclusion on future road restoration programmes subject to priority."

The Area Engineer confirmed that money has been received from a road opening application and this will be used to carry out repair works for the 600-700m section of road in early 2018.

MMD 17/191
4. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;

"I propose that works are carried out to deal with surface water on the R287 between the Junction at Cleen, Old Creamary and Dromahair."

*Report by Roads - General*

"In recent weeks there has been water leaks on the Tully Group Water Scheme which has resulted in a lot of water on the R287 in this area. These leaks have now been repaired."

Councillor Padraig Bohan stated that there is a lot of surface water in this area particularly beside the wall at the junction.

The Area Engineer advised that leaks were repaired in the last couple of weeks which should see an improvement at this location.

MMD 17/192
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I ask the Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Transportation and Environment, how many jobs were created and how many start-ups were funded in the Manorhamilton Municipal District in 2017?"

*Report by Economic Development*

"Under M1 Financial Supports in 2017, 8 Enterprises were in the Manorhamilton Municipal District. Of those 8, six were start up businesses and five jobs were created directly through Employment Grants with further job potential. LEO continues to operate the monthly Outreach Office from the Manor Hub. We have allocated 14 Trading Online Vouchers to date, with 3 going to businesses in the Manorhamilton Municipal District. New jobs created regarding previous interventions have not been calculated for 2017.

Manorhamilton is offered as a location for all LEO training supports depending on demand with continual involvement in the Redz and Town and Village programmes."

Councillor Warnock stated that there aren’t enough jobs in the Manorhamilton District with 130-150 school leavers every year and no jobs for them which is totally unsatisfactory.

Councillor Mary Bohan supported the motion and referred to the issue of broadband which needs to be addressed and impacts on students and people wishing to work from home. It was acknowledged that regular updates are provided to the Members in relation to broadband however it is a government issue and a broadband issue.

Councillor Felim Gurn stated that purpose built units are needed like a Food Hub or Enterprise Units.

Councillor Sean McDermott agreed that Broadband comes up at every meeting and is needed to
create jobs. He also agreed that Enterprise Units are required. Councillor Warnock proposed that the Head of the Local Enterprise Office and the Director of Services responsible for Economic Development attend a meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District to discuss job creation and broadband.

MMD 17/192
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to contact the HSE regarding leasing or purchasing the Old Dispensary in Kinlough. Due to the phenomenal growth in population in recent years and the large increase in local authority houses, it is imperative that the Council has a building to facilitate the growing demands of the people of Kinlough and Tullaghan areas."

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services
"The Council has currently no plans to accumulate unused property. However, should a local community or other organisation have any specific project ideas that would be relevant to this property the Council would be willing to engage in a predevelopment approach which would assist in identifying suitable external funding streams going forward."

Ms Mary Quinn advised that the priority at the moment is to enhance office accommodation in Manorhamilton which would enhance the provision of services for people in North Leitrim.

MMD 17/193
7. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"The road to the Community Football Pitch at St Osnatt's, Glencar from Lurganboy just after the house occupied by Finbarr Ryan is in a very poor state with regard to the road surface. I request that monies be allocated to repair same as soon as possible."

Report by Roads - General
"This road will be assessed and considered for inclusion on future road restoration programmes subject to priority."

Councillor Felim Gurn said that whilst alot of work has been done the last stretch is in poor condition and works are needed regarding signage, road surface and road edge. The motion was supported by Councillor Frank Dolan.

The Area Engineer acknowledged that this local road needs work and will be considered in next year's programme but there was no guarantee works would be done next year.

MMD 17/194
8. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"The road surface on the Ross Lane in Manorhamilton, after the entrance to St. Clare's Comprehensive School, is in urgent need of remedial action and requires resurfacing if it is not to deteriorate further."

Report by Roads - General
"This road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in future restoration improvement programmes subject to priority. Routine repairs continue be carried out in the short term."

The Area Engineer advised that routine maintenance works would be carried out. Whilst a grant is needed for this road, land would have to be forthcoming/acquired from local farmers in the area.
9. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"In order to assist foreign drivers visiting our county I propose that signage indicating driving is on the left-hand side of the road be erected at key locations."

Report by Roads - General
"There is merit in such a proposal. We would need to consider which locations are suitable as we do not want excess signage throughout the county. This matter can be considered by the Transportation SPC."

Councillor Frank Dolan confirmed that this Notice of Motion was prompted by a Tourist Operator. It was acknowledged that the matter is being referred to the SPC.

10. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to consider the purchase of some family housing in Dromahaire as there is nothing available at the moment."

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services
"Leitrim County Council are pursuing all opportunities to purchase housing in areas of need and should suitable properties become available in the Dromahaire area the Council will consider the purchase of same."

Councillor Frank Dolan stated there is no Local Authority accommodation for families in Dromahaire at the moment but there are houses for sale and enquired about the possibility of the Council purchasing some of these properties. Ms Mary Quinn confirmed all options for acquisitions will be reviewed having regard to demand in the area.

11. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"When does the Council propose to provide traffic calming measures at the entrance to Drumkeerin village on the Manorhamilton Road"

Report by Roads - General
"Traffic calming measures at this location along the R280 are desirable; however there is no funding in the 2017 programme to carry out these measures. Works of this nature are usually carried out under a Low Cost Safety Scheme. A traffic calming scheme will be included in our proposals for funding to the Department for 2018"

Councillor Mary Bohan stated the Manorhamilton side is particularly dangerous especially for walkers with cars coming from the Manorhamilton side travelling very fast. At a local business for petrol our diesel customer have to be directed out on the road by the proprietors.

Councillor Sean McDermott enquired about flashing signs with your speed displayed which can be very effective, however Mr Padraig Mac Shera confirmed that research shows that this type of warning sign is only effective for the first two months.

Mr Padraig MacShera agreed with Councillor Bohan and advised a Low Cost Funding Application has been submitted and Drumkeeran is included in the application.
12. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"What is the position regarding public lighting in the area known as the Back Lane in Drumkeerin. (Lugmeen)"

Report by Roads - General
"Most of the lights in this lane have not been taken in charge by this council. We have asked our lighting contractor to survey this lane. We will then report back on how to progress this matter."

Councillor Mary Bohan said that alot of people use this road and she had contacted Electric Skyline who said that they have no responsibility for these lights.

The Area Engineer advised that a survey of the public lighting in this area would be carried out in the short-term.

MMD 17/199
13. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"At the November Manorhamilton Municipal Meeting I will ask if the turns could be removed off the Ross Lane road, which is beyond St Clare's comprehensive School, Manorhamilton. This is a very busy road and it is very narrow."

Report by Roads - General
"The removal of these bends on Local Road L61761 at Ross Lane, Manorhamilton would be desirable. However agreement with land owners is required here and a source of funding would need to be identified in order to allow the works to be carried out."

MMD 17/200
14. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"Can I ask is it possible when Council houses are been allocated to clients that Councillors be made aware of the allocation. This procedure was in place in years gone by."

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services
"Leitrim County Council must comply with Data Protection Legislation and therefore are not in a position to give out such information."

Any Other Business

Ms. Mary Quinn advised that a Special Meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place immediately after the Budget Meeting on 5th December to consider funding proposed under the RAPID Programme.

Ms. Mary Quinn also advised that the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place in the HSE Offices, Manorhamilton on Monday 11th December, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 3.25pm.
Date: 20th November, 2017