Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in Áras an Chontae, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} January 2019 at 1.00pm

\textbf{Members Present:} Councillor Mary Bohan  
Councillor Frank Dolan  
Councillor Padraig Fallon  
Councillor Sean McDermott  
Councillor Justin Warnock  

And Councillor Felim Gurn, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

\textbf{Officials Present:} Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services  
Ms. Marie Mulligan, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office.  
Ms Sinead Flynn, Administrative Officer, Finance Department  
Ms Eilish McGovern, Acting Staff Officer, Finance Department  
Mr Kieran Brett, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services  
Ms. Stephanie McCabe, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

\textbf{MMD 19/1}  
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\textbf{Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:}

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District held in HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on 10\textsuperscript{th} December 2018 be adopted.”

\textbf{MMD 19/2}  
21/01/2019  Rate Collection Report for 2018

Ms Sinead Flynn gave an overview on the Rate Collection Report for 2018. The report as circulated to the Members appears as \textbf{Appendix 1} to the Minutes of the Meeting in the Minute Book.

Councillor Mary Bohan complimented Staff dealing with businesses in difficulty and all Members agreed that there was a fairer process now for paying debt.

Councillor Felim Gurn queried why the arrears in Carrick-on-Shannon were high compared to other Municipal Districts. Ms Sinead Flynn advised that the Carrick-on-Shannon area would have the largest number of businesses with a quicker turnaround of units. She also confirmed that some of these arrears are historic.

Councillor Padraig Fallon queried what was meant by Irrecoverable Debt. Ms Sinead Flynn confirmed that Irrecoverable Debt referred to debt which was outstanding over six years and in some cases it would not be cost effective to try to collect this debt.
Councillor Justin Warnock outlined his dissatisfaction with the letter from the HSE in relation to Home Support Service and outlined his view that the statements contained therein were untrue.

Councillor Mary Bohan requested that we again write to the National Monument Services, Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht in relation to the old church structure at Kilbride Cemetery and request works are carried out as soon as possible in the interest of health and safety. This was seconded by Councillor Padraig Fallon and agreed.

"I propose the installation of bus shelters in Drumkeeran. Contact should also be made with Local Link with regard to seeking support and establishing a site for shelters."

Report by Roads - General
"Contact has been made with the Local Link office and they have confirmed the following:
There are 5 Southbound (2 Bus Eireann and 3 Localink) and 7 northbound (2 Bus Eireann and 5 Locallink) departures from Drumkeeran each week.
The CLÁR programme provides funding for small scale infrastructural projects in disadvantaged rural areas the maximum funding available for the installation of a bus shelter is €25,000."

Ms Marie Mulligan sought clarification as to the number of shelters required. Councillor Padraig Fallon said it would be best to talk with the bus service providers. All members supported this motion.

"I propose that Leitrim County Council again contact the OPW with regard to works required to boundary wall at Creevelea Abbey Dromahair."

Report by Corporate Services Department
"Leitrim County Council has had discussions with the OPW regarding the boundary wall at Creevelea Abbey. The OPW have informed us the boundary wall is not part of the National Monument and therefore not their responsibility. We will investigate the matter further and discuss again with the OPW."

Councillor Padraig Fallon advised that some works have been carried out recently and these are welcome, however there are works outstanding.

Councillor Mary Bohan supported the motion and advised she received a similar reply from the OPW over a year ago. She also said that as the OPW are responsible for the Abbey they must take responsibility for the boundary wall too. She also queried the possibility of installation of cameras at this location as there has been instances where stone had been removed from the Abbey.
"At the Jan Meeting I will ask what progress has been made regarding the issue of providing burial space at Rossinver graveyard."

**Report by Roads - General**

"Archaeological Assessments have been undertaken on both sites: North/ lakeside site and the South site. I have been advised that no significant findings were uncovered during the assessment but await final report in February.
The Stage II Appropriate Assessment report should also be available for both the North and South sites in February.
Both Archaeological Assessments and Appropriate Assessments will be submitted with full planning applications to the Planning Authority in March/ April 2019. Once the planning applications have received approval and 4 weeks have elapsed construction works can commence."

**MMD 19/7**

"Can I ask if improvement works can take place in Mc Dermott's Terrace, Manorhamilton. Residents have been engaging with Leitrim County Council over the last number of years on issues such as damaged footpaths, dog fouling, stray cats and anti-social behaviour. The residents association wish to meet the council on these issues that have been raised."

**Report by Roads - General**

"In relation to dog fouling and stray cats the matter has been referred to Leitrim Animal Welfare. Cillian Costigan (Leitrim Animal Welfare Officer) will contact a member of the Resident's Association to assess the situation.

Leitrim County Council has an Anti-Social Behaviour policy which is issued to all tenants and the policy clearly sets out how any issues brought to the Council's attention are dealt with. All such incidents should be reported to the council in a timely manner in order for such matters to be investigated and acted upon accordingly. Should the Residents Association wish to meet the Council this can be arranged.

At McDermott Terrace approx 330m of footpath requires repair and installation of drop kerbs at an estimated cost of €50,000. As the cost of these works is substantial specific funding will have to be identified"

Members requested that a meeting with the Council and the Residents Association be organised as soon as possible with the elected members also invited to attend.

**MMD 19/8**

"I will ask the elected members for support in calling on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, TD. and the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, TD. to work together in providing Speech Therapy in our Primary and Post Primary Schools for children with special needs."
Councillor Warnock also requested that this motion is forwarded to other Local Authorities. This was seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott and agreed.

**MMD 19/9**  
21/01/2019  
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I will ask the Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Infrastructure Joseph Gilhooly to seek funding for upgrading the L2063, Gubacreeney road which links Kinlough to Tullaghan and the R280 to N15 in Leitrim on the Wild Atlantic Way. This road is the key to North Leitrim's Economic Development for tourism off the Wild Atlantic Way and therefore warrants investment."

**Report by Roads - General**

"The Department of Transport provides funding for upgrading of Strategic roads. These are usually Regional Roads. As discussed previously at this Municipal District, Leitrim County Council intends to apply for such funding to upgrade the Regional Road R280. This local road can be considered as part of this application."

Councillor Felim Gurn requested that a traffic counter be installed on this road. Ms Marie Mulligan District Area Engineer agreed to contact the Road Design Office in relation to same.

**MMD 19/10**  
21/01/2019  
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"Has an area been designated for a bus shelter in Dromahaire and what is the time frame for the erection of the bus shelter at this location?"

**Report by Roads - General**

"This bus shelter is now in place"

**MMD 19/11**  
21/01/2019  
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"The turn from the road after the new graveyard in Glencar going left towards McTaggart's house is very steep for vehicles trying to make the turn. Can anything be done to rectify this?"

**Report by Roads - General**

"The junction between the L 4138 (graveyard road) and the L 4139 (McTaggart’s road) is very acute and steep due to the contour of the surrounding land. The Council has examined this junction and will endeavour to identify a solution to improve the junction layout."

**MMD 19/12**  
21/01/2019  
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;

"What progress has been made by Leitrim Co Council regarding a range of issues raised by the McDermott Residents Association in Manorhamilton. The most serious issues raised is the very poor condition of the footpaths in the estate."
Report by Roads - General
"At McDermott Terrace approx 330m of footpath requires repair and installation of drop kerbs at an estimated cost of €50,000.

As the cost of these works is substantial specific funding will have to be identified"

Members requested that a meeting with the Council and the Residents Association be organised as soon as possible and elected members to be invited to attend.

MMD 19/13
21/01/2019 To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Bohan;
"What is the current position regarding the taking in charge of The Acres and Forest Grove estates in Dromahair."

Report by Planning
"With regard to The Acres estate, the Council acknowledges the residents request to take this estate in charge. As the estate is not fully completed the Council has had to make a claim against the Bond that remains attached to this development. The claim is currently progressing and a firm of engineers has been appointed to prepare a costed Sited Resolution Plan. As a Bond expires on the taking in charge of an estate, the process cannot be finalised until such time as the claim against the Bond is fully settled.

In relation to the Forest Grove estate, the Council has received a valid taking in charge application. The assessment of this application is at an advanced stage, however, there are some significant outstanding works that still await completion by the Receiver to the Company. In the event that this is not progressed the Council will consider a claim on the Bond and/or enforcement action. In the event that a Bond claim becomes necessary then, as stated above, the taking in charge cannot progress until the claim is fully settled."

Councillor Mary Bohan acknowledged the great work done by the enforcement team and whilst the Council finalise these applications as quickly as possibly she highlighted the delays with receivers and developers which is very unfair on residents living in the estate. The Receivers and Developers appear to be dragging their heels.

All members support this motion.

MMD 19/14
21/01/2019 To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;
"As a result of a large pile-up and unsightly scene over the past week, I ask are there enough bottle banks in Dromahaire to cater for the volume, or is the contractors collection rota frequent enough."

Report by Head of Finance & Water Services
"The period after Christmas is a peak period for all bottle banks sites nationally. Leitrim County Council engage with a service contractor to service the bottle bank sites on a monthly basis and also on an ad-hoc basis outside of the regular schedule. In the lead up to Christmas, bring bank sites were closely monitored and additional empties were carried out. A media campaign was also in place advising customers how to recycle
responsibility during the Christmas season. Dromahaire Bring Bank Site has been serviced on Wednesday morning 9th January 2019 and this has been confirmed following a Bring Bank Site inspection. Notices are in place at the bottle bank sites advising that leaving recyclable items and other waste at the bring banks is a littering offence. There are 40 no. Bottle bank sites in Leitrim and the County is adequately catered for in this respect. Alternative options were available with bottle banks located in neighbouring towns and Manorhamilton Civic Amenity Site which was open during the weekends over Christmas."

Councillor Mary Bohan stated that the litter problem is getting worse instead of better especially on our country roads. She made an appeal to the public through the media to stop littering and bring their rubbish home with them. Councillor Justin Warnock said that mobile cameras are not working and permanent cameras should be installed at all sites. All members supported this motion.

**MMD 19/15 21/01/2019 To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frank Dolan;**

"I ask are plans in place to start work on the foot path leading to the community park in Dromahaire. My understanding is that all the necessary funding is now in place."

**Report by Roads - General**

"The Council are engaging with the contractor and service providers to progress this work in early 2019."

**Any Other Business**

Ms. Mary Quinn informed the Members that the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District will be on Monday 18th February 2019.

It was also agreed with Members that there would be no Municipal District Meeting in May due to the Local Elections.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: ___________________________ SIGNED: ___________________________
Councillor Felim Gurn Mr Kieran Brett
Cathaoirleach, Manorhamilton Administrative Officer
Municipal District Manorhamilton

Date: 18th February 2019