Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in Meeting Room No. 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton on Monday 18th July, 2016.

Members Present: Councillor Frank Dolan
Councillor Padraig Fallon
Councillor Felim Gurn
Councillor Sean McDermott

And Councillor Justin Warnock, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

Apologies: Councillor Mary Bohan

Officials Present: Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services
Mr. Padraic MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office.
Mr. Shay O’Connor, A/Director of Services, Planning, Environment & Economic Development.
Ms Sinead Flynn, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services

MMD 16/99
18/07/16

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Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Felim Gurn and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District held in Meeting Room No. 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 20th June, 2016 be adopted.”

Part 1 – Notice of Motions

MMD 16/100
18/07/16

Proposed Parke’s Castle Walk-Way

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;

"I propose that this Municipal and Leitrim County Council on its behalf make contact with Sligo County Council with a view to exploring the possibility of a walk along the shores of Lough Gill from Parkes Castle to the Lay-by R286 Sligo side of Parkes Castle."


Leitrim County Council will contact Sligo County Council with regard to this proposal.

MMD 16/101
18/07/16

Storm Drainage System

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Padraig Fallon;
"I propose that an examination be carried out on the storm drainage system at Sheena Drumkeeran, in particular in the estate next to the National school."

The surface water network in this estate will be examined in the near future

MMD 16/102
18/07/16  Parking Spaces in Manorhamilton
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"Pending the adoption of the proposed new Traffic Management Plan for Manorhamilton by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (formerly the NRA) I call on the executive to liaise with them to ensure that there is no reduction in the number of parking places currently available in the area where the new traffic management plan is to be implemented."

The current proposal for the new traffic lights in Manorhamilton does not include any reduction in parking spaces at the junction. However as advised previously to this meeting this will be reviewed if the operation of the traffic lights is compromised by parking at this location. The lights are also being provided to ensure a safe crossing point for pedestrians at this busy junction. This Council is meeting the Manorhamilton Business Forum after this meeting to discuss this issue.

It was agreed to consider Motion No. 5 from Councillor Felim Gurn and Motion No. 12 from Councillor Sean McDermott concurrently as they relate to similar topics.

MMD 16/103
18/07/16  Grass Cutting
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"As there is considerable growth on the grass verges on the roads leading into the entrances to the towns within this Municipal District at this time of the year, I request that the executive allocate resources to ensure that the grass is cut on a regular basis."

Verge trimming is currently on going on our National Primary routes the N15 & N16 and on all of our Regional road junctions and targeted sections of our Regional road network, to improve visibility. Approaches to our towns will be completed when hedge cutters are in these areas.

MMD 16/104
18/07/16  Hedge cutting on Regional Roads
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"Can I ask when hedge cutting takes place this year on Regional Roads and I also request that more of the hedge be cut back. When the N16 was closed recently and traffic was diverted onto Regional
Roads there was problems with lorries getting caught in overhanging branches."

It was noted that landowners must also be held responsible for hedge-cutting on their land-holdings and in circumstances where landowners do not attend to this matter then the Council should be proceeding with the issuing of enforcement notices.

**Report by A/Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.**

Consideration can be given to this proposal subject to appropriate finance available to cover the cost. The matter of hedge-cutting is primarily the responsibility of the landowners concerned. The Roads Act 1993, Section 70 states that all landowners and occupiers of lands are responsible for the maintenance of all roadside hedges. Whilst we do try to alleviate the dangers along difficult sections of our roadways, if we were to engage in extensive hedge-cutting this would impact severely on actual carriage-way improvement works.

**MMD 16/105**

18/07/16  
**Speed Limit**

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to have the 50 KPH speed limit extended out further on Road No. R287 Sligo at Ardakip, Dromahair"

**Report by A/Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.**

This proposal can be considered as part of a County wide speed review scheduled for later this year.

**MMD 16/106**

18/07/16  
**Court House in Manorhamilton**

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

"I will ask Leitrim County Council to write to the Court Service to try to establish what plans, if any, are in place for the future use of the Court House in Manorhamilton."

**Report by A/Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.**

Leitrim County Council will contact the Court Service in this regard.

**MMD 16/107**

18/07/16  
**Proposed New Walkway and Cycleway in Manorhamilton**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to consider constructing the new walkway and cycleway to the new pitch in Manorhamilton, on council waste ground (grass verge) parallel to the R280. This route would be more direct and safer for walkers and cyclists, as the proposed route is on a 3.5 metre wide local road and is not fit for this purpose."
Leitrim County Council has prepared a Part 8 application to develop a cycleway from Manorhamilton to Boggaun. The closing date for submissions after an 8 week display period was Wednesday 13th July. A number of submissions have been received which are being considered. The Chief Executive will now prepare a report which will be presented to the September meeting of Leitrim County Council with a recommendation to proceed or not to proceed with the proposed development. The grass verge on the R280 after the local road junction is very narrow and it is felt that it is a safer option to use the local road instead.

MMD 16/108
18/07/16  Funding from Inland Fisheries Ireland
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;

"I ask Leitrim County Council to seek funding from Inland Fisheries Ireland to construct a fishing stand at Kinlough Pier. What is currently there is totally inadequate to meet the needs of our young people who want to fish."

Leitrim County Council will contact Inland Fisheries Ireland in this regard.

MMD 16/109
18/07/16  Repair of Bridge Wall in Derryhemrick, Rossinver
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"Can I ask if the side wall of a bridge in the townland of Derryhemrick in Rossinver not far from Fowley's Falls can be repaired. The side wall of this bridge has toppled into the river and is very dangerous."

The parapet wall on the bridge in question along local road L2107 will be repaired when labour resources are available.

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It was agreed to defer Councillor Mary Bohan’s Notice of Motion for consideration at the next Municipal District Meeting.

Other Business

Census Data 2016
- Councillor Justin Warnock expressed his concern in relation to the figures recently published for Census 2016. He outlined that the data indicated that many towns and villages in North Leitrim have experienced a population decline since the 2011 Census. Councillor Warnock
proposed that the Chief Executive and Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation attend a meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District in September/October 2016 in order to discuss the matter.

- Councillor Padraig Fallon also expressed his concern in relation to de-population in Drumkeerin and he specifically referred to the number of vacant dwellings in the village.

The Members unanimously supported the proposal to request the Director of Services and the Chief Executive attend an upcoming meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District.

Ms. Mary Quinn agreed to bring this request to the Management Team.

**Vote of Sympathy**

- The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Paddy Doyle R.I.P, former County Manager of Leitrim County Council.

**Date and time of the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting.**

Ms. Mary Quinn informed the Members that the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place on Monday 19th September, 2016 in Meeting Room 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim at 2.30pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 4pm.

**SIGNED:**

Councillor Justin Warnock  
Cathaoirleach, Manorhamilton Municipal District

SIGNED:

Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator

19th September, 2016