Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in Meeting Room No. 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton on Monday 20th June, 2016

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

And Councillor Justin Warnock, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

Officials Present: Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Corporate Services
Mr. Padraic MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office.
Ms. Paula Farrell, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

MMD 16/87
20/06/16

Deimhniu Miontuairisci
Proposed by Councillor Felim Gurn, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott 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 16th May, 2016 be adopted.”

Part 1 – Notice of Motions

MMD 16/88
20/06/16

Public Lighting Clooneen Park Estate

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

"I ask that an extra public light be installed at the entrance to Clooneen Park Estate. A number of resident's have complained about how dark it is at this point."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Leitrim County Council will arrange to have Electric Skyline carry out an assessment of the situation on the ground."

MMD 16/89
20/06/16

Grass and Hedge Trimming Carrick Temple Graveyard

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

"I ask that grass and hedge trimming be carried out on the corner at the entrance to Carrick Temple Graveyard. The road is narrow at best but is now almost closed because of overgrowth.”
Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Arrangements will be made to have this entrance to this burial ground verge trimmed in the near future"

Councillor Frank Dolan acknowledged that this junction is cut every year, however, he explained that the problem at this junction relates to a hedge on private owned land which is overgrown and affecting visibility. Mr. Padraig MacShera advised that he was not familiar with this area but he agreed to review the matter to establish ownership of the land.

MMD 16/90
20/06/16
Safety Rail/Fencing Play Area Drumkeerin

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

"I propose that a safety rail/fencing be erected at the play area outside Drumkeerin on the R280."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"The amenity/green area located adjacent to the R280 on the southern approach to Drumkerran village includes a viewing point, car parking and an enclosed playground area for children. The erection of fencing along the R280 would detract from the excellent views available to passing traffic and it would not be recommended"

Councillor Padraig Fallon suggested that a chain link fence would not interfere with the view at this location, he also expressed his concern that the gate from the play area opens out onto the section that is closest to the road and he queried if the gate could be moved to the other side. Councillor Bohan supported this proposal.

Mr. Padraig MacShera explained that a single line of fence would not fulfil any purpose. He outlined that the playground is well fenced off and that a pathway runs from the playground to the town. Mr MacShera agreed to meet Councillor Fallon and Councillor Bohan onsite at this location to discuss the matter further.

MMD 16/91
20/06/16
Parke’s Castle Dromahair

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

"I propose that Leitrim County Council contact the OPW seeking that lighting be restored at Parke’s Castle, Dromahair."

Proposed by Councillor Padraig Fallon, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

'That Leitrim County Council contact the OPW seeking that lighting be restored at Parke’s Castle, Dromahair."

MMD 16/92
20/06/16
National Park Status

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;
"I will ask Leitrim County Council with the support of my fellow Councillors to apply for National Park Status for the Manorhamilton Municipal area from the sea at Tullaghan to Tarmon Bridge. This is an area of unspoilt outstanding natural beauty, with its mountains, glens, rivers, lakes, coastline and heritage. This would be the first in the Republic that would include towns, villages, farms and businesses and would sustain and grow employment opportunities for the people of this Municipal District."

Councillor Sean McDermott supported the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Mary Bohan complimented Councillor Warnock on putting this together, she proposed that the matter needs further exploration before a decision could be made on it, she suggested looking at area’s that have already been established e.g. Lake District, Glens of Antrim to see what the implications were for people living in that area, with regard to planning etc.

Councillor Dolan supported Councillor Bohan’s suggestion and expressed his concern at the affect it may have on planning.

Councillor Felim Gurn agreed that some form of National Status be identified for the North West area as a tourism product and for promoting the region. Councillor Padraig Fallon agreed the matter should be given further consideration.

Ms. Mary Quinn agreed to research the matter and requested that Councillor Warnock share the information he had gathered already.

**MMD 16/93**

**20/06/16**  
**30km Speed Limit**

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

"I ask the Director of Services for Roads and Infrastructure as a matter of urgency to ask his counterpart in Donegal County Council to have a 30km speed limit introduced on the approach to Lennox's from Bundoran in the interest of road safety."

*Report by Senior Engineer, Roads*

"Leitrim County Council will contact Donegal County Council as requested"

**MMD 16/94**

**20/06/16**

It was agreed that Motion No. 8 and No.9 in the name of Councillor Sean McDermott would be dealt with at the same time as they relate to the same subject.

**Back Filling**

*To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;*

"Can I ask Leitrim County Council to back fill the side of the road in the townland of Loughaphonta, Kiltyclogher, which is on the R283 between Manorhamilton and Kiltyclogher. There are several locations along this stretch of roadway that are very dangerous for motorists."
Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The regional road R283 runs between the junction of the N16 at Moneenshinagh and Kiltyclogher village and is approximately 9km long. It varies in width of between 6m to just over 5m at its narrow points. There are numerous locations where there are limited margins adjacent to the road edge and they fall off steeply. The cost of raising these margins and piping drains would be excessive. It is proposed to define the road edge by installing road edge markings over its entire length which will inform motorists of the extent of the hard surface."

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McDermott;

"I am asking Leitrim County Council to have a look at the Cornmore Road, Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim. This is the local road that leads to the Homestead of Sean Mac Diarmada. Motorists have come to me regarding the drop off from the edge of the roadside, this has happened since the road was upgraded."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"This local road L6197 has been overlaid with a depth of between 50-80mm of Dense Bitumen Macadam for approx 4.5km. All entrances off this road to fields, and dwellings will be filleted out with stone in the coming weeks which will greatly improve passing out locations along the road. It is not practical to fill out all road edges as there are no margins in places to hold fill material. Warning signs can be erected to indicate no verge at suitable locations"

Councillor Sean McDermott expressed his concern at the danger to people driving adjacent to these roads, especially with the growth of grass making it impossible to see what is at the road edge.

Mr. Padraig MacShera advised that the main problem is that motorists are not slowing down to pass out and this is causing them to go onto the verge. He agreed to put the following measures in place: to mark the edge of the roadway, to back fill one or two isolated locations, entrances that were raised due to roadwork’s will be filled with stone and signage regarding the road edge will be put in place.

MMD 16/95

20/06/16 ATM Manorhahilton

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"For the past two Bank Holiday weekends the only 24 hour Automated Teller Machine (ATM) facility in the Manorhamilton Municipal Area has broken down on each Friday evening. Serving a population of approximately 10,000 people and with a traffic throughput of an average 5,000 vehicles on a holiday weekend, it is scandalous that people are left without this vital service. We call on the two remaining banks located in Manorhamilton - Bank of Ireland and Allied Irish Banks to install an alternative ATM facility and to ensure that as soon as they are alerted to a malfunction that they rectify the problem without delay."

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

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alternative ATM facility and to ensure that as soon as they are alerted to a malfunction that they rectify the problem without delay."

**MMD 16/96**  
**Drumlease Estate, Dromahair**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"Can the Executive advise when they will be in a position to carry out the remedial works at Drumlease Estate, Dromahair as discussed at previous meetings?"

*Report by Senior Executive Officer, Housing*

"The estate management works programme agreed at a previous Municipal District meeting will be commenced in the coming weeks."

Ms. Mary Quinn advised that she had visited the estate earlier that day with the Clerk of Works. She confirmed that the agreed programme of works for the estate will commence in the coming weeks to include power washing, painting etc. Ms. Quinn outlined that there are a number of vacant dwellings in this estate, however, she advised that the refurbishment of these houses will be commencing soon and that when all the works are complete that the estate will be enhanced.

**MMD 16/97**  
**Road Sweeping Programme Drumkeeran**

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

"Will Drumkeeran village be included in the weekly road sweeping programme throughout the year?"

*Report by Senior Engineer, Roads*

"Drumkerran Village has been included on the Monthly rota for kerb sweeping throughout the year"

Mr. Padraig MacShera confirmed that the Road Sweeper will be in Drumkeeran Village every third Friday.

**MMD 16/98**  
**Littering and Illegal Dumping**

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

"What additional measures are proposed by Leitrim County Council to deal with littering and illegal dumping taking place throughout the county?"

*Report by Senior Engineer, Roads*

"After a period of Public consultation, The Draft Litter Management Plan for County Leitrim will be brought forward to the members at the July Council for adoption. Recent initiatives undertaken in a bid to combat roadside littering included placing a two Page Editorial in Leitrim Observer in April which both highlighted the littering problem, and showcased the good work done by volunteers. Interviews were also done on local radios in relation to the Adopt A Road and Adopt A Bring Bank initiatives. In relation to illegal dumping, there is a Leitrim County Council Hotline (1890 205 205) in place for the public to report illegal dumping. All instances reported are investigated and fines are
issued where perpetrators are identified. Furthermore where litter black-spots are identified, mobile CCTV is utilised. CCTV will be placed at a minimum of 6 locations and fines will be issued where offences are detected. Where illegal dumping occurs on private lands the land owner is issued with a notice to remove it. Failure to do this will result in legal action."

Councillor Mary Bohan requested that CCTV cameras be moved between the different Bring Centres, to catch those responsible for illegal dumping and make an example of them. This was supported by Councillor Sean McDermott who expressed his concern that organisations that permit authorised Charities to locate a Cloths Bank at their premises could be compromised as a result of illegal dumping. He also called for greater enforcement measures to be taken by Leitrim County Council against offenders.

Ms. Mary Quinn advised that the matter is listed for discussion at the July Council Meeting. She agreed to check that signs at bring banks have the Leitrim County Council Emergency Hotline number on them. Ms. Quinn outlined that in order for the Council to initiate enforcement proceedings that there has to be strong and real evidence.

**Other Business**

**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 18th July 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

18th July 2016