Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in the Community Centre
Kiltyclogher, on Monday 21st March, 2016

Members Present: Councillor Mary Bohan
Councillor Frank Dolan
Councillor Padraig Fallon
Councillor Felim Gurn
Councillor Justin Warnock

And Councillor Sean McDermott, Cathaoirleach of Manorhamilton Municipal District presiding

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, Senior Engineer
Ms. Sinead Flynn, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms. Sheena O’Dowd, Project Co-Ordinator, Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Project
Ms. Paula Farrell, Clerical Officer, Corporate Services

At the outset of the meeting the Cathaoirleach Councillor Sean McDermott paid tribute to the local community in Kiltyclogher for organising the recent St. Patrick’s Day parade which was a great success and attracted large numbers to the village. All of the Members also extended their congratulations to the people involved.

MMD 16/35

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Proposed by Councillor Felim Gurn, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District held in Meeting Room 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 15th February, 2016 be adopted.”

MMD 16/36

22/03/16 Report on Estate Management Grant Scheme for Local Authority Estates, 2016

Ms. Mary Quinn provided an over-view of a report on Leitrim County Council’s Estate Management Grant Scheme for Local Authority Estates, 2016. The report as circulated to the Members appears as Appendix 1 of the Minutes of the Meeting in the Minute Book.

Ms. Quinn outlined that it was proposed that the €2,000 funding available under the Estate Management Programme for the Manorhamilton Municipal District be directed to complete works in one estate rather than dividing the funding across a number of estates given the relatively low level of funding available. She proposed that the Drumlease Estate, Dromahaire would benefit from the funding in 2016.
Ms. Quinn also outlined that the Housing Department are exploring other options e.g. a painting scheme to assist with the physical appearance of dwellings in local authority estates. She outlined that funding under the Council’s Preventative Maintenance Programmes’ had in the past been directed at window and door replacement programmes and energy efficiency upgrades and that funding has never been available for the external painting of dwellings. Ms. Quinn outlined that the Council are anxious to support the work of the Tidy Town’s Committee’s and other community groups and that the Painting Scheme would be rolled out over a number of years to improve the physical appearance of dwellings and having regard to the Council’s limited financial resources.

The Members expressed their disappointment that the level of funding available was limited and stated that many estates would benefit from funding being provided for general estate works. It was agreed by all Members that the allocation of €2,000 be made available to carry out works in the Drumlease Estate, Dromahaire.

Proposed by Councillor Frank Dolan, seconded by Councillor Mary Bohan and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That €2,000 under the 2016 Estate Management Scheme be allocated to the Drumlease Estate, Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim.”

MMD 16/37
21/03/16 Report on Proposed Renaming Lower Main Street, Manorhamilton

Ms. Mary Quinn provided an overview in relation to the proposed renaming of Lower Main Street, Manorhamilton to Sráid Sheáin Mhic Dhiaramada. The report as circulated to the Members appears as Appendix 2 of the Minutes of the Meeting in the Minute Book.

The proposal on the proposed renaming of Lower Main Street, Manorhamilton was unanimously supported by the Members.

Ms. Sinead Flynn outlined that arrangements to conduct the Plebiscite will be progressed in early April, 2016. A discussion in relation to the wording of the signage also took place and it was agreed that the wording will be in Irish only as per the wording provided by the Local Historical Society. Councillor Felim Gurn stated that the Local Historical Society had an event planned for Sunday 29th May, 2016 to mark the re-naming of the street. Ms. Flynn confirmed that the Council are working towards this date to conduct the Plebiscite and to allow a reasonable time-frame for the provision of the signage by 29th May, 2016.

Councillor Justin Warnock requested that the R281 that goes from Kinlough through Kiltyclogher to Glenfarne should be re-named Bothar Sheáin Mhic Dhíaramada. Ms. Mary Quinn that the local authority have the legislative powers to change a street name, however, there is no provision for the local authority to change the name of a National Primary Road. Mr. Shay O’Connor outlined that consideration could be given to inserting the Irish wording under the R281 on the existing signage that is in place.
Mr. Shay O’Connor provided a detailed report on the allocation regarding damage to roads due to Severe Weather. The report as circulated to the Members appears as Appendix 3 of the Minutes of the Meeting in the Minute Book.

The Members thanked Mr. O’Connor for his report and they expressed their concern that the level of funding allocated for the repairs to roads arising to damage caused during the severe weather events was insufficient to carry out all of the necessary works. It was agreed to consider the Notice of Motions for Councillor Frank Dolan and Councillor Mary Bohan which relate to this matter.

**Flood Relief Works at Lough NaHoo, Dromahair**

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

"In view of the fact that Leitrim County Council has now received an allocation for flood damaged roads, I will propose that some of the allocation be spent on the road at Lough NaHoo in Dromahair. The people living in this area have suffered greatly over the last three or four months."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"See report discussed under item 4 of this meeting agenda"

Councillor Frank Dolan re-iterated his concern in relation to the danger to the public when this road is affected by flooding. He welcomed that funding will be directed at alleviating the problem and he acknowledged that the Area Engineer had made previous efforts to resolve the matter. Councillor Dolan concluded by stating that the road needs to be raised to provide a long-term solution.

**Flood Relief Works at Lough NaHoo, Dromahair**

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

"I propose that funding be provided as a matter of urgency under the flood relief programme to deal with serious road flooding at Lough Nahoo Dromahair."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"See report discussed under item 4 of this meeting agenda"

Councillor Mary Bohan supported the comments expressed by Councillor Frank Dolan and she requested the Area Engineer, Mr. Padraig MacShera to outline the proposed works for Lough Nahoo. Mr. Mac Shera explained that the Council must wait for the water levels to recede in June/July to raise the road margins and to put piping under the road. He outlined that the estimated cost of the works is approximately €50,000 to €60,000. Mr. MacShera also advised that the road is located in a flood plain and that a more permanent solution would be to pile drive the road, however, he outlined that the scheduled works will address the problem for up to 10 years.

The following comments were also raised by the Members:
• Councillor Felim Gurn welcomed the allocation for funding for Socks Line and Cloonaquinn.
• Councillor Justin Warnock made reference to an issue with a private house on the Mill Road, Kinlough and queried if there was any works planned to alleviate the problem for the affected household.

Mr. Padraig Mac Sheara advised that he was not familiar with the matter but he agreed to review it.

• Councillor Padraig Fallon complimented the Area Office for their work in compiling the list of affected roads and he welcomed the announcement of the funding.

MMD 16/39
21/03/16

Presentation by Sheena O'Dowd on Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Project

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sean McDermott, introduced Ms. Sheena O'Dowd, Project Development Officer, to the meeting and invited Ms. O'Dowd to give her presentation to the Members. A copy of the presentation appears as Appendix 4 of the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

The members thanked Ms. O'Dowd for her information presentation and the following items were raised:

• Councillor Sean McDermott queried if funding for the REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zones) will be provided in 2016?
• Ms. O'Dowd advised that it is anticipated that additional funding will be provided under the REDZ Programme in 2016, however, she advised that no formal notification or call for proposals has been issued by the Department for new projects in 2016.
• Councillor Mary Bohan and Councillor Justin Warnock proposed that all of County Leitrim would be eligible to apply to Leitrim County Council for projects under future phases of the REDZ Programme. The Members noted that Dromahaire was aligned with Sligo and Kinlough with Donegal under the 2015 REDZ Programme.

The Members commended the merits of the Upper Shannon Future Economy Project, however, they expressed their concern that North Leitrim is not included in the project. They unanimously agreed that new initiatives need to be explored to promote and to attract more visitors to North Leitrim.

Part 1 – Notice of Motions

MMD 16/40
21/03/16

Flood Damage Sewerage Treatment Plant

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

"What plans has this Council to prevent any future flood damage to the sewerage treatment plant at the Local Authority Houses at Gublaun, Rossinver."
Report by Head of Finance, Revenue
"This Sewage Treatment Plant was constructed by the Housing Dept and handed over to Water Services in 2013. When Irish Water took over Water Services in 2014, it was envisaged that these former Housing Dept plants would also be transferred to Irish Water, so far these have not transferred to Irish Water. If there is no agreement on the takeover of these plants by Irish Water, they may end up with the Local Authority, who will have to source funding to carry out improvement works to them. We are awaiting a final decision from Irish Water on the issue of taking them or not."

Councillor Bohan expressed her dissatisfaction with the reply to her Notice of Motion and she requested that the matter be reviewed. She stated that the Council could not be imposing strict planning restrictions on persons applying for planning permissions to construct single rural one-off houses and then choosing to ignore problems with a Sewerage Treatment Plant servicing a number of local authority dwellings at Gublaun, Rossinver.

Ms. Mary Quinn agreed to arrange a further technical report on the matter.

MMD 16/41
21/03/16
Boil Water Notice Hillside Crescent

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

"I ask what is the current situation regarding the boil water notice that exists in Hillside Crescent, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim."

Report by Head of Finance, Revenue
"A contractor has been appointed to lay a short section of water mains here. We are currently processing the Road Opening Licence, so he will be commencing construction in the next week or so. The job will take approx. 3 weeks and following three clear tests, we will apply to the HSE to have the Boil Notice lifted."

MMD 16/42
21/03/16
Tullaghan Sewage/Waste Water

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

"I ask Leitrim County Council to engage with Donegal County Council to ensure that Tullaghan sewage/waste water is connected from the outset to the new waste water treatment plant which is to be constructed at Magheracar, Bundoran. What is the proposed route from the existing plant at Tullaghan to the new treatment plant at Magheracar."

Report by Head of Finance, Revenue
"We have had comprehensive discussions and input into the Donegal proposals for their new Plant at Bundoran. We have already constructed a pump station and rising main which in time will pump the Tullaghan Waste Water into the nearest manhole inside the Donegal border, west of Bundoran."

MMD 16/43
21/03/16
Stop/Go System

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;
"I ask the Director of Services for Roads and Infrastructure in the interest of road safety to look again at a Stop/Go system in the interim for the dangerous raised stretch of road which has no verges between the Four Masters National School and the Aurivo Co-Op, until such time that works can be carried out to widen this section of road."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**
"Leitrim County Council have undertaken a number of safety measures along this section of raised bog rampart road in recent years including the erection of gateway signs with reduced speed limits to 50km/hr, installation of road edge markings to highlight the road edge, erection of hazard warning signs indicating no road verges and the widening of the road to facilitate a car park extension adjacent to the national school. The installation of a yield/give way system is not suitable to this location as the distance is in excess of 200m. The widening of the road would require land acquisition and substantial funding. A source of funding would need to be identified in order to allow the works to be carried out. Leitrim County Council will endeavour to source such funding"

Councillor Warnock acknowledged the reply to his Notice of Motion he referred to a serious accident that recently occurred at this location. He again requested that a Stop/Go system be put in place as an interim arrangement pending the widening of the road. Mr. Padraig Mac Seara explained that the accident that occurred at this location was a freak accident and was largely attributable to the weather conditions at the time. Mr. Shay O’Connor outlined that the provision of traffic lights or a yield/give way system would not work as the traffic calming measures would not be complied with by local road users. He stated that the only solution to the problem was to widen the road and to do this the Council must acquire the land. Mr. O’Connor stated that previous negotiations on the purchase of the land did not reach a conclusion.

**MMD 16/44**
21/03/16

**Street Lighting Drumkeerin Village**

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

"What if any street lighting is not taken in charge in Drumkeerin village, can a map showing such lighting be made available."

**Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development**
"The Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of street lighting on public roads and so does not maintain lights in any development that has not been taken in charge. Presently only the Windmill Park cul-de-sac closest to the village and the Lough Meen development have not been taken in charge nor has any application been made."

Councillor Fallon highlighted an issue regarding seven lights opposite Aras Bhride on the Back Lane. Mr. Shay O’Connor agreed to discuss the matter with Electric Skyline and to arrange to have the lights repaired.

**MMD 16/45**
21/03/16

**Water Tables**

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

"I propose that water tables on the L 2107 from the Rossinver/ Garrison road R282 to above Fowley’s Falls be opened. There are also a number of potholes on this section of road which require attention."
Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"The cleaning of water tables and routine pothole repairs will be carried out on this local road L2107 when resources allow."

MMD 16/46
21/03/16 Dillon Court Flat Complex
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"There is no public lighting functioning at the car park at the rear of the Dillon Court flat complex. Residents of the flats have advised me that they pay a maintenance/service charge to the company managing the complex. Was it a stipulation when planning permission was granted that the area be adequately lit by the developers and if so, I call upon the executive to contact them to enforce same."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"The maintenance of lighting in the Dillon Court apartment complex is not a matter for the Planning Authority as it relates to an alleged failure to comply with a civil agreement between the apartment owners and their management company. Any breach of a service contract between the parties is a matter for them to resolve and the Authority does not become involved in civil disagreements. Following the introduction of the Multi Unit Development Act in 2011, the ownership of the management company for any residential development should rest with the apartment/house owners and so it should be a relatively simple matter to resolve. Should the ownership of the management company not be compliant with the requirements of the MUDS Act then the apartment owners should seek legal advice on this issue."

Councillor Felim Gurn acknowledged the reply to his Notice of Motion, however, he stated that the Residents Association needed assistance from the Council in progressing the matter.

Ms. Mary Quinn outlined that ultimately it is a matter for the Residents Association to liaise with the Management Company, however, she agreed to review the matter with the Planning Department and to revert to Councillor Gurn with an update.

MMD 16/47
21/03/16 Road Signage
To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Felim Gurn;

"As we are celebrating the centenary of the 1916 Rising I believe it would be appropriate to honour the memory of Seán Mac Diarmada, the Leitrim signatory of the proclamation, by erecting appropriate road signage indicating that Leitrim was the place of his birth on the main points of entry into the county."

Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development
"The Leitrim 2016 Centenary Committee have allocated all available funding for community events, projects and activities throughout the County during 2016. The matter can be raised at the next meeting of the 2016 Centenary Committee, however there is currently no funding available for such a project."
It was agreed that Mr. Shay O'Connor would prepare a summary of the strategic locations on the approach roads to Leitrim together with an estimate of the costs. The Members agreed that they would also need to identify a funding source. They requested that the matter be referred to the 2016 Centenary Committee to establish if any funding previously allocated to other projects which will not now proceed can be re-diverted to fund this proposal.

**MMD 16/48**

21/03/16  
**Street Names Kiltyclogher**

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

"Can I ask if Leitrim County Council would provide and install street names for the village of Kiltyclogher, it is important that street names are in place for the Centenary Celebrations."

**Report by Director of Service, Planning, Community and Economic Development**

"Leitrim County Council have checked the original mapping and there are no street names shown in Kiltyclogher. The only feature named is the “Fair Green”"

Councillor Sean McDermott explained that the people of Kiltyclogher know their street names even if they are not on a map. Only four streets – Market Street, Main Street, The old Dairy Road, The Glenfarne Road. Mr. Shay O'Connor agreed to review the matter.

**MMD 16/49**

21/03/16  
**Approach Roads Kiltyclogher**

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

"I am asking Leitrim County Council to tidy up the approaching roads into Kiltyclogher village as this is an important year for the village."

**Report by Senior Engineer, Roads**

"The road margins on the approach roads to Kiltyclogher Village will be cut back in the coming weeks. Area office staff are available to discuss any other proposals regarding approach roads to the village."

Mr. Padraig Mac Shera outlined that a large amount of funding went on the road to Seán Mac Diarmada’s cottage. Water inlets will be opened along the roads when the weather dries up.

**Other Business**

Ms. Mary Quinn informed the Members that the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place on Monday 18th April, 2016 in Meeting Room 1, HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim at 2.30pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 16.00pm.

**SIGNED:**

Councillor Sean McDermott  
Cathaoirleach, Manorhamilton Municipal District

**SIGNED:**

Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator

**DATE:**  
18th April, 2016