Minutes of Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in the HSE Offices, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 17th July, 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. Padraic MacShera, Senior Executive Engineer, North Leitrim Area Office.  
Ms. Sinead Flynn, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services.  
Mr. Donal Fox, Leitrim Integrated Development Company

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17/07/2017

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Proposed by Councillor Justin Warnock, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: 

“That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District held in HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 19th June, 2017 be adopted.”

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

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District held in HSE Headquarters, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim on Monday 19th June, 2017 be adopted.”

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Community Facilities Scheme 

Ms. Mary Quinn circulated a report on the Community Facilities Scheme. The report as circulated appears as Appendix No. 1 to the Minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book. Ms. Quinn outlined that the LCDC in conjunction with the Municipal Districts are responsible for targeting and allocating funding under the scheme. She advised that a total of 35 applications were received in the Manorhamilton Municipal District, 30 of which have been approved for funding.
Councillor Padraig Fallon queried if there is any indication that the Community Facilities Scheme will be available on an annual basis. Ms. Quinn outlined agreed to follow up with the Department in this regard.

Proposed by Councillor Mary Bohan, seconded by Councillor Sean McDermott and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

“That the Community Facilities Scheme recommendations for the Manorhamilton Municipal District be adopted’.

MMD 17/102
17/07/2017 Presentation on LCDC Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Frank Dolan welcomed Mr. Donal Fox, Leitrim Integrated Development Company to the meeting to give a presentation on the LCDC Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme. The report as circulated to the members appears as Appendix No. 2 to the minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book. Mr. Fox also circulated a copy of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) End of Year Progress Report 2016 and a Headline Indicator Report for 2017 which appear as Appendix No. 3 & Appendix No. 4 to the minutes of this meeting in the Minute Book.

- Councillor Dolan, thanked Mr. Fox for his presentation. He queried if it is difficult to engage people on the programme.

Mr. Fox advised that a significant amount of referrals come from other agencies e.g. the ETB, the Department of Social Protection and other agencies. He also advised that staff working on the ground can also link people into the programme.

- Councillor Sean McDermott welcomed the contents of the report and the fact that it is targeted at disadvantaged groups/locations in the county. He advised that all supports are welcome particularly in areas of disadvantage.

- Councillor Justin Warnock paid tribute to Leitrim Integrated Development Company in the delivery of the programme. He requested clarification in relation the budget for the scheme.

Mr. Fox confirmed that a budget of €500,000 is available to deliver the programme.

- Councillor Mary Bohan thanked Mr. Fox for his presentation and welcomed that the programme makes provision for early engagement with adolescents at risk of leaving school without completing their second-level education.
- Councillor Felim Gurn expressed concern in relation to youth in the 15-24 year old age category. He stated that many are early school leavers and that this client group should be encouraged to avail of programmes to improve their skill set and employment opportunities.

Mr. Fox confirmed that there is ongoing work in Manorhamilton both on an individual and group basis with this client group.
Correspondence


Part 1 - Notice of Motions

MMD 17/103
17/07/2017 Compensation for farmers for ESB Poles on landholdings

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

"I propose that Manorhamilton Municipal District call on the ESB, the Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Rural Affairs together with the relevant Ministers to work together in the interests of fairness to review the current compensation offered where wood poles interfere with everyday farming practices. I also call on the Departments to adapt and extend the annual compensation payment from ESB Networks to all cases where inconveniences arise due to the ESB poles."

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

"That Manorhamilton Municipal District calls on the ESB, the Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Rural Affairs together with the relevant Ministers to work together in the interests of fairness to review the current compensation offered where wood poles interfere with everyday farming practices. I also call on the Departments to adapt and extend the annual compensation payment from ESB Networks to all cases where inconveniences arise due to the ESB poles."

It was agreed by the Members to consider Notice of Motion No. 6 in the name of Councillor Padraig Fallon and Motion No. 11 in the name of Councillor Sean McDermott concurrently as they relate to similar items.

MMD 17/104
17/07/2017 Rural Re-Settlement Scheme

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

"That Manorhamilton Municipal District calls on Leitrim County Council to adopt a scheme similar to or along the lines of the Rural Resettlement Scheme."

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services

"The allocation of local authority accommodation must be determined in accordance with the Council's adopted Allocation Scheme and there is currently no special provisions applying to facilitate applicants from other areas specifically under Rural Resettlement. This would require Government
policy and revised regulations. The Housing Department have had informal discussions with Rural Resettlement Ireland in the recent past and have advised of the requirement that any potential applicants for Housing in Leitrim must apply and be deemed eligible for inclusion on the Housing Waiting List in accordance with the 2011 Social Housing Assessment Regulations where there are requirements with regard to an established connection with the local area. Adoption of a Rural Resettlement scheme will require regulations in the first instance in line with Government policy in this context."

**Pillar 5 of the Action Plan for Housing**

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

"At the July Meeting I will ask Leitrim County Council to explore all possibilities under Pillar 5 of the Action Plan For Housing, (Utilise existing housing) to help stabilise the population of Kiltyclogher."

**Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services**

"The Council have a number of units coming back into productive use in Housing Area North 2 in the coming months but specific to Kiltyclogher a number of properties were examined for acquisition as family type homes but were not feasible in the context of being old structures requiring very significant refurbishment works to bring them to a suitable social housing standard in line with current building regulations and PRTB standards. Under the Repair and Leasing scheme some enquiries have been received from Kiltyclogher but the condition of the properties concerned could not be addressed with the funding available per property. The main area of need in North 2 is Manorhamilton and this is where the Council is focusing in the short term with regard to construction but will continue to work positively towards any suitable acquisitions and also RAS, Leasing or HAP tenancies that can be established based on need and dwellings that are presented in Kiltyclogher."

- Councillor Padraig Fallon proposed that Leitrim County Council recruit a Rural Resettlement Officer.

- Ms. Mary Quinn agreed that there is merit in Councillor Fallon’s Notice of Motion, however, she advised that a change in policy is required at national level. She advised that she has had previous discussions with the Department and Mr. James Connolly of Rural Resettlement Ireland and that she would again review with matter and revert to the Members with an update.

- Councillor Sean McDermott stated that the local authority should utilise all available social housing options to stabilise the population of Kiltyclogher. He outlined that in the past, Leitrim County Council constructed dwellings in Kiltyclogher and that there is availability of properties for sale that could be purchased at a reasonable cost to provide social housing. Councillor McDermott outlined that if additional family type social housing was available it would assist in the retention of pupils in the local school etc in Kiltyclogher.
Two way traffic system at Upper Castle Street

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

"I call on Leitrim County Council's Roads Department to reintroduce a two way traffic system at Upper Castle Street from the roundabout to facilitate all north and south bound traffic on the R280."

Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"Currently public consultation is underway for the introduction of a one way system on Sean MacDiarmada Street. Submissions received in relation to this proposal will need to be considered in advance of any further proposed changes to the traffic system in the town."

Request for Rumble Strips

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

"I will ask the Roads Department as a road safety measure to provide rumble strips on the northern and southern approaches to Kinlough on the R280 and also on the R281 and Mill Road approaches to the Village."

Report by Report by Senior Engineer, Roads
"As part of low cost safety scheme completed in 2016 a controlled pedestrian crossing and a vehicle activation sign were installed on the southern approach to Kinlough. Funding was approved for low safety measures or the Northern approach to Kinlough in the 2017 road works programme. A design proposal for these measures will be available in the coming weeks and works will be completed later this year. There is no funding available for traffic calming measures on the Mill road approach but an application can be included in proposals for funding to the Department for 2018"

Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

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

"I ask what discussions, if any, have taken place between the HSE and Leitrim County Council in relation to Taobh Tire and the ongoing problems that exist there."

Report by Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Cultural and Emergency Services
"In November, 2015 Leitrim County Council presented the HSE Manorhamilton with a comprehensive upgrade project proposal for this road, including traffic calming measures, public lighting and upgrades to footpaths for pedestrian access to the Taobh Tire council estate which is accessed from this road. The Council has since then made several requests to the HSE to confirm agreement and commit the funding required for these works but to date the HSE’s position locally is that they have not received funding approval centrally and are pursuing same. They have confirmed to the Council that they cannot enter an agreement with regard to the works until this approval is confirmed and this is being actively sought internally in the HSE. Leitrim County Council has already committed to
project managing the works but cannot proceed without written funding confirmation from the HSE."

Councillor Frank Dolan acknowledged the reply to his Notice of Motion. He expressed disappointment that the HSE are not committing to the funding request. Councillor Dolan outlined that there are additional staff based at the HSE facility in Manorhamilton which has resulted in an increased demand for parking and the Taobh Tire residents are concerned.

Councillor Padraig Fallon also supported the Notice of Motion.

Ms. Mary Quinn clarified that the issue rests with the HSE at a national level not committing to the funding. She agreed to continue to pursue the matter with the HSE.

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17/07/2017  
Forest Grove Estate Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim

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

"In relation to the " taking in charge" of Forest Grove in Dromahaire I ask
(1) what are the next steps to be taken
(2) who has to do this
(3) at what stage can Councillors propose the road be made public"

Report by Roads - Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"At this time there remain outstanding works on the Forest Grove estate, including the installation of the final road surfacing and the undergrounding of overhead telecommunication cables and removal of the associated support poles along the site frontage. These works are to be undertaken by the Development Company through the offices of the Court appointed Receiver. Once these works are completed and certain maintenance wayleaves in favour of the Council are provided, then further consideration can be given to the request for taking in charge."

Councillor Dolan outlined that the residents in the estate are becoming increasingly anxious with the lack of progress in having the estate taken in charge. This Notice of Motion was also supported by Councillor Mary Bohan.

Ms. Mary Quinn agreed to review the matter with the Planning Department to establish the time-frame for the taking in charge to be finalised.

MMD 17/109
17/07/2017  
Hedge Cutting

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

"I have been asked by motorists who use the Regional R281 road between Kiltyclogher and Rossinver to get the hedges cut, as their mirrors are regularly damaged and broken."
Report by Roads - Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"The road in question will be assessed and we will try and establish the names of the landowners with hedges that are a hazard to road users where upon we will write to the land owner under the Roads Act instructing them to cut/maintain the hedges/trees. We will be grateful with any assistance in relation to the establishment of the names of the land owners in question"

Mr. Padraig MacShera provided an over-view of the locations and funding available in 2017 for Hedge-Cutting.

Councillor Padraig Fallon queried if there is much uptake on the pilot Hedge-Cutting Scheme.

Mr. MacShera outlined that this scheme is administered centrally from Carrick-on-Shannon. Ms. Mary Quinn agreed to review the matter with Mr. Shay O'Connor and to revert to the Members with an update.

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Screeney Manor Estate

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

"In order to minimise the possibility of a serious road accident occurring on the R282 Rossinver to Manorhamilton Road at the entrance to the Screeney Manor Estate, I propose that the Engineering Department give consideration to the erection of a speed indicator sign in the hope that it will cause incoming vehicles to drive within the speed limit. It is the only road into Manorhamilton without speed indicator signage."

Report by Roads - Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"There is no history of road traffic accidents at this location which would indicate an urgent need for any further traffic calming measures in this particular area, and no funding has been provided by the Department of Transport for such a scheme. However, we will monitor traffic speeds, carry out traffic counts and consult with the Garda Authorities in relation to any concerns arising from this exercise, which is a pre-requisite to any application to the Department for funding"

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Millhill Lawns Estate, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

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

"Vehicles emerging onto or entering the Millhill Lawns estate on the N16 Enniskillen to Manorhamilton road are experiencing considerable difficulties in safely negotiating same. I request that the Road/Engineering Department give consideration to the implementation of a traffic management plan to slow down traffic coming from the direction of Enniskillen particularly on days when Manorhamilton Mart is in operation."
Report by Roads - Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"There is no history of road traffic accidents at this location which would indicate an urgent need for any further traffic calming measures in this particular area, and no funding has been provided by the TII for such a scheme. However, we will monitor traffic speeds, carry out traffic counts and consult with the Garda Authorities in relation to any concerns arising from this exercise, which is a pre-requisite to any application to the TII for funding."

Councillor Gurn acknowledged the reply to his Notice of Motion, however, he called for rumble strips to be provided at this location. Mr. MacShera advised that the Council do not consider that the provision of rumble strips at this location is necessary.

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17/07/2017

Millrace Estate, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

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

"What action is proposed by Leitrim County Council to deal with the issues raised by the Millrace Residents Association in Manorhamilton."

Report by Roads - Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"As previously advised, the Millrace housing development does not have a direct link to a public road, being reliant on access over third party lands, so it is not possible to take the estate in charge. This third party road, path, handrail and steps are not in a satisfactory condition to enable the Authority to consider them for taking in charge and it will be necessary that any defects be rectified before any consideration of taking in charge of Millrace. In addition to the lack of a link to an existing public road the Authority considers that a further impediment arises due to the roads within the estate not being of general public utility as they also act as shared surface parking for the residents of the estate. At this time the Planning Authority is in discussions with the relevant Bond’s Company in relation to securing a settlement of the bond to enable completion of works within the estate, however, the bond can not address the problems on the third party lands as they lie outside the planning development site."

- Councillor Mary Bohan outlined that she had organised a meeting with the Senior Planner and the Residents last week. She advised that she is not aware of the outcome of the meeting. Councillor Bohan stated that the issue with the bond needs to be resolved and she outlined that the residents are becoming frustrated with the lack of progress in taking the estate in charge.

- This Notice of Motion was also supported by Councillor Sean McDermott, Councillor Felim Gurn and Councillor Padraig Fallon.
Road Damage

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

"What is the position regarding the damage done to the road by Crowns Bridge to Tullnamoyle during the course of the Windfarm construction."

Report by Roads - Report by Senior Engineer, Roads

"A road opening licence was granted to a Contractor to lay ESB ducting in this section of local road. Conditions attached to this licence requested the contractor to carry out immediate permanent reinstatement of trenches along this road and pay over a bond to Leitrim County Council as an assurance to have reinstatement completed to an acceptable standard. Also a long term damage reinstatement fee has also been paid to Leitrim County council in this case."

Mr. Padraig MacShera advised that he inspected the road in the estate last week and that a bond is in place which should be sufficient to re-surface the road to an acceptable standard.

Any Other Business

• Ms. Mary Quinn advised that the next meeting of Manorhamilton Municipal District will take place on Monday 18th September, 2017 at 2.30 p.m. in the HSE Offices, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.
• Councillor Sean McDermott referred to a recent email issued to the Elected Members advising that Leitrim County Council will no longer have a staff resource assigned to the position of Heritage Officer. The Members unanimously expressed their disappointment that this post is vacant and they requested that the matter be reviewed.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 4.30pm

SIGNED:  
Councillor Frank Dolan  
Cathaoirleach, Manorhamilton 
Municipal District

SIGNED:  
Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator

Date:  18th September, 2017