

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2018
AT 9.30 A.M. IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

- Councillor Martin Baker
- Councillor Michael Clarke
- Councillor Margaret Gormley
- Councillor Jerry Lundy (Chair)
- Councillor Dara Mulvey
- Councillor Paul Taylor

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
- Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer
- Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
- Ms. Siobhán Gillen, A/Administrative Officer
- Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

APOLOGIES:

- Councillor Keith Henry
- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive

CATHAOIRLEACH:

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Lundy presided and welcomed all present to the meeting. Members sent their condolences to Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services, on the recent passing of his brother-in-law.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY
HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY
2018:**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 19th February 2018”.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Margaret Gormley asked for an update on the following issues:

- (a) Drainage works at Monasteraden Crossroads - Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer, advised that previous plans to tender for the works may not now proceed as additional Roads staff are due to be recruited shortly which should allow the Roads Dept. to carry out the works.
- (b) Connolly Park, Tubbercurry – Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance contacted Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services who advised that a Stage 2 submission to the Dept. is being prepared.
- (c) Request for meeting with Mayo & Roscommon County Councils re: R294 – as senior Roads Dept. personnel were not present at the meeting, it was agreed to revert to Councillor Gormley in the matter.

Councillor Dara Mulvey referred to a previous motion he had raised regarding the relocation of speed limit signs at Coolaney and queried whether anything can be done in the intervening period until a review takes place. Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer advised that the review process will have to be adhered to.

3. UPDATE ON ANTI-DUMPING INITIATIVES:

Ms. Siobhán Gillen, A/Administrative Officer delivered a presentation on anti-dumping initiatives stating that funding of €47,000 is available for 2018 which will be spent on 3 no. projects – Carrowntemple Bog, Gurteen (€25,000), Carrane Hill Bog, Arigna (€15,000) and Rathbraughan Park, Sligo (€7,000). Ms. Gillen outlined the amount of waste required to be removed from the areas and advised that following these works, covert CCTV, additional signage and increased monitoring of the area will be carried out by the Litter Warden and Waste Enforcement Officers.

Ms. Gillen also advised that 2 no. areas had been selected for an Eircode investigation pilot project in relation to household waste management compliance – Tubbercurry & Rathbraughan Park. The project was launched on 20th March 2018 and up to €70,000 in funding is available from the Dept. for same.

In response to a query from Councillor Mulvey regarding the possibility of acquiring a site in Tubbercurry to deal with waste in a similar way to Deepwater Quay in Sligo, Ms. Gillen explained the requirement for planning permission, waste licence, high costs etc. that would be involved in such a project.

The Members thanked Ms. Gillen for her presentation and complimented the work of the Environment Section, the Litter Warden and local Tidy Towns teams to date.

4. RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT TO TUBBERCURRY:

This item was dealt with at the March meeting of Sligo County Council and therefore withdrawn.

5. REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF L56042 IN FUTURE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL WORKS:

With the agreement of the meeting, this item was deferred.

6. REPORT ON WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO BRIDGE ON L5405-0:

With the agreement of the meeting, this item was deferred.

7. PLANS FOR UPGRADING OF WALKWAY TO CORRAN COMMUNITY PARK:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

"I am calling on Sligo County Council and the HSE regarding what plans are in place to upgrade and finish the walk way leading down to Corran Community

Park at Earlsfield, Ballymote in light of the completion of the new Primary Health Care Centre which is now open in Ballymote. This route will be safe for walkers of all ages and those attending football training and matches in Corran Park, Ballymote”.

On behalf of Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer, reported that the section of road referred to is not a public road and therefore Sligo County Council do not have any responsibility regarding the upgrading or maintenance of the road.

8. PROVISION OF CAR-PARK AND EXTENSION TO RHUE GRAVEYARD:

Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

“To ask the Council to explore the possibility of providing a car park at Rhue Graveyard and an extension of the graveyard at Rhue, Tubbercurry as this graveyard is used by 3 parishes – Tubbercurry, Tourlestrane and Curry”.

On behalf of Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer reported that due to the presence of ringforts abutting Rhue Graveyard, the development of a car-park is not possible to the front of the graveyard. Mr. Golden stated that there is no requirement for an extension at the present time as approximately 50 no. double plots exist at the rear of the graveyard. Mr. Golden assured Members that if the Council are made aware of lands being available for a future extension, they would have no difficulty in exploring their possible purchase with landowners.

9. PROVISION OF GULLY AT LOWER END OF KILMACTIGUE CHURCH CAR-PARK:

Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

“To ask the Council to provide a gully at the lower end of the car park at Kilmactigue Church as water from this car park is causing flooding on the road side and the adjoining lands”.

On behalf of Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer reported that the location will be inspected with Councillor Lundy in the coming weeks to see if a solution can be reached.

10. UPDATE ON ROLL OUT OF NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN:

Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

“I will ask for an update on the roll out of the national broadband plan”.

On behalf of Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance reported that after Eir’s recent withdrawal from the tendering process for the National Broadband Plan Intervention Area, the final bid is now being negotiated with the eNet consortium with the contract expected to be

awarded in September 2018.

Ms. Whelan advised that in relation to Eir's 300,000 premises rural deployment, the latest available figures are from the end of 2017. There are 6,807 premises in Sligo which are part of the current rural deployment and of these, 2,618 premises now have high speed broadband available, with the remaining 4,189 premises to be passed by the end of 2018.

A discussion followed on the issue and it was then:

Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor M. Gormley

AND AGREED

"To write to Minister Denis Naughten T.D. regarding the roll out of broadband in Co. Sligo and South Sligo Municipal District".

**11. REPAIRS TO KILFREE ROAD
AND LISANANNY ROAD:**

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor

AND AGREED

"That repairs are carried out on the Kilfree Road (500) and the Lisananny Road (478) as soon as possible as they are in a dangerous state with potholes".

On behalf of Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer reported that pothole repair is ongoing at present and the aforementioned locations will be included in the Schedule of Works with works to be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

In reply to queries from Members, Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer informed the meeting that:

- The velocity patcher is currently in use on roads in the Municipal District.
- When additional staff is recruited, it is envisaged that there will be 2 no. teams of 4 no. staff in place.

Councillor Paul Taylor advised that a meeting with Minister Shane Ross T.D. has been arranged for the afternoon of May 14th in relation to acquiring funding for roads in Co. Sligo. 2 no. Councillors from each Municipal District, along with Councillor Michael Clarke will accompany the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Seamus Kilgannon to the meeting.

**12. PROPOSALS FOR CONTROL
& TREATMENT OF
JAPANESE KNOTWEED:**

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey

AND AGREED

"As the TII have measures in place to control and treat the Japanese Knotweed along National Roads, what plans have the Council in place to control and treat same on regional and local roads?"

On behalf of Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Paddy Hughes, Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance explained that the Environment Section is drafting up a policy for the control of Invasive Alien Species which will include measures relating to the control of Japanese Knotweed on other public lands (including regional & local roads). These measures will include identification and mapping of areas affected, as well as treatment where appropriate.

Councillor Dara Mulvey informed the meeting that a talk on Invasive Alien Species will be held in Coolaney Community Centre on 30th April 2018, details of which will be circulated to the Executive.

13. PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS ON N17 CIRCULAR ROAD, TUBBERCURRY:

Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor J. Lundy
AND AGREED

“What progress has been made on the provision of bus shelters on the N17 Circular Road, Tubbercurry as at the September meeting of the Council, we were informed that the possibility of including bus shelters at this location was been investigated”.

On behalf of Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer stated that the provision of bus shelters is a matter for the National Transport Authority to whom the location has been forwarded for consideration but to date no decision has been made.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

Noted.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

In relation to Item (c) - Letter from Ireland West Airport Knock dated 5th April 2018, Councillor Jerry Lundy stated that as the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Members had convened a meeting in the Airport Boardroom in December 2017, the invitation would be left open to the Sligo Municipal District Members for their consideration.

Councillor Michael Clarke informed the Members of the contents of an email received from Minister Shane Ross T.D.'s Office concerning a time of the aforementioned meeting on May 14th and the names of the attending delegation. Councillor Paul Taylor to consult with the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Seamus Kilgannon on the matter.

Councillor Jerry Lundy advised of a meeting in An Chroi Centre, Tubbercurry on 30th April 2018 at 11.00 a.m. regarding the Lough Easkey & Lough Talt boil water notices.

Councillor Margaret Gormley expressed her disappointment at works that failed to take place at Keash/Loughineeska and raised the issue of a pipe blocked on road no. 501 also, asking that signage be put in place if works are going to be delayed. In reply, Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer stated that problems similar to these should lessen when additional staff is recruited in the near future.

The business of the meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.

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Cathaoirleach

_____ Date _____
Meetings Administrator