

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2016
AT 1.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services
- Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer
- Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Executive Planner
- Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
- Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer
- Ms. Caroline Colleary
- Ms. Lorraine Fitzgerald, Meeting Administrator

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies

At the outset of the meeting it was noted that holding the meeting in the Council Chamber in Sligo was a one-off as a result of attending the Special LPT meeting earlier that day and that all Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Meetings would be kept within the area.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor J. Queenan**

AND AGREED

“That a vote of sympathy be extended to our colleague Joe Devaney on the death of his father.”

With the agreement of the members, it was agreed to deal with Councillor Lundy’s items first as he had to leave the meeting early.

**7. ROLLOUT OF NATIONAL
BROADBAND PLAN**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“That this Municipal District calls on the Government to roll out the ‘National Broadband Plan’ in rural County Sligo as a matter of urgency”

All of the Members added their support to this motion and discussed the very poor service currently being provided in rural areas and the impact on business and students in this regard. It was noted that every time a date is given for the roll-out of the plan it is then changed.

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Ms. Clarke said that we would follow up in terms of trying to ascertain a date for the roll-out.

**8. SPEED RAMPS/CUSHIONS
IN ROCKLANDS ESTATE,
TUBBERCURRY**

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

AND AGREED

“To provide speed ramps/cushions in Rocklands Estate (Ballymote Road, Tubbercurry), in the interest of safety for children playing and residents alike”.

Mr P Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, reported that there are speed ramps already in this Estate. A review of the speed limit bye-laws for the county has commenced and it is proposed to provide a speed limit of 30km/h in the estate for consideration.

Councillor Gormley stated that parents are worried about their young children and the speed that traffic is entering and exiting the estate. She queried whether there is a timescale for this yet and was informed that it will be early 2017.

Councillor Lundy thanked Mr. Hughes for his report adding that it is not the residents, rather visitors to the estate that are speeding.

9. UPDATE ON:

- a. TUBBERCURRY
SEWERAGE SCHEME**
- b. LOUGHT TALT WATER
SCHEME**

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

AND AGREED

“I will ask for an up-date on:-

- a. Tubbercurry Sewage Scheme*
- b. Lough Talt Water Scheme.”*

Mr T. Kilfeather, Director of Services gave his report as follows:

Tubbercurry Sewerage Scheme

The tender process for the Tubbercurry Grange Strandhill Ballinafad Design Build contract was completed on 13th July. A detailed review of the tenders is currently underway following which the Most Economically Advantageous Tender will be determined and will be put to Irish Water for approval. It is anticipated that Irish Water will be in a position to sign a contract for the delivery of the project in February 2017.

Lough Talt WTP.

Irish Water submitted an application to Sligo County Council for Planning Permission for the Interim Plant on the 03/07/2015. The Plant was refused Planning Permission on the 1st February 2016. Irish Water issued an appeal to An Bord Pleanála on the 25th February 2016. On the 3rd August 2016 An Bord Pleanála wrote to Irish Water requesting for a revised NIS to be

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submitted, incorporating a thorough examination of the impacts of continued water abstraction on the SAC's affected. This RFI must be submitted by the 3rd November 2016. There are no defined periods within which An Bord Pleanála must make a decision following the submission of the RFI, however it is assumed that they will deal with it within an 18 week period which will be the 9th March 2017. Assuming that this appeal is successful Sligo County Council Capital Project Office is advancing the preparation of Contract Documents with our Consultants. On this basis the Contract will commence on site in Q4/2017.

Councillor Lundy thanked Mr. Kilfeather for his report and stressed how important both are as they are currently operating over capacity at the moment.

**14. APPOINTMENT OF
LITTER WARDEN FOR SOUTH
SLIGO DISTRICT**

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

AND AGREED

"I ask that a litter warden be appointed by Sligo County Council without delay to serve in the South Sligo Municipal District of Ballymote / Tubbercurry / West Sligo."

Mr Tom Kilfeather reported that we have had a period in recent weeks when there we only had 1 Litter Warden available for the whole county but that has been resolved now and someone appointed in an acting role in last number of days to the vacant Litter Warden position. Therefore a number of incidents of illegal dumping that have arisen in last few weeks are being followed up now by our 2 Litter Wardens.

We have gaps in staffing in all areas of the Council and there is no scope for additional Litter Warden resources to be dedicated to the Municipal District.

The members welcomed the news of the appointment of a second Litter Warden and Councillor Lundy asked that the number for the Litter Wardens be circulated.

**15. QUERY REGARDING
FUNDING RISK AS MOTOR
TAX RECEIPTS DECLINE**

**Proposed by Councillor M. J. Lundy
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

"To ask the CEO of Sligo County Council if there is a funding risk for this local Authority as Motor Tax receipts decline in 2016, despite the rise in new car sales"

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that Sligo County Council do not receive direct funding for Motor Taxation services but receive funding as part of the Local Government Fund Allocation. The allocation for 2017 has been granted and remains the same as that received in 2016. The Council have not

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been advised of any changes to funding for future periods.

Councillor Lundy thanked the Chief Executive for his reply.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCERRY
HELD ON 20TH JUNE, 2016.**

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor J. Queenan**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the minutes of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry dated 20th June, 2016”

2. MATTERS ARISING

In relation to Item No. 5 on the Agenda, the design of the Chain of Office, Councillor Clarke proposed adopting the design proposed and Councillor Gormley seconded this.

Councillor Gormley raised the issue of getting a costing for a signal control crossing opposite Doohan’s shop and on Teeling Street in Tubbercurry, a start date for the pedestrian crossing in Ballymote and a start date re works at Toomore bridge.

Mr. David Golden advised that the estimated cost of the control crossings would be in the region of €23,400.

Mr. Declan Noone responded that the start date for works on the zebra crossing in Ballymote should be by the 1st week of November.

Mr. David Golden advised that In relation to the upgrade of the bridge at Toomore, it will be considered as part of the 2017 works.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCERRY
AGM HELD ON 20TH JUNE,
2016.**

**Proposed by Councillor J. Queenan
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the minutes of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry AGM dated 20th June, 2016

**4. LEASE OF LAND TO
HUNGRY HORSE OUTSIDE**

Mr. Bartley Gavin, A/Director of Services delivered his report on the lease of land to Hungry Horse Outside for a Traveller Men’s Horse Project in Tubbercurry.

Mr. Gavin explained that in order to progress the project, there is a need to enter into a lease with the Hungry Horse group and in answer to questions from Members, Mr. Gavin explained that the period of the lease is for 5 years and that it would then be reviewed. The Chief Executive asked if those present were happy for this to go before the full Council and all agreed.

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**5. DRAFT MULTI-ANNUAL
RESTORATION
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAMME FOR 2017 &
2018**

Mr. Paddy Hughes went through each item on the draft Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme for 2017 and 2018.

There was a discussion in relation to the detail of amounts and the possibility of acquiring more funding and Mr. Tom Kilfeather explained that it is unlikely that more funding will be made available under this as Sligo did quite well compared to other Counties but we are always hopeful. Councillor Baker mentioned the road towards Heapstown which is not on the list, being in a very bad state due to use by forestry vehicles and it was suggested that this could be considered under discretionary funding.

**6. UPDATE ON THE TOWN &
VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services, delivered a detailed update on the Town and village Renewal Scheme outlining the allocation of €380,000 made available to Sligo County Council and the various criteria and requirements involved including.

Councillors welcomed this news and hoped that funding would also be available next year as there are many worthy projects in various villages throughout the County. It was noted that any financial assistance given to communities is such a great benefit in enhancing works. Councillor Clarke specifically mentioned works creating a footpath opposite the Ocean Sands Hotel in Enniscrone.

Ms. Clarke stated that she could not yet confirm whether there will be another tranche of funding next year, but would be hopeful and would look at various other projects for then.

**10. SAFETY
BARRIER/SIGNAGE AT
CLOONLURG ON L1502**

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor M. Gomley**

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council erect a safety barrier and/or safety signage at Cloonlurg on the L1502".

There is no funding to carry out these type of works in the current year. However this can be included for consideration under the 2017 Low Cost Accident Remedial Applications. Mr. Hughes will request the Area Engineer have a look to see if signage would be possible.

**11. REPAIRS TO
PULNADIVVA PIER**

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

AND AGREED

"To call on Sligo County Council to carry out repairs to Pulladivva Pier"

Mr. Paddy Hughes informed the meeting that Sligo County Council have minor outstanding repair works to the pier head at Pullnadivva. The access road to

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the pier has been resurfaced recently. No further works are currently planned. In further discussion Mr. Hughes said he would ask Mr. Gary Salter to re-examine the matter.

**12. INSPECTION AND
REPORT ON REPAIRS OF
BRIDGE AT BELVILLE,
DROMORE WEST.**

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

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to carry out inspection on a bridge at Belville, Dromore West, that was built in 1970 by this Council to provide access to a Council spring well and access for a number of farmers to their farms and home owners. This bridge and road way was upgraded in 2006 but now due to the heavy floods, the foundations have been undermined. Also, that a report to include the cost of the repairs needed would be prepared”.

Mr P Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, reported as follows:

It is understood that this bridge was built under an LIS or equivalent scheme at the time and that the road has not been taken in charge. Maintenance of the bridge is therefore not part of the Council’s responsibility.

Staffing cut backs have caused serious delays in implementing this year’s infrastructural programme and staff are not available to carry out assessment work.

Councillor Clarke stated that he understood the situation the staff are in, but added that if we could have another year or works like in 2016, the majority of problems would be sorted out.

**13. PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
AT BALLISODARE AND
DROMORE WEST**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to confirm that an application will be made this year to the Department for pedestrian crossings at Main Street, Ballisodare and Dromore West.”

Mr P Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer informed the meeting that there is no mechanism for applying for Pedestrian Crossings on the National Roads. The TII issue a list of High Collision Locations under HD15 each February/March. These are then advanced to preparation of a scheme. The only other means of advancing a project such as this is if it is identified as a specific hazard by the TII under HD17. This is not the case for either situation.

There was a discussion in relation to the requirement of the TII to have statistics of recorded fatalities in order to progress such works .

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**16. IMPROVEMENT WORKS
ON FOOTPATHS IN
BUNNINADDEN VILLAGE**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

“That the Council provide funding in the 2017 roads programme to carry out improvement works on the footpaths in Bunninadden Village.”

Mr P Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, reported as follows:

The improvement of footpaths in Bunninadden will be considered for funding under the 2017 Schedule of Municipal Works for the Ballymote Tubbercurry Municipal District.

**17. FIBRE ROLLOUT DATE
FOR COOLANEY AREA**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to contact Eir to find out why the fibre roll-out date for the Coolaney area which was supposed to be Sept has been deferred again”

There was a discussion in relation to the poor service provided by eir in relation to responding to queries. Ms. Clarke agreed to follow up with eir and to send them a letter.

**18. PUBLIC LIGHTING AT
ROCKFIELD MANOR ESTATE,
COOLANEY**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Queenan**

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council for an update on the taking in charge and lack of any public lighting in Rockfield Manor housing estate, Coolaney”

Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Executive Planner delivered his report as follows:

The Rockfield Manor housing estate has not been taken in charge because it has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Council. The outstanding items include repairs to public lighting, relaying of services laid at insufficient depth, removal of debris from sewers and the submission of as-constructed drawings. The developer has been informed of these outstanding works and that the estate will not be taken in charge until these items have been satisfactorily completed.

A formal claim on the bond, accompanied by a schedule of the outstanding remedial works, has also been issued to the ACC Bank.

Councillor Mulvey thanked Mr. Moylan for his report adding that this housing estate is now in total darkness from evening time with people having to use torches to guide their way out to the road. He queried whether the lighting

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could be taken in charge under Health & Safety requirements.

Mr. Kilfeather informed the meeting that the guidelines are fairly strict in this regard, however where it has been obvious that outstanding works are at an advanced stage we have taken lighting in charge, but in this case there are very significant outstanding works outstanding so it is a much more difficult situation. Mr. Kilfeather will speak with Mr. John Owens in Enforcement to see if there is anything that could be done. The developer has been written to on several occasions and we may now have to claim back the bond.

**19. REPAIR OF TIMBER
FENCING AT JUNCTION OF
R293 AND KILLAVIL ROAD**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

“That the timber fencing at the junction of the R293 and the Killavil road at Scully’s be repaired “

Mr P Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this fence will be repaired within the next week.

Councillor Gormley welcomed this news.

**20. WARNING LIGHTS AT
ACHONRY**

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor K. Henry**

AND AGREED

“Resulting from motion I submitted at the April meeting regarding accidents on the N17 at Achonry, I did request that Flashing Lights warning motorists to reduce speed be moved to this location. What is the up-to-date position?”

Mr P Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer, read his report as follows:

The TII (formerly NRA) and Sligo County Council have carried out a lot of work over the years to improve road safety along this section of the N17.

The TII monitor high collision locations and hazards on national roads and they have not identified this location as being problematic. There is no funding to erect flashing lights at this location at present.

Perhaps a reduction in the speed limit to 80km/h might be considered during the forthcoming review of Speed Limits in Sligo.

Councillor Gormley added that she had requested this because a number of accidents have taken place at this location.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received was noted and it was agreed to write to An Garda Síochána again asking that the parking situation be monitored

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continually.

19. AOB

Councillors Henry and Taylor raised the issue of changing the time of the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Meetings and after a discussion it was agreed to alternate the times between 9.30 and 3.00pm going forward. The next meeting will take place on Monday 28th November at 9.30am in Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry.

Councillor Gormley addressed the meeting in relation to the opening hours and extension to the Garda Station in Tobercurry. Since the meeting that the Chief Superintendent attended in February, no works have taken place at the Garda station. Councillor Gormley suggested that perhaps space could be leased in the OPW building. It was agreed to write to them again in relation to these issues.

The meeting concluded at 2.55pm

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Meetings Administrator