

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2017
AT 3.30 P.M. IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
- Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
- Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
- Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer
- 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
- Councillor Joe Queenan

CATHAOIRLEACH:

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Lundy presided and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD
ON 17th JULY 2017:**

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 17th July 2017"

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD
ON 31ST JULY 2017:**

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

AND AGREED

"To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 31st July 2017"

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Margaret Gormley raised the issue of Monasteraden Cemetery and queried if there was any update regarding a potential site which had been mentioned at the last Municipal District meeting of 17th July 2017. In reply, Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer, advised that following trial hole tests, the site in question was found to be unsuitable. Councillor Gormley expressed her disappointment with this news and asked that the matter be looked into further.

4. PRESENTATION ON ANTI-DUMPING INITIATIVES:

Ms. Siobhán Gillen, A/Administrative Officer, Environmental Services, gave a presentation on the National Anti-dumping Initiatives 2017 and outlined the clean-up works that had taken place in 2 no. phases in Tullycusheen and Clooncoose Bogs respectively. Ms. Gillen explained that Sligo County Council had received €41,500 in funding from the Department which was used in the clean-up works and in the provision of new signage, CCTV cameras etc. In total, over 60 tonnes of waste was removed from the bogs. Ms. Gillen further advised that on the issue of household accountability, Eircodes will be used in future and the Environment Section is in the process of carrying out an in-house investigation of household accountability through Eircode investigations. She explained that this will be a lengthy process and will be carried out on a phased basis with Ballymote and Tubbercurry areas to be the primary focus for the final quarter of 2017 and into the first quarter of 2018. Ms. Gillen concluded the presentation by informing the Members that 3 no. new Waste Enforcement Officers have been employed by the Council in the last number of months, all of whom will be working with her on this new initiative.

The Members thanked Ms. Gillen for her presentation and complimented her on the work carried out to date.

5. WORKS IN HILLVIEW DRIVE ESTATE & STONEPARK ESTATE, BALLYMOTE:

With the agreement of the Members, this Item submitted by Councillor Keith Henry was deferred to the next meeting.

6. RESURFACING OF MARLOW/WOODFIELD ROAD, BALLYMOTE:

With the agreement of the Members, this Item submitted by Councillor Keith Henry was deferred to the next meeting.

7. PULL-IN BAY ON ROAD 311 CARROWMACARRICK, COOLANEY:

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

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to provide a pull in bay on road 311 Carrownacarrick, Coolaney”

Mr. Paddy Hughes informed the meeting that the Tubbercurry Area Engineer will meet with Councillor Mulvey at the road to identify a suitable location for a pull in bay and advised that any works should occur shortly subject to weather conditions and available funding.

8. ERECTION OF SIGN POST AT JUNCTION OF ROADS 445 & 448:

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

AND AGREED

“To ask that a sign post be erected at the junction of Road 445 & 448 in the interest and promotion of tourism in Tubbercurry and South Sligo. This sign to show the tourists and visitors the directions to Lough Talt, Lough Easkey, Aclare, R294, Cloonacool, The Ladies Brae Scenic Road, Coolaney etc.”

Mr. Paddy Hughes informed the meeting that the Tubbercurry Area Office will

acquire appropriate signage for this location in the coming weeks.

**9. REMOVAL OF TREES AT
BANADA HERITAGE GRAVEYARD:**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask the Council to help with the removal of 2 large mature trees at Banada Heritage Graveyard before they are blown down across busy road 401 and help prevent an accident or the road been closed to traffic”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes advised the meeting that the location will be viewed with Councillor Lundy to identify the trees in question. If they are found to be in public ownership, a tree condition survey will be undertaken to confirm the health status of the trees and if they are found to be in a state of rot, works to remove same will be undertaken. If the trees are found to be on private lands, a tree felling notice will be issued to the landowner. Mr. Hughes stated that Sligo County Council would advise any landowner engaged in the felling of trees along the public road to utilise a professional tree surgeon with appropriate public liability insurance and traffic management experience.

A discussion followed regarding the issue of responsibility should the trees or branches fall and it was decided that the trees in question first need to be identified and the matter taken from there.

**10. ERECTION OF SIGNAGE AT
THE JUNCTION OF THE R294:**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask that a “cul-de-sac” or “no through road” sign be erected on the R294 at Emmet St., Tubbercurry at the junction of R294/road to Marist Convent/Sophia Housing in the interest of road safety and to help prevent an accident at this very busy location”.

Mr. David Golden informed the meeting that the road in question is a private road and as such, the provision of traffic management/safety signs on the road is a matter for the relevant Housing body i.e. Sophia Housing.

**11. PROVISION OF CONCRETE
WALKWAYS IN THE NEW
CEMETERY, CARROWNANTY,
BALLYMOTE:**

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

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to provide new concrete walkway paths in the new cemetery, Carrownanty, Ballymote”

Mr. Paddy Hughes stated that funding is not available to provide new footpaths in the current year but the works will be included for consideration in the 2018 programme of works.

**12. FOOTPATHS IN
BUNNINADDEN VILLAGE &
MOUNTAIN ROAD,
TUBBERCURRY:**

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

AND AGREED

“(a) That footpath improvement works be carried out in Bunninadden Village in the interest of safety”.

(b) That the footpath on the Mountain Road, Tubbercurry be extended from Baileys Nursing Home to the speed limit signs”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes advised the meeting as follows in respect of points (a) and (b):

(a) There are no funds available to carry out the improvement works within the 2017 Roadworks Schedule but the works may be considered as part of Town & Village Enhancement Funding announced or may be given consideration as part of the Schedule of Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Works for 2018 subject to the required funding being available for this classification of works.

(b) Funds are not available to carry out the works within the 2017 Roadworks Schedule but the works may be considered as part of a Clár application in 2018 or may be given consideration as part of the Schedule of Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District Works for 2018 subject to the required funding being available for this classification of works.

**13. PUBLIC LIGHTING AT
FAIRWAYS ESTATE,
TUBBERCURRENCY:**

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

AND AGREED

“I am calling on Sligo County Council to resolve the ongoing public lighting issue at Fairways Estate, Tubbercurry in the interest of health and safety where a number of lights are out of order since last July”.

Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that following discussions with the receiver and their appointed engineers, arrangements have been made for all of the mini-pillars, and in turn the public lights to be re-energised in the Fairways estate – a report on the situation relating to final works to be circulated to the Members. Mr. Kilfeather also advised that all lights in the estate were back working on the night of 10th October 2017.

**14. DRAINAGE WORKS AT
MONASTERADEN CROSSROADS:**

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

AND AGREED

“That the Council carry out drainage works at Monasteraden crossroads”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes stated that the Ballymote Area Engineer will investigate the matter to determine the extent of remedial works required to solve the drainage issue at this location. In addition, Mr. Declan Noone advised that the issue may be a blocked gully and if so, lines will need to be cleared.

**15. FOOTPATHS AT ARDKEERAN,
RIVERSTOWN:**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask for an update on footpaths at Ardkeeran, Riverstown”.

Mr. Declan Noone advised the meeting that works to the footpaths at Arkeeran were now complete.

**16. UPGRADING OF ROAD FROM
ANNAGHCARTHY TO LOUGH BO:**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask that the road from Annaghcarty, Geevagh to the Shooting Centre at Lough Bo be upgraded”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes informed the meeting that Local Road L-53023 at Annaghcarty will be included for consideration when drafting the Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme commencing in 2019.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Councillor Dara Mulvey proposed a vote of congratulations to Aaron Glancy, Ryan Sheridan and Eimear Mulvey on their recent success at Oireachtas na Samhna in Killarney, Co. Kerry which was seconded by Councillor Martin Baker.
- Councillor Dara Mulvey proposed a vote of sympathy to the Urwin family on the death of Steve Urwin which was also seconded by Councillor Martin Baker.
- Councillor Margaret Gormley complimented the recent painting work done by Tubbercurry Tidy Towns.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Lundy thanked all present for attending the meeting.

The business of the meeting concluded at 4.25 p.m.

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Cathaoirleach

_____ **Date** _____
Meetings Administrator