

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2018
AT 9.30 A.M. IN TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Martin Baker
Councillor Michael Clarke
Councillor Margaret Gormley
Councillor Keith Henry
Councillor Joe Queenan (Chair)
Councillor Dara Mulvey
Councillor Paul Taylor

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jerry Lundy

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner
Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer
Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer
Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
Mr. Joe Devaney, Area Engineer
Mr. Barry Ward, Executive Planner
Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

CATHAOIRLEACH: As the Cathaoirleach was delayed and the Leas-Cathaoirleach was not present at the meeting, Councillor Paul Taylor presided and welcomed all to the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD
ON 18th JUNE 2018:**

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

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 18th June 2018”.

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD
ON 25th JUNE 2018:**

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

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 25th June 2018”.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

In response to queries from Councillor Margaret Gormley, the meeting was advised as follows:

- (a) No reply was received from the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of bus shelters on the N17 Circular Road, Tubbercurry.

- (b) Follow-up will be carried out regarding the submission of an application to the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the installation of solar operated speed signs at various locations.
- (c) A positive meeting was held with Irish Water in the last week regarding the current boil water notice on the Lough Talt water supply.

At this point, it was agreed that Item No. 5 be taken ahead of Item No. 4.

5. PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OBJECTIVES OF BALLYMOTE LAP 2012-2018:

Mr. Barry Ward, Executive Planner, explained that the Ballymote Local Area Plan 2012-2018 is due to expire in September 2018. The framework of the Plan was to facilitate and encourage planned, co-ordinated and sustainable development throughout the town while protecting its sensitive setting and important heritage. Mr. Ward took the Members through the progress of the implementation of the objectives contained in the Plan to date and advised that it is proposed to extend the life of the Plan for a further period of 3 years as the main objectives of the Plan have not yet been achieved.

A discussion followed with Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner, explaining that recent legislation requires Local Authorities to pause work on Development Plans until Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) are put in place. The RSES for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area is expected to be adopted in early 2019, following which each Planning Authority will review their Development Plan and consider whether any variation of the Plan is necessary. Subsequently, Local Area Plans will then be reviewed.

Members were assured that developers can still engage with the Planning Department to discuss the framework for development in Ballymote however the zoning of the area cannot now be changed until 2021.

Mr. Moylan stated that any amendment to extend the life of the Plan will be brought before Councillors for their consideration.

Councillor Keith Henry expressed his objection to the above proposal.

At this point, the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Queenan joined the meeting and assumed his role as Chair.

4. DRAFT MULTI-ANNUAL RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2019-2021:

Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer, explained that the Multi-Annual Programme which had been previously circulated to Members was prepared on the basis of the 2018 allocation of €3.6m. The condition of the roads, traffic levels, footpath improvements etc were all taken into account when devising the Programme.

Members thanked Mr. Hughes for his proposals and complimented the Roads Department and Area Engineers for the work carried out in the area with the general consensus being that increased Government funding is required to improve the road network in the Municipal District.

In reply to specific queries, Director of Services, Mr. Tom Kilfeather, informed Members as follows:

- The recruitment of outdoor staff is continuously being monitored and staffing levels at the end of 2016 are sought to be retained.
- It is hoped that increased funding from the Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport will be available in 2019 but the Programme had to be devised on the basis of the 2018 allocation.

It was then:

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

AND AGREED

“To adopt the Draft Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme for 2019-2021 for Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District”.

**6. REPAIRS TO LOCAL ROADS &
R296:**

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

AND AGREED

“That repairs to the following roads be made this year and that they be included in the schedule of municipal works if necessary:

Local road from Ballymote to Templehouse at Camross and Rathdooney More
Local road at Emlaghnaughton & Cloonkeevy
R296 at Carrownanty from railway bridge”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer informed the meeting that any necessary repairs will be carried out this year and confirmed that the roads are included in the Draft 2019-2021 Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme.

Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer, added that plans are in place for the section of the R296 to be re-surfaced in 2019.

**7. REPAIRS ON SECTION OF ROAD
L1603:**

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

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council to carry out repairs on the bad section of road at Eagles Flying on road L1603”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer stated that temporary repairs will be carried out as soon as resources allow.

8. UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE AT FIVE CROSSROADS AND PREVENTION OF DUMPING AT DRUMFIN:

**Proposed by Councillor K. Henry
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council for an update on the following previous motions adopted by this Municipal District:

- (a) Installation of signage at the Five Crossroads, Cloonkeavy indicating the direction of Ballymote and Tubbercurry.
- (b) Prevention of dumping at Bog Line, Drumfin”.

In respect of issue (a), Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer, stated that 2 no. finger post signs will be erected at the junction indicating the direction of Ballymote and Tubbercurry.

Regarding issue (b), Mr. Hughes reported that following a number of complaints received regarding illegal dumping in the area, cameras were in place for the past fortnight but did not catch any offenders. Arrangements have been made to remove the waste and following this, cameras will be put in place again along with additional signage. Mr. Hughes also informed Members that monitoring of the area will be increased by the Litter Warden.

A discussion on the matter followed with the meeting concluding that failure of a significant percentage of households to register with a waste collector is the main contributing factor to the problem.

9. UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF RADHARC NA HABHAINN ESTATE, COOLANEY:

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

AND AGREED

“To ask Sligo County Council for an update on the taking in charge of Radharc na hAbhainn Estate, Coolaney in light of my motion in January of this year on this estate. Have all the outstanding works been completed?”

On behalf of Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services, Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer, informed the meeting that the developer has recently instructed a contractor to commence works on bringing the public lighting in the estate up to a satisfactory standard. It is expected that another contractor will be appointed to carry out other works such as road and footpath repairs, signage, lining etc in the coming weeks. Mr. Hughes stated that once these works have been completed, the formal taking in charge process will then commence.

10. INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING & SPEED RAMPS IN CLOONACOO VILLAGE:

This Item was deferred.

11. RE-SURFACING & DRAINAGE WORKS IN ACLARE VILLAGE:

This Item was deferred.

12. UPDATE RE: HEALTH CENTRE IN TUBBERCURRY INCLUDING ROAD & CAR-PARK REPAIRS:

This Item was deferred.

13. PROPOSED WORKS ON N17:

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

AND AGREED

“At the April meeting of the Council, I called for measures to be put in place to reduce speed on the N17 from North Connacht College via Circular Road to the Ballina Road junction. The response I received was that the Council would discuss the matter with the Regional Safety Inspector of TII with a view to getting funding for a safety scheme which could be incorporated into the works proposed north of Tubbercurry. Will this be part of the works due to take place shortly on the N17?”

Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer, stated that the matter was discussed with the Regional Inspector who indicated that an upgrade to the pedestrian crossings on the stretch in question will be considered. Mr. Hughes added that a feasibility report has been submitted and is under consideration for funding by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

14. INSTALLATION OF SPEED RAMPS IN BUNNINADDEN VILLAGE:

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

AND AGREED

“To request Sligo County Council to provide speed ramps on the R296 between Flowerhill Estate and Bunninadden N.S. and also on the approach to the village from the Tubbercurry side as there are serious concerns from residents as to the speed through the village”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer advised that the installation of speed ramps at the locations are not warranted but vehicular activated speed signs on all access roads to the village may be more appropriate and could be submitted by the Bunninadden community as a CLÁR 1 Measure application when the scheme opens in 2019.

Councillor Margaret Gormley asked if the areas could be re-examined for the installation of speed cushions for safety reasons.

15. REQUEST FOR CARRYING OUT OF WORKS ON THE CLOONACOOLO ROAD & THE TEMPLEHOUSE ROAD:

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

AND AGREED

“(a) That works be carried out on the Cloonacool road at the railway crossing, also sections to the edge of the road where its ravelling and that this road be part of the Road Work Scheme 2019.

(a) That works be carried out to remove the depression on the Templehouse road between Templehouse Bridge and the turn off for Ballymote in the interest of safety”.

In relation to issues (a) and (b), Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer, reported as follows:

(a) CR 443 has been included for funding in the Draft 2019-2021 Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme.

(b) The Area Engineer will inspect the area and arrange to carry out any necessary repairs.

16. PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ARDKEERIN, RIVERSTOWN:

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

AND AGREED

“To request the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Ardkeerin, Riverstown”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, A/Senior Engineer advised that there is no funding available for the provision of a pedestrian crossing however the Area Engineer will investigate whether one is warranted at the location.

Area Engineer, Mr. Declan Noone informed the meeting that safety issues at “Little Buddies” crèche have been highlighted and following a meeting with the crèche manager and Councillor Baker, it is planned to introduce double-yellow lines at the front of the crèche to prevent parking in this area.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

Noted.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Councillor Paul Taylor asked for Members support in the campaign to secure the future of Gurteen Post Office, a review of which is to take place later in the week.
- Councillor Margaret Gormley highlighted a previous notice of motion that she had raised regarding a review of Oldrock Bridge on the R296 and asked when a review was likely to be carried out.
- Councillor Gormley also queried the situation regarding drainage works at Monasteraden crossroads. The Area Engineer, Mr. Declan Noone informed the meeting that works would be undertaken in the coming weeks and explained that works had been delayed until additional outdoor staff had been recruited.

The business of the meeting concluded at 11.05 a.m.

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Cathaoirleach

_____ **Date** _____
Meetings Administrator