

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF  
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019  
AT 3.00 P.M. IN MEETING ROOM 1, TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

Councillor Martin Baker  
Councillor Michael Clarke  
Councillor Margaret Gormley  
Councillor Dara Mulvey  
Councillor Joe Queenan (Chair)  
Councillor Paul Taylor

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Keith Henry  
Councillor Jerry Lundy  
Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive  
Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services  
Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Joe Devaney, Area Engineer  
Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer  
Mr. Dessie Sloyan, Area Engineer  
Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Queenan presided and welcomed those present to the meeting, paying tribute to the Chief Executive, Director of Services and staff of the Roads Department for all of the work carried out to date.

**1. TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2019 – INCLUDING DRAFT ROADS, TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME:**

The Cathaoirleach handed proceedings over to Senior Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan who took Members through the proposed programme of works which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

The programme specified the allocation of funding received (a total of €58,506,175 for County Sligo from TII, DTTAS & Sligo County Council) together with a detailed breakdown of all planned expenditure for the year in relation to specific projects and categorised headings and outlined each individual category that related to the Municipal District.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Brennan and his staff for the comprehensive report and then invited queries and comments from Members.

Members echoed the Cathaoirleach's appreciation and compliments to the Roads staff, both to those involved in devising the programme and those undertaking the works.

In response to specific queries, Mr. Brennan responded as follows:

Owenmore River Drainage Scheme:

Consultants to revert in the coming weeks detailing what works will be carried out including environmental requirements, it is envisaged that works will commence in April.

Traffic Calming in Dromore West:

Works are going to tender in the coming weeks with the chosen contractor on site thereafter.

Coolaney River Drainage Scheme:

A workable solution is being sought however there is no funding available for the scheme in the current year.

Oldrock Bridge:

The bridge will be examined to ascertain what works can be carried out.

R469:

If drainage is an issue on this road, it may be considered for drainage works in future.

Polladivva & Easkey Piers:

Applications have been submitted to the Dept. for funding.

Coastal Erosion:

Works are funded by the OPW and communication from them in this regard is awaited.

N59 Owenbeg Phase 2 Pavement Overlay:

€2m has been spent with an additional €1.5m to be spent in 2019

N59 Rathglass Pavement Overlay:

€2.5m allocated in 2019

In conclusion, Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services, advised Members that 2019 is a huge year for Sligo in terms of roads projects and double the amount of financial resources are available this year in comparison with previous, however obtaining and retaining staff will be a problem as the economy improves and engineering staff are in demand.

It was then:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Clarke**

**Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To approve the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2019 – including Draft Roads, Transportation & Infrastructure Programme”.

**2. PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ST.  
MARY’S COLLEGE,  
BALLISODARE:**

With the agreement of the Cathaoirleach, the issue regarding the proposal to close St. Mary’s College in Ballisodare was discussed. Following brief talks, it was then:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey**

**Seconded by Councillor M. Clarke**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to write to C.E.I.S.T., the trustees of St. Mary’s

College, Ballisodare to call on them to extend the closure timeframe from two to six years in order to fully assess all options for the future of the school and to provide an appropriate time period for present pupils. And to write to Mr. Joe McHugh T.D., Minister for Education and Skills and ask that his Department would provide funding and resources if available to keep St. Mary's College, Ballisodare open".

The business of the meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**