MINUTES OF THE BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE 8TH OF SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillor John King (In The Chair)
Councillor Brendan Phelan
Councillor James Kelly
Councillor David Goodwin
Councillor Paddy Bracken
Councillor John King

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, Ms. Brenda Cuddy, A/Senior Executive Engineer & Ms. Michelle McCormack, Executive Secretary, Corporate Affairs

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUITES OF THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 16TH OF JUNE 2016

On the proposition of Councillor Paddy Bracken seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald, the Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 16th of June 2016 were confirmed as circulated.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. OF BORRIS-IN-OSSORY/MOUNTMELLICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE 16TH OF JUNE 2016

On the proposition of Councillor Seamus McDonald seconded by Councillor David Goodwin, the Minutes of the A.G.M. of Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District held on the 16th of June 2016 were confirmed as circulated.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising .

4. FIX DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the **20th of October 2016 at 9.30 a.m.**

5. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 87/2016

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council install safety measures at Clonmeen Cross, Errill"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that a meeting would be held on site in the coming days to assess and discuss.

Notice of Motion No: 88/2016

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council trim hedges at Castlefleming, Errill"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will examine with a view to the requirements for issuing a hedge cutting notice to the landowner.

Notice of Motion No: 89/2016

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council remove a bend at Glosha, Rathdowney to improve the view"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor John King. The Members were advised that this location is included in the Hedge cutting programme and works will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion No: 90/2016

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council contact C.I.E. to provide extra car parking at Ballybrophy train station as the public car park is congested with cars, due to commuters working in Dublin"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members agreed that a letter would issue to C.I.E. in this regard as a matter of urgency.

Notice of Motion No: 91/2016

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council provide some financial support for community alert groups who may be setting up or in existence as we all know the huge cost involved in keeping any new project going"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that to date, there is no scheme in place or provision made in the Council's revenue budget for the purposes of supporting community alert groups. The Members expressed support in relation to the importance of CCTV and indicated that any funding made available in this area would be welcome.

Notice of Motion No: 92/2016

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That this Council make provision for funding under the town and village renewal scheme announced by Minister Humpries to include Town & Villages like Rathdowney, Borris-in-Ossory, Cullahill and Donaghmore"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that a review of all possible locations is taking place at present and a schedule will be prepared and agreed at Management level in the coming weeks. The suggestions and advice of the Members were welcomed. Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services, confirmed that an allocation of €380,000.00 had been received for Laois County Council which would be divided amongst the three Municipal Districts. It was agreed that the Members would consider the towns and villages in their districts for inclusion and revert to Ms. Brenda Cuddy, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

The following two Notices of Motions were discussed:-

Notice of Motion No: 93/2016

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council fence the chip dump at Summergrove, Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald.

Notice of Motion No: 98/2016

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That this Council make safe the lay-by at Summergrove, Rosenallis"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. It was agreed that further to discussions with the landowner in the Area it has been agreed to Topsoil and seed the area. The Members expressed concern in relation to disused chip dumps and it was agreed that Ms. Brenda Cuddy, A/Senior Executive Engineer would investigate the 5 chip dumps in the district and consider the appropriate treatment measures.

Notice of Motion No: 94/2016

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council repair road and fill potholes at Manor Lane, Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this road will be included in the patching rota.

Notice of Motion No: 95/2016

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council remove obstacles from the Owenass River upstream and downstream from Hickey's Bridge"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that works are being carried out in this area at present.

Notice of Motion No: 96/2016

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That this Council install traffic calming measures at Goodwin Estate, Rosenallis"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that this was not included in the 2016 budget, however it can be considered for inclusion as part of the 2017 Municipal District Programme.

Notice of Motion No: 97/2016

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That this Council erect new signs at Drummond Cross, Rosenallis"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect a cross roads sign at this location. It was also noted that landowners in the vicinity of the cross would be asked to trim hedges.

Notice of Motion No: 99/2016

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council replace the stop sign plus ramp sign and re-mark the road at the junction at house no. 16 Kirwan Park, Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out these works.

Notice of Motion No: 100/2016

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That this Council repair the footpath at The Rock, Mountmellick"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will include this in the foothpath programme.

Notice of Motion No: 101/2016

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That this Council provide stop sign at the junction of Cappard House/Skerry Road, Rosenallis"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will include this area in the line marking programme.

Notice of Motion No: 102/2016

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council undertake a consultation process in relation to the introduction of parking areas and car park by-laws for the town of Mountrath"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that it has been agreed in principle to proceed with the introduction of bye laws in Mountrath. The Members requested an information meeting to be organised with the business people of Mountrath and representatives of Laois County Council before bye-laws would be introduced. Councillor James Kelly to liaise with the business community and Mr. Donal Brennan, Director of Services agreed that such a meeting would be facilitated.

Notice of Motion No: 103/2016

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out repairs to alleviate the flooding issues at the residences of Mattie Cuddy and Declan Donovan, Cuddagh, Castletown"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that works are scheduled to take place at this location in the coming days.

Notice of Motion No: 104/2016

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

"That Laois County Council carry out repairs to the Nore Basin Lane at Derryduff, Coolrain"

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will include in the patching rota and that this lane can also be include for consideration as part of the 2017 strengthening budget.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED:_____ **CERTIFIED:** _____

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