

**MINUTES OF THE BORRIS IN OSSORY/ MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON THE
20th November 2014**

PRESENT:

Councillor	Paddy Bracken
Councillor	David Goodwin
Councillor	Seamus McDonald
Councillor	John King
Councillor	Brendan Phelan
Councillor	James Kelly

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Ian McCormack, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Brenda Cuddy, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. John Ormond, Executive Engineer and Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORRIS IN OSSORY / MOUNTMELICK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON 20th October 2014

On the proposition of Councillor Brendan Phelan and seconded by Councillor John King, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October, 2014 were confirmed as circulated

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th of October 2014.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that no correspondence had been received since the October meeting of the Municipal District

4. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motion No: 51/2014

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council call on the Minister for Communications to install appropriate broadband facilities in Rathdowney and the surrounding areas in order to facilitate the setting up of new business initiatives in the area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan and it was agreed that a letter issue to the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources in this regard.

Notice of Motion No: 52/2014

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council review the current parking arrangements outside the Post Office in Borris-In-Ossory as a matter of urgency with a view to increasing the parking facilities at this location and in addition to include provision for disabled parking”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that there is no funding in the 2014 budget to carry out the works as requested. It was noted that it is an ongoing issue and it will be re-examined as part of the 2015 budget.

Notice of Motion No: 53/2014

Councillor John King proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That the Stop sign at Knockaroo Cross, Borris-in-Ossory be re-located to the opposite side of the road and some additional safety measures be installed at Mannin Cross, Pike of Rushall as this is a very busy junction and also that funding be provided to alleviate flooding outside Owen Coss’s farmyard at Knockaroo as this area is prone to flooding during the winter months”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will re-locate the stop sign as requested to a more suitable location. There is no funding at present to carry out the drainage works as requested. However, the issue will be examined and a plan will be prepared to be considered as part of the 2015 budget.

Notice of Motion No: 54/2014

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council replace the concrete slabs removed, that divide Father O’ Connor Crescent/ Saint Fintan’s Terrace and Rushall Housing Estate’s, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that this boundary will be investigated and repairs will be carried out as appropriate.

Notice of Motion No: 55/2014

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council put back the yellow box markings at Hargrove’s gate and move the white car park markings further up from the Rushin Road junction after re-surfacing work at Factory Street, Mountrath”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that the yellow box at Hargrove’s will be re-instated and that one of the marked parking spaces on the Ballyfin Road will be reduced by one.

Notice of Motion No: 56/2014

Councillor James Kelly proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council ensure that part of the wall removed at bottom of car park at Main Street, Mountrath by the contractor on the town’s sewage upgrade is replaced when the work is completed on the section at Saint Fintan’s GAA Club”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that this wall was removed as part of the accommodation works for the sewerage installation at Stillbrook and as soon as these works are completed the wall will be re-instated by the Contractor.

Notice of Motion No: 57/2014

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council indicate the completion date for safety measures at Green Road, Ballybrophy”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the works at the Green Roads cross roads is now completed.

Notice of Motion No: 58/2014

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council repair Coolkerry Road and Donaghmore Road due to major increase in traffic usage”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that the Water Services Section are in the process of issuing instructions to Ward and Burke Contractors for Irish Water to carry out essential repairs as soon as possible. Various concerns were raised which were clarified by Ms. Cuddy, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

Notice of Motion No: 59/2014

Councillor Brendan Phelan proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council complete water course cleaning in the Errill/Rathdowney area”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor James Kelly. The Members were advised that Errill/Rathdowney will be included as part of Laois County Council’s winter maintenance programme, i.e. opening of water cuts and cleaning of drains.

Notice of Motion No: 60/2014

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council erect two definition posts at the junction for Mountbolus in Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect two definition posts as requested.

Notice of Motion No: 61/2014

Councillor David Goodwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council extend footpath and provide lights at the G.A.A. Grounds in Rosenallis”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that there is no footpath funding available to extend the footpath as requested. When funding will be available for footpaths and public lighting, installation can be considered at that time subject to funding being available.

Notice of Motion No: 62/2014

Councillor David Godwin proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council surface dress road leading to Mary O’ Riordans house at Acragar, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The Members were advised that this is private land, therefore Laois County Council cannot carry out any works on it.

Notice of Motion No: 63/2014

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council address the ongoing traffic/parking problem at Davitt Road, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will install double yellow lines across from the school to encourage parents to use the large car park that is available in the school.

Notice of Motion No: 64/2014

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council provide signs and road markings at the junction at Ironbridge, Cloncannon, Mountmellick”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that there is no funding in the 2014 budgets to provide signs and road markings as requested.

Notice of Motion No: 65/2014

Councillor Paddy Bracken proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council address the serious flooding at Dowling’s Butchers on O’ Moore Street, Mountmellick, re-align the road markings and re-mark the roundabout at O’ Moore Street, Mountmellick”.

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald. The meeting was advised that flooding is a major issue in this area which needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. The Members were advised that Laois County Council have cleaned all the gullies in the area. However, these works will be monitored and if they are not successful then the issue will be re-examined.

Notice of Motion No: 66/2014

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council install ramps at Clodiagh Way, Clonaslee”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor David Goodwin. The Members were advised that Laois County Council are preparing a policy in relation to the installation of ramps and once this is available the request will be re-examined in line with the policy.

Notice of Motion No: 67/2014

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Laois County Council erect reflector posts at the Clonduff Junction and also erect a sign for Clonaslee at the same location”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will erect reflector posts as requested. Subject to funding a new sign will be ordered.

Notice of Motion No: 68/2014

Councillor Seamus McDonald proposed the following Notice of Motion:-

“That this Council resolve the flooding problem at Sean Bergin’s, Camross”

This Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor Brendan Phelan. The Members were advised that Laois County Council will carry out jetting of the gullies in this location.

5. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 11th of December 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
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CERTIFIED: _____
**DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE AFFAIRS**