

**Minutes of Meeting of Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal District held in the Courthouse, Cavan on
Monday 12th June, 2023 at 12.30pm**

Councillor Clifford Kelly, Cathaoirleach presiding.

Present; Councillors P McDonald, A. Fitzpatrick, V. Smith, S O'Reilly

Apologies; Councillor C Brady

In Attendance; Paddy Connaughton, Director of Services
A. Lyons, Municipal District Manager
C. Murray – Minutes Administrator

Cathaoirleach C. Kelly welcomed all to the meeting.

1. To confirm Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th May 2023.

Miontuaririsci cruinnithe 15th Bealtaine 2023 a dhearbhu.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Fitzpatrick

Seconded by Councillor P McDonald

And

Resolved;

“that minutes of meeting of Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal District held on 15th May 2023 be hereby approved”

Matters Arising from Minutes

Cllr S O'Reilly highlighted the junction at the top of the Kingscourt Road in Bailieboro and that there was a meeting with the town regeneration officer where this junction was discussed. Cllr S O'Reilly advised that since the last meeting some redial work has been completed but its still not great.

Mr A Lyons advised members that this junction was a very busy junction and due to its current design significant investment was needed to remedy the issues identified as well as issues identified at the Tesco roundabout. Cllr P McDonald supported Cllr S O'Reilly's concerns and advised he received a lot of representations about this junction also. He advised that there was a traffic management review done some time ago and there was a suggestion that HGV's be re-routed. Mr A Lyons agreed with Cllr McDonald that these types of measures may help however he has to await feedback from the traffic consultants that have been engaged to look at this location.

Cllr C. Kelly noted again that he has received several representations in regards to children crossing at junctions in Kingscourt. This included St. Mary's Road, Rocks Road and Kells road junctions. There was an accident a few years back and wanted noted that the summertime was a good time to start to put things in place when the schools were off.

2. Disclosure of Interests.

There were no disclosures of Interest.

Members Items - June

3.To discuss possible funding for a footpath from St. Anne's Park Bailieborough to Lakeland Diaries

Cllr S O'Reilly advised that this motion had been discussed previously but wanted to raise it again. Cllr S. O'Reilly asked would there be funding under the active travel scheme to extend the footpath that currently ends at St. Anne's park the 200 metres or so out to Lakeland Diaries. Cllr S O'Reilly advised that there is 800 people employed at the site and that the piece of road would be a very suitable location as it is wide. Cllr P McDonald supported Cllr S O'Reilly in her motion and agreed that it was a very suitable location and that no land acquisition would be needed.

Mr A. Lyons advised the members that as part of Lakeland Dairies planning permission that one of the conditions was that they had to develop the front of the premises and make improvements along the front. Mr A Lyons advised a meeting took place with them 18months previously where this was discussed with them and one of the key measures discussed was connecting the footpaths. Cllr P McDonald asked that there be continued co-operation on both sides.

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Cllr A Fitzpatrick raised the Drumnaveil Housing estate. He advised that both himself and Mr A Lyons had met with them in Oct 22 about proposed speed ramps and dropped footpaths and wanted to know if there was any update. Mr A Lyons advised that it was difficult to engage contractors but that a list of works had been done up and he was waiting for a date from the contractor when this would be completed. Cllr A Fitzpatrick asked was there any discretionary grant that could be applied for as there was an area at the back that was causing anti-social

behaviour. Cllr P McDonald supported Cllr A Fitzpatrick on these points and advised that if some works could start it would be appreciated.

Cllr C Kelly advised members works had been carried out in Mount St. Joseph. He advised that the road conditions in the estate had deteriorated with 27 potholes in places and asked if these could be addressed. The green area had also been damaged and asked that the contractors return it to the correct condition as they had damaged it during the works completed here.

Cllr C Kelly advised Mr A Lyons that he had received a letter from the residents on the Rocks Road in regard to a large embankment that been maintained previously by residents however it was becoming a hazard and the residents wanted part of the embankment taken away. Cllr C Kelly will give the letter to Mr A Lyons to address.

Cllr P McDonald asked Mr A Lyons about the new patchers and asked did each district have their own? Mr A Lyons advised that there were 2 new velocity patchers purchased that replaced old machines. They are being rotated between the MD areas and due to a very wet spring additional patchers had to be hired in privately to supplement these.

Cllr C Kelly commended Cllr V Smith on the facilities down at Lavey Lake. It was a great facility, and it was a credit to them. Cllr V Smith advised there was a great voluntary group here that had done the work.

Cllr Sarah O'Reilly congratulated Cllr C Kelly on this position as Cathaoirleach and looked forward to the extra funding that may be got for all areas. This was seconded by Cllr A Fitzpatrick.

The date of the next meeting was agreed and set for Monday 4th September 2023 at 4pm in the Chamber in Cootehill.

The meeting concluded at 1.10pm.