

Minutes of Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 13th February 2017, at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar.

Presiding : Cllr. John Shaw, Mayor

Members Present : Cllrs. Frank McDermott, Emily Wallace, Avril Whitney, Andrew Duncan, Ken Glynn, Paddy Hill, Una D'Arcy, Sorca Clarke, Michael Dollard, Johnnie Penrose, Liam McDaniel, Bill Collentine.

Apologies : Cllr. Avril Whitney

Officers Present : Mr. Martin Murray, Director of Services,
Mr. Declan Leonard, District Manager,
Mr. Paul McCool, District Engineer,
Ms. Kitty Foyle, District Administrator.
Ms. Caroline Byrne, Staff Officer.

In Attendance : Mr. Michael Connolly, Senior Engineer
Mr. P. J. Carey, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Murty Hanly, Executive Engineer
Mr. Brendan Fitzsimons, Executive Engineer

Item 1 : *Miontuairisci*

- (i) On the proposal of Cllr. Glynn, seconded by Cllr. McDermott, the Minutes of January Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held at 2.00pm on Monday, 9th January, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar were unanimously approved.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of January 2017 MMD Meeting.

Item 2 : *Speed Limits Bye-Laws*

Michael Connolly, Senior Engineer, presented a report to the Members in relation to proposals to amend the current speed limits which operate in Westmeath. He advised that this process commenced in January 2016 and since then, all review locations raised by the Municipal District Members, by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and by others have been assessed by the Transportation Section. Furthermore, he stated that TII has reviewed the special speed limits on all national roads in Westmeath and consultation has taken place between the Council's Transportation Section and representatives from TII.

The following proposals and recommendations were considered by Members.

1. M6: Junction 2 (Kinnegad) - TII Proposals;

Proposal 1 – Relocate the 120/80 kph limits on the eastbound off-slip road to 25 metres from the end of the slip road.

Proposal 2 – Relocate the 120/80 kph limits on the westbound off-slip road to 32 metres from the end of the slip road.

Proposal 3 - Relocate the 80/120 kph limits on both on-slip roads to 50 metres from the beginning of the slip roads.

Recommendation for 1, 2 and 3 – Implement.

As proposed

2. M6: Junction 3 (Rochfordbridge) - TII Proposals;

Proposal 1 – Relocate the 120/80 kph limits on both off-slip roads to 31 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 2 - Relocate the 120/80 kph limits on the eastbound off-slip road to 25 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 3 - Relocate 80/120 kph limits on the westbound on-slip road to 86 metres from the beginning of the slip road.

Recommendation for 1, 2 and 3 – Implement.

As proposed

3. M6: Junction 5 (Kilbeggan) - TII Proposals;

Proposal 1 – Relocate the 120/100 kph limits on both off-slip roads to 30 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 2 - Relocate the 100/120 kph limits on the eastbound on-slip road to 53 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 3 - Relocate 100/120 kph limits on the westbound on-slip road to 30 metres from the beginning of the slip road.

Recommendation for 1, 2 and 3 – Implement.

As proposed

4. M6: Junction 4 (Tyrellspass) + N52 (Tyrellspass) - TII Proposals;

Proposal 1 – Remove the existing 80 kph special speed limit on M6 Junction 4, on the link road to the roundabout junction with the R446 (Athlone to Kinnegad road), and the existing 60 kph through the roundabout to the Mullingar road. Replace with default speed limit of 100 kph.

Proposal 2 – Relocate the 120/100 kph limits on both off-slip roads to 41 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 3 - Relocate the 100/120 kph limits on the eastbound on-slip road to 30 metres from the beginning of the slip roads.

Proposal 4 - Relocate the 100/120 kph limits on the westbound on-slip road to 61 metres from the beginning of the slip roads.

Recommendation: Consider TII recommendations.

Cllr McDaniel proposed to maintain existing speed limited; 2nd by Cllr Glynn

5. M4: Junction 12 (Kinnegad West) - TII Proposals;

Proposal 1 – Relocate the 120/80 kph limits on the eastbound off-slip roads to 30 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 2 - Relocate the 80/120 kph limits on the westbound on-slip road to 30 metres from the beginning of the slip roads.

Recommendation for 1 and 2 – Implement.

As proposed

6. N4: Junction 14 (The Downs) - TII Proposals;

Proposal 1: Change the existing 60 kph special speed limits at the junction to 80 kph i.e. default speed limit for R156.

Proposal 2 – Relocate the 100/80 kph limits on both off-slip roads to 30 metres from the end of the slip roads.

Proposal 3 - Relocate 80/100 kph limits on the westbound on-slip road to 15 metres from the beginning of the slip road.

Proposal 4 - Relocate 80/100 kph limits on the eastbound on-slip road to 26 metres from the beginning of the slip road.

Recommendation for 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Implement.

As proposed

7. N4 : Ballinalack - TII Proposals;

Westbound approach:

Proposal 1 – Relocate the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 227 metres towards the centre of the village i.e. to a location northwest of the shop/filling station.

Proposal 2 – Create a 60 kph speed limit for a distance of 227 metres immediately outside the 50 kph limit.

Recommendation – Consider TII recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr Penrose to reject TII proposal; 2nd by Cllr Clarke

Eastbound approach:

Proposal 1 – Relocate the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 220 metres towards the village centre.

Proposal 2 – Create a 60 kph speed limit for a distance of 220 metres towards the village centre i.e. increase the 50kph limit along this section to 60 kph.

Proposal 3 – Change special speed limit on the L5934 Cappagh Road from 50 kph to 60 kph.

Recommendation – Consider TII recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr Penrose to reject TII proposal; 2nd by Cllr Clarke

8. N4: Rathowen - TII Proposals;

Westbound approach:

Proposal 1 – Relocate the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 265 metres towards the centre of the village.

Proposal 2 – Create a 60 kph speed limit for a distance of 265 metres i.e. increase.

Recommendation – Consider TII recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr Penrose to reject TII proposal; 2nd by Cllr D’Arcy

9. N51: From Delvin to Lisclogher, Meath County Boundary (see separate proposal for Crowenstown) - TII Proposals;

Proposal - Reduce existing 100 kph limits to 80 kph.

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

10. N51: Crowenstown - TII Proposals ;

Proposal 1: Remove the existing permanent 60 kph limit on the N51.

Proposal 2: Create a new periodic limit over a length of 401 metres, for specific periods, at school dropping off and collection times.

Recommendation: Consider TII recommendation.

As proposed

11. N52: From Cloghan to Killynan (Pratt):

Proposal 1 – Remove the existing 80 kph Special speed limits and revert to the default speed limit of 100 kph (extent of the N52 Cloghan to Turin realignment scheme).

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

12. N52: From Delvin to Meath County Boundary north of Clonmellon (excluding Clonmellon Village) - TII Proposals:

Proposal - Reduce existing 100 kph limits to 80 kph.

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

13. Delvin - TII Proposals;

N51 Approach:

Proposal 1 – Relocate the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 540 metres towards the centre of the village.

Proposal 2 – Provide a 60 kph speed limit by a distance of 540 metres immediately outside the 50 kph limit.

Recommendation – Consider TII recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr Hill to leave as is; 2nd by Cllr D’Arcy

N52 Northbound approach:

Proposal 1 – Relocate the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 210 metres towards the centre of the village i.e. to a location north of the entrance to Castlevue Estate.

Proposal 2 – Provide a 60 kph speed limit by a distance of 112 metres immediately outside the 50 kph limit.

Proposal 3 – Increase the existing speed limit from 60 kph to 80 kph for a distance of 886 metres between the existing 100 kph limit and the proposed 60 kph limit.

Recommendation – Consider TII recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr D’Arcy to leave as is; 2nd by Cllr Mc Dermott

N52 Southbound approach:

Proposal 1 – Relocate the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 460 metres towards the village centre.

Proposal 2 – Create a 60 kph speed limit for a distance of 460 metres immediately outside the proposed 50 kph limit.

Recommendation – Consider TII recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr D’Arcy to leave as is; 2nd by Cllr Mc Dermott

14. Mullingar

N4: Junction 15 (Marlinstown) + N52 (Marlinstown) – TII Proposal;

Proposal – Increase special speed limit from 60 kph to 80 kph through junctions and link road.

N4: Junction 16 (Delvin Road) – TII Proposal

Proposal – Increase special speed limit from 60 kph to 80 kph through junction.

N4: Junction 17 (Castlepollard Road) – TII Proposal

Proposal – Increase special speed limit from 60 kph to 80 kph through junction.

Proposed by Cllr Dollard to leave as is; 2nd by Cllr Clarke

L 1132: Russellstown Road;

Proposal – Create a 60 kph speed limit for a distance of 370 metres immediately outside the existing 50 kph zone.

Recommendation – Create 60 kph special speed limit for a distance of 130 metres, to the boundary of the Mullingar Town Development Area.

Proposed by Cllr Penrose 50kph; 2nd by Cllr Dollard

R394: Lynn to Newbrook Road (crossing the Joe Dolan bridge);

Proposal – Increase the existing 50 kph speed limit to 60 kph between the Bloomfield Roundabout and Newbrook, crossing the Joe Dolan Bridge, for a distance of 760 metres.

Recommendation – Implement.

Proposed by Cllr Glynn to leave as is; 2nd by Cllr Collentine

L 1139: Rochfortbridge Road;

Proposal – Extend existing 60 kph limit for a distance of 120 metres.

Recommendation – Retain existing 60 kph speed limit location.

As proposed

15. R394 & L1771 Finnea:

Proposal 1 – Reduce the existing 60 kph speed limit on the R394 Castlepollard road to 50 kph.

Proposal 2 – Extend the 50 kph speed limit on the L1771 Castletown Road to a point 555 metres from its junction with the R394 (passing national school).

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

16. R394: Castlepollard;

Proposal – Extend the existing 50 kph limit by a distance of 245 metres towards Mullingar.

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

17. L5769 & L5768: Castletown (Finnea):

Proposal 1 – Provide a 50 kph limit by a distance of 280 metres on R5769 at St. Michael's National School.

Proposal 2 - Provide a 50 kph limit by a distance of 250 metres on R5769.

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

18. R389: Castletown Old Railway Station;

Proposal - Provide a 50kph for a distance of 300m at the intersection with the Mullingar to Athlone Greenway.

Recommendation- Implement.

As proposed

19. L 1015: Rathwire:

Proposal – Extend the 50 kph speed limit by a distance of 208 metres towards Kinnegad (passing national school).

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

20. L 1923: St. Thomas National School, Rathowen;

Proposal – Create a 50 kph speed limit for a distance of 465 metres (passing national school).

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

21. L 1662 & L1501: St. Tolas National School, Ballinacor, Delvin;

Proposal 1 – L1622 Create a 50 kph speed limit for a distance of 350 metres.

Proposal 2 – L1501 Create a 50 kph speed limit for a distance of 215 metres.

Recommendation – Implement.

As proposed

22. L 5805: Gaddrystown, Ballinacarrigy;

Proposal – Create a 50 kph speed limit along the entire road length.

Recommendation – Special speed limit not appropriate at this location.

Proposed by Cllr Penrose SSL 2nd by Cllr Clarke

23. L 5510: Lisclogher

Proposal – Create a 60 kph speed limit from its junction with National Secondary road N51 to the County Boundary.

Recommendation – Special speed limit not appropriate at this location.

As proposed

Item 3 : Nomination of Member to Athlone Mullingar RAPID Area Implementation Team.

Cllr.Collentine proposed Cllr.Glynn as the nominee from Mullingar Municipal District to sit on the Athlone Mullingar RAPID Area Implementation Team. This proposal was seconded by Cllr.Dollard.

Cllr.D’Arcy proposed Cllr.Clarke as the nominee from Mullingar Municipal District to sit on the Athlone Mullingar RAPID Area Implementation Team.

As there was no seconder to Cllr.D’Arcy’s proposal, the proposal from Cllr.Collentine and seconded by Cllr.Dollard to nominate Cllr.Ken Glynn to the Athlone Mullingar RAPID Area Implementation Team was agreed.

Item 4 : Schedule of Municipal District Works for Q4 2016 and to note Schedule of works for 2017.

Paul McCool, District Engineer, gave a presentation to the Members on works carried out by Mullingar Municipal District for 2016 covering all areas. He included photographic evidence in some instances to portray “before and after” situations.

Declan Leonard, District Manager, outlined the environment works which took place in Q4 of 2016 and which are planned for 2017.

Following the presentation, the Members complimented the District Engineer and his team for the works which were carried out in the District during 2016.

Item 5 : Replies to Questions

The Replies to Questions for February were noted and supplementary questions answered, as listed hereunder.

Item 6 : Correspondence

The following items of Correspondence were considered by the Members:-

- (i) E-mail from AsIAM dated 17th January, 2017 regarding invitation which issued from the Members to host the Autism Experience Exhibition in Mullingar was noted;
- (ii) Memo from Kitty Foyle, District Administrator, dated 9th February, 2017 attaching an Extract from the Draft January 2017 Monthly Council Meeting Minutes was noted.

The Meeting then adjourned for fifteen minutes break.

Resumption:-

Item 4 : Replies to Notices of Motion

The Replies to Notices of Motion, as listed hereunder, were considered by Members. Motions 7.2, 7.6 and 7.13 were taken together.

When the time reached 4.30pm, on the proposal of Cllr.Glynn, seconded by Cllr.Clarke, it was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the business of the meeting to continue.

Any Other Business:

Cllr.Glynn asked if there was an update on safety issues at Gainstown School, as highlighted by Members at the December Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District. The Director advised that a solution to most issues highlighted at this school is present, however he has visited the school and witnessed parents ignoring the carpark provided when they are dropping off and collecting school children. He advised that he would examine further and get back to Cllr.Glynn.

This then concluded the business of the Meeting.

Mayor

Date

Mullingar Municipal District – 13th FEBRUARY, 2017 - QUESTIONS

CCMS	Question	Cllr.	Questions	Reply	Supplementary Question	Reply to Supplementary
211116	Q5.1	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to provide funding to improve the visibility at the dangerous bend on Road R393 at Kildallon, Ballynacargy.	Application under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme was unsuccessful. These works require land acquisition and at present there is no funding available to advance.	Will the Council meet with the local landowner?	DOS agreed this could take place.
211117	Q5.2	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to prioritise Road L1902 at Rath, for road restoration.	A 500m section of the L1902 at Rath has been included for 2017 in the 3 Year Restoration Programme.	None	None
211118	Q5.3	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to carry out road restoration on Road L5905 Milltown to Rathcastle, as this section of road needs to be upgraded.	A 500m section of the L1905 Milltown to Rathcastle Road has been included for 2017 in the 3 Year Restoration Programme.	None	None
211121	Q5.4	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 13/02/17 - How many social housing units became available throughout the county during 2016 from the Council's own housing stock and the number of said units which were subsequently allocated.	Number of Social Housing Units which became available in 2016 was 112, made up of 57 Casual Vacancies, 40 units acquired and 5 new units completed. Of the 112 units available, 99 were allocated and 13 remained vacant at 31/12/16.	What is the time frame for turnaround of vacant houses?	DOS advised approximately 10 weeks.
211122	Q5.5	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 13/02/17 - Will Westmeath County Council commence the process of putting in place a CPO with a long term view of acquiring No's 154 and 175, Dalton Park, in the context of the Derelict Sites Act.	In respect of house No.175, Dalton Park, this property has been entered on the Derelict Sites Register and an annual levy has been placed on same. The property appears to have changed hands in the past couple of weeks and the Council is endeavouring to establish the new owner to see what his/her plans are for the property. /..... (continued overleaf).....	Is the Council interested in acquiring this house?	DOS advised if funding is in place to fund a CPO process the Council would consider this.

			/ The Council has commenced the Derelict Sites process in respect of house No. 154, Dalton Park and will proceed to compulsorily acquire if the necessity arises.		
211123	Q5.6	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 13/02/17 - Has Westmeath County Council expressed any interest in acquiring any of the land bank which currently accommodates Imperial Tobacco complex on the Old N4 at Marlinstown.	No. Imperial Tobacco have not yet indicated their intentions regarding the site as they are currently decommissioning the plant. The current zoning is 'Enterprise and Employment' and this site is a strategically important location for enterprise and employment given its proximity to the national road network and other services. The size of the site is approximately 8.4 hectares and it should be actively marketed as a key development site serving the town and its hinterland.	None	None
211126	Q5.7	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 13/02/17 - Will Mullingar Municipal District consider repairing potholes and subsidence at Gaybrook junction of Milltownpass Road and Ballintleavey Road.	Potholes have been repaired at this location.	None	None
211127	Q5.8	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 13/02/17 - Will Mullingar Municipal District write to the contractor with responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of the flashing school signals and ask for the repair of light on the Athletic FC side of Gainstown School.	The contractor has been contacted and has inspected the light. Necessary replacement parts have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are available.	None	None
211128	Q5.9	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 13/02/17 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out drainage works at Nugents, Balreagh, Clonkill to alleviate flooding on the road.	Watercuts have been reopened and drains jetted at this location.	When were the drains jetted.	DOS advised District Engineer would check this.

211213	Q5.10	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 13/02/17 - Can Westmeath County Council clarify the amount it received in developer contributions from the sale of the Cloon Lara development.	The initial development bond logged under PP 04/5363 and drawn down by Westmeath County Council was of the value of €189,000. A further bond to the value of €138,000 was logged with Westmeath County Council to complete agreed works which are now substantially complete.	What works are yet to be carried out?	DOS advised that minimal works, mainly related to signage etc are yet to be completed. He agreed to give schedule of works to Cllr.Duncan.
211214	Q5.11	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 13/02/17 - Can Westmeath County Council clean the boreen in Grange and include it on the list of areas for mobile cctv cameras.	The lane between Patrick Street and Grange Heights has been cleaned and the hedges cut.	None	None
211215	Q5.12	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 13/02/17 - Can Westmeath County Council finish the works on the footpath outside Gerry Reilly's house at Ballinea, as previously promised.	Works at this location will be completed in 2017.	When will works be completed at this location?	DOS advised that District Engineer would provide a time frame for these works.
211218	Q5.13	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to provide funding for footpath improvements in Hillside Drive in the upcoming budget.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	None	None
211219	Q5.14	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to provide funding for footpath improvements in Chestnut Grove in the upcoming budget.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	None	None

211220	Q5.15	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to outline what progress is being made to replace the large section of trees along the main green area in the Brosna Lawns/Clarkmount Avenue/Old Clonmore area, as previously requested.	This location was investigated by Environment Section and while the localised failure of the trees appears suspicious, there was no evidence apparent that this was linked to an environmental pollution incident.	What now happens and will the trees be replaced?	DOS advised an incident report has been carried out but he agreed to investigate the matter further.
211223	Q5.16	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 13/02/17 - Can this Municipal District repair Road L1826 just before it meets the road junction at the "Welcome to Coole Village" sign, as this part of the road is very damaged across its full width and pothole repair is not holding at this location.	Road L1826 is part of the 2017 Restoration Programme.	None	None
211224	Q5.17	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 13/02/17 - Can the Members receive an update on the works planned for Clonmellon under the Village Enhancement Scheme.	It is proposed to enhance the Kilallon Road approach to Clonmellon by improving and widening the footpaths and the junction with Main Street. Derelict sites in this location will be cleaned up.	None	None
211225	Q5.18	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 13/02/17 - Can this Municipal District review how the areas reserved for buses are monitored and ensure these areas are kept free and that passengers are able to disembark with ease and the traffic flow in the town is not compromised at busy times, specifically Castle Street on Friday afternoons.	The traffic wardens monitor this area on a daily basis and regularly issue tickets to offenders. However we will try to increase the number of patrols on this street.	None	None

211743	Q5.19	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask this Council what towns or villages in Mullingar Municipal District would qualify for funding under the recently announced Action Plan for Rural Development.	There is no criteria which excludes any towns or villages under the recently announced Action Plan for Rural Development.	Will the Council apply for such funding?	DOS advised that the Council would be applying for funding.
211745	Q5.20	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask the Council if funding could be sourced from other bodies such as Leader, Community Development, REDZ for the construction of new footpaths, as many local communities are expressing the need for extra footpaths, in the interests of safety.	The most appropriate potential source of funding for footpaths is the proposed Town & Village Renewal scheme which it is anticipated that Westmeath County Council will be invited to apply for later in 2017.	None	None
211746	Q5.21	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask this Council what action, if any, it intends to take against landowners who fail to comply with Hedge Cutting Notices.	If a land owner or occupier of lands fails to comply with a Hedge Cutting Notice served under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act, a reminder letter is issued. If the hedge is still not cut, the owner or occupier shall be guilty of an offence and the Council will take legal proceedings in Court to have the hedge cut.	None	None
211654	Q5.22	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 13/02/17 - Will Mullingar Municipal District arrange to carry out improvements to the footpath and reinstate the kerbs alongside Eileen Hogg's house on the Lilliput road in Ballinagore.	This footpath can be considered for funding in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	As this is a small job, could the repairs be carried out outside of the Estimates ?	DOS advised that from a finance point of view, the answer stands and this work can be considered for funding in the context of the 2017 Estimates.
211894	Q5.23	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 13/02/17 - Is there any progress in relation to the two properties at the Garda Station, Dublin Road, Castlepollard?	Mullingar Municipal District staff have been liaising with the local resident and a detailed topographical survey has been carried out. Following this survey, a detailed design will be advanced. This design will need to be presented and passed by Heritage/Conservation as this is a listed building.	Has permission been sought from Heritage and Conservation?	DOS advised this is not a national issue but a local issue for the Council.

211896	Q5.24	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 13/02/17 - When will the trees at New Glenview, Castlepollard be pruned?	These trees have been pruned.	None	None
211898	Q5.25	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 13/02/17 - Will this Municipal District create passing bays or pull in areas on Road No.5756, Caslanakirka, Castlepollard?	There are no plans for passing bays on this local secondary road which is similar to many other local secondary roads in the district.	If passing bays have been provided on other roads, why not on this road?	DOS advised it can be considered as part of the Estimates.
211901	Q5.26	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 13/02/17 - Can a pedestrian crossing be provided at the entrance to the Greenway at Newbrook Roundabout to facilitate safer crossing of pedestrians to the carpark?	Enhancements to the existing Greenway and Old rail trail are under review, this review includes improving the entry points to both trails. Subject to funding Mullingar Municipal District has identified this entry point as a priority, advancing specific improvements in this location.	Can clarification be provided on the last sentence of the reply?	DOS advised Westmeath County Council is currently negotiating with an adjacent landowner and will come back to Members with specific proposals.
211902	Q5.27	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 13/02/17 - In relation to the properties offered to Westmeath County Council by NAMA which are in this Municipal District, how many are now on RAS or similar schemes?	Westmeath County Council does not deal directly with NAMA in respect of houses in their portfolio; all discussions are carried out on behalf of the local authority by the Housing Agency. We have worked closely with the Housing Agency and Approved Housing Bodies to deliver units suitable for social housing that were under the control of NAMA. For the period December 2011 to March 2016, a total of 20 properties in the Mullingar Municipal District have been acquired for social housing purposes. Other properties, previously offered by the Housing Agency and which were rejected by this Council for one or more of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsuitable accommodation, for example: the layout / location of an apartment block. • The requirement to acquire all of the units in an apartment block or development. /..... (continued overleaf).....	Do WCC have the specific addresses of the properties offered	No As WCC did not advance the initial expression of interest the data referred to is not available to WCC

				<p>...../</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties located where there is significant social housing and the acquisition of further units would adversely affect the social mix in the area may subsequently be offered for lease by a family/ individual who qualifies for housing support through RAS , HAP etc. The Council would not have been provided with the specific addresses of the properties originally offered. 		
211906	Q5.28	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District if Government has replied to the Council's Motion regarding suspension of the revaluation of commercial rates?	This is not a matter for Mullingar Municipal District.	None	None
211909	Q5.29	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to repair lights on canal from Carey Bridge to Harbour Street Bridge, as this location is used by numerous walkers and joggers.	Electric Skyline have visited this site and have agreed to keep the lights on 24/7 until next week. They will fix the problem early next week.	None	None
211910	Q5.30	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to repair light No.5 in Dalton Park opposite house numbers 222-223, which has not worked in approximately four years.	This light will cost approximately €4000 to repair. We do not have sufficient budget for this repair in 2017.	What is wrong with this light?	DOS advised ducting and cabling are required, as well as a new light column.
211914	Q5.31	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Westmeath County Council for an update on the plans to remove a dangerous bend at Evans house in Balroe, Ballynacargy.	Application under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme was unsuccessful. These works require land acquisition and at present there is no funding available to advance.	None	None

211915	Q5.32	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Westmeath County Council to include the Togher Road, Ballynacargy in the 2017 Roads Estimates.	Potholes have been repaired at this location.	None	None
211916	Q5.33	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 13/02/17 - To ask Westmeath County Council to make the necessary repairs to the road at Slievelahan, Rathowen.	This relates to Road L59261 also known as Loughanstown. Potholes have been repaired at this location.	None	None
211919	Q5.34	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 13/02/17 - Can this Council put in place disabled markings at parking space across from Killucan Post Office?	The R156 is particularly narrow at the Killucan Post Office and the location would not be suitable for a Disabled Parking space.	None	None
211920	Q5.35	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 13/02/17 - Can this Council remedy water pooling on the Togher Road at Derrymore, Killucan.	This matter will be investigated.	None	None
211921	Q5.36	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 13/02/17 - Can this Council make restorations and resurface the Riverdale Road in Raharney which is in need of repairs.	Pothole and edge repair on road no. L1022 will be carried out in the coming weeks.	None	None

Mullingar Municipal District – 13th FEBRUARY, 2017 – NOTICES OF MOTION

CCMS	Motion	Cllr.	Motions	Reply	Notes
211114	M7.1	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 13/02/17 - That Mullingar Municipal District would examine junction off Road L1137 with R392 with a view to improving sightlines.	The available sightlines will be checked by Roads and Transportation staff to see what improvements, if any, are required.	Ok
211115	M7.2	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 13/02/17 - That Mullingar Municipal District would allocate funding for the upgrade and extension of footpath from the Church in Tyrrellspass as far as the cemetery.	This can be considered as part of the 2017 Estimates.	This Motion taken with Motion 7.6 and Motion 7.13.
211119	M7.3	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 13/02/17 - In the context of Revenue receipts for year 2016 in respect of Paid Parking in Mullingar Town, that the Council would please provide the following information: (a) actual total amount paid for parking tickets by motorists; (b) fines receipts; (c) total amount paid to businesses for renting car parks; (d) administrative costs which would include payroll; (e) capital costs, i.e. repairs/replacement of infrastructure; (f) total overall profit.	a = €1,150,637; b = €192,053; c = €110,638; d = €387,806; e = €65,831; f = €515,000 Capital Projects - €263,040 utilised in the framing of the overall budget.	Ok
211120	M7.4	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 13/02/17 - That Mullingar Municipal District would indicate how it proposes to market Mullingar during 2017.	Westmeath County Council has entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Mullingar Chamber of Commerce to market Mullingar. Under this SLA, a website is being developed to promote Mullingar as well as the production of an E Commerce Brochure and the maintenance of Mullingar's Purple Flag Status. /..... (continued overleaf)...	Ok

				<p>...../</p> <p>In addition, a vacant commercial property register of both private and public property is being maintained by the LEO to facilitate businesses to locate in Mullingar. A series of videos have been produced for public use to market the town.</p>	
211125	M7.5	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 13/02/17 - That Mullingar Municipal District ensures that measures are in place to promote and encourage companies and new start up businesses in the locality and that there are sufficient measures in place or will be in place to counteract the UK leaving the EU.	LEO Westmeath is the First Point of contact for start up and existing businesses in Westmeath. The Department of Jobs are making additional monies available to small businesses to assist them plan when the UK leaves the EU.	It was agreed that this matter could be brought to the Economic SPC for discussion.
211211	M7.6	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 13/02/17 - That Westmeath County Council extend the footpath from Tyrrellspass Church to the graveyard.	This can be considered as part of the 2017 Estimates.	This Motion taken with Motion 7.2 and 7.13.
211212	M7.7	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 13/02/17 - That Westmeath County Council looks at the possibility of replacing the one way system at Dominick Place.	A detailed Traffic Study is being carried out by the Council's Consultant Engineers as part of the Mullingar Town Centre Enhancement Scheme. Dominick Place traffic flow is being considered as part of this Study.	Ok
211216	M7.8	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 13/02/17 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to put in place a process which will see the transition to LED lights in the public lighting network within residential areas.	<p>This proposal to upgrade Public Lights to a more energy efficient lamp needs to be progressed for the entire county. It would contribute to reduction in the Councils energy bills and the required energy reduction targets by 2020. It would also result in significantly reducing our monthly maintenance bills. However, there is a large capital cost associated with this transition. A large proportion of the existing public lights require additional upgrading such as new wiring and additional mini-pillars to comply with electrical requirements prior to any upgrade to LED lanterns. ./..... (continued overleaf)....</p> <p>...../</p>	Cllr.Glynn welcomed the reply.

				This matter is currently being considered at a national level and Westmeath County Council is liaising with this group. A dedicated multi annual capital budget would need to be put in place to achieve the upgrading programme. At present the Council is continuing to upgrade existing public lights, including the installation of LED lamps, within the limited funding currently available.	
211217	M7.9	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 13/02/17 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to ensure a new decorative entrance to the Old Rail Trail is put in place in time for the upcoming tourist season.	Enhancements to the existing Greenway and Old rail trial are under review, this review includes improving the entry points to both trails. Subject to funding Mullingar Municipal District has identified this entry point as a priority. advancing specific improvements in this location.	DOS reminded Members that €96,000 has been received in REDZ funding for marketing the Greenways during 2017.
211221	M7.10	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 13/02/17 - That in any planting or cutting carried out by this Municipal District, that consideration would be given to the needs of bees that have woken early from hibernation by the January "false Spring" and that this would include not killing dandelions and other early wild flowers.	Mullingar Municipal District does not commence any grass cutting until March.	Ok
211741	M7.11	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 13/02/17 - That this Council would provide funding in Estimates for re-surfacing of Road L5769 off the main Castlepollard-Finea Road to Castletown Church.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	Ok
211742	M7.12	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 13/02/17 - That this Council would provide funding in the Estimates for up-grade of road at Barradrum, Streete.	This can be considered as part of the 2017 Estimates for cul de sac roads, where funding is very limited for the full District.	Ok

211646	M7.13	Cllr Liam McDaniel	M - 13/02/17 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to provide a footpath from the Church entrance at the Croghan Road in Tyrrellspass to the local cemetery in the interest of safety of pedestrians attending church services and funerals.	This can be considered as part of the 2017 Estimates.	This Motion taken with Motion 7.6 and Motion 7.2.
211842	M7.14	Cllr Liam McDaniel	M - 13/02/17 - To call on the Mullingar Municipal District to improve traffic calming and parking measures at the national school in Castletown Geoghegan.	This school is on a Local Secondary Road and within a 50km/h speed limit zone. There are flashing school warning signs in place on the approaches. Parking at the school is a matter for the Board of Management of the school.	DOS advised that safety concerns are not sole responsibility of Council but school board of management must also play a part.
211870	M7.15	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 13/02/17 - That this Municipal District puts the final wearing course on the cul-de-sac road into Boyhans, Coffey's, Galligans and Corrigan's at Faughalstown, Kiltoom end, Castlepollard.	The LIS priority list has been approved and adopted, and this road does not form part of that priority list. It can be considered in the future.	Ok
211872	M7.16	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 13/02/17 - That this Municipal District would build a footpath from Brady's shop to the car park at the Doctors on Finea Road, Castlepollard.	This footpath is under consideration as part of Castlepollard Town and Village Renewal 2017.	Cllr.McDermott asked when Members will have an opportunity to assess proposals for Castlepollard. DOS advised Members have been updated on this but it is primarily a community based scheme.
211899	M7.17	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 13/02/17 - That this Municipal District writes to the Minister for Education in support of the approach by Longford Westmeath Education and Training Board in relation to the future of Columb Barracks.	As outlined in Westmeath County Council Development Plan, the Council will co-operate with the relevant landowners, in conjunction with investors and government agencies, in the preparation of Regeneration Plans for both Columb Barracks and attendant lands in order to investigate future options with a view to securing viable alternative uses and the creation of sustainable employment opportunities.	It was agreed that a letter of support could issue to the Minister for Education.

211900	M7.18	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 13/02/17 - That this Municipal District supports parents of children in ASD in their fight to have their children access education, through ASD units and/or home tutoring and that Ministers Finian McGrath and Richard Bruton would review the qualifying criteria for both.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter could issue to both Minister McGrath and Minister Bruton.
211903	M7.19	Cllr. Bill Collentine	M - 13/02/17 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to write to all supermarkets to remind and request them to collect shopping trolleys which are scattered around the town and housing estates to assist in keeping Mullingar town tidy and clean.	The powers used are under the Litter Pollution Act. While developing the Litter Management Plan, Westmeath County Council met with the supermarkets and agreed that we would contact them with the location of trolleys and that they would have them collected within 24 hours and if not, the Council could issue a litter fine of €150 per trolley.	DOS advised this situation can be assessed again when the Litter Management Plan is being reviewed.
211904	M7.20	Cllr. Bill Collentine	M - 13/02/17 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to advise what works are listed to be carried out on the enhancement scheme for Mullingar town which was announced in 2016 and when will works commence?	The Mullingar Town Enhancement Project (funded from the E.R.D.F.) is being designed to encourage a modal shift and alleviate traffic and parking congestion within the streets and create vibrant and sustainable urban spaces, specifically, the project entails the following elements:- •Creation of public space at Pearse Street-Castle Street junction; •Public space at Market Square plus Market House enhancement; •Dominick Square; •Blackhall Street linkages to car parks. RPS Consulting Engineers are currently carrying out the following works on the Mullingar Town Centre Enhancement Scheme: •Traffic, pedestrian and parking study and preparing a report on the proposed traffic management changes. •Reviewing traffic signal cycle times, parking, traffic lanes, footpath widths. •Providing design solutions for traffic, pedestrians, cyclists, parking, Taxis, Buses and Loading/Unloading. •Reviewing the current layout of the junctions prescribed in the project and designing alternative junction layouts to avoid conflicts. /..... (continued).....	Cllr.Collentine welcomed the reply.

				/..... It is hoped to have the Consulting Engineers present their proposals to the Members in March 2016.	
211917	M7.21	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 13/02/17 - That the Members be updated in relation to earlier proposals to upgrade the road between Kinnegad and Killucan to regional status.	Transportation are currently reviewing the status of this local road L-1015. The current Regional road R156 linking the County Boundary to the interchange at the 'Downs' traversing through Raharney and Killucan is the main Regional road in an East/West direction linking to the N4. Any proposal to upgrade the local road from Killucan to Kinnegad may have indirect consequences to the classification of the existing R156. Regional road status is under Ministerial order. Works on the L1015 including lining and Low-cost improvements are scheduled for 2017.	DOS advised that a Ministerial Order is required in order to upgrade a road. He cautioned that if this road was to be upgraded, then the current regional road from Killucan to The Downs could be de-classified and this may have a negative impact.
211918	M7.22	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 13/02/17 - That the Council would investigate pooling outside Cooke's residence at Sheepstown, Delvin.	Mullingar Municipal District will investigate this matter.	Ok