

Minutes of Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 11th April, 2016, at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar.

- Presiding** : Cllr.Andrew Duncan, Mayor
- Members Present** : Cllrs.Frank McDermott, Emily Wallace, Avril Whitney, John Shaw, Ken Glynn, Paddy Hill, Una D’Arcy, Sorca Clarke, Michael Dollard, Johnnie Penrose,.
- Apologies** : Cllr.Aidan Davitt, Cllr.Paul Daly.
- Officers Present** : Mr.Martin Murray, Director of Services, Mr.Declan Leonard, District Manager, Mr.Paul McCool, District Engineer, Ms.Kitty Foyle, Meetings Administrator, Ms.Caroline Byrne, Staff Officer.
- In Attendance** : Ms.Annette Barr Jordan, Community & Enterprise, Mr.Hugh Farrell, Irish Wheelchair Association
Mr.Arthur Dunne and Mr.Barry Reid, Springfield Centre

Item 1 : ***Miontuairisci***

On the proposal of Cllr.Glynn, seconded by Cllr.McDermott, the Minutes of March Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 14th March, 2016 at 2pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising:

Cllr.Glynn enquired if there was any update in relation to the unauthorised use of the taxi rank in Church Avenue. The Director advised that he had written to An Garda Síochána twice and the area is being continually monitored. He advised that the Mullingar Municipal District will continue to liaise with the Gardaí in relation to the unauthorised parking in this taxi rank out of hours.

Item 2 : ***To note results of access audit.***

Mr.Hugh Farrell, Regional Manager, Irish Wheelchair Association and Mr.Arthur Dunne, Springfield Service Co-ordinator, were in attendance and presented the findings of the access awareness event undertaken by Cllrs.Peter Burke, Una D’Arcy, Sorca Clarke and Avril Whitney on 1st February, 2016. Several issues were highlighted along the route –from Buckley’s Supermarket on Austin Friars Street to the County Council headquarters on Mount Street, via McCurtain Street, Friars Mill Road, Castle Street and Pearse Street. The report was circulated to the Members.

Cllr.Dollard suggested that the findings of this access audit should also be made available to the Gardaí. The Director advised that this matter could be brought to a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee in the future. In relation to addressing the issues highlighted, the Director advised that funding under the Urban Regeneration Scheme will address some of the issues in the town centre. He also stated that funding of €20,000 has been provided in the 2016 Budget for accessibility issues.

Item 3 : Community Gain Committee.

The Director advised the Members that a Community Gain Committee is being created to oversee funding which has been made available from Eirgrid for community works in the eastern side of the Mullingar Municipal District. He stated that two Mullingar Municipal District Members are required for this committee. Cllr.Glynn proposed *Cllr.John Shaw* for the Committee. This proposal was seconded by Cllr.Hill. Cllr.McDermott proposed *Cllr.Emily Wallace* for the Community Gain Committee and this proposal was seconded by the Mayor.

Item 4 : Replies to Questions

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

Item 5 : Correspondence

The following items of Correspondence were noted by Members:-

- (1) Letter dated 21/3/16 from Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in reply to MMD letter regarding amendment of the current change of ownership documentation relating to the sale of vehicles was circulated to Members and noted;
- (2) Memo of 23/3/16 from Meath County Council relating to a Variation to the Meath County Development Plan was circulated to Members and noted;
- (3) Letter dated 18/3/16 from Willie Penrose, T.D. in reply to MMD letter regarding increase of foot patrols in Mullingar town by An Garda Síochána, was circulated to Members and noted;
- (4) Letter dated 30/3/16 from Peter Burke, T.D. in reply to MMD letter regarding increase of foot patrols in Mullingar town by An Garda Síochána, was circulated to Members and noted;
- (5) Further e-mail dated 11/3/16 from Peter Burke, T.D. with acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to the issue of additional Garda patrols in Mullingar was circulated to Members and noted.

As the time had now reached 4.30pm, on the proposal of Cllr.Glynn, seconded by Cllr.McDermott, Standing Orders were suspended to allow Members to continue with the business of the Meeting.

Any Other Business:

Cllr.Whitney proposed a Vote of Congratulations to Bunbrosna Set Dancers on their win in the recent All Ireland Scór Finals. It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Club.

Cllr.Wallace congratulated Gigginstown Stud and Michael O'Leary, as well as all involved in the winning of the Aintree Grand National on 9th April, 2016 with "Rule The World". All the Members joined in this Vote of Congratulations. It was agreed that a letter would issue to Gigginstown Stud.

Cllr.Hill proposed that a request should issue to the Corporate Policy Group to honour Michael O'Leary by way of a Civic Reception at some point in the future, having regard to the historic win at Aintree over the weekend, as well as Gigginstown Stud producing the winner of the Gold Cup and the Irish Grand National winner this year.

Cllr.D’Arcy asked for an update on the purchase of houses by Council tenants. Cllr.D’Arcy was advised that there is currently a scheme in place and that letters would issue to tenants in the coming months.

Cllr.D’Arcy also asked for an update on the provision of bins specifically for dog fouling. She was advised by the Director that a report is being compiled at present on the provision of and relocation of bins and he will revert to the Members on this matter in due course.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Mayor

Date

Mullingar Municipal District – 11th APRIL 2016 - QUESTIONS

CCMS	Question	Cllr.	Questions	Reply	Supplementary Question	Reply to Supplementary
191571	Q4.1	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Westmeath County Council what plans it currently has to provide a sewerage treatment plant for the whole of Rathowen and environs, as there is a serious problem with the current sewerage system in the local authority houses at School Lane.	The Council submitted an Asset Needs Brief to Irish Water in July 2015 which proposed to appoint a Consulting Engineer to examine the existing wastewater treatment systems in Rathowen, with a view to establishing their eligibility for connection to a new sewerage scheme and to examine future development possibilities in the village with a view to developing a business case and options for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Rathowen. This remains under consideration by Irish Water.	None	None
191570	Q4.2	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to repair the footpath outside No 17 Green Park Close, Mullingar as it is badly broken up and is a danger to pedestrians and other road users.	This will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
191569	Q4.3	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 11/04/16 - Would this Municipal District immediately carry out further investigations as to the cause of water residue being present in the soot boxes of the chimneys in the OPDs at Rathowen, as this is a cause of great concern to the residents living there and needs to be addressed immediately.	Housing Section will meet with the residents of the OPDs at Rathowen in the next 2 weeks to address issues raised by Cllr Penrose.	Motion 6.13 also refers.	None

192143	Q4.4	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 11/04/16 - In the context of social housing provision, can the Council indicate the number of housing units acquired by way of purchase in County Westmeath during 2015/2016 and the geographic locations of said houses.	A total of 9 houses have been purchased by the Council under the acquisition element of the Social Housing Programme. 4 of these are in Mullingar, 3 in Athlone and 2 in Moate. There are a further 15 acquisitions in progress and which it is hoped to conclude in the near future. 12 of these are in Mullingar, 2 in Athlone, 1 in Kilbeggan and 2 in Castlepollard. It is intended to continue with acquisitions where houses, suited to social housing needs, are available for purchase.	How many social housing units have been allocated?	DOS agreed to get this information for the Members.
192145	Q4.5	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District arrange to carry out a survey of trees outside No.32, Bellview Heights, Mullingar, with a view to having same pruned or removed.	The trees at this location will be assessed and will be pruned if they are interfering with public lighting, footpaths, pedestrians or the public road.	None	None
192146	Q4.6	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 11/04/16 - Has Mullingar Municipal District any plans or proposals to improve the entrance into Lakepoint Business Park off the N52?	There are no plans or proposals for this location as this is a private development.	Will the Council carry out a safety audit at this location?	DOS advised that all aspects of planning permission compliance will be examined.
192149	Q4.7	Cllr. Paul Daly	Q - 11/04/16 - Can the white line be painted on the road R389 from Kilbeggan to Ballinagore?	The white line on the R389 will be renewed as soon as possible.	None	None
192151	Q4.8	Cllr. Paul Daly	Q - 11/04/16 - Can the five street lights at the small roundabout on Road 52081 at the entrance to Tonaphort, Kilbeggan, off the Southern M6 Roundabout, be repaired?	This matter has been referred to the Council's Transportation Section who will liaise with the public lighting contractor to have repairs carried out.	None	None

192155	Q4.9	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 11/04/16 - When will this Municipal District erect "Dangerous Junction Ahead" signs on the N52 at L5531, L5530 and L5525 at Ballinlough.	The adequacy of the existing advance warning signs on the N52 and the local roads will be assessed in the coming weeks.	Can this be assessed as soon as possible?	DOS advised a programme of works from Transportation Dept will be agreed in the coming weeks.
192229	Q4.10	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 11/04/16 - When will this Municipal District erect permanent flashing speed signs on the road north and south of Delvin.	There is no plan or funding for further flashing speed signs in the District.	None	None
192156	Q4.11	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 11/04/16 - When will the cul de sac road into Correally (L59292) be strengthened?	This is not part of 2016 Restoration Programme. However, potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
192159	Q4.12	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District please consider supplying stone to the Rarun cul de sac road at Crowenstown, Delvin, where the residents have indicated that they would spread the stone and carry out repairs at this location.	The section of road which is public is in good condition. The remainder of this road is not taken in charge by the Council therefore it is the responsibility of the residents.	Can a Local Improvement Scheme be considered for this road?	DOS agreed this would be the best option.
192160	Q4.13	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District look at the portion of road above Crolly's house and just below the cross roads between the Collinstown and Drumcree roads and repair the gully lip.	This is the L1731. It is proposed to do edge repair on this section of road within the next week.	Can Councillor meet the engineer on site?	DOS agreed this could happen.
192161	Q4.14	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 11/04/16 - Can Mullingar Municipal District repair the portion of footpath on the Killucan Road, Raharney opposite the school and outside the priests' house.	This section of footpath has been included in the 2016 Estimates for resurfacing. Works will be carried out as soon as possible.	None	None
192226	Q4.15	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to outline when roads and footpaths in Ennell Court will be upgraded, as some of them are in very poor condition.	The upgrade of roads and footpaths in Ennell Court, Mullingar, shall be considered in the next phase of development (phase III) proposed for this location.	What is the timeline for completion of works in this estate.	DOS to revert to Councillor with reply.

192227	Q4.16	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to outline when a plan for the use of the Market House will finally be put forward.	A preliminary plan will be presented to the Members at next months' meeting.	When will report be brought before Members on Market House?	DOS advised this would happen at next meeting of MMD in May 2016.
192228	Q4.17	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to carry out some works on the Hopestown, Ballinea cul-de-sac road, as the surface is bad in many areas and prone to some flooding on wet days.	This relates to local cul de sac road No. L51431. Potholes will be patched and watercuts opened up as far as the last inhabited house.	None	None
192240	Q4.18	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to explore the possibility of improving the bad bend at Gerard Evans' house, Balroe, Ballynacargy.	This matter has been referred to the Council's Transportation Section for a survey.	None	None
192241	Q4.19	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to have the lights repaired at the old railway crossing on the Loughnavalley to Tullamore Road.	This has been reported to the Council's Public Lighting Contractor.	None	None
192253	Q4.20	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask this Municipal District to consider providing traffic calming measures at the GAA Pitch on Packenhamhall Road, Castlepollard as this is a very much used entrance to the pitch, with traffic approaching from both sides travelling too fast.	This location is within the 50km/hr speed limit zone. There is no plan or funding for traffic calming measures at this location.	Can Gardai be consulted with a view to installing speed cameras at this location?	DOS agreed MMD would write to Gardai in relation to same. He also suggested matter be brought up at JPC level.

192255	Q4.21	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask this Municipal District for an update and timescale for works that are required to prevent flooding on Dublin Road, Castlepollard and if funding received under Severe Weather Allocation will be sufficient to prevent flooding in this location in the future, and in view of flooding of the Garda Station, will a contribution be sought from the OPW?	Works have been carried out by the Mullingar Municipal District surveying and cleaning out the open drains and pipes that serve the Dublin Rd, Castlepollard. Further surveying works are required during the summer months, when water levels have dropped. The full extent of the required remedial works will not be known until this survey is complete. The Mullingar Municipal District has requested a meeting with the OPW to discuss the drainage in this area and are currently awaiting a response.	Will there be sufficient funding for repairs here and has a contribution been sought from OPW?	DOS advised MMD is still awaiting a response from OPW.
192256	Q4.22	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 11/04/16 - To ask this Municipal District when it hopes to carry out improvement work on Road L57541 At Rochestown, Coole.	This road has been included in the 2016 Estimates. Works will be carried out during the Surface Dressing season.	None	None
192259	Q4.23	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District install a footpath from Castletown-Geoghegan village footpath to the GAA pitch?	There is no plan or funding for a footpath at this location.	None	None
192260	Q4.24	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 11/04/16 - Can Mullingar Municipal District resurface Road L5236?	This road has not been included in the 2016 Estimates, however potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
192261	Q4.25	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 11/04/16 - When will Mullingar Municipal District carry out roadworks at Whitepark, Dysart?	These works will be carried out during the Road Restoration Programme, subject to the Community Contribution being received.	Was a contribution received from the local community?	DOS advised no contribution received to date.

192274	Q4.26	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 11/04/16 - Following a previous request, can this Municipal District please highlight and request assistance from the Gardaí to tackle the parking on double yellow lines on Spoutwell Lane as it is causing ongoing distress to the residents.	A letter will be issued to the Gardaí in this regard and the traffic warden team will also be made aware of this issue.	Can a letter issue to Gardaí?	DOS agreed MMD would issue letter to Gardaí.
192275	Q4.27	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 11/04/16 - Can the speed ramp at the entrance to Grange Crescent be repaired, as it is crumbling.	This ramp will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
192276	Q4.28	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 11/04/16 - Can the grass areas in Windtown Park, Rathowen be cut?	These green areas are the responsibility of the Residents.	None	None
192505	Q4.29	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District detail any plans to provide a carpark in Kinnegad for commuters, together with any agreements that the Mullingar Municipal District has with commercial businesses.	There was a proposal about 10 years ago to create a Park and Ride carpark on the Old Galway Road, Kinnegad. This was to be funded from the proceeds of Paid Parking which was proposed for Kinnegad Main Street. The Elected Members did not approve the proposal and the carpark did not proceed.	Does MMD see this scheme being re-visited in the future?	DOS agreed it would be costed and re-examined.
192508	Q4.30	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District now put forward a timeline, further to discussions with T.I.I., for implementing a right hand turning lane at Wallaces of Portnashangan off the N4?	A revised road layout design for this location has been agreed, following consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and a contractor has been requested to carry out the necessary works. The nature of the works is weather dependent but it is anticipated that they will be commenced in the coming weeks.	None	None

192509	Q4.31	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 11/04/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District, in conjunction with Irish Water, advise when capital works are likely to commence to improve water supply at Corcloon, Milltownpass.	The matter rests with Irish Water procurement. The site investigation documents for the Milltownpass mains replacement works were submitted to Irish Water on 4th March and they remain with the Central Sourcing Team for issue to tender. The Contract Documents for the main works are at an advanced stage of preparation but we await the site investigation report in order to include with the main documents for issue to tender.	Can this be progressed with Irish Water?	DOS advised Council is awaiting a decision on capital funding from Irish Water.
192654	Q4.32	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 11/04/16 - How often does the street sweeper clean the town of Kinnegad and are the footpaths included?	The streets and footpaths of Kinnegad are cleaned every Monday. In addition, Kinnegad Tidy Towns staff pick litter on a regular basis.	Can footpaths in Kinnegad also be cleaned?	DOS agreed that MMD would discuss with driver of Council Sweeper.
192655	Q4.33	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 11/04/16 - Can this Municipal District investigate broken manhole across from Gildea's Pharmacy, Kinnegad?	Water Services repaired this manhole recently.	None	None
192656	Q4.34	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 11/04/16 - Can this Municipal District remedy the bridge called "Corroons Bridge" at Newdown, The Downs?	The bridge, as indicated, has been inspected. This is an OPW bridge and appears to be satisfactory.	None	None

Mullingar Municipal District – 11th APRIL 2016 – NOTICES OF MOTION

CCMS	Motions	Cllr	Motions	Reply	Notes
191568	M6.1	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would look at the possibility of carrying out essential maintenance of the roadside margins of our local and regional roads in order to prevent narrowing of the roadway as appears to be happening at present due to the lack of 'edging' work being carried out.	The use of "Super Singles" on truck trailers and agricultural equipment is causing the road edges on all roads to be damaged. This is a national problem. Mullingar Municipal District will continue to monitor all roads and essential maintenance will be carried out.	In response to a query from Cllr.Penrose, DOS agreed that all roads will be constantly monitored, including road edges.
191567	M6.2	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would complete and plough/re-seed the green area in Winetown Park, Rathowen as when works were carried out at this location in putting in a new treatment plant, the restoration of the green area was not completed.	This green area is the responsibility of the Residents Association.	Question 4.28 refers. DOS agreed this would be examined and if any damage was caused by the Council, it would be remedied.
192141	M6.3	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 11/04/16 - That Westmeath County Council would provide details, including site locations, of all land banks it owns in the Mullingar Municipal District area.	There are currently 265 'properties' within the Westmeath County Council Asset Register. In respect to the specific motion of providing details of the 'land banks' within the Mullingar Municipal District, as the register is county wide a process to specifically outline what's in the District and eliminate land banks such as graveyards, carparks, green areas, lakeshore areas etc will be undertaken for the next meeting.	Agreed that DOS would revert to Members at the May Meeting with a full register of Council owned properties.

192142	M6.4	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 11/04/16 - That Westmeath County Council would carry out a road safety audit opposite Fox's Fruit and Vegetable Shop at Lynn Industrial Estate, with a view to establishing what technical works require to be put in place in order that road safety would be improved.	The Council's Transportation Section is not aware of any safety issues on the public road at this location. Issues are related to the unregulated access/egress arrangements which come from the unregulated entrance to the parking area to the front of this site. This issue should be rectified with a defined entrance to the site being located at the northwest corner of the site, with the remainder of the front of the site fenced off from the public road. The planning history at this location will also be examined.	DOS advised planning history of this site will be examined and MMD will liaise with Transportation Dept. Any works required can be considered under the 2017 Estimates.
192147	M6.5	Cllr. Paul Daly	M - 11/04/16 - That some action would be taken to solve the flooding problem on Road 51154 in Raheenquill at Sean and Nancy Hyland's house.	Mullingar Municipal District has carried out some work at this location to relieve the threat of flooding. The onus is on the land and property owners in the area to ensure that existing open drains are maintained.	ok
192148	M6.6	Cllr. Paul Daly	M - 11/04/16 - That some additional crowd control barriers be acquired for distribution to St.Patrick's Day Parade Committees, now that all the existing stock seems to be tied up with the annual half marathon event.	The stock of steel crowd control barriers in the Mullingar Municipal District has been depleted over the last year. There were only 40 barriers made available to the Mullingar Half Marathon. Paid Parking funds have been made available in 2016 to replenish the stock.	ok
192152	M6.7	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would repair the potholes outside Columba College, Killucan.	These potholes have been repaired.	ok
192153	M6.8	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would repair the very dangerous road, L5526 from Lislogher junction going south to Nugent's Gate or the Meath border.	This is part of the 2016 Restoration Programme. Works will be carried out in the coming months.	ok

192157	M6.9	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would review the exit of the Stoneyford Estate in Delvin, as many residents feel that traffic approaches this location at great speed and it is a difficult exit to emerge from.	Mullingar Municipal District has carried out works in recent weeks to improve the sightlines for traffic exiting this estate.	Supported by Cllr.McDermott.
192158	M6.10	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would update the Members on the safety reviews called for, with respect to car speeds in the village of Fore, Collinstown and the Joristown Road and at the location of Castlepollard Community College, as requested previously.	A speed assessment will be commenced at the village of Fore in the coming weeks.	ok
192224	M6.11	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 11/04/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to take immediate action to improve safety at the pedestrian crossing on Green Road outside Marshalls Supermarket, either by installing a ramped surface or an anti-skid surface on both approaches to it.	This pedestrian crossing has additional flood lights and flashing beacons fitted. The road markings are in good condition. There is no accident history. There is no specific funding for works at this location and it is not proposed to carry out any works.	Agreed that letter would issue to Gardai regarding enforcement of speeding traffic.
192225	M6.12	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 11/04/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to carry out immediate works on the boat launching slip-way at Tudenham, Lough Ennell, as it has fallen into a poor state of repair.	Minor repairs will be carried out at this location as soon as possible.	ok
192238	M6.13	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 11/04/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would investigate the ongoing issue with the chimneys in the OPD's on Main Street, Rathowen.	Housing Section will meet with the residents of the OPDs at Rathowen in the next 2 weeks to address the issues raised by Cllr Whitney.	Taken with Question 4.3.

192239	M6.14	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 11/04/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would consider the L-1923-0 at St.Thomas School, Rathowen, as part of the Speed Limit Review.	This will be considered as part of the Speed Limits Review.	ok
192250	M6.15	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would provide CCTV at Sailors' Corner, Finea, in order to prevent wide-scale dumping in this scenic area on the shores of Lough Sheelin.	The Council has recently procured CCTV services to monitor illegal dumping. Locations to be monitored will be prioritised subject to sufficient resources. Sailors Garden will be included in the list of locations to be monitored. The Council's Litter Warden will also be asked to examine this location.	ok
192251	M6.16	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would improve the footpath on Delvin School Road L5618 as this footpath is in a poor condition for children walking to and from school.	This footpath has been included in the 2016 Estimates. Works will be carried out as soon as possible.	ok
192257	M6.17	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 11/04/16 - That Westmeath County Council would construct toilet facilities at Ladestown, Lough Ennell.	There is no plan or funding for the provision of toilet facilities at this location.	DOS agreed that MMD could consider drawing up a plan for facilities at this location.
192258	M6.18	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 11/04/16 - That this Council would request a detailed timescale for the completion of the National Broadband Plan for high speed broadband for all communities throughout the county.	<p>Delivery of broadband to rural communities is being driven by the National Broadband Plan which is being run by the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources (DCENR). The aim of the plan is to provide a minimum of 30Mb of broadband to every home/business in the country by 2020.</p> <p>The plan recognises that 30% of the population cannot be reached on a commercial basis so part of the plan is to provide state intervention for this 30%. This 30% of addresses, however, represents 96% of the land area of the country. In this regard, the DCENR published its Broadband Intervention Strategy in December 2015, outlining the</p>	ok

				<p>nature and key elements of the strategy, including the intervention areas and broad delivery time-lines.</p> <p>Intervention areas are shown on maps on the DCENR's website. Maps are broken down by province and county. The Westmeath map shows the county as having 44,377 premises, with 60% covered by commercial operators (shaded purple on the map) by the end of 2016 and the remaining 40% of premises in the NBP intervention area (shaded yellow). This 40% covers the vast majority of the land area of Westmeath.</p> <p>The strategy indicates a roll-out timescale of 3-5 years from award of contract with 60% of intervention area addresses completed by 2018 and the remainder by end of 2020. It anticipates that the physical build of the network will start in 2016 as soon as contracts with successful bidders are in place.</p>	
192272	M6.19	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District calls on both the Acting and future Ministers for Education to address, as a matter of urgency, the QQI re-engagement fees for non profit providers.	No reply.	Agreed a letter could issue to Department of Education and Science in relation to this issue.
192273	M6.20	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District calls on the acting and future Minister for Social Protection to address the anomalies that exist in the criteria for a Primary Medical Certificate.	No reply.	Agreed a letter could issue to Department of Health & Children in relation to this issue.

192501	M6.21	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 11/04/16 - Further to recent upgrades of both playgrounds in the Town Park, that Mullingar Municipal District would detail what works are planned for 2016, together with any additional funding streams that are available.	The following are planned upgrade works for the Mullingar Town Park for 2016 - (1) Painting of all existing play equipment and (2) Installation of new play equipment in the Toddler Playground, including the upgrade of existing safety surfacing, a new ramp to the existing tractor slide, a new toddler playhouse, a new toddler see-saw and associated safety surfacing. Additional funding has been sought for the upgrade of this playground from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) through their Capital Grant Funding Scheme for Play and Recreation 2016. Applications for this Grant Scheme were submitted Friday April 1st, 2016.	DOS advised that funding is available from the Department of Health and Children for community led recreational projects.
192504	M6.22	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 11/04/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would discuss with the Town Team the possibility of locating a flag pole on the Market Square to highlight Mullingar's Purple Flag status.	There are currently two purple flags erected on flag poles on the Market House . This is considered adequate.	ok
192652	M6.23	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would investigate and resolve flooding issue at Dixons, Sarsfieldstown, Killucan.	There is ponding at this gateway and it is a matter for the householder to resolve.	DOS agreed this area could be re-examined.
192653	M6.24	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 11/04/16 - That this Municipal District would look to put safety barriers in place at the new pedestrian crossing on the Galway Road, Kinnegad.	There is no plan or funding for barriers at this location.	DOS agreed that because of the difference between using a pelican crossing and a zebra crossing, that Road Safety Officer could visit local schools to advise students.