

**Minutes of Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar.**

<b>Presiding</b>	:	Cllr.Peter Burke, Mayor
<b>Members Present</b>	:	Cllrs.Frank McDermott, Andrew Duncan, Paul Daly, John Shaw, Sorca Clarke, Ken Glynn, Paddy Hill , Una D'Arcy, Michael Dollard, Johnnie Penrose, Aidan Davitt.
<b>Apologies</b>	:	Cllr.Avril Whitney.
<b>Officers Present</b>	:	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.
<b>In Attendance</b>	:	Ms.Annette Barr-Jordan, Administrative Officer.

The Mayor opened the Meeting and welcomed all.

**Item 1 : Miontuairisci**

On the proposal of Cllr.Glynn, seconded by Cllr. McDermott, the Minutes of January Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 2pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**Item 2 : To receive presentation from Mayo County Council outlining the marketing, tourism and smarter travel opportunities (Westport) associated with the Greenway Project and its relevance to Mullingar.**

Ms.Anna Connor, Tourism Development Officer with Mayo County Council gave a presentation to the Members outlining how Mayo County Council and Westport has dealt with the marketing, tourism and smarter travel opportunities that the Greenway has brought to the region. Her presentation covered a number of areas including the following:-

- There is a strong partnership with landowners, community and business interests,
- Users of the Greenway are of all ages, both walkers and cyclists, but predominantly cyclists. There were 265,000 users in 2014;
- More international visitors can be seen to use the facility;

- The Greenway has brought about a change in travel behaviour, with a move towards smarter travel;
- New business opportunities have emerged along the route such as coffee shops, gift shops etc, e.g. in Mulranny and in Newport;
- The Gourmet Greenway Food Trail has been established;
- There is active marketing of the Greenway in the press, on social media, television, at trade shows and on Trip Advisor as well as in the Aer Lingus in-flight magazine Cara;
- Mayo County Council has set up a “Mayo in Motion Promotion” which actively markets the Greenway.

Following the presentation, the Members asked Ms.Connor questions and she responded, as follows.

Cllr.Glynn asked how the County Council would get its message out to persons living along the route of the greenway between Mullingar and Athlone with regard to setting up facilities along the route. Ms.Connor advised that in Mayo a Greenway Patrol was established with representatives from the County Council, local development companies, local farmers etc along the route.

Cllr.Dollard asked if it was easy to convince tourism writers to promote the Greenway. He also asked if the local Government Ministers worked hard to actively promote it. Again, Ms.Connor stated that all stakeholders worked actively to market and promote the Greenway and there was genuine “buy-in” from the start.

Cllr.Clarke asked what was the most challenging aspect of promotion for the Greenway. Ms.Connor stated that the County Council works with Failte Ireland and with Destination Groups to market the Greenway. She also stated that local farmers who reside along the route take a stand at The National Ploughing Championships and they tell the story of how they helped to make the Greenway the success it is today.

Cllr.Daly wanted to know if Mayo County Council was to start again, would they do anything different. Ms.Connor stated that while this was a complex project, with many different strands, Mayo County Council would not do anything different should they have to start again. She advised Members that they should bring on board as early as possible all those who express an interest in working with the Council to help promote the greenway.

Cllr.McDermott asked who maintains and pays for the Greenway and where the budget comes from. Ms.Connor stated that Mayo County Council provides a specific maintenance budget of €80,000 annually for maintenance such as weed spraying, drain clearance etc.

Cllr.Penrose commented that there is huge potential for persons living along the route of the Westmeath Greenway to provide facilities and to promote local food items, products etc. He asked where facilities would be needed most along the route. Ms.Connor stated that ideally, facilities such as toilets and coffee shops etc should be provided at the start and finish of the route, as well as about half way.

Cllr.Shaw asked who the stakeholders are and also who uses the facility the most.

The Mayor thanked Anna for her presentation to Members and she then left the Meeting.

**Item 3 :        *Presentation by Deputation from Westmeath Public Participation Network***

The Mayor welcomed Anne Drury, Dave Raftis and Maureen McCormack from Westmeath Public Participation Network, as well as Ms. Annette Barr-Jordan from the Council's Community & Enterprise Section. The Members of the Network brought forward issues agreed by the Forum in October 2015, under the four headings of Access, Facilities, Road Safety and Other.

Following the presentation, the Mayor thanked the Members of the Deputation. The Director advised that a lot of the issues raised by the group have been raised previously by the Municipal District Members. He stated that the District will attempt to find solutions to each of the issues raised and will respond formally at a later date.

The representatives of the Public Participation Network then left the Meeting.

**Item 4 :        *To approve Three Year Plan for Local & Regional Road Restoration***

Following earlier discussion of this Three Year Plan, it was formally approved, on the proposal of Cllr. Glynn and seconded by Cllr. McDermott.

**Item 5 :        *To approve the hosting of a Civic Welcome to Soroptimist International***

On the proposal of Cllr. Duncan, seconded by Cllr. McDermott, it was agreed that Mullingar Municipal District will host a Civic Welcome event for Soroptimist International, when they visit Mullingar in May this year for their Annual Conference.

**Item 6 :        *Questions***

The Replies to Adjourned Questions (adjourned from January 2016 Meeting) and the Replies to Questions for February were noted and supplementary questions answered, as listed hereunder.

**Item 7        :        *Correspondence***

Ms. K. Foyle, District Administrator, advised Members of the following item of correspondence:-

- (1) Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 from the Office of the Minister for Justice in relation to the District's letter regarding gambling advertising and in particular to online gambling sites, was noted by Members and had been circulated to Members.

At this point, the Meeting adjourned for fifteen minutes.

**Resumption:**

As the Mayor at this stage had to vacate the Chair, it was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Cllr. Glynn, seconded by Cllr. McDermott, that the Cathaoirleach of the Council, Cllr. Daly, would assume the Chair. Cllr. Daly then assumed the Chair.

**Any Other Business:**

Cllr.Hill referred to the road between Lismacaffrey and Streete which is closed to traffic at the present for bridge rehabilitation works. He asked what the time frame is for completion of these bridge works and also asked if special funding has been received for such works.

The Director advised the Members that specific funding has been received to carry out these emergency works. He stated that T.I.I. is expediting the works on behalf of the Council and contract documents are being progressed at present.

Cllr.Clarke advised that the flashing lights on the approach to the Gaelscoil on Ashe Road is still not working, as reported by her in January. She asked if this could be treated as a priority. The District Manager advised that he would have the Municipal District Office make contact with the lighting contractor once again in this regard.

Cllr.Glynn referred to the persistent use of the taxi rank on Church Avenue by private cars and asked if more enforcement is possible. The Director advised the Members that the Council's Traffic Wardens have been asked to monitor this location during their hours of work and significant fines have issued. However, he understood that most of the illegal parking takes place on a Sunday when the Wardens are not on duty. He advised that the Municipal District has written on two occasions to the local Gardai, highlighting this issue and he stated a further letter would issue if Members wished. The Director stated he would also contact the Taxi Driver who made the complaint.

Cllr.Shaw made reference to a Question raised by Cllr.Dollard in relation to social housing in Kinnegad and re-iterated his earlier concerns which he made at January 2015 Meeting to additional social houses being built in Bun Daire, Kinnegad. The Chair respectfully asked if this matter could be brought to the next meeting of the Housing SPC where it could be fully discussed and this was agreed.

Cllr.Daly wished the Mayor and all other Candidates best wishes in the forthcoming General Election.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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**Mullingar Municipal District – 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 - ADJOURNED QUESTIONS (Adjourned from January 2016 Meeting)**

Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 11/01/16 - What was the outcome of the investigation of the road at Mooretown Cross, Castlepollard at the McClair house and will action be taken to resolve any issue that presented at this location?	In light of the recent large number of flooding incidents, Westmeath County Council has to undertake an assessment of each incident to compile a report to be submitted to the Department of Environment seeking funding where appropriate.
Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 11/01/16 - Can the Members have an official launch for the art installation known as The Norman and The Gael and consider a programme where talented crafts-persons such as Richie Clarke would be used to create art within the landscape as part of tourism development.	A date for this will be arranged with the Mayor.
Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 11/01/16 - Can work be carried out at Tuitestown to investigate the reason for flooding at this location and can a solution be found to the issue.	Drainage works at this location can be considered as part of the 2016 Roads Estimates.

**Mullingar Municipal District – 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 - QUESTIONS**

CCMS	Question	Cllr.	Questions	Reply	Supplementary Question	Reply to Supplementary
188225	Q6.1	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to erect signage at the head of the L5236 (Rathcor, Dysart), to indicate for oncoming vehicles the height of the railway bridge.	These signs will be ordered and will be erected as soon as possible.	None	None
188226	Q6.2	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to indicate if steps have been taken to date to have the estate at Abbeybrook, Kilbeggan taken in charge by the local authority and if no steps have been taken to date, please advise of a likely time frame when the estate will be taken in charge.	The estate developer - Midland Contractors Ltd, is in receivership - the Council initiated enforcement action against the developer for non-compliance with the grant of planning permission. No remedial works were undertaken by the developer and consequently the Council laid claim to the bond conditioned by the planning permission, in order to enable a program of works to be completed to bring Phase 1 of this estate to the requisite standard so in the future the TIC process can commence. The bond money was received specifically outlining an agreed programme of works. This Bond is now in MMD control. While the works as scheduled can be progressed the TIC process will necessitate further interaction with the receiver as critical infrastructure is currently outside WCC control.	Can residents be notified of works that need to be carried out.	DOS advised when programme of works is developed for Phase 1, the residents will be informed.

188234	Q6.3	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to erect bollards outside the property of Phil Nannery, Tullamore Road, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath, to prevent heavy goods vehicles parking directly outside of her property.	It is illegal to park on a footpath. This is a matter for the Gardaí and the Mullingar Municipal District will notify the Gardaí by way of a letter.	Can MMD write to Gardaí on this?	DOS advised letter would issue.
188332	Q6.4	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 8/2/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District include the roadway that services St. Joseph's Apartment Complex (St. Vincent de Paul complex) at Canal Avenue, Mullingar, in the 2016 Road Estimates?	This can be considered in the context of the Three Year Plan for Road Restoration.	When is this work likely to take place?	DOS advised this will happen when the Three Year Road Restoration Plan is approved.
188278	Q6.5	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 8/2/16 - What works are envisaged in the context of the Marlinstown Amenity Project?	As outlined previously to the Members, certain legal issues still exist before any proposed development (amenity) commences. I wish to reiterate Westmeath County Council fully supports the development of this site as an activity /community based amenity.	Has there been any advance in the legal process?	DOS advised that the Council has received a listed date for a court hearing.

188279	Q6.6	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 8/2/16 - What plans has Westmeath County Council got to construct social housing during 2016?	The targets set out under the Social Housing Strategy were previously presented to the Members of the Council. The Department of Environment has made 3 additional scheme allocations for social housing projects in Co. Westmeath in addition to the allocation of €5.1m for 28 units at Ashdale, Athlone :- * €1.6m for 8 units at St. Lawrence Terrace, Mullingar; * €5.25m for 28 units at Bun Daire, Kinnegad (Phase 3); * €500,000 for 3 units at Farran, Mullingar. Work on the detailed design, procurement and other preparations for these 3 schemes will commence in February.	When can Members expect to see works commencing on these sites?	DOS advised no specific dates are available but capital monies are available and in-house teams are progressing this programme. Part 8 planning will be required for each of the schemes.
188283	Q6.7	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to install anti skid surface at the downward stretches inside the entrance to Cloon Lara.	Anti skid surfacing may not be effective during frosty weather on un-gritted roads. Motorists need to be aware of road surface condition during winter weather and drive accordingly.	None	None
188287	Q6.8	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to prioritise Keoltown, Ballinea for road resurfacing, as a section remains in poor condition despite ongoing patching.	This cul-de-sac can be considered in the context of the 2016 Estimates.	None	None

188288	Q6.9	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to review road safety on the Ballymahon Road as many residents in the Carra Grove, Carra Vale, Grange South and Greenpark areas struggle to exit onto the main road, given the excessive speeds along this route, which is also not helped by the absence of a roundabout at Weldon's Cross.	These estates are all within the 50km/hr speed limit zone.	None	None
188314	Q6.10	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 8/2/16 - When will this Municipal District conduct a traffic survey on Road No L1546 going east to Athboy, with a view to adding this road to the gritting list?	Transportation Department has no plans to carry out a traffic count on this road. There are sufficient alternative roads which are salted whenever the need arises.	None	None
188315	Q6.11	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 8/2/16 - Will this Municipal District investigate the cause of constant flooding of Mangan's and Fallon's lands at Balrath North, Delvin.	The existing piped culvert is working. The drainage of private lands is not an issue for the Mullingar Municipal District.	Can this be re-examined in the context of lowering the culvert?	DOS agreed this could be re-examined.
188316	Q6.12	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 8/2/16 - When will the blocked drain at Cepta Cox's house at Donore, Multyfarnham be repaired?	Maintenance works will be carried out in the coming week.	None	None

188336	Q6.13	Cllr. Aidan Davitt	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District for an update on progress with footpaths upgrade for Mullingar.	Footpaths have been upgraded at the following locations in Mullingar in 2015 under Department Of Transport Improvement Grant, Paid Parking finance and from development levy funding:- * Dublin Road; * Auburn Road; * Friarsmill Road; * Patrick Street; * Blackhall carpark; * Ballyglass; * Ashe Road; * Ballymahon Road Roundabout; * Hillside Drive; * Beechgrove; * Ginnell Terrace; * Newtown; * College Hill. There are still works to be completed at Meadowcourt, Austin Friars Street, Martins Lane and College Street.	When will works at Meadowcourt be started?	DOS advised that this work would be carried out in the current month.
188337	Q6.14	Cllr. Aidan Davitt	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to fix the potholes on the Curraghbrack Road.	Potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
188338	Q6.15	Cllr. Aidan Davitt	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to fill potholes from Peter Curran's in Monilea to Murrays, The Wood.	Potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
188368	Q6.16	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 8/2/16 - Will this Municipal District provide details of all sub-committees of Westmeath County Council that Members were elected or appointed to sit on and give their attendance records to date?	The Municipal District is not responsible for establishment of Sub committees as this is a County Council function.	Can membership of sub committees be added to Members' profiles on Council website?	DOS advised that profiles can be updated and this is a matter for the Council's Corporate Services Department.
188369	Q6.17	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 8/2/16 - Will the Executive liaise with T.I.I. if needed, to ensure the barrier at Cullionbeg, on the slip road onto the N4 (Sligo direction) is repaired at the earliest opportunity.	This matter has been referred to T.I.I.	None	None

188371	Q6.18	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 8/2/16 - Will the footpaths at the Church in Castletown-Geoghegan be repaired, as they are in a very bad condition following the flooding.	This can be considered for funding in the context of the 2016 Estimates.	None	None
188380	Q6.19	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 8/2/16 - Can this Municipal District repair the large pothole on the L5236 near the junction of R390?	Potholes have now been repaired.	None	None
188381	Q6.20	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 8/2/16 - Can this Municipal District clarify what infrastructure/provision for infrastructure has been laid along the Mullingar to Athlone Cycleway?	As per the agreement with C.I.E., an 80mm diameter communications duct has been laid from Mullingar to Athlone.	None	None
188382	Q6.21	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 8/2/16 - Has the tree and hedge planting on the Cycleway been completed?	There is further planting planned when ground conditions improve.	Will this planting be carried out soon?	DOS advised funding is available and this work will be carried out as soon as possible.
188386	Q6.22	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 8/2/16 - Can this Municipal District remedy the flooding problem at Enright's house at Riverdale, Raharney?	This matter will be investigated.	Can this be looked at as soon as possible?	DOS advised that it would be examined as soon as possible.
188387	Q6.23	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 8/2/16 - Can this Municipal District improve the road surface for parking around Kilronan Cemetery?	Some patching is required and will be carried out as part of the Roads Maintenance Programme.	None	None
188388	Q6.24	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 8/2/16 - Can this Municipal District remedy the flooding issue at Cannons, Corkhill, Kinnegad?	An Asset Needs Brief (ANB) has been prepared and submitted to Irish Water.	Can this term be explained?	DOS advised that this is the term used when a request has been issued for finance to remedy a problem.

188407	Q6.25	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask this Municipal District for an update on the investigations into the recent flooding problems at the Garda Station and on Dublin Road, Castlepollard and advise if a meeting with OPW engineers has yet been arranged.	Both the Mullingar Municipal District (MMD) and the OPW have carried out investigations into this flooding incident. Discussions have taken place between the MMD and the OPW and a request has been sent to the OPW for both parties to work together to identifying a solution to this problem. A meeting request has been sent to the OPW but a date & time has yet to be confirmed.	None	None
188408	Q6.26	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 8/2/16 - Will this Municipal District investigate all reported problems with flooding by the Councillors over the past number of years, with a view to taking measures to prevent further flooding at these locations.	As a consequence of the recent flooding, Mullingar Municipal District has prepared a detailed list of all known incidents of flooding and a submission has been lodged with the Department in respect of same.	Will the Department be providing funding for known flooding "hot spots"?	DOS advised incidents of flooding reported by Members over the past year as well as those of recent months have been sent to Department for funding.
188409	Q6.27	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask if this Municipal District can take measures to prevent flooding at Peter Wallace's house at Leney, Multyfarnham.	This man lives on a private laneway. Drainage of this lane way is not a matter for the Mullingar Municipal District.	None	None
188412	Q6.28	Cllr. Paul Daly	Q - 8/2/16 - Can some immediate measures be taken to improve the condition of the L52323 at Mabrista and can this road be included in the 2016 Road Restoration Programme?	This road can be considered for cul de sac funding in the context of the 2016 Estimates.	Can any immediate repair of potholes be carried out?	DOS agreed potholes would be filled.

188413	Q6.29	Cllr. Paul Daly	Q - 8/2/16 - In light of the current serious Bovine TB problems on farms adjacent to the Cycleway in the Castletown Geoghegan area, what, if any, environmental impact studies or badger movement surveys were carried out prior to the construction of the Mullingar to Athlone Cycleway?	As part of the planning process, Westmeath County Council engaged professional Ecologists to assess the different aspects of potential impact of the project on 'Fauna' . All recommendations from these reports were implemented. These recommendations varied throughout the project depending on location, some included protection of setts and creation of new travel pathways for same.	Will the Council be following up on this issue in light of the outbreak of bovine TB and what assistance can the Council give to local people?	DOS advised that all requirements were complied with by the Council and four ecologists were employed. He stated that it could be discussed with the IFA at the next meeting which they hold with the Council and the Council's Veterinary Officer can attend.
188414	Q6.30	Cllr. Paul Daly	Q - 8/2/16 - Can some form of parking deterrent, i.e. double yellow lines or bollards, be provided at Sherwell Court in Tyrrellspass to prevent non-residential off street parking blocking up this estate.	It is possible to install double yellow lines in this estate but consequently that would prohibit both non-residents and residents from parking. Enforcement would be a matter for the Gardaí.	Can double yellow lines be applied in this area.	DOS agreed that double yellow lines could be provided at Sherwell Court in Tyrrellspass.
188450	Q6.31	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to investigate the growth of algae on the footpaths in Ballynacargy as they are hazardous and if immediate action can be taken to solve this problem.	These paths will be examined and treated as necessary.	None	None
188454	Q6.32	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District what the position is regarding the planning for the unfinished part of College Vale Estate, Mullingar.	Planning permission has expired for this portion of this estate and the developer will have to submit a new planning application to develop same.	None	None

188474	Q6.33	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 8/2/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to ensure the Irishtown Road past the back entrance to St.Finian's College and onto the L5703 is gritted in times of frosty weather.	This location is not on the schedule of priority routes for winter maintenance.	None	None
188461	Q6.34	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 8/2/16 - Can a review be carried out on the houses in Collinstown on the Hill with regard to access at the front and back and if access can be improved at this location both front and at rear?	This matter has been referred to the Council's Housing Department and a report will issue in due course.	None	None
188462	Q6.35	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 8/2/16 - Can Members receive an outline of action taken by the Municipal District where there was flooding on roads caused by large amounts of surface water, particularly if there were additional causes other than normal rainfall and if these additional causes can be addressed, specifically in locations reported by me over the last eight weeks.	Mullingar Municipal District dealt with numerous flooding and drainage issues in the area over the past number of months. As a consequence, Mullingar Municipal District has prepared a detailed list of all known incidents of flooding and a submission has been lodged with the Department in respect of same.	None	None
188535	Q6.36	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 8/2/16 - Can Mullingar Municipal District consider issuing letters to dog owners on Pakenhamhall Road informing them of the sanctions in place for dog fouling offences and advising of a phone number to report issues of dog fouling to and also erect dog fouling bins between Castlepollard and Tullyally?	Westmeath County Council will endeavour to seek the co-operation of the local residents association to arrange a leaflet drop on responsible dog ownership. A more effective approach will be the Green Dog Walkers Initiative which is planned to be rolled out later this year in conjunction with the local Tidy Towns and Residents Associations. The Responsible Dog Ownership Policy adopted by the Council and introduced the policy "Any bag any bin".	None	None

**Mullingar Municipal District – 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 – ADJOURNED NOTICES OF MOTION (Adjourned from January Meeting)**

Cllr.Una D’Arcy	M - 11/1/16 – This Motion withdrawn by Cllr.D’Arcy.	
Cllr.Una D’Arcy	M – 11/1/16 – That this Municipal District considers creating/adopting a road safety pledge in areas where Councillors are being asked to address the issues of speeding, that highlights that speeding is of concern to the community in the areas.	No Reply

**Mullingar Municipal District – 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 – NOTICES OF MOTION**

<b>CCMS</b>	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Cllr</b>	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Reply</b>	<b>Notes</b>
188219	M8.1	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 8/2/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would examine the road at Ballinahurra (outside Billy Lacey's and Fay's house) as during the recent bad spell of weather, this road was prone to serious flooding which left the road impassable.	Watercuts will be opened and potholes will be patched as soon as possible.	Cllr.Penrose stated more work is required here as water is coming out on the public road. DOS agreed that this would be checked.
188224	M8.2	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 8/2/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would prune the trees in Brosna View estate in Kilbeggan and please provide a likely time frame as to when this work will take place.	These trees are not interfering with public lighting or pedestrians. There are no plans to prune these trees.	Cllr.Penrose not happy with reply. DOS advised this has been examined but can be re-examined.
188276	M8.3	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 8/2/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would put in place the appropriate funding to repair Road L5027 close to the home of Andrew Flynn at Coralstown, Mullingar.	The gravel surfaced section of this road will be re-graded as soon as possible.	None
188277	M8.4	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 8/2/16 - That Westmeath County Council calls on the Department of Justice to increase Garda numbers for the town of Kinnegad.	No reply.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to Department of Justice.
188281	M8.5	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 8/2/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to outline what changes will be put in place to firstly slow down traffic which often races past the Band Room in Mullingar Business Park on a daily basis and secondly reduce the ever growing number of collisions at the nearby mini roundabout leading out of this stretch of road.	Consideration is being given to making the tunnel adjacent to the Band Room two-way, using a "give and take" system similar to the bridge on Millmount Road.	Cllr.Glynn stated that speeding is the main problem here. DOS advised that the roundabout would be examined as part of the overall examination of this area.

188282	M8.6	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 8/2/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to install anti skid surfacing on the Greenpark Meadows exit leading onto the Roundabout on the Western By-Pass, as on frosty mornings, numerous cars have skidded on to the main road, as the surface is very slippery.	Anti-skid surfacing may not be effective during frosty weather on un-gritted roads. Motorists need to be aware of road surface condition during winter weather and drive accordingly.	This Motion supported by Cllr.Clarke. DOS advised this can be considered as part of 2016 Estimates.
188311	M8.7	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 8/2/16 - That this Mullingar Municipal District would ask an Arborist to check the very heavy trees on the main road near Streete.	If Councillors have concerns about the safety of particular trees, they should advise the District Engineer of the name and address of the landowner and the exact location of the trees. Mullingar Municipal District will write to the landowner and advise them of their responsibilities under The Roads Acts.	None.
188312	M8.8	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District would prepare a 5 year programme to build a footpath from the Graveyard at Collinstown to The Cut.	It is the policy to use the scarce footpath funding to repair existing footpaths and to invest in locations only where there is existing high volumes of pedestrian movement.	Cllr.Hill and Cllr.D'Arcy supported this Motion. DOS agreed that District Engineer would cost this work but that a community led project may work best, perhaps through Leader funding.
188333	M8.9	Cllr. Aidan Davitt	M - 8/2/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to immediately review the traffic movement in Mullingar Town.	A detailed traffic study will be carried out as part of the Designated Urban Centres Grant Scheme.	None
188335	M8.10	Cllr. Aidan Davitt	M - 8/2/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to immediately review fines for offences of prescribed dogs.	The actual fine limit is prescribed under Statutory Regulation and cannot be altered.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to Department of Justice in relation to possible increase of fines.

188366	M8.11	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District calls on the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to amend the current change of ownership documentation relating to the sale of vehicles, to include a Drivers Licence number or Passport number of the purchaser.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to Department of Transport Tourism & Sport.
188367	M8.12	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District calls on the Minister for Education and Skills, requesting that when the applicants' parents income, regardless of source, is under the threshold, that they be entitled to the Special Rate of 3rd Level Grant Maintenance Grant.	No Reply.	It was agreed to issue a letter to Department of Education and Skills.
188375	M8.13	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District would repair the damaged crash barrier and replace the missing signage at both bends near Dundonnell, Ballinea.	This barrier and these signs will be repaired as soon as possible.	None
188379	M8.14	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 8/2/16 - That this Council, in conjunction with An Garda Siochana, would install CCTV in Ennell Court/St.Anthony's Cottages area.	The Council does not intend putting CCTV cameras in this area or in any other estates, as the matter is discussed at policy level by the Joint Policing Committee.	It was agreed that this issue can be discussed at next meeting of Joint Policing Committee.
188383	M8.15	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District would put in place road markings from Killucan to Kinnegad, which is a very busy road used by commuters and school goers.	The Killucan to Kinnegad is local road L1015. Due to the narrow width of this road, from a safety point of view, it is not the Council's policy to place white lines on local roads.	It was agreed that this could be referred to the Transportation SPC.

188385	M8.16	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 8/2/16 - That the Members would be updated on the number of applications for housing grants for the elderly and disabled which are currently awaiting funding and the anticipated timeframe for same.	The number of grant applications on hand for private houses in Mullingar Municipal District on 1st February is 107. Applications are received and processed on a year round basis. An initial budget of €500,000 has been made available to both Athlone Municipal District and Mullingar Municipal District while formal allocation from the DOECLG is awaited. The Municipal District continues to process, validate and determine grant applications based on this initial allocation.	Responding to a question from Cllr.Dollard, DOS advised that allocation of funding to AMD and MMD is being examined, having regard to a number of issues.
188405	M8.17	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 8/2/16 - That this Council would request the relevant Minister to have the OPW take charge of all rivers and streams, rather than the present unsatisfactory position where some watercourses are still in charge of the Council.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Environment Community & Local Government in relation to this Motion.
188406	M8.18	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 8/2/16 - That this Council would take appropriate measures to put the Town Hall in Castlepollard in a reasonable state of repair, in the interests of a tidy town.	The Property Management Section is currently undertaking a "Building Condition Report" to establish the cost of remedial works required to this building, which will be presented to the Management Team for consideration.	This Motion supported by Cllr.D'Arcy. DOS agreed to ask the Council's Property Section to carry out short term upgrade works to this building.
188410	M8.19	Cllr. Paul Daly	M - 8/2/16 - That some immediate action would be taken to provide proper safe facilities for the regular (twice daily) crossing of the Greenway by the dairy herd of Mr.Eamonn Doran, Bryanstown, Ballinea, Mullingar.	A solution has been agreed between the National Roads Office and the farmer.	In response to a query from Cllr.Daly, DOS stated that these works will be carried out in the current month.

188411	M8.20	Cllr. Paul Daly	M - 8/2/16 - That a plan would be put in place and all necessary actions taken to solve the severe and persistent flooding in and around Meedin Church car park as part of the 2016 Work Programme, irrespective of whether or not national flood works funding is provided specifically for this area.	This is a private carpark and therefore this is not a matter for Mullingar Municipal District to resolve.	None
188448	M8.21	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 8/2/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would repair potholes on the Emper to Rathduff boreen (L5912).	Potholes have now been repaired.	None
188449	M8.22	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 8/2/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would repair potholes on the cul-de-sac in Rathconrath Village (L-59011).	Potholes have now been repaired.	None
188458	M8.23	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District would consider a system where information can be updated and accessed by both Councillors and members of the public when roads are flooded or when a tree has fallen, so that in weather events such as those experienced over the last eight weeks, people are kept up to date.	Westmeath County Council uses the County Council Internet site and the Text Alert System to advise customers of floods and road closures.	Cllr.D'Arcy asked if information could be put out on Twitter also. DOS agreed that he would bring this proposal to the I.T.Department to see if communications system could be improved.

188459	M8.24	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 8/2/16 - That this Municipal District would describe the role played by the Fire Brigade in North Westmeath when there were issues with flooding in the area and if this role could be changed to allow greater assistance with the threat of flooding.	Westmeath Fire Service is on 24 Hour call for emergency services. Occasionally this emergency service can include serious flooding incidents. Recently, Castlepollard Fire Brigade attended such an incident at Castlepollard Garda Station until the Mullingar Municipal District staff were in a position to fully manage the incident. The current procedure associated with flooding response is proving very effective, as demonstrated since 3rd December with the countywide response. There is no proposal to alter this procedure.	Responding to Cllr.D'Arcy, DOS stated that if the CFO gets an emergency callout then Fire Brigade will respond. Otherwise it is passed to MMD as Fire Brigade needs to be available for real emergency callouts.
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