

<b>Minutes of Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar.</b>
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**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.

**Officers Present** : Mr. Martin Murray, Director of Services,  
Mr. Declan Leonard, District Manager,  
Mr. Paul McCool, District Engineer,  
Ms. Caroline Byrne, Staff Officer,  
Ms. Pauline Hussey, Clerical Officer.

**Item 1** : ***Miontuairisci***

- (i) On the proposal of Cllr. Glynn, seconded by Cllr. McDermott, the Minutes of November Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held at 2.00pm on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar were unanimously approved.

**Matters arising:**

Cllr. Clarke pointed out a typographical error in the listing of Cllr. D'Arcy at the November Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District and the Director advised that this error would be rectified.

The Mayor then asked the Director to address the Members.

The Director updated Members on the new contract for Mullingar Recycling Centre and stated that this should be in place by the New Year and that it is a 3 year contract. He advised Members that a Press Release will issue when the new contract is in place.

Members were disappointed to note that the Recycling Centre will not be open for the Christmas period but the Director pointed out that there are alternative recycling facilities available in the town which should assist the public until the new contract is in place.

The Mayor then agreed to proceed with Item 3 and advised that Item 2 would be taken afterwards.

**Item 3** : ***Replies to Questions***

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

***Item 2 : To note funding for CLAR and REDZ programmes.***

The Director advised the Members that funding in the amount of €96,000 has been made available under the REDZ Funding Programme in respect of Mullingar and Athlone Blueways and Greenways. He also advised that a further amount of €96,000 is being made available under the REDZ Funding Programme in respect of the Royal Canal to Lough Owel Amenity Area.

With regard to the CLAR Funding Programme, the Director advised that funding in the amount of €147,000 is being made available to Mullingar Municipal District for safety works at schools and community facilities throughout the District. Members noted the funding under the CLAR Programme.

***Item 4 : Correspondence***

The following items of Correspondence were noted by Members:-

1. Letter dated 01/12/2016 from Minister Paul Kehoe, Department of Defence in regard to Columb Barracks, Mullingar, was noted by Members;
2. Letter dated 22/11/16 from An Garda Siochana regarding speed alerts in Delvin was noted by Members;
3. Copy of letter to An Taoiseach from Carrickmacross Municipal District regarding the appointment of a Minister for Brexit was noted by Members;
4. E-mail regarding preparation of the new County Development Plan for the period 2019-2025 was noted by Members.

Declan Leonard, S.E.O., advised the Members of a forthcoming project where the Council's Arts Officer has arranged to have a mural painted on a wall in Blackhall car park and will be working with Mullingar Resource Centre to provide a suitable mural for this location. This was noted by Members.

The Meeting then adjourned for a tea break.

**Resumption:**

***Item 5 : Replies to Notices of Motion***

The Replies to Notices of Motion, as listed hereunder, were considered by Members.

When the time reached 4.30pm, the suspension of Standing Orders was proposed by Cllr.Glynn, seconded by Cllr.McDermott and agreed, in order to allow the business of the Meeting to continue.

***Any Other Business:***

Cllr.Hill thanked the Municipal District for obtaining funding for works to the area known as Sailors Garden.

The Mayor reminded Members that the January Meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 and that the last date for receipt of Motions and Questions is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 4pm.

The Mayor wished Members and officials as well as members of the media a Happy Christmas and stated he looked forward to working again with all in the New Year.

This then concluded the business of the Meeting.

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Mayor

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Date

## Mullingar Municipal District – 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016 - QUESTIONS

CCMS	Question	Cllr.	Questions	Reply	Supplementary Question	Reply to Supplementary
208285	Q3.1	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 19/12/16 - Has Westmeath County Council looked at secondary usage for the now closed Marlinstown Landfill site?	In 2016, in partnership with Lakeside Wheelers, Mullingar Municipal District ran a trial event in respect to the Marlinstown Landfill - on a restricted part of the site. The event was successful. Mullingar Municipal District, working with the EPA (Environmental Regulator) will examine the sites' potential as an amenity facility while complying with our Licence conditions.	Is there a timeframe for a decision on its use as an amenity facility?	DOS advised that clarification from EPA is required before any timeframe could be given.
208286	Q3.2	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Westmeath County Council, in the context of the 2017 Budget Estimates, provide the necessary funding to raise kerbing close to the railway bridge at Harbour Road?	Having examined this location, there is no need to raise the kerbing at Harbour Road.	Can this be re-examined?	DOS agreed to meet with Cllr.Dollard at this location.
208516	Q3.3	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Westmeath County Council arrange to carry out much needed footpath repairs outside No.29, Bellview Heights, Mullingar when the appropriate funding is put in place?	This location can be considered as part of the Footpath Improvement Programme for 2017.	None	None
208292	Q3.4	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to provide passing bays on the Bog Road No.L5144 at Shandonagh, as this is a very narrow road and there are some dangerous bends on it.	There are no plans for passing bays on this local secondary road, which is similar to many other local secondary roads in the District.	Can this be examined again?	DOS agreed to have this road re-examined.

208293	Q3.5	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District if it would consider granting permission to the Rathowen Community Development Group to renovate and upgrade the vacant piece of Council land beside the new houses on School Lane, Rathowen.	The Council recognises and appreciates the work of Rathowen Community Development Group. The currently vacant plot of land referred to is the subject of a lease to Rathowen Stepping Stones Pre/After School Ltd., which envisages the erection of a childcare facility on the land. The Council could consider permitting Rathowen Community Development Group temporary access to renovate and upgrade the plot within this overriding constraint.	None	None
208294	Q3.6	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District put in place appropriate funding to upgrade and resurface the footpaths in Lynn Heights, as some of them are in a very poor condition.	The footpaths in Lynn Heights are generally in satisfactory condition. Sections can be considered as part of the Footpath Improvement Programme for 2017.	None	None
208310	Q3.7	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to include in the upcoming budget the provision of a boundary fence on an opening beside the large green area at the rear of Clonmore Heights.	There are no plans to fence this green area which has been in existence for over 30 years.	Can this area be re-examined, particularly as only one area needs to be fenced off?	DOS agreed this could be re-examined.
208311	Q3.8	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to include in the upcoming Budget a section of footpath outside numbers 1/2, Clonmore, beside the pedestrian crossing, which is badly sunk and a danger to pedestrians.	This footpath has been repaired.	None	None

208312	Q3.9	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to include in the upcoming budget the provision of road safety measures in a few sections of Greenpark Meadows where residents have raised some genuine concerns on this matter.	There are approximately 24 ramps in Greenpark already. Following the implementation of the 30 kph special speed limits for housing estates, there are no immediate plans for additional ramps.	There are two particular long stretches that need to be re-examined – can this happen?	DOS advised that the process for the implementation of the new 30kph speed limit should be allowed to take place and Council can then evaluate if these are having an impact.
208330	Q3.10	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 19/12/16 - As part of Collinstown becoming the pilot for "age friendly" and in recognition of the training undertaken by Councillors and planners, can the Council meet the cost of an age friendly parking spot in the village and a bench to offer a place of rest to the vibrant independent older people undertaking this amazing initiative.	Westmeath Age Friendly Alliance have commenced the process of reviewing the Westmeath Age Friendly Strategy 2013-2016. As part of this review and the preparation of a 2017 Workplan, Collinstown has expressed an interest in being designated as an Age friendly village. This 2017 work plan will be considered by Westmeath Age Friendly Alliance in early 2017 and they will need to agree the resources required to advance such a proposal.	Who is Westmeath Age Friendly Alliance?	DOS advised this is a group headed up by CE of Council which draws different elements of the community together for the benefit of local communities.
208331	Q3.11	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 19/12/16 - Can the Council review and take the necessary measures needed at the location outside Feichin Morgan's house, as this road is flooding and is icy in the winter due to constant water on the road.	Remedial works will be carried out at this location as soon as possible.	None	None
208332	Q3.12	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 19/12/16 - Can this Municipal District put together a plan of action for the strip of canal walk within the town - including cleaning of all signs, removal of graffiti, planting to disguise security measures and perhaps information about the canal and the town and cleaning of the canal itself.	Signs along the Canal will be cleaned.	None	None

208335	Q3.13	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 19/12/16 - Can this Council investigate the possibility of installing speed ramps at Rathwire Village, particularly close to the graveyard?	There is no need to install a ramp in this location. It is a policy to minimise the installation of ramps in 50kph zones.	What is the standard policy in relation to providing ramps?	DOS advised that new standards are being applied to new housing developments where it is not proposed to install ramps in 50 kph zones.
208336	Q3.14	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 19/12/16 - Can this Council investigate the flooding issue at James Walkers' house on the R156 at Raharney Village?	This area will be monitored during wet weather.	None	None
208337	Q3.15	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 19/12/16 - Can this Council remedy the road depression at Rooneys, Grehanstown, Killucan, which has been caused following re-surfacing work over the past few years.	The L5016 Grehanstown, Killucan - this section of bog road was recycled in 2015 to reshape the surface. Some limited settlement has occurred since 2015 and the road will be monitored and considered for further works in 2017, subject to funding.	Can engineer meet Cllr at this location?	DOS agreed District Engineer would meet Cllr on the road.
208526	Q3.16	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 19/12/16 - Can Inland Waterways Ireland be requested to remove the significant amount of rubbish in the Canal at Careys Bridge?	Waterways Ireland have been requested to remove this rubbish.	Can Members be updated when Waterways Ireland have removed this rubbish?	
208527	Q3.17	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 19/12/16 - That a schedule of cleaning for the access lane behind 11-14, St.Loman's Terrace would be established and the area included in any future CCTV usage to curb the high level of illegal dumping that has become commonplace in the area.	This is a private laneway. The location will be referred to the Environment Section for monitoring and for potential CCTV camera coverage.	Can this area be considered for CCTV coverage?	DOS agreed that this location can be considered for CCTV cameras.

208528	Q3.18	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 19/12/16 - Can the L1127 from Rochfortbridge to Dalystown be reviewed for a potential upgrade to a Regional Road, given the high level of traffic that now uses this road.	The reclassification of a public road is carried out by order of the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport. It is considered that the area in question is already well served by National and Regional road. It is most unlikely that Ministerial approval would be forthcoming for the reclassification of L1127 Rochfortbridge to Dalystown. However if Mullingar Municipal District wishes, there can be traffic counts carried out on this road.	Can traffic counts be carried out on this road?	DOS agreed these could be carried out.
208531	Q3.19	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 19/12/16 - Can Westmeath County Council clarify if it has sourced the cause of the recent oil spillage into the River Brosna?	Westmeath County Council became aware of a second pollution incident early on Tuesday 6th December, 2016. Environment Section commenced an immediate investigation and a boom was deployed on the river as an emergency response. Working with Inland Fisheries Ireland, the source of the pollution was traced back to a road gully at the entrance to Austin Friars Street (Buckley's) Car Park. All residual oil on the road surface and the road gullies was cleared away by Mullingar Municipal District staff. While the identity of the polluter has not yet been established, Westmeath County Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland continue to monitor the situation and this remains an active investigation.	Can the road gully issue be resolved at this location so that there is no re-occurrence?	DOS stated it is not usual to place an interceptor on all road gully systems, however measures will be taken, in conjunction with Inland Fisheries, to minimise future risks.



208534	Q3.20	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 19/12/16 - Can Westmeath County Council include the section of road between Ballinea and Dysart in its salt/gritting programme.	Westmeath County Council has a schedule of priority roads which are salted on each occasion that ice or snow is forecast. This schedule comprises 504km of mainly National and Regional roads to maintain a network of strategic routes throughout the county as free as possible from hazardous road conditions. In addition, the Council policy is to maintain all roads in passable condition. The schedule for the current season was considered recently at meetings of the Transport and Planning SPC and the County Council. This road could be considered as part of the review for the 2017/2018 season but it would require the full length of this road (R391) to be included.	None	Non
208535	Q3.21	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 19/12/16 - Can Westmeath County Council install CCTV at the lay-bye on the Old Mullingar Road, Kilbeggan to prevent the ongoing fly-tipping.	This location can be considered for potential CCTV monitoring.	Can this area be considered for CCTV coverage?	DOS agreed this area could be considered for CCTV coverage.
208520	Q3.22	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out a road traffic audit at the following National Schools - Killucan, Gainstown, Raharney, with a view to installing radar controlled signs.	All three schools are located within 50 kph special speed limit zones. All three schools have electronic school warning signs, which are maintained under contract on behalf of Westmeath County Council. It is not proposed to carry out traffic audits at this time, however traffic speeds on the R400 at Gainstown are currently being monitored.	None	None

208521	Q3.23	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District review and repair the lighting along the Canal line from the Dublin Bridge to the Harbour Bridge?	The Council's Public Lighting contractor has advised that these lights were scheduled to be fixed on Saturday 17th December.	None	None
208522	Q3.24	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out an inspection of the traffic lights and signs and repair and replace where necessary, at Martins Lane junction, Mullingar.	The Council's Traffic Light Maintenance contractor has been instructed to inspect and repair the traffic signals at this junction.	None	None
208638	Q3.25	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District if it will take necessary measures to have dangerous trees along the L5803-0 at The Strand, Walshestown, made safe as soon as possible.	It is the landowners' responsibility to ensure that roadside trees do not become a hazard to road users. The Council has notified a landowner on the L5803 advising that concerns have been raised about roadside trees. If the necessary works are not carried out, the Council will initiate legal proceedings.	Can the District Office liaise with the landowner regarding these trees?	DOS advised that District Office requires the co-operation of the landowner on this issue and we will contact him again.
208640	Q3.26	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask if Mullingar Municipal District will consider funding the continuation of the footpath from the College Hill area to the Irishtown junction L5703-0 to make this identified "walking trail" safe.	The provision of the referred footpath will be a matter for any future or proposed developments to be served by same.	Can signage on this road be checked as there is a sign for a walking trail.	DOS agreed signage would be checked.
208663	Q3.27	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to examine the sight line at the junction of L1902-131 with N4 as signage is hampering visibility.	There are no signs impeding the sight-lines at this junction.	None	None

208550	Q3.28	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District erect a direction sign to Ballinagore village on the existing signpost at Raheenmore Church.	A directional sign for Ballinagore will be provided at this location as soon as possible.	None	None
208551	Q3.29	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District, as a matter of urgency, carry out repairs to the Pedestrian Crossing at Main Street Kilbeggan as the warning lights are out of order on both sides.	The Council's traffic light maintenance contractor is currently carrying out a full service of all traffic lights and pedestrian crossing lights.	None	None
208557	Q3.30	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 19/12/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District arrange to ensure that the grass verge and ditches on the Ballyhast Road from Castletown Geoghegan(L5230) are kept trimmed and breasted during the summer of 2017 to ensure safety for the high volume of road users.	This is a local secondary road and is not included on the annual verge trimming contract.	None	None
208643	Q3.31	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 19/12/16 - When will the light at Raskeen Court on Killallon Road, Clonmellon be repaired?	This estate is not taken in charge, however the Council's Public Lighting contractor has been requested to carry out a taking in charge survey.	None	None
208644	Q3.32	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 19/16/16 - When will Road No. L18264-L18263 at Lispopple, Coole be repaired, particularly bad section from Carton's gate to Jimmy Dalton's?	Potholes will be repaired on this road in the coming week.	None	None
208645	Q3.33	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 19/12/16 - When will Road No.L5728 at Mornington, off Road L1618-83 be repaired?	Water cuts and pothole repairs have been completed on this road in the past week.	None	None

208650	Q3.34	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to alleviate flooding into Michael Gaffney's property as a result of road works carried out at Knockaville Cross, Gaybrook, Mullingar.	There is no flooding issue at this location. Minor ponding has been observed after heavy rain which poses no traffic hazard.	Can this location be re-examined?	DOS agreed that the District Engineer would discuss with the Cllr.
208651	Q3.35	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to repair a number of street lights on Jail Hill/Sundays Well Road and also the lights on pedestrian crossing at the Park gate, Sundays Well Road.	The Council's Public Lighting contractor is prohibited from working on Scan.poles currently housing ESB infrastructure.	None	None
208652	Q3.36	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 19/12/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District if the small road in front of Numbers 1-16, Ginnell Terrace, can be resurfaced, as parts of this road are in bad repair.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	None	None

## Mullingar Municipal District – 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016 – NOTICES OF MOTION

CCMS	Motion	Cllr.	Motions	Reply	Notes
208283	M5.1	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 19/12/16 - That Westmeath County Council would carry out works at Johnstown junction close to the old school, in the interests of road safety.	Edge repair will be carried out in the coming week.	ok
208284	M5.2	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 19/12/16 - That Westmeath County Council calls on the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government to increase the relevant income threshold for people applying for social housing provision.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister in relation to increasing the income threshold in this area.
208287	M5.3	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would secure funding to connect the Old Rail Trail to Ballinea Village, as there is no connection within the village.	Mullingar Municipal District has secured €56,000 under the Recreational Grant Scheme to provide an access to the Old Rail Trail at Ballinea.	Members welcomed this funding.
208288	M5.4	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would provide rumble strips at Gainstown School to reduce the speed of traffic at this large school and at nearby sporting facilities, as this method of forcing motorists to slow down has proved effective in other areas.	The 2010 Traffic Signs Manual, as amended, prohibits the use of yellow bar markings (rumble strips) to reduce speeds at locations other than on high speed approaches to roundabouts. Yellow bar markings are prohibited in residential areas due to the noise produced by vehicles. There is no substantive proof that yellow bar road markings are effective in reducing speed. It is not proposed to install yellow bar markings at this location at the present time. The traffic speed on the R400 at Gainstown School is currently being monitored by Transportation Section.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Gardai regarding traffic speeds at this location.

208308	M5.5	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 19/12/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to ensure that the stretch of road leading from the roundabout close to the entrance to Chestnut Grove, to Newtown is gritted during cold spells, in the interests of public safety.	Westmeath County Council has a schedule of priority roads which are salted on each occasion that ice or snow is forecast. This schedule comprises 504km of mainly National and Regional roads to maintain a network of strategic routes throughout the county as free as possible from hazardous road conditions. In addition, the Council policy is to maintain all roads in passable condition. The schedule for the current season was considered recently at meetings of the Transport and Planning SPC and the County Council. This road could be considered as part of the review for the 2017/2018 season but it would require the full length of this road (R391) to be included.	ok
209118	M5.6	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 19/12/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to provide in the upcoming budget safety measures to slow down traffic outside St.Colmcille's N.S. in Gainstown which is of major concern for the schools' management as well as the nearby Mullingar Athletic sports facility.	The traffic speed on the R400 at Gainstown School is currently being monitored by Transportation Section.	Taken with Motion 5.4
208314	M5.7	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 19/12/16 - That Westmeath County Council considers a project like PURE for its Heritage Committee in 2017.	PURE (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments) is an environmental initiative which aims to foster a greater appreciation and awareness of country roadscapes by rewarding and acknowledging local community efforts. The competition encourages communities and groups living in rural areas to nominate a mile stretch of road and keep this area litter/rubbish free, research information about their local wild flowers, plants, trees, animals, built heritage, history, and the folklore associated with their areas. There are heritage, environmental awareness and management aspects to this initiative. /.....(continued)	

				...../ Westmeath County Council in 2015 commenced a similar initiative called "Black Spot to Beauty Spot" but unfortunately no community/initiative emerged from this process. Through the Environment Awareness Officer, Westmeath County Council can initiate a similar proposal.	
208315	M5.8	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 19/12/16 - That the Council considers a canvass of its aging tenants and those who have left its tenancy to reside in nursing homes, to gather data that may indicate that funding for technology/gadgets may have allowed them to remain at home, with a view to preparing grant schemes for same.	Currently under the auspices of the Local Community Development Committee, a programme entitled 'Westmeath Age Friendly Cities and Counties programme' exists. A key objective under this programme is 'to plan for accessible lifelong housing'. The data collection exercise as outlined can be considered by the LCDC as part of their actions to deliver the above objective.	DOS agreed this matter could be brought to the Local Community Development Committee.
208333	M5.9	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 19/12/16 - That this Council would make available affordable housing sites for families wishing to construct houses across the Mullingar area.	Should the Council acquire a sufficient and suitable land bank, the provision of private sites, in addition to affordable sites, could be an option to explore for development of the land.	It was agreed this matter could be brought to the Housing SPC.
208334	M5.10	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 19/12/16 - That this Council fills potholes on Grange Avenue, Raharney.	These potholes have been repaired.	ok
208524	M5.11	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 19/12/16 - That this Municipal District calls on the Minister for Justice to bring the Draft Criminal Justice Bill (Victims of Crime) to committee stage as soon as possible with a view to it becoming legislation in 2017.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter could issue to the Minister for Justice.
208525	M5.12	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 19/12/16 - To call on the Minister for Finance to facilitate the removal of any tax exemptions applicable to the public display of ex-public representative's papers relating to their time in office.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter could issue to the Minister for Finance.

208529	M5.13	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 19/12/16 - That Westmeath County Council looks at the possibility of developing Lacey's Canal from Mullingar to Lough Ennell as a boating/walking amenity.	The relevant objective in the Mullingar Local Area Plan 2014-2020 in relation to this Motion is as follows: O-TRM6 To promote and facilitate the development of a Greenway from Mullingar Town Park along the River Brosna to Lough Ennell, and also along the Feeder Canal Link to Lough Owel, in conjunction with Waterways Ireland, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and other relevant agencies, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive. The provision of a walking and cycling link to Lough Ennell from Mullingar via Lacey's Canal could connect with the National Cycle Network and would also have the potential to extend to Belvedere House & Gardens, one of the County's primary tourist attractions. The development of a boating link from Lough Ennell along this route would require further study to establish the feasibility of such a project.	DOS agreed that if funding could be secured this area could be developed in the future.
208530	M5.14	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 19/12/16 - That Road No.L11225 would be included in the 2017 Road Resurfacing Programme.	This is a local cul de sac road of 900m long, 450m of which is public, which serves two houses. The Members can consider funding to restore the 450m in 2017.	ok
208517	M5.15	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 19/12/16 - To call on Westmeath County Council to officially register Westmeath County as the "Lakelands County", in order to ensure security of our identity in Brand.	The branding of Westmeath should be considered as part of the development of the Tourism Strategy and its related objectives. Checking the Irish Trademark Register the word "Lakelands" on its own has been registered, but linked to an oil product. Nothing is listed for either Lakelands County or Lake County. Just to note as part of the application process the patent office will carry out a thorough search in their "pending" database which Westmeath County Council do not have access to.	It was agreed this matter could be considered by the Tourism & Economic Development SPC.



208518	M5.16	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would write to the Minister with responsibilities for Urban Regeneration to request a tax incentive scheme to encourage owners of property on main streets to convert first floor and upwards to residential, with the aim of revitalising our town centres and increase the rental capacity within our towns.	<p>The Living City Initiative, launched in May 2015, is a targeted pilot tax incentive scheme which aims to regenerate central business districts and encourage people back to the centre of our cities to live in older buildings. The scheme applies in certain special regeneration areas, initially Limerick and Waterford and then extended to include Dublin, Cork, Galway and Kilkenny, particularly those zones identified as most in need of regeneration. The initiative includes two types of relief – • An owner/occupier residential relief, and • A retail/commercial relief.</p> <p>While the Initiative has only been in operation for just over a year, with take-up lower than anticipated, considering up to 100% of relevant expenditure may be tax relieved, the Department of Finance is currently reviewing the Initiative with a view to introducing changes to enhance the attractiveness and effectiveness of the scheme. This review will be completed by the end of 2016.</p>	It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.
208523	M5.17	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 19/12/16 - That this County Council would consider the erection of traffic lights at McCormack's Corner, Castlepollard.	This junction can be examined as part of the Towns and Village Renewal Scheme.	ok
208636	M5.18	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District considers line markings on the roundabout defining the lanes and the position of the pedestrian crossing at The Hospital roundabout in Mullingar.	The road markings, advance warning signs and belisha beacons for the zebra crossing were renewed/improved in 2015. The installation of circulatory road markings are not required on a roundabout of this size.	DOS agreed to discuss this matter once again with the Transportation Department.

208637	M5.19	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District looks at traffic calming measures for Brookfield estate, Mullingar, as the estate road is being used by heavy volumes of traffic at excessive speeds, going to and from the local secondary school.	Following the implementation of the new 30kph speed limits, there are no immediate plans for additional traffic calming measures in Brookfield estate.	ok
208552	M5.20	Cllr Liam McDaniel	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District erect a public light at Meedin Church as a safety measure for those attending ceremonies or local meetings during winter months.	There is no funding for new public lights.	DOS stated there is nothing to preclude the community from erecting a light.
208556	M5.21	Cllr Liam McDaniel	M - 19/12/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District meet with business owners, residents, and other interested stakeholders in Kilbeggan with a view to developing a sustainable parking plan for the town.	It is the intention of Mullingar Municipal District to liaise with the Local Community in the implementation of the Towns and Villages scheme. Stakeholder engagement is part of the implementation process.	ok
208641	M5.22	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 19/12/16 - That this Municipal District provides an infill light between the OPD's and the end of the Sales Yard wall on the N52, east of Delvin.	As part of the Council's energy management policy, public lighting locations, number and type are being reviewed. Delvin is part of that review.	ok
208642	M5.23	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 19/12/16 - That this Municipal District requests Transport Infrastructure Ireland to make safer the exit off the N52 onto Road L1504 at Caddagh Cross, Delvin.	The junction at this location complies with current standards and there is no proposal to alter it.	DOS advised that any problems here may relate to driver behaviour.
208646	M5.24	Cllr. Bill Collentine	M - 19/12/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to look into ongoing problem with blocked/collapsed sewers at Hickey's Motor Factors and other business premises at Millmount, Mullingar, causing a problem to their businesses.	An initial investigation to determine if the sewers are public or private is required. If the sewers in question are private drains, the responsibility rests with the property owner/s. If the sewers are public, the property owner/s shall contact Irish Water who will raise an investigative work order with the Council.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to Irish Water on this matter.

208649	M5.25	Cllr. Bill Collentine	M - 19/12/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to ask the County Council to install or to grant-aid committees or street committees to install a defibrillator in various strategic public locations, as well as defibrillator training, in the interests of public health benefits and life saving.	Westmeath County Council has no remit in this area.	ok
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