

Minutes of Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 10th October 2016, at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar.
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Presiding : Cllr. John Shaw, Mayor

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

Apologies : Cllr. D'Arcy

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

Item 1 : *Miontuairisci*

- (i) On the proposal of Cllr. Glynn, seconded by Cllr. McDermott, the Minutes of September Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held at 2.00pm on Monday, 12th September, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar were unanimously approved.

Matters arising:

Cllr. Penrose referred to the Town and Villages Renewal Scheme which was discussed at the September Meeting and stated he understood the Members were to be consulted again before the final towns were chosen. He also stated he was disappointed that Ballynacargy was not included in the grant application.

Martin Murray, Director of Services, advised that he clarified the grants process with Members at the September Meeting and he stressed the tight timescale to have the criteria and background information supplied and submitted for grant aid. He informed Members by e-mail of the decision made by the Council Executive and this issued before any applications were submitted.

Cllr. Penrose referred to the matter he raised in September in relation to the junction of the N4 and the turn off for Portnashangan. He stated he was glad that the TII have now agreed that a feasibility study should be carried out to assess safety requirements at this junction.

Cllr. Hill referred to a request by him to have trees close to the Council Offices in Castlepollard inspected and he asked when the Council's Property Management Section will inspect these trees and arrange to have works carried out.

Item 2 : Draft Bye-Laws for speed limits in Housing Estates

The Members had been circulated with a report following the public consultation process on proposed speed limits in housing estates. It was noted that 166 estates in Westmeath had been surveyed as part of the process and included. The proposal is to introduce new 30k/ph speed limits in certain residential areas. Members asked questions about various estates in the District but in general the proposal was welcomed. On the proposal of Cllr.Glynn, seconded by Cllr.Penrose, the Draft Bye-Laws for speed limits in Housing Estates was approved by the Members. It was noted that when implemented, the Bye-Laws will be reviewed in due course.

Item 3 : Draft submission to OPW on Shannon Flood Risk Management Plan

The Members had been circulated with a draft submission on behalf of Westmeath County Council for noting. On the proposal of Cllr.Wallace, seconded by Cllr.Glynn, the Draft submission to the OPW was approved and the Director advised this would now be forwarded to the OPW.

Item 4 : Update on Q2 and Q3 Municipal District works

The Members received an update and were circulated with a synopsis of works completed in Mullingar Municipal District during Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2016. The District Engineer responded to queries from the Members and in relation to a request from Cllr.Hill concerning a road which runs along the shores of Lough Sheelin from Finea to the County Meath border, the District Engineer agreed to meet Cllr.Hill on site to consider what if any works are required on this road in the current year.

Item 5 : Eirgrid Community Fund

The Director advised Members that the sum of €180,000 had been received from Eirgrid and local community groups had been asked to apply for funding towards suitable community based projects. At this stage, he stated the successful applicants and communities have been notified. He stated that there were two tranches of funding under this Community Fund and this is Tranche 1.

Item 6 : Increased Capital Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants

The Director informed Members that the Department of Environment has recently allocated additional monies for Housing Adaptation Grants. He stated that Mullingar Municipal District's Budget for 2016 is now €1,194,092.

Item 7 : To note Recreation Funding received

The Director advised that additional funding has been received in respect of two projects – (1) €48,450 for the proposed cycle lane to link Kilbeggan to the Mullingar to Athlone Greenway and (2) €162,590 for works to create a carpark and improved facilities at Castletown Geoghegan Railway Station to benefit users of the Mullingar to Athlone Greenway. Members noted this additional funding.

Item 8 : Update on Gleann Pettit estate

The Director gave a presentation to Members on the planning history for Gleann Pettit estate. Members voiced their concerns in relation to unfinished works in the estate and the Director advised that the Council is now working with the developer to commence important works in this estate. He stated that the Council has an Agreement with the developers and is ensuring that this Agreement is being complied with.

Item 9 : Replies to Questions

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

Item 10 : Correspondence

The following items of Correspondence were noted by Members:-

1. Letter 6/10/2016 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to feasibility study to be carried out regarding safety at the junction of Road L1015 and the N4 Route was noted by Members..
2. Letter dated 29/09/16 from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Shane Ross, T.D., regarding Sports Capital Grants had been circulated to Members and noted;
3. Letter dated 16/09/16 from the Office of the Minister for Training, Skills and Innovation, John Halligan, T.D. acknowledging letter from MMD with regard to child bus seats, was circulated and noted.

The Meeting broke at 4pm for tea break.

Resumption:

Item 11 : 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 and agreed, in order to allow the business of the Meeting to continue.

Any Other Business:

Cllr.Glynn stated he had received a complaint from residents of Grange regarding bin collection at 5am in the morning. He stated that this is too early for a company to enter a housing estate to collect refuse.

Cllr.Glynn referred to road repairs needed in Ennell Court and he asked if MMD would advance any works needed with the Council's Housing Department.

Cllr.Glynn also referred to the mini roundabout situated in the Clonmore Industrial Estate adjacent to Expert and stated that something needs to be done from a safety point of view at this mini roundabout and he cited a recent accident at the weekend which occurred there.

Cllr.Wallace referred to the forthcoming Christmas Market in Mullingar from 8-10 December and asked if the Council would provide free car parking during those days.

Members wished the teams taking part in the Championship Games at the weekend the best of luck.

Cllr.Hill referred to the PA system in the Chambers and stated that it is very difficult to hear other Members speaking. He asked if something could be done to improve this PA system.

This then concluded the business of the Meeting.

Mayor

Date

Mullingar Municipal District – 10th October, 2016 - QUESTIONS

CCMS	Question	Cllr.	Questions	Reply	Supplementary Question	Reply to Supplementary
203489	Q9.1	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Westmeath County Council look at technical measures it can pursue outside No.2, Ashefield, Mullingar to enable vehicular traffic access the driveway of this house without scraping the undercarriage of said vehicles.	Minor remedial works will be carried out at this location as soon as possible.	None	None
203490	Q9.2	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Westmeath County Council look at ways to calm local traffic between No's 190 and 195, D'Alton Park?	There is no funding for traffic calming in the current Budget. New Bye-Laws for Special Speed Limits in housing estates are designed to eliminate and mitigate excessive speed in housing estates.	When will signage be provided?	DOS advised if Bye-Laws approved by full Council in October then this will proceed.
203491	Q9.3	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Westmeath County Council carry out a survey on the road between Newtown Lawns and Newtown Roundabout with a view to improving road safety at this stretch of roadway?	The Council's Transportation Section is not aware of recent accidents on this road. There is no significant recorded accident history on this road, which indicates that there is no safety issue with the road.	None	None
203495	Q9.4	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to include Lynn Heights in the upcoming budget for footpath improvements, as many sections of path around the estate have fallen in to poor repair.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	None	None

203496	Q9.5	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to examine why a significant section of trees on the boundary of the main green area in Old Clonmore/Clarkemount Avenue/Brosna areas have died and what measures will be put in place to replace them.	Following a preliminary report from Mullingar Municipal District's Tree Specialist, the Environment Section will investigate and advise.	None	None
203497	Q9.6	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to include Newbrook Grove and Clonmore Heights in the upcoming footpath budgets, continuing the good work done on paths in both estates in the last few years.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Budget.	None	None
203559	Q9.7	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 10/10/16 - Can a review of the current traffic flow into Blackhall Car Park from Blackhall Street and Lynn Road be carried out, given the poor line of sight that drivers have when entering.	This junction will be examined and a design advanced. Implementation of improvement works will be required to be considered in the context of the 2017 Budget.	Can all the entrances/exits to this car park be examined?	DOS advised this will be considered in the Brief for the Urban Regeneration Report.
203561	Q9.8	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 10/10/16 - Taking on board this years' Tidy Towns Adjudication Report, can the Council produce a Town Heritage Trail with information signs and QR Codes, which was recognised as being sorely needed and representing a valuable additional attraction to Mullingar.	This project will be proposed for inclusion in the Forward Planning Work Plan for 2017.	None	None

203562	Q9.9	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 10/10/16 - Can the Members be given an update on recommended works by Irish Wheelchair Association following the Access Mullingar project and other PPN groups highlighted at their previous presentations?	The District Engineer is reviewing the recommendations from the said IWA report and devising an implementation plan, while also considering the urban regeneration scheme to ensure no crossover of proposed works occurs.	Have any works taken place?	DOS advised that the current report will be considered in conjunction with the Urban Regeneration Works.
203737	Q9.10	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 10/10/16 - Will a costing be included in the coming Estimates to make safer the dangerous bend on Road L5631 between Morgan's Forge and Molloy's house at Cumerstown.	This will be considered in the context of the 2017 Budget.	None	None
203738	Q9.11	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 10/10/16 - Will this Municipal District replace the broken or missing manhole cover on Road No.5534 between Salmon's and Hannon's at Cumerstown.	This work will be carried out as soon as possible.	None	None
203739	Q9.12	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 10/10/16 - Will this Municipal District attend to the flooding issues at Brendan O'Reilly's house on Heartstown Boreen, L1548 in Clonmellon.	Following detailed examination of the subject site, the initial allocation received under the Severe Weather Grants is inadequate to deliver a sustainable solution. Further investigation is required to mitigate this problem.	None	None
203743	Q9.13	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 10/10/16 - Can this Council repair the potholes at Tullaghan beside the car park?	Potholes have been repaired at this location.	None	None
203744	Q9.14	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 10/10/16 - Can this Council inform the Members when the Lilliput signs will be repaired/replaced, as previously agreed?	Signage for Lilliput was renewed in early Summer 2016 at Carey's Cross, Castletown-Geoghegan Village and at Nure Bridge. Signs on the R391 north of Dysart will be upgraded as soon as possible.	When will signs be erected?	DOS advised signs will be ordered and erected as soon as possible.

203745	Q9.15	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 10/10/16 - Will this Council resolve the ongoing flooding issue at Tess Cuncliffe's land in Tyrrellspass?	This is a matter for the landowner downstream to maintain the drain.	None	None
203748	Q9.16	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask this Council if it will seek funding under the Village Renewal Scheme to black-top the parking area at Doctor's Surgery at Finea Road, Castlepollard.	Application for €80,000 has been made under this Scheme for Castlepollard. The Council is awaiting formal approval.	If funding is received will the Council meet with local communities to discuss proposed works?	DOS advised that this would happen.
203749	Q9.17	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask the Council if it will seek funding under the Village Renewal Scheme to upgrade tourism signage in North Westmeath.	Application for €80,000 has been made under this Scheme for Castlepollard. The Council is awaiting formal approval.	If funding is received will the Council meet with local communities to discuss proposed works?	DOS advised that this would happen.
203750	Q9.18	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask the Council if it will prune the tree outside Emmet Lynch's house on Killallon Road, Clonmellon.	This tree will be inspected and pruned if necessary during this season's pruning programme.	None	None
203753	Q9.19	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to prioritise having the light in front of the Post Office on Dominick Street repaired.	This light has now been fixed.	None	None
203754	Q9.20	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to repair the flashing light at pedestrian crossing on Bishopsgate Street, in the interest of pedestrian safety.	This will be repaired as soon as possible.	None	None
203755	Q9.21	Cllr. Bill Collentine	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to rectify the angle on the ramp from Royal Canal Walkway onto St.Agnes' Cottages Road.	The matter will be investigated and assessed with respect to current design standards.	None	None

203774	Q9.22	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 10/10/16 - Can the Municipal District consider the key sightlines at areas of outstanding natural beauty at this time of year when hedgecutting is in progress, particularly the view overlooking Lough Derravarragh at Crookedwood.	Hedge Cutting notices are served under the Roads Act, in the interest of road safety. A Notice under this Act cannot be used to improve views for sightseers.	None	None
203776	Q9.23	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 10/10/16 - What remedial works will follow the survey carried out on the Dublin Road, as detailed at the last meeting, in reply to query from Cllr.Hill.	Surveying of the existing surface water system is continuing and remedial works to manholes is ongoing already. When the survey is completed, further works will be carried out, subject to funding.	None	None
203777	Q9.24	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 10/10/16 - Can the Council consider creating a category in the Cathaoirleach Awards or similar to create a fund to develop and support Culture Night activity that help participants to continue to offer a free experience.	Culture Night is supported by Westmeath County Council Arts programme and the appropriate mechanism to increase support is an increase in the Arts budget.	None	None
203604	Q9.25	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District take measures to prevent rainwater flowing from the road into the driveway of Balfe's house at Main Street, Rochfortbridge as during periods of heavy rain the rainwater from the Tyrrellspass side flows into their driveway causing unwanted ponding.	Minor maintenance work will be carried out at this location as soon as possible.	None	None

203605	Q9.26	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 10/10/16 - Can Mullingar Municipal District reinstate the white line on the R389 from Kilbeggan Racecourse to the Castletown Geoghegan junction at Toarlisnamore.	The centre line will be renewed at this location as soon as possible.	None	None
203606	Q9.27	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out improvements to the footpaths on Main Street, Tyrrellspass to facilitate wheelchair users crossing the road entering Castle Green, as one side is wheelchair friendly while the opposite side needs upgrading.	The footpath at this location will be altered as soon as possible, to accommodate wheelchair users and pedestrians.	None	None
203655	Q9.28	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out remedial works at Paddy Stokes Road, Killucan.	This relates to L56033 Kerrinstown Boreen. This road was patched recently.	None	None
203656	Q9.29	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out remedial works on the Dublin Bridge, Mullingar at Millie's, as a matter of urgency.	As part of Mullingar Town Centre Enhancement Project, a detailed traffic study is being carried out. The phasing of the traffic lights at Dublin Bridge will be examined during this study.	None	None
203657	Q9.30	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out a Traffic Management review in Kinnegad.	The Transportation Section is not aware of any traffic management issues that would necessitate a review.	Can parking in Kinnegad be looked at again?	DOS advised that Wardens will be informed.
203790	Q9.31	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District investigate the flooding issue at the top of Road L19421 at Derrydooan/Winetown.	Watercuts will be re-opened at this location as soon as possible.	None	None

203792	Q9.32	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 10/10/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District consider resurfacing works to Road L5913-0 Toor Road, as part of the 2017 Estimates.	L5913 can be considered for funding in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	None	None
203793	Q9.33	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to carry out remedial works on the Moyvore to Williamstown Road, as this public road is in a very poor condition.	Potholes on L59111 Williamstown have been repaired.	None	None
203878	Q9.34	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to examine the trees around the boundary at Carraigmore, Ballynacargy as some of the trees are very dangerous for the residents living in the estate.	Mullingar Municipal District will examine and a further report will be brought in due course to the Members.	None	None
203879	Q9.35	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to examine the bridge on the R393 at Tom Lyons' house as this bridge seems to be collapsing and needs to be repaired.	An examination of this bridge will be carried out and it will be considered for funding under the Bridge Repair Grant Scheme.	None	None
203881	Q9.36	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 10/10/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to investigate culvert under the R393 at Ciaran Kerrigan's house, as when it rains heavily, this area floods.	This matter will be investigated.	None	None

Mullingar Municipal District – 10th October, 2016 – NOTICES OF MOTION

CCMS	Motion	Cllr.	Motions	Reply	Notes
203487	M11.1	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 10/10/16 - That Westmeath County Council would provide the following information in the context of the three different types of Housing Aid Grants for Mullingar Municipal District - (a) total amount of monies expended to date in 2016, (b) the numbers in each category afforded grant aid and (c) amount of funding that remains for expenditure in the current year.	a) Total amount expended on Housing Grants in Mullingar Municipal District to date is €871,773. (b) Housing Adaptation Grants - 62 applications €499,573, Mobility Aids Housing Grants - 26 applications €100,900, Housing Aid for Older Persons Grants - 56 applications €213,300. Applications approved for an amount of €94,100, which brings total spend to €907,873.(c) Amount of grant yet to be allocated in 2016 - €286,219.	Cllr.Dollard asked if funding will be spent by end of year. DOS advised that this will be challenging.
203488	M11.2	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 10/10/16 - That Westmeath County Council would resurface sections of roadway close to kerbing in Glenview Heights where required.	The road edges at this location will be repaired as soon as possible.	
203493	M11.3	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 10/10/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to review and increase the Residents Associations grant following a significant reduction in such grants paid out to various residents associations this year.	Westmeath County Council intends to review the allocation of funding allocated to Residents Association Grants in its Budget for 2017.	Cllr.Glynn stated that a review is necessary as there has been a significant decrease in grants.
203494	M11.4	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 10/10/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to review its dog fouling anti-litter policy as its clearly not working and increase the provision of bins, especially on popular pedestrian routes right across Mullingar town.	The issue of dog fouling will be considered in the review of the Litter Management Plan which is due for renewal at the end of 2016.	

203557	M11.5	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 10/10/16 - That this Municipal District requests an update on the proposed future use of Railway Cottages and the old Athlone platform at Mullingar Train Station from Iarnrod Eireann and CIE's Heritage Project, given the historical significance of both.	Mullingar Mullingar District staff have met with the Buildings and Facilities Manager of Iarnrod Eireann who has outlined they have no immediate plans. If Members wish to request a further meeting we can arrange.	Cllr. Dollard suggested that some of the Members should be involved in a meeting with Iarnrod Eireann. DOS agreed to organise another meeting with Iarnrod Eireann.
203558	M11.6	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 10/10/16 - That this Municipal District fully supports the calls by the Law Reform Commission for reform of the law pertaining to harmful communications and digital safety, for the establishment of a Digital Safety Commissioner and the implementation of a Statutory Code of Practice on digital safety.	No Reply.	
203735	M11.7	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 10/10/16 - That this Municipal District replaces the "Yield" sign with a "Stop" sign at Brady's Cross and provide new road marking, e.g. a continuous white line, to clearly mark the main junction of Roads L5756 and L5757.	This junction will be examined and necessary works carried out.	
203736	M11.8	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 10/10/16 - That this Municipal District assists Columba College, Killucan with parking and safety measures on Road L1501.	Mullingar Municipal District engineering staff will arrange to meet with the school to assist and advise them.	
203741	M11.9	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 10/10/16 - That this Council requests CIE to run a late train service (up to midnight) to and from Dublin.	No Reply.	Agreed to issue a letter to Iarnrod Eireann in relation to this matter,
203742	M11.10	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 10/10/16 - That this Council informs the Members of its solar power planning strategy.	The Westmeath County Development Plan 2014-2020 acknowledges the potential for solar energy to contribute to Renewable Energy targets and contains the following statement. /.....(contd)	DOS agreed to speak to the Planning Department and would come back to the Members with an update on this type of energy provision and when the Council will create a renewable energy policy.

				<p>SOLAR ENERGY Westmeath may be suitable for the development of solar power technologies. Solar applications are usually small scale and can supply electricity or energy. Solar energy provides a suitable source of energy for buildings. The Council will encourage solar energy in commercial and residential developments, subject to design and other considerations.</p> <p>It is an objective of the County Development Plan to prepare a Renewable Energy Strategy for County Westmeath in which solar energy and other forms of renewable energy will be considered.</p> <p>P-REN5 To encourage the use of passive solar design principles for residential and commercial buildings. O-REN4 To prepare a Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy for Co. Westmeath.</p> <p>At present there are no national guidelines in relation to Solar Energy in Ireland. It is anticipated that given the level of interest and importance of this sector, national guidelines will be published in the near future.</p>	
203746	M11.11	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 10/10/16 - That this Council would renew white lines at Tullyhill Cross, Castletown-Finea and at Togher Cross, Castletown-Finea.	Lines at these junctions will be inspected and renewed where necessary.	

203747	M11.12	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 10/10/16 - That this Council would improve access to area known as Sailors Garden on the shore of Lough Sheelin, Finea.	This will be investigated by the Council's Property Management Section and the Mullingar Municipal District.	
203751	M11.13	Cllr. Bill Collentine	M - 10/10/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to remove redundant telephone box from Dominick Street in the interests of the appearance and tidiness of the town.	Mullingar Municipal District has on numerous occasions requested the removal of this telephone box.	Agreed to write to Smart Telecom and to Eir in relation to these telephone boxes.
203752	M11.14	Cllr. Bill Collentine	M - 10/10/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to advise if there is a schedule or plans to clean and wash road signs and replace damaged road signs.	Signs are cleaned and repaired when necessary.	DOS advised the District will continue to clean and maintain all signs.
203772	M11.15	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 10/10/16 - That the Members of Mullingar Municipal District support "Re-use" month and the work being carried out by the Environment Department to promote this initiative, with each of us changing one thing that swops single use paper, plastic or foil use, thus reducing the waste going to landfill.	No Reply.	
203773	M11.16	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 10/10/16 - That the Members of Mullingar Municipal District support the campaign for Irish Sign Language recognition, as the Irish Deaf Society has been campaigning for over thirty years to have it recognised and to ensure equality for deaf people in Irish society.	No Reply.	

203602	M11.17	Cllr Liam McDaniel	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District extends the footpath opposite the graveyard at Station Road, Castletown Geoghegan by approximately 40 metres to Kirby's house, in order to ensure safety for pedestrians and school going children entering or leaving the village, as this short section is extremely dangerous for pedestrians especially during rain when heavy vehicles are driving onto the grass verge, blocking the culvert, thus creating a flood on the road which pedestrians must walk around.	This can be considered in the context of the 2017 Estimates.	
203603	M11.18	Cllr Liam McDaniel	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District carries out surface improvements on the lane from the Tullamore Road to the Water Tower at the end of St. Beccans Terrace, Kilbeggan as this lane not only provides access to the Water Tower but also provides residents access to the rear of their houses on St. Beccans Terrace and in particular, for one disabled pensioner who uses a mobility scooter, it is his only means of access or egress to his residence.	This is not a public road.	Agreed to issue a letter to Irish Water in relation to this matter.
203660	M11.19	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District writes to the Minister for Communication, Climate Action & Environment in relation to broadband provision and that areas or black spots be prioritised in the initial roll out.	A letter will issue to the Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment, if the Members are in agreement.	Agreed to issue a letter to Minister in relation to this matter.

203666	M11.20	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District carries out an audit on all unfinished housing estates in the district and gives a report to include discussions that have been held with developers, expected completion dates and provision of services.	A report listing all unfinished housing estates in the District was brought to the Members at the June 2016 Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District. Advancement of individual issues pertaining to housing estates is ongoing.	
203788	M11.21	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would explore the possibility of widening Road L5703-0 at its narrowest point, close to the junction with L1773-0.	This relates to L5703 at Levington. There were passing bays constructed on this road a number of years ago. Road widening would require land acquisition and expensive accommodation works and would be dependent on the agreement of the landowners and availability of funding.	DOS advised that as this is a local tertiary road, the Council would not see this as a priority in terms of advancing a safety scheme.
203789	M11.22	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would examine the damage done to the road surface at Leney Church during recent flash floods.	There is no damage to the public road at this location. Westmeath County Council is not responsible for a private laneway adjacent to the church.	
203875	M11.23	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would kerb the junction and resurface the triangle at the crossroad at Loughnavalley, as this would enhance this area.	These works will be carried out as soon as possible.	
203876	M11.24	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 10/10/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would carry out footpath improvements from the old Grange Motors down as far as Ennell Court.	Footpath funding was provided by the Mullingar Municipal District Members in the 2016 Budget for Patrick Street. Works have recently commenced at this location.	