

Minutes of Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held on Monday, 12th September 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, Una D'Arcy, Sorca Clarke, Michael Dollard, Johnnie Penrose, Cllr. Liam McDaniel, Cllr. Bill Collentine.

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. D'Arcy, the Minutes of July Meeting of Mullingar Municipal District held at 2.00pm on Monday, 11th July, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar were unanimously approved.

Matters arising:

Cllr. Clarke referred to an item raised by her under Any Other Business at the July Meeting. She had asked if the Council is registered with PSA, the agency which oversees installation of CCTV systems. She stated that she wished to clarify that what she was asking was if the Council is required to be registered with this agency or not. On the proposal of Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Glynn, it was agreed that the Minutes of July 2016 Mullingar Municipal District Meeting would be amended to reflect this.

Martin Murray, Director of Services, advised that he will seek clarification on this issue.

The Mayor referred to the additional funding received for unfinished housing estates and asked if any works have yet commenced on these estates. Declan Leonard advised that full approval is in place for the works to be carried out and these works will commence in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Glynn asked if there was an update on the provision of litter bins, particularly on the Joe Dolan Bridge. The Director advised that a report on bins is currently being compiled and this report will outline the best locations for bins and this may include the location referred to by Cllr. Glynn. Cllr. Glynn pointed out that a bin which had been removed from the Lynn Road while footpath works were underway has not yet been replaced and the Director advised that the bin referred to will be reinstated at Lynn Road.

Item 2 : To note road to be declared public at Habsborough, Ballinea

The Members noted the report from the Director in relation to declaring a short access laneway to the Old Rail Trail Cycleway at Habsborough, Ballinea, as a public road, in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 11 of the 1993 Roads Act.

Item 3 : To note Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme

The Members had discussed this Scheme at an earlier meeting. They noted the terms of the Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme as outlined by the Director and no further discussion was held on this matter.

Item 4 : To note date for Official Opening of The Greenway from Coolnahay to the Longford County Boundary.

Members noted that the section of Greenway from Coolnahay to the Longford County Boundary would be opened on Friday, 7th October, 2016 by the Minister of State at the Department of Tourism and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, T.D.

Item 5 : Replies to Questions

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

Item 6 : Correspondence

The following items of Correspondence were noted by Members:-

1. Letter dated 12/08/16 addressed to Peter Burke, T.D. from the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding Garda foot patrols in Mullingar had been circulated to Members and noted.
2. Letter dated 22/08/16 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. It was also noted that a further reply would issue on this issue as soon as possible.

The Meeting broke at 4pm for tea break.

Resumption:

Item 7 : 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:

The Mayor reiterated that the date for the opening of the Greenway from Coolnahay to the Longford County Boundary is Friday 7th October, 2016.

The Director advised Members that the Part 8 planning reports in respect of Belvedere and also in respect of residential units at St.Laurence's Terrace would come before the full Council at their September Meeting.

Cllr.Penrose raised the issue of the turn-off for Portnashangan from the N4 and stated that this is a very dangerous junction. He asked if the Council would ask T.I.I. to take action to decrease the potential for a fatality at this location. The Director advised that the concerns of Members would be brought to T.I.I.

Cllr.Glynn asked for the name of the staff member that can be contacted with regard to issues relating to public lighting. The Director advised that Corinna Elder in the Council's Transportation Section is the person to contact.

Cllr.McDaniel stated that locals in the Kilbeggan area have been targeted by individuals purporting to work for the County Council or the NRA and asking householders if they wished to have tar and chipping spread on their yard or laneway. He also stated that some individuals are offering to cut down dangerous trees. He stated that these persons are definitely not associated with the Council and he just asked the media to report on this, to bring awareness to the public regarding this matter.

This then concluded the business of the Meeting.

Mayor

Date

Mullingar Municipal District – 12th September, 2016 - QUESTIONS

CCMS	Question	Cllr.	Questions	Reply	Supplementary Question	Reply to Supplementary
201325	Q5.1	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Westmeath County Council arrange to put in place an appropriate sign indicating the direction of Mullingar Regional Hospital at the junction of the N52/New Robinstown Road?	There is signage for the Hospital at this junction.	None	None
201326	Q5.2	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 12/09/16 - Have any discussions taken place yet by the management of Westmeath County Council regarding the possible future use of the landmark building in the centre of Mullingar, i.e. Market House?	Matters are progressing in relation to the Market House and the Members will be updated as soon as possible.	None	None
201327	Q5.3	Cllr. Michael Dollard	Q - 12/09/16 - In view of the fact that a considerable amount of dumping is still taking place on the road at Wooddown, The Downs, leading down to the Coillte forestry, will the local authority put in place "No Dumping" signs?	This area will be considered for CCTV cameras in the first instance.	None	None
199361	Q5.4	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 12/09/16 - Has Mullingar Municipal district looked at the possibility of acquiring houses number 150-160 Belvedere Hills by means of a CPO in the context of the Derelict sites Act.	A Section 8 (2) Notice has been served on the owners of these houses, who have since contacted the Council giving an undertaking to make the houses non-derelict within a specified period. The houses will be re-inspected within one month.	Is a Bond available for this development?	District Manager advised that a Bond is in place.

199362	Q5.5	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal district to carry out remedial works on the bridge at Williamstown, Ballynacargy as there is a severe depression on the road either side of the bridge that is causing a dip on the road and is dangerous for all motorists using this stretch of road.	This refers to Road L5190. Repairs will be carried out at this location as soon as possible.	None	None
199363	Q5.6	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal district to give an update on the progress and current status of the Rathowen Sewerage treatment plant for the local authority houses on school lane.	An Asset Needs Brief has been submitted to Irish Water for their consideration.	How long will it take for Irish Water to consider this matter?	DOS advised that this is up to Irish Water.
201423	Q5.7	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 12/09/16 - Can Westmeath County Council repair the potholes at Strattonstown?	There was one pothole on Strattonstown Boreen L51441 and this has now been repaired.	None	None
201426	Q5.8	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 12/09/16 - Can the Council state when it will hold the open day to assess business opportunities from Centre Parks, as previously agreed.	LEO Westmeath are engaging with Center Parcs to ascertain their requirements.	Is there a timeframe for the holding of this Open Day?	DOS advised that a meeting has already been held but no date yet fixed for an Open Day.
201427	Q5.9	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Q - 12/09/16 - Can Westmeath County Council repair the potholes at junction of Ballymore and Ballymahon roads R390 and R392.	There were a number of depressions along the road edge and these have now been filled.	None	None
201556	Q5.10	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 12/09/16 - Can the Council contact the National Museum and ask for a list of finds in Westmeath on display or stored there.	A letter can issue to the National Museum, if the Members are in agreement.	None	None
201856	Q5.11	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 12/09/ 16 - Can this Municipal District erect "Children at Play" signs at both Cluain Lorcaín and at Castletown Court, Delvin.	The policy is to supply such signs to residents associations for them to erect.	None	None

201857	Q5.12	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	Q - 12/09/16 - Can this Municipal District examine the junction at Gartlandstown Crossroads R394-L1731, as motorists using this junction have reported that they have a limited line of sight at this location.	Transportation Section is not aware of accidents at this location. A preliminary design was prepared on behalf of the Mullingar Municipal District in 2014 to improve the forward stopping sight distance at this junction. Application was made in 2014 for funding to carry out these improvement works in 2015, however no funding was provided.	None	None
201559	Q5.13	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 12/09/16 - Can the tree beside The Sycamores and the bus stop in Rochfortbridge be trimmed as soon as possible, as it is inches from house roofs and growing through power lines.	This tree will be pruned during the 2016/2017 pruning programme.	When does pruning commence?	DOS advised in October.
201560	Q5.14	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 12/09/16 - Can the path at the N4/N52 sign outside St.Paul's Church, Delvin Road, be widened to more safely accommodate mobility scooters and other such aids.	There were efforts previously to acquire the necessary land to widen this footpath. However, agreement could not be reached. There is now no funding for these works.	Will the Council try again to acquire this land?	DOS agreed the Council would make another attempt to acquire this land.
201561	Q5.15	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	Q - 12/09/16 - Can the recently vandalised Multi Sports Area in Grange be repaired as soon as possible, including an upgrade/installation of CCTV systems in that area.	A full assessment of the cost associated with reinstatement of this facility is underway. This assessment will inform, aligned with financial constraints, the decision when to open this unit.	None	None
201669	Q5.16	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 12/09/16 - Can this Municipal District put in place a street light at the houses across from Columba College, Killucan, in the interests of safety?	There is no funding for additional street lights in the 2016 Budget.	None	None

201670	Q5.17	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 12/09/16 - Can this Municipal District work with Kinnegad Tidy Towns to increase the level of grass cutting and verge cutting around the town?	Kinnegad Tidy Towns are doing an excellent job in Kinnegad. Mullingar Municipal District liaise with the committee on an ongoing basis and have provided assistance during the run up to the 2016 judging.	Can MMD meet again with the Tidy Towns Committee in Kinnegad/	DOS advised that there is no problem in meeting with the Committee again.
201671	Q5.18	Cllr. John Shaw	Q - 12/09/16 - Can this Council make representations to Irish Water to upgrade the sewage system at Village Close, Raharney.	Water Services will discuss the possibility of upgrading the sewerage system at Village Close Raharney with Irish Water.	None	None
201674	Q5.19	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to install one to two disabled parking spaces at the entrance to Ballyglass Cemetery.	A disabled parking space will be marked out along the parking strip for Ballyglass Cemetery.	None	None
201675	Q5.20	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District when works on the boat slipway at Whitebridge Bay, Lough Ennell, will be carried out, as requested by me earlier this year and which is deteriorating almost on a daily basis.	Mullingar Municipal District is carrying out a survey of all slipways in the District, following which a full report will be prepared and costed.	Can minor repairs be carried out to this slipway in the interim?	DOS reiterated that a full assessment of all slipways is required to allow informed decisions to be made as to where repairs are required.
201676	Q5.21	Cllr. Ken Glynn	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to carry out clean-up works on the bathing area at Tudenham, Lough Ennell, which is a heavily visited tourist attraction.	All the bathing areas in the District are cleaned on a regular basis. Tudenham, in particular, has a seasonal caretaker who tidies the area on a daily basis.	None	None
201838	Q5.22	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 12/09/16 - When will the CCTV camera be erected at the bottle banks in Collinstown?	The mobile CCTV camera has been deployed to this location.	None	None

201839	Q5.23	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 12/09/16 - Will this Municipal District prepare an estimate for a low cost safety measure where the Benison Road meets the Deerpark Road, L5740 - L5739 at Castlepollard.	Low cost schemes are carried out where there is a high benefit to cost ratio, where benefit refers to an expected reduction in collision numbers and cost refers to the estimated cost of the works. Preference will be given to schemes at locations having collisions. Transportation Section is not aware of recent accidents at this location and any low cost safety scheme at this location would not have a high benefit to cost ratio.	None	None
201840	Q5.24	Cllr. Frank McDermott	Q - 12/09/16 - When will the potholes be repaired on the road into the White Lake at Clonageeragh, Fore (L56372).	Potholes have recently been repaired on this section of road.	None	None
201845	Q5.25	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District look at eradicating noxious weeds from Council properties, e.g. Blackhall Carpark and around County Buildings.	Removal of ragwort is ongoing. These areas will be checked and treated accordingly.	None	None
201846	Q5.26	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District give an update on the progress to date and plan to complete the work on chimneys in Council houses at Main Street, Rathowen.	3 No. houses out of 4 have been completed. Planned progress with the fourth house is underway. A CCTV survey has been carried out of 2 additional houses. However, a source of funding has yet to be identified for these extra works.	None	None
201847	Q5.27	Cllr. Avril Whitney	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to examine dangerous trees which are obstructing ESB wires outside the boundary wall of Mahon's land at Kildallan North, on the R393.	These trees will be attended to. Note: wires referred to are not ESB wires.	None	None

201853	Q5.28	Bill Collentine	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to carry out resurfacing works on Burnell Road (off Russellstown Road), as this road is in a very poor condition.	This road will be repaired as soon as possible.	Can this be considered in 2017 Budget for resurfacing?	DOS agreed that this could be considered as part of the 2016 Budget.
201854	Q5.29	Bill Collentine	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to carry out repairs and resurfacing work on St.Agnes Cottages road and also footpaths, as they are in a bad condition.	Potholes will be patched as soon as possible.	None	None
201855	Q5.30	Bill Collentine	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask Mullingar Municipal District to repair a small section of footpath outside Daly's Filling Station on the Lynn Road, in the interest of pedestrian safety.	Repairs will be carried out at this location as soon as possible.	None	None
201865	Q5.31	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out routine maintenance on Kiernan's Laneway, Monkstown, Coole.	This work has now been carried out.	None	None
201868	Q5.32	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District consider adding the Kinnegad - Killucan Road to the Winter gritting schedule.	All of the additional routes for winter gritting were forwarded to the Transportation Department for consideration. A review will be carried out by the Transportation and Planning SPC.	None	None
201869	Q5.33	Cllr. Emily Wallace	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District examine the Cul de Sac at Eddie Floods, Derrymore, Killucan with a view to carrying out remedial works.	Mullingar Municipal District has examined this road. The structural assessment of the road outlines no necessary remedial works.	None	None

201894	Q5.34	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask this Council if the 3-way junction at Clonleame, Delvin could be examined and highlighted and define who has priority at junction of Roads L5511 and L5512.	This junction has been examined and it is proposed to make it into a T Junction. New signage will be erected and appropriate road markings installed.	None	None
201895	Q5.35	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask if the Council would lower trees on its property beside Council offices at Mullingar Road, Castlepollard, as the height of these trees is affecting TV, telephone and other signals.	The Property Management Section will conduct a site visit to this location and advise thereafter.	Is there a timeframe for this site visit?	DOS advised it would be carried out in the current week.
201896	Q5.36	Cllr. Paddy Hill	Q - 12/09/16 - To ask the Council when it intends to carry out works required to prevent further flooding on Dublin Road, Castlepollard.	A survey is currently underway of the surface water drainage pipes serving Dublin Road, Castlepollard. All remedial works identified following this survey will be carried out in the coming weeks without delay.	Can these works be carried out before the winter?	DOS agreed they would.
201929	Q5.37	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District carry out surface dressing on a section of the road leading into Hedduans at Cloonagh Ballinagore off the L1122 as this is required to complete previous improvement works carried out on this section of the road.	This relates to Local Cul de Sac Road No. LT11221 at Cloonagh. Recently a specific improvement directly related to improving access for a milk lorry was completed. No funding was provided in the 2016 Budget for improvement works. However, potholes have been repaired. This road could be considered in the context of the 2017 Budget.	Can this matter be considered in the 2017 Budget?	DOS agreed it could form part of 2017 Budget.
201930	Q5.38	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District ensure that mechanical road sweeping in the village of Castletown Geoghegan is extended to the speed limit signs on the R389 Kilbeggan Road.	Castletown Geoghegan is swept once a month and it has been arranged to extend the route to the speed limit signs on R389 Kilbeggan Road.	None	None

201931	Q5.39	Cllr Liam McDaniel	Q - 12/09/16 - Will Mullingar Municipal District arrange to have the hedges cut back at Kilbride Cross on the L5129 opposite Dunboden wall as this overhanging hedge severely restricts vision for traffic at this junction.	Hedge Cutting Notices will be issued to landowners as soon as possible.	None	None
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Mullingar Municipal District – 12th September, 2016 – NOTICES OF MOTION

CCMS	Motion	Cllr.	Motions	Reply	Notes
201323	M7.1	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 12/09/16 - That Westmeath County Council would look at possible improved technical measures to improve the road safety of pedestrians as one exits/enters Supervalu carpark in Austin Friars Street.	Should funds become available, a design for an improvement project for this location can be considered.	Cllr.Dollard asked if a safety audit has been carried out at this location and the DOS responded that no safety audit has been conducted here.
201324	M7.2	Cllr. Michael Dollard	M - 12/09/16 - That Westmeath County Council would put in place a seat between No's 7 and 8 Canal Court OPD Complex, which would accommodate the leisure and social needs of the elderly local residents.	There is no funding for a seat at this location and there would be concerns about possible anti-social behaviour by non-residents.	Cllr.Clarke supported this Notice of Motion. DOS agreed to re-examine this location with Cllr.Dollard.
199359	M7.3	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 12/09/16 - That Mullingar Municipal district would include in its estimate for 2017 the road from McGowans as far as Nangles Piercefield, Ballynacargy for remedial works and surface dressing as this stretch of road is in a bad state of repair.	This relates to Road L1811. This road is included for works in 2017 under the 3 Year Road Restoration Programme.	Cllr.Penrose welcomed the reply but stated that urgent remedial work is needed at the present and the District Engineer agreed to examine. Cllr.Whitney supported the Motion.
201571	M7.4	Cllr. Johnny Penrose	M - 12/09/16 - In light of the recent vandalism to the Five A Side area in Grange, that the Council would consider putting CCTV cameras on the playing area.	A full assessment of the cost associated with reinstatement of this facility is underway. This assessment will inform, aligned to financial constraints, the decision when to open this unit.	This Motion was taken with Question 5.15 from Cllr.Clarke.
201573	M7.5	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 12/09/16 - That Westmeath County Council would give an update on the lakes strategy plan as previously discussed.	Assessment of all slipways to our lakes has commenced and it is anticipated this will be complete by the end of October. Following completion of same a strategy document can be developed in respect of the necessary capital investment to ensure all slipways comply with the necessary standards.	Cllr.Duncan stated he was disappointed to note there is no strategy for lakes in situ. DOS advised that this matter should be considered by Env SPC as part of overall tourism strategy.

201555	M7.6	Cllr. Andrew Duncan	M - 12/09/16 - That Westmeath County Council requests the Department of Defence to hand ownership of Columb Barracks over to Westmeath County Council.	Westmeath County Council has previously expressed to the Department they do not at face value have any requirement for the Barracks and as such are not interested in same. However, the Council will co-operate with the relevant landowners in conjunction with investors and government agencies in the preparation of regeneration plans. The designation of the Barracks as ' Major Regeneration Opportunity Site' affords an opportunity to maximise the development potential of the site.	Members unhappy that local community groups who use barracks presently will have nowhere to go. Agreed that a letter would issue to Department of Defence in this regard.
201558	M7.7	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 12/09/16 - Can this Municipal District consider a "Whatsapp" or similar group messaging system for pertinent information to be delivered to Councillors, with respect to issues such as water being switched off, road closures or dangerous occurrences, e.g. a fallen tree.	The Council already has a text alert service for notifying subscribers of outages, service interruptions etc. Once a mobile number is subscribed to this service, these messages will be received until it is unsubscribed. For alerts in respect of the Mullingar Municipal District, text MULLINGAR to 50124. See http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/en/ourservices/emergencyservices/emergencyalertspage/ for further details. Alerts and outage notices are also published to the Council's Twitter feed @westmeathcoco Any issues relating to water supply should be directed to Irish Water.	It was agreed that the Members themselves would set up a group to allow information to be shared.
201858	M7.8	Cllr. Una D'Arcy	M - 12/09/16 - That this Municipal District considers collecting data on key tourist sites that are free to visit and do not have visitor numbers for this reason, e..g. lakes, Fore Abbey, as this will be vital data in the coming year.	The Mullingar Municipal District will examine the feasibility of installing or relocating existing pedestrian counters at different locations including Fore.	This Motion supported by Cllr.McDermott.

201562	M7.9	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 12/09/16 - That this Municipal District calls on Minister of State, John Halligan, T.D. to immediately confirm that no child in the area lost a school bus seat, as promised pending the review of the school transport system and detail the number of urgent cases where he intervened on behalf of these children.	No Reply.	It was agreed that a letter would issue to John Halligan T.D.
201563	M7.10	Cllr. Sorca Clarke	M - 12/09/16 - That this Municipal District calls on the Minister for Education to liaise with SUSI and the Minister for Finance with a view to ensuring that students applying to Athlone I.T. from Mullingar who are less than 5km under the limit for Non-Adjacent Grant Rate, are granted same, given that the route of public transport increases their travel to over 45km.	No Reply.	
201834	M7.11	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 12/09/16 - To ask this Council to instruct the relevant authority to make repairs at Inan Bridge, Riverdale, Raharney.	The River Inan Bridge was previously inspected and can be considered for inclusion in the Bridge Rehabilitation programme for 2017, application for funding to the Department of Transport Tourism And Sport for the 2017 programme will be made later in the year.	DOS agreed to have this bridge re-examined.
201668	M7.12	Cllr. John Shaw	M - 12/09/16 - That this Council considers putting a footpath from the Downs GAA towards the Killucan roundabout, to complete this circle around The Downs village.	Members will be aware that it was agreed that any footpath expenditure would be concentrated on maintenance and repair of existing footpaths in heavily used urban areas.	
201672	M7.13	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 12/09/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to bring forward proposals to help reduce excess traffic speeds at Lynn, on Road L1137, which is used as a through road on a daily basis.	This rural road can be referred to the Speed Limits Review.	

201835	M7.14	Cllr. Ken Glynn	M - 12/09/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to ensure a permanent memorial to mark the centenary of 1916 is put in place in Mullingar Town before the end of the year.	As part of over 100 projects and events included in the 2016 Commemoration Programme, a number of permanent memorials have been provided including commemorative gardens, plaques, etc in a number of locations throughout the county. In Mullingar town a plaque has been erected regarding Dr. Ada English at Pearse Street(her home) and a commemorative seat at Loretto College, a plaque has been provided regarding Laurence Ginnell and a suitable location for erection is currently being considered. The 2016 Commemorative Steering Committee has also set aside a budget for a substantial permanent memorial in Mullingar. The exact type and location of this memorial is currently under consideration and it is hoped to advance this before the end of 2016.	This Motion was supported by Cllr.Clarke and Cllr.Collentine, with Cllr.Clarke requesting that the Members be kept up to date on developments.
201836	M7.15	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 12/09/16 - That this Municipal District would carry out some landscaping on the bank of Attenuation Pond at Mulligan's Cross, Delvin.	Further works, as part of the Severe Weather funding allocation, have yet to be carried out at this location.	
201837	M7.16	Cllr. Frank McDermott	M - 12/09/16 - That this Municipal District would include an estimate to remove the scraw and clean the verge from the Abbey Gate to Nancy's Gate on Road No. L5637 at Fore.	Members will be aware that it was agreed that any footpath expenditure would be concentrated on maintenance and repair of existing footpaths in heavily used urban areas.	DOS agreed to assist the local community in their efforts in this location.
201841	M7.17	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 12/09/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would consider additional safety works at Milltown National School, as part of next years' Budget.	Additional lining was carried out at this location prior to the re-opening of the school.	DOS agreed that further works can be considered as part of the 2017 Estimates.

201842	M7.18	Cllr. Avril Whitney	M - 12/09/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would give the Members an update on the progress of Curraghmore National School and if projected targets are still going to be met.	The Department of Education issued approval to commence the preparation of tender documents in May. These documents are currently being prepared and should be ready for issue at the end of the year with a view to appointing a building contractor in early 2017.	
201848	M7.19	Bill Collentine	M - 12/09/16 - To call on Mullingar Municipal District to replace dead tree outside Miller & Cook restaurant at Pearse Street with a similar tree to enhance the town centre.	This will be considered in the context of the Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.	DOS agreed to discuss this matter further with Cllr.Collentine.
201849	M7.20	Bill Collentine	M - 12/09/16 - To call on Westmeath County Council to acquire a section of land which is now available on the market, known as Knockeyon Hill overlooking Lough Derravarragh, the second highest point in Westmeath with views across five counties, as this acquisition would enhance the tourism potential of the county, attracting visitors from far and wide and could provide a huge amenity for the people of Westmeath.	The County Development Plan currently outlines 56 number of 'Protected Views and Prospects' throughout the county which will enhance the tourist potential and protect these views from a heritage and amenity perspective. There is no current policy outlining direct acquisition of specific parcels of land.	Cllr.Collentine was disappointed with the reply and stated that the Council should acquire this land for tourism purposes. Cllr.Hill and Cllr.McDermott supported the Motion. DOS advised there is no budget for this, however he could discuss with the new owner re securing a right of way in the future.
201860	M7.21	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 12/09/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would assist the Mount Street Traders with a series of Pilot projects to ascertain the viability of Mount Street being pedestrianised.	As part of the Town Centre Regeneration Scheme and the associated traffic analysis that is necessary to determine and maintain the current traffic flows, the proposal can be considered.	This Motion widely supported by the Members who agreed the Council should engage with traders.
201861	M7.22	Cllr. Emily Wallace	M - 12/09/16 - That Mullingar Municipal District would urgently provide adequate signage together with milestone signage and advise what plans it has to market the Mullingar Athlone Greenway.	Application for additional funding is currently with the Department. The recently adopted Tourism Strategy has identified the Greenway as a key plank of our strategy. Aligned to this is the desire to establish a Tourism office.	Cllr.Glynn asked if perhaps a frame over the road at the start of the cycleway could be considered. DOS agreed that MMD will continue to make improvements to this Cycleway.

201892	M7.23	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 12/09/16 - That this Council would improve sight lines on Road leading into Ballyharney, Multyfarnham.	This is a cul de sac road L58213. There is no funding for improving sightlines at bends on this road.	Cllr.Hill advised that land for this work would be available at no cost and asked if it could be considered in 2017 Budget. DOS agreed it could be considered in this context.
201893	M7.24	Cllr. Paddy Hill	M - 12/09/16 - That this Council would cut scrub at back and front of houses on Hill Road in Collinstown, as this overgrowth is causing problems for residents, particularly children and older residents.	This work will be carried out in the coming weeks.	