

MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY MEETING HELD IN THE LETTERKENNY PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2018

MDL 93/18 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr. Liam Blaney
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan
Cllr. Adrian Glackin
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh
Cllr. James Pat McDaid
Cllr. Michael McBride
Cllr. Ian McGarvey
Cllr. Gerry McMonagle
Cllr. John O'Donnell
Cllr. Dessie Shiels

MDL94/18 **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Cliodhna Campbell, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation (Part)
Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Donna Callaghan, Assistant Planner
Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Scientist, County Laboratory
Eunan Kelly, Area Manager, Corporate & Housing Services
Linda McCann, Senior Staff Officer
Christina O'Donnell, Development Officer
Liam Ward, Director of Service

The meeting was chaired by Mayor, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh.

MDL95/18 **APOLOGIES**

Martin McDermott, Executive Planner

MDL96/18 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MDL MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2018**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, the Minutes of MDL Meeting held on 9th January, 2018 were adopted.

MDL97/18 **PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Cliodhna Campbell went through the report "Public Lighting and Energy Efficiency" dated March 2018 circulated with the agenda and updated Members on the current Public Lighting LED Replacement Programme to address the matter of cessation of production of SOX type lamp bulbs over a five year period. The report was circulated to Members as part of the Roads Agenda.

Cliodhna Campbell then circulated a further report “Supplementary Note to Public Lighting Update March 2018” along with a replacement schedule for the three years of the programme.

Members welcomed the report and their queries in relation to energy cost savings, period and cost of the proposed loan, quality of the light etc were addressed by Cliodhna Campbell.

Cllr Liam Blamey requested that LED lights in Kerrykeel be repaired.

MDL98/18 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CENTRE – HIA UPDATE

Mayor Jimmy Kavanagh welcomed Dr. Caroline Mason Mohan, HSE, James Kelly and Ciaran Martin to the meeting to update the Members on the Health Impact Assessment that was carried out on the Social Enterprise Centre.

Ciaran Martin outlined the background to the project on obtaining funding and consultation with groups as follows:

- An Application compiled after consultations with members and local stakeholders and submitted on October 30th 2015. Need identified to increase the provision of community space in the town.
- Overall Project awarded €2m in January 2016, with €2m to be match funded, totalling €4m investment in Letterkenny.
- €2m of this funding was towards the development of the Social Enterprise Building.
- James Kelly appointed as Project Manager and Ciaran Martin to lead on community element.
- Public consultations carried out October 2016: Submissions were invited from Community Groups that were interested in renting accommodation in the new Social Enterprise Centre. Groups met by Liam Ward, James Kelly and Ciaran Martin to determine their respective needs. Compiled into one large feedback document.
- An overall plan for a ‘Healthy Donegal’ programme was being examined to advocate for health considerations in all policies through building capacity, supporting inter-sectoral collaboration, through political commitment and through encouraging institutional change.
- A steering group was established with representatives from Donegal County Council, Donegal Local Development Company Ltd., Letterkenny Youth and Family Services, Donegal Youth Service and representatives from the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Health Impact Assessment

- As part of the work of the Healthy Donegal group it was proposed that a Health Impact Assessment be carried out on the project in partnership with the local community. The group felt the S.E.B was a good option for this.
- Simply put a Health Impact Assessment would use a structured approach that drew on the evidence-base, expert knowledge and consultations with the community to maximise the positive impacts of the proposed Social Enterprise Centre for the town, whilst considering ways to minimise the negative health impacts.
- HIA also supported by key values underpinning the LECP include promoting and supporting equality; integrating health and wellbeing outcomes into all activities; ensuring meaningful community participation in activities.
- It allowed health considerations to be included at the planning and implementation stage through evidence-based recommendations in the form of a final report.
- The DCC felt a partnership to develop a HIA for the building would further increase the initial consultation with local stakeholders and give them more ownership over the building and this began in April 2017.

Dr. Mason Mohan spoke of the three workshops held as part of developing the Health Impact Assessment and gave an example of some of the 25 impacts that were identified and 66 improvements that were recommended.

James Kelly advised that the Health Impact Assessment had formed part of the design and that the Design Team would be appointed by the end of March and the project will then proceed to design and Part VIII. Mr. Kelly advised that groups can still express an interest in being a tenant and anticipated that a decision would be made in the coming weeks on tenants for the building. There would be flexibility built into the terms of tenancies also. Mr. Kelly said the Health Impact Assessment would be circulated which included a complete list of groups that were involved in the process.

The Members welcomed the report and asked for confirmation on completion dates, tenant appointments, funding element for linkages between the old Town Centre and the new Town Centre at Justice Walsh Road, Rosemount and Oliver Plunkett Road.

Liam Ward thanked Dr. Caroline Mason Mohan and her colleague Sarah O'Brien for the work that they have done on the Health Impact Assessment which would be fed into the design of the building.

MDL99/18 ROAD SURFACE IN FRONT OF BEN SWEENEY, PORT ROAD

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. James Pat McDaid, the following motion was adopted:

I propose that this Council discuss what steps had been taken to address the road surface on the main access road to the town of Letterkenny at Ben Sweeney's that had been in a terrible condition now for a number of years.

The Members were advised that:

This section of carriageway had been identified for some years as requiring road refurbishment, however, permanent works cannot proceed until the water main along this road had been replaced by Irish Water, as this was a location of frequent bursts. The Roads Office had notified the local Irish Water Office, however no date for water mains replacement was available. Roads continued to maintain pothole/patch repair over this section of road.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council meet with Irish Water to find a solution to this longstanding problem due to the high volume of traffic, businesses adjacent to this area and the Tidy Towns Committee. Businesses and road users had put up with this for a long time and it needed to be addressed.

In seconding the motion, Cllr. McDaid fully supported the motion and said that it was unfair to motorists, cyclists and businesses using this road. Irish Water was delaying improvements to road infrastructure and this was unacceptable.

Cllr. Brogan asked that a meeting would be organised as a matter of urgency and that the road would be tarred in order to improve its current condition.

Fergal Doherty advised that representations had been made to Irish Water and the Roads Office would continue to keep pressure on Irish Water to deal with this matter and a decision would be made in the coming weeks on tarring depending on the response from Irish Water.

MDL100/18 NATIONAL TRANSPORT AGENCY

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the following motion was adopted:

I propose that this Council contact management at the National Transport Agency to invite them to Letterkenny with a view to addressing our infrastructure needs and possibility of a proper transport hub.

The Members were advised that:

The Council would issue an invitation if the motion is passed.

On proposing the Motion, Cllr. Brogan highlighted the lack of facilities at the bus shelter adjacent to the old Oatfield site which was used by private operators and the large number of people who used the area.. Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council seek funding to address the short term needs for a Bus Station and future funding as part of the Letterkenny Local Area Plan process.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. McMonagle fully support the motion and asked that a meeting was coordinated as part of the Letterkenny Local Area Plan process to obtain expertise on developing a transportation hub as part of the proposed Plan.

Cllr. Brogan asked that a letter would be issued as soon as possible and a report would be given at the April MDL Meeting.

MDL101/18 PUBLIC SEWER & WATERMAIN PROVISION ON FOUR LANE

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Liam Blaney, the following motion was adopted:

Calling on this Municipal District to explore the possibility of installing a public sewer and adequate watermain provision as part of the upcoming proposed new works on the Four Lane Road in Letterkenny

The Members were advised that:

Irish Water had confirmed that a new trunk water main would be constructed in advance of the planned road works between the Pole Star and Dry Arch roundabouts. This work was provided for in Irish Water's Capital Investment Plan 2017-2021

Irish Water had confirmed that there was no provision in the current Capital Investment Plan for sewerage infrastructure along the section of the 4-Lane Road.

Donegal County Council had confirmed to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) that provision for sleeve crossings should be included in the road construction works to allow for further development of Water and Sewerage services in that area as required in the future without impacting on the finished 4-Lane Road.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Brogan expressed huge disappointment that Irish Water had not engaged with the MDL to discuss developments proposed for Letterkenny despite having been asked in four consecutive MDL Meetings. He had concerns about taking the proposed watermain along the four lane road. Cllr. Brogan stated that residents and businesses in this area were advised 44 years ago that a new sewer line would be in place and 19 years ago as part of the former Town Council a meeting was coordinated with residents on this matter. Cllr. Brogan said it made sense to complete the sewer line as part of the new watermain construction and asked that the Council again engage with Irish Water to discuss

improving infrastructure in this area. Cllr. Brogan said this was a major issue for residents and businesses in this area.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Blaney referred to a letter issued to his late father Cllr. Harry Blaney on 3rd April 1997 advising that a new public sewer would be laid as part of the Magherennan Treatment Plant upgrade. Cllr. Blaney said the proposed watermain should be laid along the Leck Road as this would cause less disruptions.

Cllr. Brogan asked that a meeting would be arranged as a matter of urgency and a report submitted to the April meeting. Liam Ward agreed to follow up with Director of Water Services.

MDL102/18 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT SKITTLE ALLEY

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Adrian Glackin, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District put in place a proper Pedestrian Crossing at Skittle Alley Car Park Crossing and review all other pedestrian crossings marked by Tram Lines across the Town.

The Members were advised that

There was already a proper uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing at the Skittle Alley Car Park, and generated pedestrian manoeuvres were not significant enough to warrant installation of a controlled Pedestrian Crossing in accordance with guidelines. The Roads Department continually reviewed both controlled and uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossings throughout the town environs.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle expressed concern on the safety of pedestrians at this busy junction which had a lay bye, carpark, right turning lane, and insufficient notice of the crossing for motorist. Cllr. McMonagle felt that two white lines were not sufficient and asked that a Pelican / Zebra Crossing was installed.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Glackin fully supported the motion which was brought to his attention by members of the public.

Fergal Doherty advised that there were two types of crossings outlined in the Design Manual which were Uncontrolled Crossing with dropped kerbs, tram lines and signage where cars were asked to stop when they see a pedestrian about to cross. The second was a Controlled Crossing where lights physically stop the traffic. The Manual outlined pedestrian manoeuvres in the hundreds per hour in considering a controlled crossing which was not the case at this location. A Traffic Warden was in place at peak times. Fergal Doherty advised that he would ask the

Road Design Office to review the Crossing however there was no identified funding available to provide a controlled crossing.

Cllr. McMonagle asked that this would be reviewed. Cllr. Kavanagh added that he had received concerns from the public also. Fergal Doherty agreed to review the crossing.

MDL103/18 FOOTPATH AT GLENOUGHTY CLOSE, LETTERKENNY

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Adrian Glackin, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council include the finishing of footpaths at Glenoughty Close, Letterkenny on our footpaths refurbishment programme.

The Members were advised that:

This footpath can be included along with others in the course of future workshops relating to the 3 year footpath programme.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle welcomed the response.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Glackin fully supported the motion and welcomed the response.

MDL104/18 FUTURE PLANNING AT THE ELMS/GLENOUGHTY/WILLOWS

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Adrian Glackin, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District requests that any future planning applications for the Elms/Glenoughty/Willows area of Letterkenny was accompanied by a Traffic Management Plan and that Donegal Planning Department take into account the ongoing traffic congestion in this area and that conditions ensuring proper traffic management for the area were imposed on the application and that they rule out the use of mechanical plants for sewage and water treatment.

The Members were advised that:

It was noted that this question was specific to a certain residential area of Letterkenny, however, in the assessment of all planning applications for multiple residential developments specific consideration was given to a wide range of material considerations including those identified in this question i.e. pedestrian / traffic safety and the appropriate means of treatment / disposal of effluent generated by the proposed development.

Therefore, in the normal course of assessment of any planning application for multiple residential development the requirement or otherwise for the implementation of a traffic management proposals and the exact means of treatment and disposal of effluent were assessed and considered on a case by case basis.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle advised that he had attended meetings with Mayor Kavanagh and the residents in this area who had expressed concern on the impact of future development in this area on the existing volume of traffic. Cllr. McMonagle asked that the issue of traffic management and the dependency on sewerage disposal by mechanical pumping plants was considered in future planning applications.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Kavanagh fully supported the motion and advised that residents did not object to future development but were seriously concerned about traffic congestion and effluent disposal.

Donna Callaghan advised that residents could make a submission if a planning application was submitted and their concerns would be considered as part of this process.

Liam Ward said that the two specific issues relating to traffic management and treatment plants needed to be factored into policy issues as part of the Letterkenny Local Area Plan.

MDL105/18 **TREATMENT OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

On the proposal of Cllr. Adrian Glackin and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the following motion was adopted:

That this MD considered widening the approach to treating Japanese Knotweed as we enter the spring/summer months and tie in with home owners where possible. Perhaps by introducing a pilot scheme such as had been launched in other MD's.

The Members were advised that:

The Roads Department treat Japanese Knotweed along public roads in the Autumn which was the most effective timing for treatment. Roads were not aware of any pilot schemes in other MDs. The Council had neither responsibility or authority to treat infestations on private property.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Glackin requested that the Council consider dealing with Japanese Knotweed under the Environment Department in order to source funding. Cllr. Glackin said the issue was widespread in the community and it was not enough to deal with along the roadside when it was evident in private lands in the same vicinity.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle fully supported the motion and asked that the Council work in partnership with the community and landowners. Cllr. McMonagle asked that more awareness and guidance was given to the public on this issue.

Fergal Doherty advised that the Council was advising the public on how to deal with Japanese Knotweed and were eradicating the Knotweed along the sides of the road as well as mapping treated areas and reported areas. Contractors cutting hedges and Council staff had been given training on identifying Japanese Knotweed.

It would be a matter for the Plenary Council if the programme was to be extended to include areas outside of roadsides.

MDL106/18 NAMING OF PLAY PARK AT RATHMULLAN

Cllr. Glackin withdrew this motion.

MDL107/18 BOMANY TO LETTERLEAGUE ROAD

On the proposal of Cllr. Adrian Glackin and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the following motion was adopted:

That the Roads Department investigate a 60-80 metre stretch of road on the Bomany to Letterleague Road from Lisjack Junction. The road was too narrow for two cars to pass, and there was a 3 or 4 inch drop on to grass at either side which during wet weather was proving treacherous for drivers. Was there a possibility we could get some filling to bring at least one of the sides up to road level, in order for safe passage of vehicles?

The Members were advised that:

This was a narrow County road similar to hundreds of others and there were currently no plans for the piping of the drain and widening of this section of road.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Glackin expressed concern on the safety of road users when meeting traffic and asked that the Council review this section.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle fully supported the motion and asked that the Council review.

Fergal Doherty advised that the local Engineer would contact Cllr. Glackin directly and review this.

MDL108/18 NAMING OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CENTRE

On the proposal of Cllr. Dessie Shiels and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council proposes to name the new Social Enterprise Centre to be constructed in Letterkenny the “John Hume Social Enterprise Centre” in recognition of the Nobel Peace Prize recipient and a man who championed the cause of social inclusion in the quest to bring peace to the Island of Ireland.

The Members were advised that:

If the motion was adopted arrangements would be made for implementation.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Shiels asked that the Council formally write to Mr. Hume and his family seeking their permission to name the Social Enterprise Centre the “John Hume Social Enterprise Centre” in honour of his work.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride fully supported the motion and felt it would be an honour to have the building named after John Hume who was an outstanding political figure.

MDL109/18 ROAD SAFETY ON DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

On the proposal of Cllr. Dessie Shiels and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council advise on what could be done to improve road safety on the inward bound dual carriageway between Manorcunningham and Letterkenny, specifically as regards the outside lane at the Trimragh Junction area where motorists were reporting an issue with the camber of the road and crosswinds when travelling on the outside lane on a road which had a 100kmh speed limit.

The Members were advised that:

The at-grade junction at Trimragh had been an on-going safety concern and previously classified high accident location. As a consequence safety initiatives had been implemented at this location in the recent past. The main concern to date had been with at-grade turning and crossing movements on what was a very busy section of dual carriageway. The particular issues raised in relation to camber and crosswinds in this current question are new, however warrant investigation particularly as they were coincidental to the main safety issues at this location.

The N13 Dual Carriageway was part of the Donegal TEN-T Improvement Scheme currently considering alterations and improvements to this important section of National Road. The Ten-T Project would seek to improve the function safety and capacity of this section of road including any operational problems such as those indicated.

In the first instance however the Letterkenny MD Roads in conjunction with the DCC Road Safety Engineer would investigate and assess for immediate action as and if required.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Sheils welcomed the response.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride supported the motion and welcomed the response.

MDL110/18 PICNIC AREAS IN LETTERKENNY TOWN PARKS

On the proposal of Cllr. Dessie Shiels and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council provide suitable family picnic areas at both the Ballymacool Town Park and the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park in Letterkenny in locations close to the children's play parks

The Members were advised that:

There were a number of picnic areas (picnic tables/benches/litter disposal/toilets) in the Bernard Mc Glinchey Town Park as well as at a number of scenic locations throughout in the Ballymacool Park all in close proximity to the children play parks. The play areas were relatively small and had been dedicated exclusively to specific play items, with seating provided. There were currently no plans to provide additional picnic tables/benches within both parks.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Shiels said he had been approached by families requesting that picnic tables be available in the play parks so that parents could be close to their children.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride supported the motion.

MDL111/18 RIVER SWILLY & RIVER LENNON

On the proposal of Cllr. Ian McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. James Pat McDaid, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District initiated a Survey on the Fishing potential of the River Swilly and the River Lennon.

The Members were advised that:

The development of the river network in the county was the responsibility of Inland Fisheries Ireland. This group presented to the Councillors at our September 2017 meeting and committed to work with the Council to develop the potential of the river network where funding was available and suitable projects identified.

Subject to the motion being adopted, the matter would be referred to Inland Fisheries.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey asked that the Council discuss the issues and possible solutions to develop fishing on both rivers.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McDaid fully supported the motion and spoke of the huge tourism potential around fishing.

Liam Ward said it was important to note that Inland Fisheries were committed to working with the Council to develop the potential of the river network and agreed to contact Inland Fisheries on this matter.

Cllr. McGarvey asked for an update on whether a response had been received to his previous motion to Plenary Council on this matter.

MDL112/18 LETTERKENNY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

On the proposal of Cllr. Ian McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District ask Plenary Council to address the issues that Letterkenny may face and to make out a programme to match the expected needs of the town and it's population.

The Members were advised that:

The matters raised were central to the preparatory work that was to be undertaken in advance of the publication of the Local Area Plan for Letterkenny. The consideration of the Plan would involve detailed engagement with the Members of the Municipal District Committee on the needs of the town to cater for the existing population and it's long term growth. The initial discussions with Members were subject to agreement of a suitable date and time for a workshop on the matter.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey raised his concerns in relation to the future growth of Letterkenny in particular the areas of housing, roads infrastructure, sustaining business in the Town Centre and public transport.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride fully supported the motion and welcomed the response to develop a Plan for Letterkenny.

Liam Ward said the Letterkenny Local Area Plan was critical for Letterkenny with the ambitious growth forecasted for the town. It was agreed that a Workshop on the Plan would be held on 23rd March, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

MDL113/18 LETTERKENNY TO MILFORD ROAD

On the proposal of Cllr. Ian McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. James Pat McDaid, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District start to Plan for the upgrade of the Letterkenny to Milford Road in view of the volume of traffic each day.

The Members were advised that;

Sections of this road were upgraded in past years under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme. This Scheme was currently not funded for road upgrades.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey said that the Council needed to advocate for funding for roads and further meetings arranged with Ministers and T.D.s. Cllr. McGarvey spoke of the volume of traffic on this road, dangerous corners and no areas for tractors to pull in to let traffic past.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McDaid fully supported the motion and said this needed to be addressed and in particular the Bridge at Ramelton that needed upgrading.

MDL114/18 RIVER WALK DEVELOPMENT

On the proposal of Cllr. James Pat McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council liaise with all the landowners along the River Swilly from Letterkenny to the New Mills Bridge with the view to create a River Walk along the river bank to link the Letterkenny Town with the New Mills Corn Flax. This was a beautiful area and would keep walkers/runners a lot safer, off the road and enjoy a peaceful walk along the river bank. It would also help promote the Cornflax from a tourism perspective, this would have huge potential.

The Members were advised that:

Some preparatory work had already been initiated regarding this proposed walk and Donegal County Council met with Office of Public works to discuss some relevant issues including access for maintenance of the river embankment and the back channels. Discussions had also taken place with a local community group who had expressed an interest in advancing the proposal including seeking funding from LEADER to commence a feasibility study on the project. Should funding be secured for a feasibility study then land owners would be consulted as part of this process.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McDaid welcomed the response and community group interaction. Cllr. McDaid asked that the Council would take a lead role in supporting the community group.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan fully supported the motion.

MDL115/18 GLENSWILLY TO KILMACRENNAN ROAD

On the proposal of Cllr. James Pat McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council seek emergency funding from the Central Roads Department for the Main Glenswilly to Kilmacrennan Road for the location from the Station Cross Roads to the Drumcavney Bridge, this part of the road was in a very bad state and was dangerous for road users. This road was not included in this years Roads Programme for the reason given that Irish Water were laying a pipe up that road and it would be dug up, we have only recently learned that Irish Water were not taking the water pipe up this part of the road and it now needs to be resurfaced as soon as possible because it carries a huge volume of traffic.

The Members were advised that:

RI funding this year has been fully allocated across the County and Roads Central did not have any emergency funding available.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McDaid asked that funding was secured to carry out improvements on this stretch of road this year. Cllr. McDaid asked that Irish Water advise of other works that they do not intend to proceed with to ensure that roads needing repair are put back on the Council's Roads Programme.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan fully supported and said this road was in a very poor state and highlighted the need for a meeting with Irish Water.

Fergal Doherty advised that if additional funding became available during 2018 a Workshop would be held with the Members to agree what works should be carried out and this could be included accordingly. Otherwise the road could be given priority in the 2019 Roads Programme and the Council continue to maintain throughout 2018. The Council would also ascertain if an application had been submitted for this road as part of the Community Involvement Scheme.

MDL116/18 BROADBAND SERVICES

On the proposal of Cllr. James Pat McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council contact Comreg and outline the importance of high speed broadband for all National Schools and businesses in this MD. Glenswilly N.S. and Stramore N.S., Glendowan were currently not being served with high speed broadband and this was totally not acceptable in this day and age and must be fast tracked immediately.

The Members were advised that:

Comreg had no role in relation to this matter as it's remit was concerned with licencing and compliance.

The National Broadband Plan is designed to provide high speed broadband to all premises within the NBP intervention area.

Latest indications were that an operator to deliver the NBP would be appointed by Government in September 2018.

The Letterkenny Muncipal District may wish to consider contacting the Department of Education to highlight the position as regards Glenswilly and Stramore National Schools in the context of the NBP rollout plans.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McDaid asked that the Council contact the relevant parties involved in the National Broadband Plan on the issues and concerns of the Members.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McGarvey fully supported the motion and highlighted the importance of good broadband for schools, education centres and businesses.

Liam Ward advised that the Department of Communication and the Arts, Minister Denis Naughton was responsible for the role out of the National Broadband Plan and advised that Ciaran Martin was now the Council's Broadband Development Officer and agreed to ask Ciaran Martin to attend an MDL Meeting to update Members.

MDL117/18 MAIN STREET, KILMACRENNAN

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael McBride and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the following motion was adopted:

That Donegal County Council ask the TII to lay new paving on the Main Street in Kilmacrennan as it was in a serious state of disrepair and would not be affected by the new water pipeline from Goldrum to the Mountain Top reservoir.

The Members were advised that:

This section of the N56 had been put up on the TII Portal seeking a pavement overlay scheme for some time, but no funding had been approved by TII for it yet.

Contrary to Motion, there was the possibility of a water main going through part of this area but it had not been finalised yet due to a land issue. However, the water main issue would not be a cause not to get the TII to fund same.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride said this had been raised for a number of years and asked that the Council seek funding from the TII to carry out the necessary repairs.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McGarvey fully supported the motion.

MDL118/18 ***N56 BLUE BANKS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT***

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael McBride and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the following motion was adopted:

That the contractor on the N56 (Blue banks/Kilmacrennan Road upgrade) meets with Donegal County Council to discuss the road traffic plan for the project.

The Members were advised that:

The Contractor was required to consult and liaise with the Roads Section of Donegal County Council regarding Traffic Management as part of his Contract.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride asked that the Council look favourably on proposals to widen the cycle lane which would alleviate traffic congestion during the proposed works.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McGarvey asked that the Traffic Management Plan would be shared with Members and the community.

MDL119/18 ***GRITTING PROGRAMME***

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District discuss the winter gritting programme.

The Members were advised that:

Amendment of the Winter Gritting programme was a matter for Council at Plenary Level, and to that effect, a workshop had been arranged for 21st March in Lifford to discuss gritting routes.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Blaney asked that Members had a discussion on the current gritting selection programme. Cllr. Blaney acknowledged that route selection was based on lorry capacity and two hour turnaround times. Cllr. Blaney highlighted two areas at Shanky, Kerrykeel and Fanavolty, Fanad where residents could not use the road in bad weather, buses could not collect school children and acknowledged that decisions were made centrally.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride fully supported the motion and asked for a discussion at MD level prior to going to Plenary Council.

Cllr. Brogan suggested that the Council engage with the farming community for assistance and asked the Executive to advise on what changes could be made to the current system.

Cllr. McMonagle said that the system should allow roads to be added onto the Programme without other roads having to be taken off. As areas develop routes would need to be reviewed and included in the Programme.

Cllr. Blaney acknowledged the great work of staff over the winter months due to the frost and snow and welcomed the discussion on how the system could be improved.

MDL120/18 STANDING ORDER SUSPENDED

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle Standing Orders were suspended to allow the meeting continue after 6 p.m.

MDL121/18 BARRIER AT LOUGH SALT ROAD

On the proposal of Cllr. John O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

Calling on this Council to install a barrier on the Lough Salt Road to Kilmacrennan Road at Jim McDaid's junction.

Members were advised that:

There was currently no identified funding for the erection of new safety barriers at this location, although the location would be included for assessment in the event that funding was identified.

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell welcomed the response and that this was being examined.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride supported the motion.

MDL122/18 MAYORS BUSINESS

Cllr. Kavanagh advised that he had attended the following in the past month:

1. Opening of Educate Together
2. Launch of Winter School in Gartan 24th February
3. Bangladesh Community
4. Festival of Colours Indian Community

5. Launch of Work Matters in Central Library on 6th March
6. Launch of Pan Celtic Festival on 7th March
7. Citizen Forum Future of Europe

Cllr. Kavanagh asked for Members support to hold a Mayors Reception and selected the following people in recognition of their work in the hospital and the community:

Dr. Gerry Lane for his contribution to the Crash Lives Programme and fundraising for disability charities.

Hugh McBride for his contribution as an Addiction Counsellor.

Johnny McCollum for his contribution to the Letterkenny Reunion and the community.

Margaret Toner, Letterkenny CDP for her contribution to the local community.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle it was agreed to hold a Reception for Dr. Gerry Lane and Hugh McBride on 23rd April, 2018 and Cllr. Kavanagh would advise on the date for Johnny McCollum and Margaret Toner.

MDL123/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan the Members agreed to the following events being held in the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park:

Errigal College 5K on 24th April, 2018

Go Visit Letterkenny – Letterkenny Tourism Group to host Cadbury's Easter Egg Hunt on 31st March, 2018 between 12 noon and 2:30 p.m.

Eunan Kelly advised that the next Letterkenny Town Forum meeting would be held on 21st June, 2018 at 4 p.m.

MDL124/18 **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Members noted the content of the Planning Report circulated with the Agenda which included:

1. Summary of planning applications for the District
2. Enforcement
3. Upcoming Month Schedule

Donna Callaghan advised that the Hericoast Project meeting would be held on 22nd March, 2018.

Donna Callaghan advised that the next planning clinic would be held on 28th March and 18th April. The Members welcomed this.

MDL125/18 ENVIRONMENT

The Members considered the report circulated with the Agenda on the following:

- Environmental Awareness
- Waste / Litter Enforcement
- Coastal Management

The Members welcomed the report.

Cllr. Blaney asked for an update on Rathmullan Toilets and was concerned that it would not be completed before Easter as originally stated. It was agreed that a report would be circulated to Members by e-mail in advance of the April meeting.

MDL126/18 COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE & CULTURAL SERVICES

The Members noted the content of a report circulated with the Agenda.

- Development Fund Initiative
- Social Enterprise Building
- Fanad Lighthouse
- The International Pan Celtic Festival
- Rural Development Programme / LEADER
- Healthy Ireland – Intergenerational Project and Letterkenny Town Park Outdoor Gym
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme Rathmullan, Churchill and Ramelton
- Playgrounds Fence Repairs & Playgrounds Maintenance 2017/2018
- Replacement of Playground Equipment
- Donegal Gathering Website & Facebook
- Tourism Sectoral Forum Meeting

The Members welcomed the report.

127.1 Development Fund Initiative

On proposal of Cllr. James Pat McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride the Development Fund Initiative as outlined in Appendix A was agreed.

MDL127/18 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The Members noted the content of the Roads report circulated with the Agenda.

127.1 Take Over of Roads

Fergal Doherty referred to the report circulated with the agenda on the Take Over of Roads. He advised that a number of requests from the members that certain roads be “taken over” or “taken in charge” by the Council, were assessed in accordance with

the “Adopted Policy on the Creation of Public Roads” to establish whether it was in order for each individual road to be made a Public Road in accordance with the Roads Act 1993.

In relation to the following four roads, the following applies:

- Extension to College Farm Road , Sallaghagrane, Letterkenny – It was considered that this road did not conform to the adopted policy and was not suitable for declaration as a Public Road.
- Umlagh, Carrigart – It was considered that this road did not conform to the adopted policy and was not suitable for declaration as a Public Road.
- Doaghbeg to Drumnacraig- It was considered that this road did conform to the adopted policy and was suitable for declaration as a Public Road, and the formal process should begin.
- Knockbrack to Drumfad Lower - It was considered that this road did not conform to the adopted policy and was not suitable for declaration as a Public Road

Further information had been sought for other requests from members for roads to be made public, such that they can be assessed in accordance with the Adopted Policy

On the proposal of Cllr Ciaran Brogan seconded by Cllr James Pat Mc Daid it was recommended that Council take over the extension to College Farm Road at Sallaghagrane, Letterkenny.

Fergal Doherty advised that this section of road was contrary to the adopted policy but that he would revisit the matter and bring this up with Roads Central. A change of policy would require approval of the S.P.C.

Cllr Michael Mc Bride advised that he had previously raised the take over of sections of road from Drumoghill Road to Glenveigh Road and the road that joins the Trentagh Road with Gartan Road and requested an update on these. Fergal Doherty advised that there was no motion on record for these to be taken over, and requested that Cllr Mc Bride submit a motion and map indicating the exact extents of the roads referred to, such that Roads could properly assess in accordance with the adopted Policy

Cllr Liam Blaney stated that the road identified on map at Doaghbeg to Drumnacraig was not the section of road he was referring to but a different section of road that the Council had previously maintained. Fergal Doherty requested that Cllr Blaney submit a map indicating the exact section of road that he was referring to, such that Roads could properly assess in accordance with the adopted Policy.

Fergal Doherty advised members that any roads where motions were passed requesting that they be taken over to date, had been assessed by Roads staff, where locations were identified by map. A number of the Cllrs had been written to, requesting clarification on maps with respect to the exact section of road that they were proposing be taken in charge.

127.2 Adoption of 2018 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme

Fergal Doherty advised that funding for bridge rehabilitation (€250k in 2018) was used to rehabilitate bridges identified by the Road Design Bridge Section on the basis of inspections carried out over recent years, and allowed generally for 2/3 bridges to be rehabilitated each year. Road Design Bridge Section were currently seeking an additional Bridge Preventative Maintenance budget that may allow for a further 2/3 bridges in each M.D.

A list of the bridges and their mapped locations identified in the MDL as requiring rehabilitation was circulated with the agenda and he requested members approval to the 10 bridges recommended by Road Design Bridge Section on the basis of inspections, from which the funded rehabilitation programme was to be taken. This would allow Road Design Bridge Section to cost the programme on a County basis with the final County proposed Bridge Rehabilitation Programme to be approved at Plenary Council meeting in March.

On the proposal of Cllr Ciaran Brogan seconded by Cllr James Pat McDaid the members recommended that the first 10 bridges in the list circulated recommended by the Road Design Bridge Section would be included in the 2018 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme.

127.3 Tadhg Culbert Carpark Update and Bye Laws

Fergal Doherty advised the members that it was anticipated that the Tadhg Culbert Carpark would be opened in the following week and a copy of the bye-laws that require approval were circulated with the agenda.

On the proposal of Cllr Ciaran Brogan seconded by Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle the members recommended that the Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Car Park) Bye Laws 2018 as presented, go forward to Public Consultation in accordance with adoption procedures

Members were complimentary of all staff involved in the project and agreed that contact be made with the family of the late Cllr Culbert to agree a date for an official opening that would be performed by Cathaoirleach Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle and Mayor Jimmy Kavanagh.

127.4 Traffic Bye Laws, Parking Bye Laws & Pay and Display

Members raised parking issues in Larkins Lane and Ard O Donnell. Fergal Doherty advised that in order to introduce residents permits, there had to be Pay and Display in place. Fergal Doherty advised the members that there were two sets of Bye Laws for Letterkenny with one covering on street parking and one covering car parks and

should they so decide, then Pay and Display could be introduced in Larkins Lane and Ard O Donnell, but that this would require amendment of the other Bye-Laws not up for discussion today. This would involve public consultation. The introduction of Pay and Display would require changes to the existing on street parking bylaws and he suggested a review of the existing bye laws in six months when the new car park had been open for a reasonable period.

127.5 Recent Salting Due to Severe Weather.

Fergal Doherty advised that there were significant snow falls in the north of the MDL in the recent cold spell, with the road between Milford and Kilmacrenan affected, as well as parts of Carrigart and Carrigart /Glen. Gritters were called out on extended rotas and salt usage from the Letterkenny and Milford barns alone, show that 368 Tonnes of salt were spread between 26/2/18 and 5/3/18, which was 44% more than the previous week. Salt storage would be returned to full capacity in readiness for further events.

MDL128/18 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

The Members noted a progress report circulated with the Agenda on Housing and Corporate Services which included updates on the following:

- HAP
- Casual Vacancies/Offer of Accommodation
- Extensions
- Grants
- Loans
- Social Housing Investment Programme – SHIP 2015 – 2020 / Rebuilding Ireland 2021 including Turnkey, Social Housing, Acquisitions & C.A.S.

128.1 Policy for Rental of Donegal Country Council Lands on Neil T Blaney Road for Events

On the proposal of Cllr Ciaran Brogan seconded by Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle the members recommended the adoption of the Policy for Rental of Donegal Country Council Lands on Neil T. Blaney Road for Events that was circulated with the agenda.

128.2 Social Housing Need by Town/Village

Members noted areas where Council owned land and where Turnkeys were being invited and requested that consideration be given to construction social housing in smaller settlements for people wishing to live in these areas.

MDL129/ 18 FINANCE

Formal Resolution For The Adoption Of The Schedule Of Municipal District Works 2018

On the proposal of Cllr Ciaran Brogan seconded by Cllr James Pat McDaid the members resolved that the Municipal District of Letterkenny hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2018, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District Meeting of the 13th March 2018 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.”

Questions

MDL130/18 HOUSING NEED MUNICIPAL DISTRICT LETTERKENNY

In answer to his question on whether a current breakdown could be given to Council Members of the housing need in the Letterkenny Municipal District including the need in the smaller towns throughout the District, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised as follows:

“Gross demand by Area of Choice for MDL by bedroom size required was as follows:

	1Bed	2Bed	3Bed	4Bed	5Bed	Total
Carrigart	2	13	9	1	0	25
Churchill	1	2	6	0	0	9
Downings	1	3	0	0	0	4
Fanad	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kerrykeel	0	6	1	0	0	7
Kilmacrennan	0	17	8	2	0	27
Letterkenny	13	565	209	38	2	827
Milford	0	10	6	0	0	16
Newmills	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ramelton	1	24	5	3	0	33
Rathmullan	0	9	1	0	0	10
Termon	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	18	651	246	45	2	962

The nett demand by Area of Choice by bedroom size required excluding Transfer Applications, Applicants on HAP is as follows:

	1Bed	2Bed	3Bed	4Bed	Total
Carrigart	2	5	0	1	8
Churchill	0	2	1	0	3
Downings	0	2	0	0	2
Fanad	0	1	0	0	1
Kerrykeel	0	5	1	0	6
Kilmacrennan	0	9	2	0	11
Letterkenny	4	181	38	5	228
Milford	0	6	1	0	7
Ramelton	0	11	3	0	14

Rathmullan	0	5	1	0	6
Total	6	227	47	6	286

There were currently 660 people on HAP in the MDL.”

MDL131/18 ONE WAY SYSTEM CATHEDRAL SQUARE

In answer to his question on whether Members could be given an update report on the proposed new One Way System around Cathedral Square in Letterkenny, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised as follows:

“The One Way System at Cathedral was out for Part VIII Public Consultation, closing on 5th March as outlined in last months MDL. Road Design would now assess representations and would bring a recommendation to a future meeting”

MDL132/18 DERELICT SITES GLENCAR AREA

In answer to his question on whether he could have an updated report on what steps had been taken to identify the need for the derelict sites owned by this Council in Glencar that were currently being used for illegal dumping and anti social behaviour that was causing huge problems for residents in this area particularly (Windmill View) Cllr. C. Brogan was advised as follows:

“This matter was currently being examined and an update would be provided as soon as possible and in advance of the next MD meeting.”

MDL133/18 ALLEVIATING FLOODING AT GLENWOOD PARK

In answer to his question on what steps had this Council taken to secure extra funding for the completion of the pipeline down the Circular Road to help alleviate the flooding problems for Glenwood Park, Cllr. G. McMonagle was advised as follows;

“The Roads Department had submitted an application for additional funding in 2018 as well as previous applications for funding in 2017 and 2016.”

MDL134/18 LIGHTING AT BANDSTAND IN MARKET SQUARE

In answer to his question on when would the light at the Bandstand in the Market Square be put in place as per his previous Motion, Cllr G. McMonagle was advised as follows:

“There was no record of a previous motion in relation to putting a light in the Bandstand. Extensive upgrading of the lighting to the Market Square took place in 2015, whereby the previous lights were upgraded to improved LED lighting”

MDL135/18 TRAFFIC LIGHTS

In answer to his question on whether he could have an update on the proposed Traffic Lights at the junction of Pearse Road and Justice Walsh Road, Cllr G. McMonagle was advised as follows;

“There was no update since previously discussed. Ducts were laid in readiness prior to surfacing last year, however Road design were assessing the need for lights and available funding under the DUGS programme. Members to be advised when developments arise.”

MDL136/18 NAME SIGNS HAWTHORN HEIGHTS

In answer to his question on whether the Council could please supply a replacement name sign at the entrance to Hawthorn Heights, the old one was removed by the Council, but had not been replaced, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised as follows:

“The Council could provide a replacement of the missing sign. For the record, the original was not known to have been removed by the Council.”

MDL137/18 PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING LARKIN'S LANE

In answer to his question on whether the Council had reached a decision on the introduction of pay and display at Larkin's Lane, following his previous motion on parking problems in the area, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised as follows:

“Members to decide whether Pay and Display was introduced on Larkins Lane. The Executive could introduce Pay and Display should Members decide to implement”

MDL138/18 PHONE SERVICES DUN ARD

In answer to his question on whether the Council could advise on the availability of phone services at Dun Ard Estate, Letterkenny, there were currently no land lines in the estate, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised as follows:

“The Planning Authority did not have a statutory function in the provision of phone lines in private residential estates and that the matter should be raised directly with the developer in this instance.”

MDL139/18 WATER SERVICES

In answer to his question on whether Council could confirm (a) if it was still operating a water services division and that it confirmed (b) what exact work was being carried out by that water services division, (c) how many persons were employed in it and (4) how it was being funded and (5) to what extent it was independent from Irish Water, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised as follows:

“On January 1st 2014, Irish Water took over the responsibility for Water Services which were in public ownership. At that time, Irish Water entered into a 12 year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with 31 local authorities around the country to help discharge those responsibilities.

Donegal County Council remain in that Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water.

Water Services which were not part of the public system were addressed separately under the Rural Water Programme. Donegal County Council had recently secured approval to recruit an Engineer and Technician to progress work in that area.

(B) Two elements of work were delivered by Donegal County Council as part of our SLA contract with Irish Water:

Operations – which included operating the Water Treatment plants and Sewerage plants around the County and also managing the network (including responding to burst mains, connections, etc)

Capital Office – which managed the delivery of all the water services Capital Programmes around the County. This was one of the largest programmes in the Country and was providing welcome investment in water services infrastructure in Donegal.

(C) The total headcount for Operations & Capital for the current year was subject to final agreement with Irish Water but was likely to be of the order of 188.4 Full Time Equivalent positions

(4) All of the above was funded by Irish Water through the Service Level Agreement.

(5) As noted above, Donegal County Council were contracted to Irish Water (through the SLA) to provide the water services as outlined. This currently operated in partnership between the two organisations.”

MDL140/18 ROAD REPAIRS

In answer to his question as to whether the Council could urgently carry out repair works to the Ballyboe Road, Carrygauley, Lismonaghan Letterkenny which as a consequence and combination of flooding and freezing in recent months had developed a series of dangerous large potholes which were now a danger to motorists and required urgent repair works, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised as follows:

“Roads were currently working on pothole repairs throughout the Municipal area and had this road on our list for pothole repair at the earliest. Pothole repair to be carried out presently.”

MDL141/18 KINNEGAR BEACH

In answer to his question on whether, with the summer season now approaching, the Council could now carry out the works previously requested by him at the Entrance to the Kinnegar Beach in Rathmullan to improve the amenity use of the Kinnegar Beach to include a name sign, 'no littering' signs/litter disposal facilities and also repair the large potholes on the Road at the entrance to the beach, Cllr D. Shiels was advised as follows:

“The Environment Department would address the signage needs to Kinnegar Beach, consider options for no littering signs and disposal facilities. Roads to address potholes on the adjacent L-5442, however the access road to the beach was a private road.”

MDL142/18 REGISTRATION OF RIGHTS OF WAY

In answer to his question as to what did the survey show of registration of ROWs in Donegal as agreed at the June Meeting 2011 No 2226 PL, including proposed others, Cllr I. McGarvey was advised as follows:

“While there was no record of any such survey having been undertaken, established public rights of way had been listed through successive County Development Plan processes and on the County's roads schedule. It was not envisaged that the list of established public rights of way would be reviewed during the 2018 work programme due to existing commitments”

MDL143/18 DERELICT BUILDINGS RAMELTON

In answer to his question as to what progress if any had been made on Derelict Buildings and sites in Ramelton, Cllr. I. McGarvey was advised as follows:

“While the significance of the issue for Ramelton was acknowledged, no proposals or applications had come forward from individual property owners for consideration to remedy such issues in the town. The Council would engage proactively to seek a positive outcome should opportunities arise where restoration or redevelopment proposals were forthcoming”

MDL144/18 BARRACK BRIDGE & ARDS BRIDGE

In answer to his question whether there were any plans to deal with the Barrack Bridge & the Ards Bridge both near each other near the Diamond, Illistrin Road area, Cllr. I. McGarvey was advised as follows:

“There were currently no plans to carry out any works on either of these 2 bridges as they were in good structural condition. There was currently no programme in place for the widening of either bridge”

MDL145/18 FOOTPATH GLENOUGHTY CLOSE TO MASS ROCK

In answer to his question on whether this Council could upgrade the footpath in Glenoughty Close leading to the Mass Rock, both sides of the footpath needed upgrading, kerbs were in place and this needed to be finished, a dropped kerb was also required at the entrance to the Mass Rock.,this work should be fast tracked so it could be ready for this summer, Cllr J. P. McDaid was advised as follows:

“This footpath could be included along with others in the course of future workshops relating to the 3 year footpath programme.”

MDL146/18 PUBLIC LIGHTING MILFORD

In answer to his question as to whether this Council could confirm that all public lights were fully working in Milford town and also to erect more lights from the town out to the LIDL junction, this part of the road was very dark and dangerous for walkers and needed to be addressed, Cllr J. P. McDaid was advised as follows:

“Lights were regularly inspected and repaired by Airtricity and they had a good record of carrying out repairs when they were reported. Roads were of the understanding that all lights in Milford were currently working, although this could change on a regular basis with bulbs fusing. The addition of extra lighting was dependent upon funding been available through the 3 year footpath and lighting programme as agreed by members”

MDL147/18 TRAFFIC CALMING SAFETY MEASURES

In answer to his question as to whether he could have an update on his previous motions regarding traffic calming and safety measures at Glenswilly GAA Club and Glenmaquinn N.S, Cllr. J.P. McDaid was advised as follows:

“The removal of trees/hedging was being carried out on the Churchill approach to Glenswilly GAA to improve vision lines. At Glennmaquinn, specialist safety barrier contractors were being procured to establish potential design of compliant retaining system, pending the long term solution of diverting the road, as per the report issued to members in a past meeting.

MDL148/18 TARRING CARLAND ROAD

In answer to his question on when it was proposed to tar the Carland Road outside Kerrykeel, Cllr. L. Blaney was advised as follows:

“Irish Water was currently in the process of appointing a contractor to replace a 3km of section of water main on this road. Roads were advised by Irish Water, that their works would be finished in August. Roads were programming to resurface this road in September, and have recently carried out temporary repairs by filling potholes and carrying out localised patching.”

MDL149/18 POTHOLE FILLING

In answer to his question on what criteria was being used by Donegal County Council for pothole filling, Cllr. M. McBride was advised as follows:

“The criteria used depended on the nature of the adjacent roadway, the future short term overlaying plans for the road, resources etc., e.g. on a surface dressed road, layers of tar and chip were used, whilst on bitmac roads, potholes were cleaned out and filled with a ‘deferred set’ macadam and compacted. Depending on the volume of traffic on a particular road, the weather, the nature of the underlying material and a multitude of other factors, repaired potholes could remain more vulnerable than the surrounding areas, and do from time to time require reinstatement.”

MDL150/18 FUNDING STREET LIGHTING & FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION

In answer to his question on whether he could have an update on funding as agreed at the Workshop last November for street lighting and footpath construction, Cllr. M McBride was advised as follows:

“A workshop was held in November to agree on the prioritisation, or the means of prioritisation of a 3 Year Footpath and Public Lighting Programme, in the event that funding be budgeted in 2018. Whilst no funding was made available in the 2018 Budget, it was anticipated that that a Budget would be announced presently, after which time this Programme could be rejuvenated.”

MDL151/18 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 10th April, 2018 at Milford Public Services Centre commencing at 2:00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor

Meetings Administrator

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Organisation / Group	Total By Group
Donegal County Council/An Coimisinn Le Rinci Gaelacha (Ulster Dance Competition).	€ 10,000
Donegal County Council - Pride of Place	€ 2,000
Fanad Lighthouse.	€ 5,500
Creeslough & District Angling Association.	€ 3,750
Comhlacht Forbartha An Tearmainn. T/a Craoibhin Community Centre & Grassroutes.	€ 3,450
Donegal Marathon.	€ 2,550
Swilly Rovers Football Club.	€ 4,500
Downings Tidy Towns Committee.	€ 2,700
Carrigart Development Association	€ 2,750
Kilmacrennan Mens Shed.	€ 4,450
Donegal Junior League.	€ 1,500
Letterkenny Golf & Social Club.	€ 3,250
Ray Community Group.	€ 2,500
Kerrykeel Park Development Company	€ 3,750
Letterkenny Tourism.	€ 3,250
Letterkenny Community Centre Ltd.	€ 4,500
CLG An Tearmainn.	€ 4,250
No Barriers Foundation.	€ 2,600
Church Hill Community Development Group	€ 4,200
Milford United FC.	€ 4,250
Letterkenny Rovers FC.	€ 5,200
Donegal Centre for Independent Living (DCIL).	€ 3,000
Kilmacrennan Community Development Group.	€ 10,850
Otway Golf Club.	€ 2,700
R.D.R.C. Rathmullan - The Way Forward.	€ 4,250
Drumoghill FC.	€ 2,500
Errigal Cycling Club.	€ 1,750
Cancer Care West.	€ 1,750
Indian Community Centre, Letterkenny.	€ 2,500
Letterkenny CDP CLG.	€ 7,450
Letterkenny Athletic Club.	€ 3,350
Bri Carr Music/Blue Ribbon Arts.	€ 3,300
Letterkenny Boxing Club.	€ 3,200
Illistrin United Football Club.	€ 3,300
Whitestrans United Football Club.	€ 5,450
Glenswilly GAA Club.	€ 6,950

Bonagee United Football Club.	€ 3,550
Fanad Gaels GAA Club.	€ 4,900
Fanad Development Group.	€ 3,500
St. Columba's Church.	€ 4,500
CLG Dun Na nGall	€ 2,000
Letterkenny & District Pipe Band.	€ 3,450
24/7 Triathlon Club, Letterkenny.	€ 2,500
Milford JuJitsu Club.	€ 2,500
Kilmacrennan Community Hall Committee.	€ 2,500
Parents and Friends of Abbey Village.	€ 2,500
Letterkenny Youth & Community Club.	€ 2,500
Cranford Athletic Club.	€ 2,750
Cranford Football Club.	€ 3,900
Kerrykeel Tidy Towns.	€ 2,500
St. Eunan's GAA Club, Letterkenny.	€ 4,350
Errigal College.	€ 2,900
Django sur Lennon Festival Committee	€ 3,000
Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter	€ 3,000
Total	€ 200,000