

**MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY MEETING,
HELD IN THE ROSNAKILL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 12TH
APRIL, 2016 AT 2PM**

MDL 139/16 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Liam Blaney
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh
Cllr. Michael Mc Bride
Cllr. James Pat McDaid
Cllr. Ian Mc Garvey
Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle
Cllr. John O'Donnell

MDL 140/16 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Liam Ward, Director of Service
Eunan Kelly, Area Manager, Corporate & Housing Services
Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Frances Friel, Staff Officer, Corporate & Housing Services
Ciaran Martin, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise
Conal Mc Gettigan, A/Senior Executive Planner
Suzanne Bogan, Waste Information Officer, Environment
James Corry, Assistant Engineer, Road Design
Donal Murphy, Executive Engineer, Road Design

MDL 141/16 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mike Quinn

The meeting was chaired by Mayor, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle

MDL 142/16 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan seconded by Cllr. I. Mc Garvey the Minutes of MDL Meeting held on 8th March, 2016 were adopted.

MDL 143/16 "BIG STOP" CAMPAIGN

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Mc Monagle seconded by Cllr. J. Kavanagh, the following motion was adopted;

That this Council supports the ISPCA "BIG STOP" Campaign which is calling for a complete ban on the use of Wild Animals in Circuses in Ireland on the grounds they suffer long term psychological and physical problems and that we pass a motion preventing such circuses performing in the Letterkenny Municipal District Area.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle referred to the concerns of a number of animal welfare communities around the housing of circus animals referring to a number of protests at recent circuses.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. J. Kavanagh also referred to the public concerns in this area. However, he acknowledged the enjoyment the circus brought to the area but supported the motion as it was not entirely clear on the welfare of the circus animals.

Cllr. L. Blaney outlined his concerns in relation to classification of “wild animals” and to the power the Council have in the banning of same. He asked that the Council seek further information in this area.

Cllr. C. Brogan also agreed that further information should be sought from the ISPCA and would not like to send out message of stopping children from going to Circus. He also requested clarity on the role and power of the I.S.P.C.A. in relation to inspection of circuses. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle agreed to seek further clarification on the matter.

MDL 144/16 ROAD LINING

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan, the following motion was adopted;

In the interest of Road Safety can we begin a road lining programme throughout the Municipal District as many of the road markings in our Municipal District Roads are worn away and in need of replacing.

The Members were informed that;

The Roads Section have an ongoing renewal programme based on the resources available, and in 2015 carried out extensive relining of junctions on the non-national network. Roads were currently liaising with the TII in relation to ongoing renewal of lines on the National Road Network. Renewal of some lines also to be carried out in Letterkenny town during more clement weather. The lines to be renewed, matching the budgetary allocation, in all cases, were based on the highest priority from a safety aspect.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle asked that the Council embark on a programme to renew road lining throughout the town outlining that road lining added to points in the Tidy Towns Competition.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan asked that the issue of roadlining be addressed as a matter of urgency, F. Doherty, Area Engineer outlined that the Council addresses safety first and that a programme was in place with allocation from central Council. It was envisaged that some road lining would take place during the months of July and August

MDL 145/16 GORT NA GREINE

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Mc Monagle seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan, the following motion was adopted;

That this Council facilitates an urgent meeting between Irish Water, Donegal County Council and the Contractor who built Gort Na Greine Housing Development with a view to sorting out the irregular water supply that the residents of Gort Na Greine are having to put up with.

The Members were informed that;

Gort na Greine Housing Estate in Letterkenny had not been taken over by the Local Authority. Water Services received a number of complaints from residents within the estate regarding water supply issues in recent times. The water supply to Gort na Greine was boosted via a privately operated water pumping station located near The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest. In an effort to address the situation, Water Services contacted the company tasked with maintaining the pumping station and asked them to take necessary measures to resolve the water supply issues. It was understood that the issues had been addressed.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle referred to the ongoing issues and asked that a meeting be facilitated between the residents, Irish Water, Contractor, and Donegal County Council to try and get a positive outcome.

MDL 146/16 BRIDGES

On the proposal of Cllr. I. Mc Garvey, seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan, the following motion was adopted;

That this Municipal District request through all channels available to realign the following Bridges ; Barrack Bridge, Bunlin Bridge, Keadue Bridge and Ards Bridge all within our Municipal District.

The Members were advised that

This was a matter for Plenary Council. Other than the Bridge Strengthening Programme which was discussed at the February MDL Meeting, there was no other identified Bridge budget available at Municipal District Level.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey referred to the urgent need to address these Bridges and would welcome a genuine effort to avail of necessary funding.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan outlined that the issue with these Bridges has been highlighted by Cllr. Mc Garvey for a number of years and asked that Roads Team take the motion on board given the

fact that the volume of traffic is much larger than what bridges were built for.

MDL 147/16 ROAD WORKERS

On the proposal of Cllr. I. Mc Garvey seconded by Cllr. J. O'Donnell, the following motion was adopted;

With the lifting of the moratorium on employment by the Local Authority that we request the allocation of additional Road Workers in the Letterkenny Municipal District.

The Members were advised that;

The Council currently employ a combination of both permanent and seasonal road workers together with private sector contractors in completing its work in the Roads Section. The Council was currently in a process of agreeing an Outdoor Work Force Plan and it was expected that that Plan would set the number of permanent road workers in each Municipal District going forward. It was hoped that this process would result in the employment of some additional road workers across the county. Meanwhile, new roads outdoor staff were recruited on a temporary seasonal basis. It was expected into the future that the Roads Outdoor Work Force would still have a core of permanent workers and be supplemented by temporary seasonal workers when the budget and workload was there to support the need.

Currently, seasonal roadworkers were recruited provided there was sufficient budget and workload to justify each person. It was understood that Letterkenny currently employ 6 temporary seasonal workers and that the existing budgets do not allow the employment for further road workers.

MDL 148/16 FOOTPATH – MCKIMMS BRAE

On the proposal of Cllr. I. Mc Garvey seconded by Cllr. J. O'Donnell, the following motion was adopted;

That the Roads Section provides a Footpath from Mc Kimms Brae to the walk entrance in Drumonaghan Wood.

The Members were advised that;

This would be added to the existing list of footpaths requested by Members. There was currently no specific allocated budget Municipal District Wide for the construction of footpaths.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey also asked re possibility of getting hedges cut in the area. He outlined that the landowner

agreed to concede part of the land and asked that the Council also look at providing a small area for carparking.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. J. O'Donnell referred to the popularity of this area and the need to develop a walkway in the interest of public safety.

MDL 149/16 DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Mc Bride, seconded by Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid, the following motion was adopted;

That the Letterkenny Municipal area issue a letter to the Donegal Youth Council complimenting them on the programme they put together for the visit of the Nordland Youth Council and the manner in which they represented County Donegal.

The Members were advised that;

A letter can issue on adoption of motion.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. M. Mc Bride referred to his meeting with group from Nordland last year as Mayor. He referred to the excellent manner in which the Donegal Youth Council received the group with the group revisiting this year. Cllr. M. Mc Bride asked that a letter issue to the Youth Council complimenting them on their great work.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid also acknowledged the great work of the Youth Council paying tribute to Martin Keeney on his great work ethic.

It was also agreed that a letter would issue to the Nordland Group.

MDL 150/16 ROADS WORKSHOP

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid, seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan the following motion was adopted;

I propose that this Council have a Roads Workshop regarding our priorities, if specific road grants become available and so the design work can be done and also receive an update regarding our priorities in the bridge strengthening programme.

The Members were advised that;

This Workshop on Strategic Infrastructure took place on 20th April, 2015 at which the Road priorities were agreed. This list of standing priorities is on the Members Extranet.

The top three bridges to be treated under the Bridge Restoration Programme for 2016 were agreed at the February MDL meeting as:

- 1. Bridge No 7295 at Gortnastraw*
- 2. Bridge No 153, Glentidaly*

3. *Bridge No 7252, Tirhomin*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid referred in particular to the heavy traffic in Letterkenny and the need to upgrade the Leck Road.

F. Doherty, Area Manager advised he hadn't the list here but understood that Leck Road was number 4/5 on the Strategic Infrastructure list prepared by the Council at the end of last year. He advised that the Leck Road was on of the Specific Grants from the Department in the past but that this had been done away with approximately 4 years ago.

MDL 151/16 MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Town Mayor outlined that following meeting with Donegal Youth Council and issues raised, that they wished to be more an integral part of the Council. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle suggested that they attend the SPC Meetings and see first hand how the Council formulate policy. The Youth Council also requested that MDL meet with them perhaps twice a year. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle formally proposed that the Municipal District meet with the Youth Council twice a year to keep up to date with what is happening and in relation to campaigns they were involved in. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan and agreed.

Cllr. M. Mc Bride referred to Donegal Youth Council's visit to Norway in June and wished them all the best on their visit.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor advised that he attended the Letterkenny St. Patrick's Day Parade and congratulated all who organised parades in the Municipal District areas.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor also advised that he attended reception for Caroline Faulkner who was leaving Prameria and wished her well in her new post.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle advised that he attended the revealing of mosaic at St. Eunan's Cathedral which was a nice way to remember patriots.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle wished Michael Callaghan, Postman in Fanad all the best on his retirement and asked that a letter issue acknowledging his contribution to local community and people of Fanad.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle congratulated Ivan Scott who was recently crowned the All-Ireland Sheep Shearing Champion.

MDL 152/16 CORRESPONDENCE

E. Kelly, Area Manager advised the Members of letter received from Sean Maloney on behalf of the Maloney family thanking the Members

for their vote of sympathy at the passing of his Mother Elizabeth Maloney.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor thanked Cllr. L. Blaney for facilitating today's meeting and also thanked the staff of the Rosnakill Community Centre for their hospitality.

Development at Aghadachor, Carrigart

Cllr. L. Blaney asked if any correspondence had been received from the Aghadachor group following discussion at previous meetings. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor advised that he had been in contact with the group and they advised him that the matter was not being pursued any further by the group. He suggested that any Member who wished to take the matter further could contact the group directly.

Cllr. L. Blaney outlined that he was annoyed that the matter be closed given the accusations made about Councillors and did not understand why other members were not raising this. Cllr. L. Blaney asked Cllr. G. Monagle, Mayor for a copy of all correspondence he had with the group.

MDL 153/16 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

C. Mc Gettigan, Planning briefed Members in relation to report previously circulated which included;

1. Summary of Planning Applications for the District
2. Appeals (Received & Decisions Notified)
3. Follow up from March MD Meeting – Carraig Craobh Housing Estate – Letterkenny

The contents of the report were noted by the Members.

C. Mc Gettigan, Planning also advised that an advertisement had been placed in previous days Donegal Democrat in relation to proposed Taking in Charge of a Number of Housing Estates with approximately 28 estates in the Letterkenny Municipal District area. This was welcomed by the Members.

He also agreed to circulate response to Cllr Mc Garveys question on Derelict buildings in Ramelton to the Members.

C. Mc Gettigan, Planning also informed the Members that this would be his last Municipal District Meeting as he was moving to a new post with the Northern & Western Regional Assembly.

The Members thanked Conal for his input and his courtesy in dealing with them and wished him well on his new post.

L. Ward, Director also congratulated Conal on his new post and wished him all the best in his new role.

MDL 154/16 ENVIRONMENT REPORT

S. Tinney, Waste Regulation Officer briefed Members on contents of report previously circulated with updates on the following;

1. Big Donegal Clean Up'16
2. Spring Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign
3. Dog Fouling
4. Home Composting
5. Recycling
6. Waste & Litter Enforcement
7. Priority Beach Works
8. Designated Bathing Areas
9. Coastal Erosion
10. Beach Sea Mammals
11. Beach Lifeguards
12. Access for All
13. Public Conveniences

S. Tinney, Water Regulation Officer also referred to Tidy Towns Seminar being hosted in Letterkenny on 18th April, 2016 for all Tidy Towns Teams with a focus to be on Waste Management etc in order to ascertain additional points in this area.

MDL 155/16 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

C. Martin briefed the Members on contents of report previously circulated with the following items noted;

1. Fanad Lighthouse – Now open – official opening 29.04.16 at 12noon
2. Donegal Marathon – Information nights for runners, Draft Health & Safety Plan
3. Educate Together Primary School – Contracts agreed and due to be signed in the coming weeks
4. Playgrounds – Maintenance works have commenced and due for completion by early April 2016
5. Donegal Walks and Trails – Hope to initiate a deliver strategy in conjunction with the NW Greenway Plan for the Letterkenny to Burtonport old railway walk.
6. Public Participation Network – Next PPN Secretariat Meeting – 12th April, 2016
7. Donegal Tourism – Holiday World Show/Greening Donegal

The Members thanked Ciaran for his report. The Members queried information in relation to the Development Fund Initiative with C. Martin advised that approximately 60 applications had been received by the closing date with an agreed date to be set to examine applications. He further advised that a report on last year's drawdown will also be available.

It was agreed that workshop in relation to DFI allocations would take place on 20th April, 2016 at 11am.

MDL 156/16 **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

F. Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation briefed Members in relation to content of his report previously circulated. Report included the following update;

1. National Road Pavement Strengthening

TII to fund pavement strengthening of the N56 at Knocknamona to the value of €195,000 in 2016 as follows:

- Repair of Northbound and Southbound carriageways on N56 from Knocknamona Roundabout to the Mountain Top Phase 1 tie in.
- Surface Course replacement on the Roundabout and on the N56 southbound for a distance of 50m from the Roundabout.

• Applications submitted this year again for full resurfacing of the inbound carriageway of the N13 Dual Carriageway. To date no commitments from the TII to fund. Area Roads will continue to keep pressing for full resurfacing of this carriageway and will advise members of any developments

2. Speed Limit Review

Members were advised of final chance to advise of any locations that they consider should be assessed in accordance with the *Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland*. The Members noted 6 locations listed in report to be assessed:

- Review of Speed Limits in the locus of Elm Court at Ramelton
- Review of Speed Limits at the Ard Rí junction at Killylastin
- Assess introduction of Selective Restrictive (Periodic) Speed Limit at Illistrin School
- Assess introduction of Selective Restrictive (Periodic) Speed Limit at Lurgybrack School
- Review of Speed Limits from Loughnagin to Ballyraine
- Review of Speed Limits at Leitir Ard, Rahan

The Speed Limits between the Dry Arch and the Pole Star Roundabout were being reviewed in conjunction with the redesign of this section of road as per the presentation to members by the National Roads Office Safety Section in 2015. It was intended to have NRO provide an update at a future meeting regarding.

Cllr. M. Mc Bride asked that the approach road from Glenveagh to N56 (Termon) be included in assessment list. This was agreed.

The Slow Zone speed limits being rolled out on a given number of housing developments each year were proceeding independently of this review and as budgets were allocated annually

James Corry advised that 115 private estates would be assessed. Donal Murphy advised that signs would be erected initially and in cases of non compliance enforcement solutions would be considered.

MDL 157/16 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

E. Kelly, Area Manager briefed Members on contents of report previously circulated and noted the following items;

1. Various Issues
2. Progress Report – Grants
3. Progress Report – Loans
4. Progress Report – Casual Vacancies

Fairgreen Hill

Remedial work complete at 5 no. houses and work ongoing on two further houses.

Housing Assistance Payment (H.A.P.)

To date 409 HAP applications had been approved and currently 4 applications were being processed in the Letterkenny office. A total of 826 applications had been processed countywide. A total of 40 inspections of the properties under the HAP scheme had been carried out to date in the county.

Donegal County Council Offers / Vacancies

30 Offers issued to date
9 Refusals
15 accepted
7 Pending
14 Vacancies occurred to date which includes 4 new house purchases.

Voluntary Housing Tenancies

Apex Housing Association	62 units
Aras Cois Locha	4 units
Cluid Housing Association	32 units
NW Simon Housing	39 units
Oaklee Housing Association	58 units
S.T.E.E.R.	58 units

2015 House Purchases

Four purchases finalised and one purchase ongoing.

House Extensions

Work commenced on 12th October 2015 on extension in Carrigart.

Donegal Fabric Up-Grade Programme 2013

Work has been completed on 502 houses to date. A further 40 houses are to be advertised in the coming months for the next phase of the project.

Social Housing Investment Programme- SHIP 2015-2020

Further information has been submitted to the Department on the proposal for 30 housing units on Council owned land at Long Lane, Letterkenny on the site is circa 2.8 acres and located between Ard na Rí and Manor View.

Following the expressions of interest sought from landowners for parcels of land they would be willing to sell for development of social housing in the Letterkenny area in October, 2015, the Council has sought approval from the DOEHLG to advance a proposal for 24 houses in the Mountain Top area. Cllr Mc Monagle stated that this was an extension of the existing Cnoc Ard Estate in response to a question.

Incremental Purchase Scheme

Eunan Kelly advised that information booklets would be issued to eligible tenants and members shortly. All houses were not being made available for purchase under the scheme including O.P.D.'s, apartments etc.

New Tenants Handbook

Eunan Kelly advised that it was intended to send copies of new Tenants Handbook to all tenants in near future. Liam Ward confirmed that this was agreed at the S.P.C. in 2015.

***MDL 158/16* CIRCULAR ROAD – NEW PIPELINE**

In answer to his question if he could have a start date for the installation by Irish Water of the new Pipeline down the Circular Road, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle was advised that;

The timeframe involved for approval of documents and subsequent procurement of Contractor would be in the region of 18 months from now i.e April 2017. The Circular Road storm culvert would be undertaken by the Contract at some stage during this period.

***MDL 159/16* 1916 MEMORIAL GARDEN – BALLYMACOOL PARK**

In answer to his question if he can have an update from the Gardener as to when the 1916 Centenary Memorial Garden at Ballymacool Park

as per his motion will be completed, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle was advised that;

The Town Gardener had identified an appropriate location for the 1916 Centenary Memorial Garden within the Ballymacool Park. Materials had been ordered and works would commence within the constraints of the current works programme.

MDL 160/16 ESTATES TAKEOVER

In answer to his question if he could have an update on how many estates that have made applications to be "Taken Over" by Council have indeed been "Taken Over" and how many are still waiting, in particular An Gleann Rua and Killylastin Heights, Cllr, G. Mc Monagle was advised that;

The attached lists those estates in Letterkenny that had made applications with those high-lighted yellow being the estates that DCC had recently initiated taking in charge procedures on with public notice being published in the Donegal Democrat on Monday 11th April. Copy of the public notice was attached.

Killylastin Heights had been included in this list. An Gleann Rua still requires substantial completion works prior to taking in charge of the estate. In relation to the foul pumping station funding was in place through the Public Safety Initiative scheme and works had been tendered. WES engineers were currently assessing these tenders. The Planning Authority was currently pursuing a settlement on the bond with the surety through legal and other channels.

MDL 161/16 TREE CUTTING - MOORFIELD

In answer to his question as to what was the progress on the agreed tree cutting on Moorfield, Ramelton, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey was advised that;

Potentially hazardous trees had been cut at the Lower end with further works to be completed as agreed with the Landowner. There was no immediate danger. Landowner had engaged the services of a Contractor who was carrying out the works.

MDL 162/16 DERELICT BUILDINGS RAMELTON

In answer to his quest if there was any progress on the derelict buildings in Ramelton, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey was advised by C. Mc Getting, Planning that;

He would circulate a response to Members in this regard.

MDL 163/16 FOOTPATH - RAMELTON

In answer to his question as to what progress is there on an overgrown and dangerous footpath (looked at by the Overseer with me) from

Bridgend, Ramelton going in the direction to Drumonaghan/
Kilmacrennan, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey was advised that;

*This location had been assessed and not deemed to be dangerous.
There were ownership issues at this location. The Council would
monitor and meet the relevant landowner if necessary.*

MDL 164/16 FANAD LIGHTHOUSE

In answer to his question if the Council could help to ensure that Fanad Lighthouse was properly resourced in terms of staffing etc., so that it could be open seven days per week over the Summer months, this was important as it was such an iconic feature of the Donegal Wild Atlantic way experience, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that;

Donegal County Council staff recently met with the Manager of the Fanad Lighthouse to discuss progress on the project. One of the issues discussed was staffing needs. The Fanad Lighthouse committee was currently working to avail of various schemes identified by the Donegal County Council and this support would continue.

MDL 165/16 AN GLEANN RUA

In answer to his question if there has been any further progress on the outstanding works needed at An Gleann Rua estate, in particular in relation to the wastewater pumping station, and the estate takeover by the Council, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that;

Assessment of the tenders received for the construction of a new wastewater pumping station to serve Gleann Rua Housing Estate in Killylastin was still ongoing and it was envisaged that a Contractor would be appointed by the end of May 2016.

MDL 166/16 TOWN PARK

In answer to his question if the Council could look at safety issues between the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park and the road leading to the Old Church at St. Conal's Hospital, as there had been incidences of children running out on to the road, from the Park, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that;

The Area Engineer would investigate and identify hazards with a view to developing a solution where appropriate.

MDL 167/16 RAILWAY TRACK - TERMON

In answer to his question if Donegal County Council has identified any match funding for the railway track in Termon or are they expected to use our DFI allocation to continue the programme supported by ROINN NA GAELTACHTA, Cllr. M. Mc Bride was advised that;

Roinn na Gaeltacht had made a grant allocation of €15,000 which represents a 15% contribution to the total projected costs for the development of a greenway on the Termon to Falcarragh section of the old Letterkenny to Burtonport Railway line. The Donegal County Council must source 85% co-funding to avail of this grant and the Council were currently reviewing match funding options including the DFI

MDL 168/16 GLENVEAGH JUNCTION - TERMON

In answer to his question if he can have an update on the Glenveagh Junction at Termon, Cllr. M. Mc Bride was advised that;

Road Design were preparing a feasibility report for the proposed works, (analysis of the collision history, design of the proposed works, cost estimate and an economic appraisal etc.). The Scheme would then be put forward to the TII for funding under HD17.

MDL 169/16 BUS SHELTER KILMACRENNAN

In answer to his question if the Council could replace the Perspex sheeting on the bus shelter in Kilmacrennan as it was covered in graffiti which cannot be removed, Cllr. M. Mc Bride was advised that;

The Roads Department would arrange to have the Perspex Sheeting replaced on the bus shelter in Kilmacrennan.

MDL 170/16 ROADWORKS - KILLYLASTIN

In answer to his question if he could have confirmation on works that are due to start on the main road in Killylastin /Killyclug this year and what monies were committed to this road as agreed in our Road Works Programme, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that;

The Road Improvements on the agreed 2016 RI programme would be carried out between April and September of this year. Detailed programming for implementation of the RI Programme across the County was currently being agreed. This would however be subject to change depending on plant performance, weather etc, therefore an exact date for implementation of each specific scheme was not possible to tell at this stage.

MDL 171/16 FIRE STATION

In answer to his question as to what progress has been made on his motion to demolish the old Fire Station on the High Road and provide much needed car parking in this part of town, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that;

Alternative uses for the site had been considered at a provisional level with a draft proposition to establish a car park at the location being one of them. This was currently being costed and reviewed and would be presented for review and consideration of the MDL when complete.

MDL 172/16 ROADWORKS – DRUMOGHILL, GLENMAQUIN, WOOD ROAD

In answer to his question as to when can he have confirmation on when road works at Drumoghill, Glenmaquin and the Wood Road would start, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that;

The Road Improvements on the agreed 2016 RI programme would be carried out between April and September of this year. Detailed programming for implementation of the RI programme across the County was currently being agreed. This would however be subject to change depending on plant performance, weather etc, therefore an exact date for implementation of each specific scheme was not possible to tell at this stage.

MDL 173/16 N56/DAUL CARRIAGE WAY

In answer to his question in relation to the National Road passing Hegarty's Ford Garage in Mountain Top Letterkenny when can we expect the road to be resurfaced? And also have we any update from the NRA regarding acquiring funding for resurfacing the Dual Carriage way entering Letterkenny, Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid was advised that;

As per the Roads report, this section of the N56 was to be resurfaced this year. There was currently no commitment to resurface the Dual Carriageway.

MDL 174/16 TRENTAGH CHURCH – FLOOD PREVENTATION

In answer to his question if there was any update in relation to acquiring funding for the Flood prevention works at Trentagh Church, Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid was advised that;

An application for flood prevention at Trentagh would be re-submitted to the Department again for consideration. In relation to previous applications under CFRAM, the OPW had advised that the CFRAMS Programme and any funding that would issue on the back of its findings would be focused on areas of population and that the management of flooding on the rural roads infrastructure was not their priority.

MDL 175/16 LOUGH SALT ROAD

In answer to his question as to when can we expect the road works on the Lough Salt Road in Termon to be completed. I must commend the

Council for the works to date regarding this project, Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid was advised that;

The Road Improvements on the agreed 2016 RI Programme would be carried out between April and September of this year. Detailed programming for implementation of the RI Programme across the County was currently being agreed. This would however be subject to change depending on plant performance, weather etc, therefore an exact date for implementation of each specific scheme was not possible at this stage.

MDL 176/16 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 10th May 2016 in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre commencing at 2pm