

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY-MILFORD MEETING,
HELD ONLINE, ON 8 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 2:00 P.M.**

MDL51/22 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh (Mayor), Cllr. Gerry McMonagle , Cllr. Liam Blaney, Cllr. Kevin Bradley, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Donal Coyle, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Cllr. Ian McGarvey and Cllr. John O'Donnell

MDL52/22 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Cllr. Michael McBride

MDL53/22 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Liam Ward, Director of Service, Linda McCann, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services; Bernadine McGee, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services; David McIlwaine, S.E.E. / Area Manager, Roads & Transportation; Joe Ferry, A/Senior Executive Chemist, Francis Conaghan, Development Officer, Ciaran Martin, Economic Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh.

MDL54/22 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Ian McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly the Minutes of Meeting of the MD Meeting on 11th January 2022 were adopted.

MDL55/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

55.1 Cllr. Ian McGarvey advised that work has gone ahead at Drumonaghan; that the entrance and a new road has been created.

55.2 Cllr. Ciaran Brogan expressed disappointment that the OPW advised by email that it had no capacity to attend a meeting. He requested a meeting with the Minister for the OPW be written to requesting a meeting through the office of the Mayor to discuss issues on flooding and climate change. Cllr. Brogan asked that this also be raised with Oireachtas Members.

Cllr. McGarvey, Cllr. Coyle, Cllr. McMonagle, Cllr. Bradley and Cllr. Kelly also supported Cllr. Brogan's request.

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh advised that the Minister was to be in Letterkenny tomorrow and was happy to meet with the Members should his visit proceed.

Liam Ward advised that the Minister was to visit New Mills and Donegal Town wished to meet with the Council in relation to schemes, those

sanctioned and other priorities. He advised that the CFRAMS team are preparing a presentation for this meeting and it would be circulated to the Minister and the Members. He noted that the Mayor is confident that the meeting will happen.

The Members requested that notice be given when Ministers are due to visit the county and accepted that this visit was arranged at short notice.

55.3 Future MD meetings

Cllr. O'Donnell asked that the MD meeting resume in person in the Letterkenny PSC Chamber. Cllr. Kavanagh noted that the Aura Leisure Centre was not available today.

Liam Ward noted Cllr. O'Donnell's comments in relation to availability of meeting rooms in the Public Services Centre.

MDL56/22 FUTURE USE OF FORMER IDA BUILDINGS

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, the following motion was adopted:

“That this Council bring forward a report on their plans for the now Council owned buildings (former IDA) regarding future use of these units.”

Members were advised that:

“Council Services including Economic Development, Community Development and the Property Management Service are working collaboratively on the ongoing management and development of various Councils owned property and land including Land/Units that were formerly owned by the IDA. This activity ranges from the active management, development and upgrade of facilities to the marketing and promotion of available property solutions for businesses to engaging with clients and potential clients in relation to same. The Economic Development Division is currently progressing approximately 13 property solution requests from businesses for Council owned property across the County.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ciaran Brogan noted that the Economic Development Unit is working on the old IDA units/land acquired by Donegal County Council. Cllr. Brogan asked that every opportunity to create jobs be followed up and the potential of three units in Milford should be looked at including creating a business hub to facilitate people working from home. He asked for a report on the units/land available in the Municipal District.

Cllr. John O'Donnell supported Cllr. Brogan's request for a more detailed report.

MDL57/22 SAFETY OF JUNCTION AT KILLYCLUG

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

“That our Roads Section as a matter of urgency reviews the current lay out of the Crossroads Junction at Killyclug and take whatever steps are necessary to improve the safety of the Junction.”

Members were advised that:

“As part of the DTTAS Active Travel Allocation €35,000 was allocated for improvement works to this Junction. This involved the construction of Ramps the erection of lights and new Road Markings. The construction of the ramps and the erection of the Public Lighting have been completed. There are additional Road Markings works to be carried out at this junction. These works are programmed to be completed within the next month.”

Cllr. Kavanagh noted that he had raised a similar motion under Item No. 8. It was agreed to discuss both motions together.

On proposing his motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle referred to a recent road traffic accident at the crossroads and requested an urgent review of the junction to improve safety. He welcomed the allocation of €35,000 for improvement works and requested that a proper layout and road lining would be considered. He thanked the Roads department for moving so quickly on this.

On proposing his motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh stated that Cllr. McMonagle had outlined the situation well and also welcomed the work carried out to date.

Cllr. McMonagle asked for a review of the existing road lining throughout the town in particular at the junction of Ard O’Donnell with the High Road. He advised that concerns were raised by driving instructors and asked that lining be reviewed regularly and made at mini roundabouts.

David McIlwaine agreed to follow up the issue at Ard O’Donnell and road lining throughout the town.

MDL58/22 WALKWAY & FOOTPATH CONNECTING HIGH ROAD WITH PORT ROAD

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

“That our Roads section carry out an inspection of the walkway and footpath connecting the High Road via John Mc Laughlin Way and RCC with

the Port Road with a view to cleaning and tidying the route to make it more attractive for pedestrians to use.”

Members were advised that:

“We will arrange to have an inspection carried out of this Walkway and identify any necessary maintenance works that are required.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle advised that the John McLaughlin Way down past the Boxing Club and the walkway down past the new Courthouse to the Regional Cultural Centre were in bad condition steps dangerous and walkways overgrown and slippery. He asked that they are cleaned/tidied up to make them more appealing for users and signposts erected to create more footfall for these walkways which are shortcuts to the Port Road from the High Road.

MDL59/22 **INSPECTION OF ROAD GULLIES IN FRONT OF 1-5 ABBEY PARK**

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

“That our Housing/Roads section carry out an inspection of the road gullies at the car park in front of houses 1 - 5 Abbey Park and take whatever steps are necessary to clear them and prevent the ongoing flooding of the Carpark.”

Members were advised that:

“Area Roads will carry out an inspection and carry out the necessary maintenance works for these gullies as part of the maintenance work.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle asked that the Council carry out a camera survey in an effort to establish the cause and alleviate the flooding in Abbey Park and welcomed the reply.

David McIlwaine advised that this work will be arranged as part of maintenance programme and will follow up with maintenance team.

MDL60/22 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON GLENCAR ROAD**

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, the following motion was adopted:

“That the Council provide further public lighting on the Glencar Road.”

Members were advised that:

“We will arrange for a review of the Public Lighting in this area. If any issues identified we will include it in the schemes to be presented to the members to prioritize for funding as part of the next Footpath & Public Lighting Programme.”

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh noted that Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly had raised a similar motion under Item No. 20. It was agreed to discuss both motions together.

On proposing his motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh stated a number of people had asked for improved lighting as the road from the Gaelscoil up to The Pines was very dark and welcomed the response. He also referred to previous requests in relation to the footpath on the McGovern Road and a light on the road which is overgrown by a tree.

On proposing his motion Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly noted that Cllr. Kavanagh had covered the points raised to him. He asked that lights could possibly be put on existing poles and upgraded LED lights. He welcomed the response given.

David McIlwaine advised that he would follow up on the upgrade of the existing lights. He noted that there are a few maintenance issues with trees and vegetation needing to be cleared. He will look at the costs of providing more lights under the public lights and infrastructure fund and agreed to follow up with Airtricity. He advised he is waiting on the budget allocation for public lighting.

Cllr. Kavanagh and Cllr. Mandy Kelly asked for a report on what could be done.

MDL61/22 FLOODING IN FAIRWAYS ESTATE IN LETTERKENNY

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

“That the Council investigate the flooding of some gardens in the Fairways estate in Letterkenny.”

Members were advised that:

“We will programme in our roads team to have a look at this area over the coming weeks and see where the problem areas are.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh advised that the garden of House No. 3 is flooded regularly. Water is running off the road into the garden leaving it unusable and a garden shed was destroyed. He asked that the Engineer look at this as soon as possible.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Mc Garvey supported the motion.

MDL62/22 SAFETY MEASURES AT KILLYCLUG-KILLYLASTIN CROSSROADS

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

“That the Council again consider safety measures at the Killyclug-Killylastin Crossroads.”

Members were advised that:

“As part of the DTTAS Active Travel Allocation €35,000 was allocated for improvement works to this Junction. This involved the construction of Ramps the erection of lights and new Road Markings. The construction of the ramps and the erection of the Public Lighting have been completed. There are additional Road Markings works to be carried out at this junction. These works are programmed to be completed within the next month.”

It was noted that this motion was already dealt with along with Motion from Cllr. Gerry McMonagle – Minute No. MDL57/22.

MDL63/22 JUNCTION AT MC ADOOS ON FANANNOUGHAN/RAY/DRUMHERRIVE ROAD

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

“That the Engineer deals with a dangerous Junction at Mc Adoos on the Fanannoughan / Ray/ Drumherrive Road.”

Members were advised that:

“A Low cost Accident Safety Scheme was carried out at this Junction in 2020. This scheme improved the visibility of Traffic Movements at the Junction.

A review of the status of the junction with the adjoining L5652 will be carried out with the option of making it entry only being considered.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey stated that this was not the junction at Mc Adoos however noted this was a dangerous junction and added the junction at the Nursing Home to his motion.

David McIlwaine advised that he would follow up directly with Cllr. McGarvey to get full details and advised that an application had been made under the Low Cost Accident Safety Scheme for the junction at Magheradrummond and was dependent on funding from this scheme.

Cllr. McGarvey asked if the old Moss Bridge previously closed to traffic could be used. David McIlwaine advised that the bridge cannot be used and was included in the Roads report under the Bridge Strengthening Programme. The bridge was closed as it was not safe for traffic, design had been completed and the works would be carried out in the next month.

Cllr. McGarvey also asked if a bus shelter could be provided at Mulroy College and if this was the responsibility of Roads. David McIlwaine confirmed that this was the responsibility of Roads Service.

MDL64/22 POSSIBILITY OF PROVISION OF MAJOR HOSPITAL

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

“That this Municipal District by all means available to them investigate the possibility of providing a Major Hospital in the North West to deal with the ongoing deficit for Medical Procedures.”

Members were advised that:

“If this motion is passed by Members the Executive will write to the identified bodies requesting they investigate the possibility of providing a Major Hospital in the North West.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey referred to the number of people in Northern Ireland who are waiting on procedures and noted that a new Private/Public Hospital in the North West could serve both communities and be supported by both communities. A private hospital would address long waiting lists for procedures/treatment and people deserve a better service than they are getting.

MDL65/22 SUBSIDENCE AT THE QUAY, RAMELTON

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

“That our Marine Section deals with the subsidence that has happened at The Quay, Ramelton.”

Members were advised that:

“The Marine Section will investigate this subsidence as soon as is practicable. Following the inspection they will assess what remedial works are required.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey stated that The Quay was a historical landmark and asked that Engineers find a solution to current subsidence to alleviate it slipping into the river.

Cllr. McGarvey noted that the Council had erected hoarding in front of a derelict 4 storey building which he had previously raised concerns about and asked the Council to engage with the owner further on this.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney fully supported the motion.

MDL66/22 **INCLUSION OF OLDTOWN, LECK, LISMONAGHAN AND RAHAN ROAD IN TOWN BUS ROUTES**

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

“That this Council ensures that the housing estates in Oldtown, Leck, Lismonaghan and on the Rahan Road be included in the plans for the extension of the Town Bus routes.”

Members were advised that:

“The areas mentioned in the motion are included in the draft plan for a second town bus route for Letterkenny. The town bus operator has applied for approval to the NTA to put on additional routes and a workshop with the bus operator will be arranged in the coming weeks to consult members about the additional routes.”

On proposing this motion Cllr. Donal Coyle welcomed the response and asked that a workshop was held as soon as possible to view maps of the areas. There are a huge number of estates in these areas with a large population and a lot of elderly people who have no way to access town if they cannot drive and are having to pay taxis to bring them in/out.

Francis Conaghan advised that had spoken to the Town Bus Operator and has received a draft map and would arrange a date for the Workshop with the Members later in the meeting.

Cllr. Coyle thanked him for the information.

MDL67/22 **INCREASE NUMBER OF STAFF IN HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

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

“That this Council seek extra funding to increase the number of staff on the ground in the Housing Maintenance Section in this Municipal District.”

Members were advised that:

“If this motion is passed by Members the Area Manager for Housing will bring the matter to the attention of the Director of Service for Housing.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Donal Coyle noted his appreciation for the work carried out by staff in housing. He requested extra maintenance staff following the transfer of 96 houses from Manorcunningham and new acquisitions/constructions within the MD since 2019. He asked that his motion also include an additional engineer for the area.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey added his support to the motion.

Liam Ward stated that this was also raised at the Housing Workshop noting that Eamonn Brown would follow up on this request.

The Members asked that the Housing Workshops would continue on a regular basis.

Liam Ward confirmed that Eamonn Brown will facilitate this.

MDL68/22 SAFETY MEASURES FROM SNUG BAR TO FR. MCLOONE TERRACE

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

“That this Council liaise with the Gardaí and the residents and the business people who live along the road from the Snug Bar to Fr. Mc Loone Terrace regarding safety measures and in particular excessive speeding.”

Members were advised that:

“We will raise this issue with the Gardaí at the next Collision Prevention Programme Meeting.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Donal Coyle noted the response given. This issue was raised before by a number of Members and by residents and asked that residents and businesses along the road should be included in any discussions with the Gardaí. Cllr. Coyle asked that the Council review road lining and requested an update on proposals were being considered.

David McIlwaine confirmed that he would raise the issue of speeding with the Gardaí and would follow up with the residents in relation to other issues. He agreed to look at what temporary and long-term solutions were available and option to apply for Active Travel funding.

MDL69/22 STATEMENT ON CURRENT STATUS OF PROPOSED MICA SCHEME

The following motion was raised by Cllr. Michael McBride but was not discussed due to his absence from the meeting:

“That Donegal County Council issue a statement as a matter of urgency detailing the current status of the proposed MICA scheme and advise all MICA homeowners who have been approved for remedial works or full rebuilds when they can expect to recoup the money they paid for tests on their homes and when will Donegal County Council be in a position to commence the payment of rent allowance so desperate families can start planning their futures. It is important that all timelines and proposed timelines are included.”

Members were advised that:

“The Chair & Vice Chair of the Mica Redress Committee (Cllr. M. McDermott & Cllr. A. Doherty), and Council officials, met with Department Officials on 20th January 2022 in relation to the existing and the enhanced scheme, and raised a number of queries including those raised in the motion. The Department advised as follows:

1. That it is intended to introduce amended regulations at an early date, in order to (a) address the current issue pertaining to the payment of stage 1 fees to applicants, and (b) the issue of payment for essential health & safety works. It was confirmed that same is being actively examined by the Attorney General. The Council cannot make any such payments until the regulations and guidelines are in place. It is anticipated that the regulations will be in place shortly.

2. That primary legislation will be required in order to introduce other new provisions within an enhanced scheme, (which includes provision for an allowance to pay for alternative accommodation), and it is intended to bring same through the legislative process by the summer. The Council will be unable to make any payments for alternative accommodation until the enhanced scheme is in place.”

MDL70/22 FLOOD MITIGATION SOLUTIONS FOR THE RIVER SWILLY

The following motion was raised by Cllr. Michael McBride but was not discussed due to his absence from the meeting:

“That Donegal County Council investigate all possible flood mitigation solutions for the River Swilly and cost the preferred option so the town of Letterkenny is not stripped of valuable development lands which are in close proximity to the town centre and the campus of Letterkenny IT (soon to be part of the Atlantic Technological University) as a matter of urgency.”

Members were advised that:

“The Office of Public Works is Ireland’s lead agency for flood risk management. In order to establish those communities that are at risk from these significant flood events the OPW, in 2018 completed the largest study of flood risk ever undertaken by the State. The OPW’s Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme was undertaken by engineering consultants on behalf of the OPW working in partnership with the local authorities. The CFRAM Programme studied 80% of Ireland’s primary flood risk and identified solutions that can protect over 95% of that risk.

These solutions are set out in a series of 29 Flood Risk Management Plans, launched in May 2018 and available on www.floodinfo.ie , and includes some 150 additional flood relief schemes. The Government has committed €1.3 billion to the delivery of these flood relief schemes over the lifetime of the National Development Plan to 2030 to protect approximately 23,000 properties in threatened communities from river and coastal flood risk. Since 2018, as part of a phased approach to scheme delivery this funding has allowed the OPW to treble to over 90 schemes at design and construction at this time.

In Donegal 15 towns and villages were identified that would benefit from Flood Relief Schemes. At present Flood Relief Schemes has been approved to progress in 9 locations (Castlefin, Burnfoot, Glenties, Downings, Kerrykeel, Lifford, Ballybofey and Stranorlar, Ramelton and Bunrana). Raphoe had been approved for a Flood Relief Scheme prior to the publication of the CFRAMS reports. 6 locations, out of the 15 originally identified for Flood Relief Schemes, await approval to proceed from the OPW. These locations are Letterkenny, Donegal Town, Carndonagh, Rathmullan, Killybegs and Dunfanaghy.

Should a Flood Relief Scheme be approved to progress by the OPW for Letterkenny the initial stage of that project shall include for consultation with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure that a technically, environmentally, socially and economically acceptable solution to flood risk is delivered.

Donegal County Council shall continue to seek the release of the further Flood Relief Schemes in Donegal.”

MDL71/22

LIGHTING FOR JUNCTION ON MAIN ROAD FROM NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM TO MANORCUNNINGHAM

The following motion was raised by Cllr. Michael McBride but was not discussed due to his absence from the meeting:

“That the junction (crossroads) that lies between the Swilly Inn Bar and Manor Motors on the main road from Newtowncunningham to Manorcunningham have the lighting upgraded as this junction is very dark and has had many accidents in recent years. This junction is also used as a drop off and collection point for school buses and a proper bus stop should be considered for this junction which would enhance the safety of all road users.”

Members were advised that:

“The TII have been consulted on this issue and we have been advised "Public Lighting at rural road junctions on the National Network is not permitted under the TII Design Standards.”

MDL72/22 SAFETY CONCERNS AT EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL, KILTOY

On the proposal of Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan the following motion was adopted:

“That this Council address the major safety concerns at Educate Together National School Kilty as a matter of urgency please i.e. the lack of safety signage.”

Members were advised that:

“We will carry out a review of this location and identify if additional Signage and Road Markings are required.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly welcomed that a review of the location would be carried out. Cllr Kelly advised that students of the school had written to him and the Council with major safety concerns regarding cars coming from Woodlands going through the roundabout at speed and ignoring the pedestrian crossing on the other side and lack of signage.

David McIlwaine stated that this would need to be referred to the Gardaí and agreed to review signage. He advised that turning circles for buses would need to be considered as part of raising the roundabout.

MDL73/22 WATER QUALITY FOR RESIDENTS AT LEITIR BEAG, CRIEVESMITH, LETTERKENNY

On the proposal of Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, the following motion was adopted:

“That this Council engage with Irish Water to have the ongoing issue of un drinkable bad quality water resolved for the residents of Leitir Beag Crievesmith Letterkenny please.”

Members were advised that:

“In the event that this motion is adopted by Letterkenny Milford Municipal District Committee, Donegal County Council will forward this submission to Irish Water (IW), and request that IW respond directly to Councillor Kelly with their response and copy it to the other Elected Members of Letterkenny Milford Municipal District. Any response received by the Council will be passed on to Councillor Kelly.

There are a number of avenues available to the Elected Members to raise queries/ questions with Irish Water which include:

- Use of the dedicated Local Representative telephone number, 0818 178 178.

- IW has also provided a dedicated Local Representative Support Service email, localrepsupport@water.ie.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly welcomed the response that the Council would refer this to Irish Water and ask them to respond to him. He stated that he was fully aware of the contact avenues but was not satisfied with the service available. He advised he also submitted a question regarding no water in Raymoghey and Irish Water has advised they need to be replaced.

Cllr. Mandy Kelly raised concern that Irish Water was placing a connection charge of €60,000 on a family and asked that a meeting was arranged with Irish Water locally to discuss the issues raised

Liam Ward advised that the request for a meeting would be fed back to Irish Water and that he would relay Cllr. Mandy Kelly’s sentiments to the Director of Service.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey referred to the excessive charges imposed by Irish Water and asked that this query be put to them before a meeting. Liam Ward confirmed that this could be included on the agenda for the meeting.

Joe Ferry advised that complaints regarding pricing should be submitted to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and encouraged people to make their opinions on pricing known through this format.

Cllr. McGarvey asked that the Council submit a complaint to the Commission and the Members concurred with this request.

Cllr. Kavanagh asked Joe to forward information to the Members about how to lodge a complaint.

MDL74/22 LIGHTING FROM GLENCAR ROUNDABOUT TO CHESTNUT GROVE

On the proposal of Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, the following motion was adopted:

“That this Council address the issue of poor lighting from Glencar Roundabout up towards Chestnut Grove area please.”

Members were advised that:

“We will arrange for a review of the Public Lighting in this area. If any issues identified we will include it in the schemes to be presented to the members to prioritize for funding as part of the next Footpath & Public Lighting Programme.”

It was noted that this motion was already dealt with along with Motion from Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh – Minute No. **MDL60/22**.

MDL75/22 BUS SHELTER FOR MAIN STREET, MANORCUNNINGHAM

On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Bradley and seconded by Cllr. John O’Donnell, the following motion was adopted:

“That this Council erect a bus shelter on the Main Street on Manorcunningham especially for school children.”

Members were advised that:

“There is currently no funding available for the provision & Maintenance of Bus Shelters that are not classed as Official Bus Stops. If opportunities for funding become available this location will be considered.”

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Kevin Bradley asked that the Council engage with Bus Eireann to move the bus stop from its current location.

On seconding the motion Cllr. John O’Donnell referred to the response given. He noted Members funding of €7,500 for public amenities that may assist in provision of a bus stop.

David McIlwaine advised that he would seek funding opportunities and agreed prepare costing when location has been confirmed.

David McIlwaine agreed to follow up with Bus Eireann.

MDL76/22 CARRICKNAMART ROAD

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

“That this Council look at the Carrickmart Road as it has fallen into disrepair.”

Members were advised that:

“The Carrickamart road is programmed for Restoration Improvements works in 2023 as part of the 3 year Road Restoration Improvement Programme. The Roads area will monitor this section and carry out routine Maintenance works where required until these works are carried out.”

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Kevin Bradley welcomed the response and thanked the Roads Section for their good work.

MDL77/22 FLOODING ON BEECHWOOD AVENUE

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

“That Roads would look at the Flooding on Beechwood Avenue it is an ongoing issue.”

Members were advised that:

“We will programme in our team to clean all gullies along this area and check all manholes over the coming weeks.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kevin Bradley thanked the Council for the work which had been done which cleared the flooding within the week.

MDL78/22 PATHWAY IN MOYLE VIEW HOUSING ESTATE

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

“That this Council repair the pathway in Moyle View Housing Estate.”

Members were advised that:

“At the Roads SPC meeting last February a policy was agreed in relation to maintenance of Roads, Footpaths, Back Lanes and Public Lighting in Council Housing Estates and this was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting. As a result €350k (€70k per MD) has been

provided in the 2022 Revenue Budget for this as a first year allocation. The Roads and Housing Section are currently working together to prepare a priority list of schemes to be presented to Members on agreement on funding allocations for this scheme. This pathway will be considered for inclusion in this priority list.”

On proposing this motion Cllr. Liam Blaney referred to the dangerous condition of the pathway along the older peoples’ houses. He welcomed the response given and raised concern how funding was allocated across the MD’s equally despite the volume of housing within the Letterkenny-Milford MD and asked Liam Ward to raise this on behalf of the MD.

David McIlwaine confirmed that he would follow up on this.

MDL79/22 FUNDING FOR RATHMULLAN AND PORTSALON PIERS

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

“That this Municipal District requests Donegal County Council to ensure that Rathmullan and Portsalon Piers are included in their submission for Piers and Harbours under the EU Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund.”

Members were advised that:

“Donegal County Council is currently assessing projects that will meet the criteria as set out in the terms and conditions of the Brexit Fund Application for Piers & Harbours. There is a 2 year deadline beyond which no expenditure can be recouped and so the programme delivery for each project is also being assessed. There are a number of categories under which the Council can apply for funding and each category has a funding limit with specific project deliverables to be met. The Council intends to include a number of projects under each category.

The Council will require match funding for construction work and a 100% funding allocation from the Council for design / statutory procedures costs.

The draft application proposed will include for both Rathmullan Pier and Portsalon Pier refurbishment projects but final inclusion will be dependent on the completion of the aforementioned assessment processes and confirmation of funding from Council.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney asked that Rathmullan and Portsalon Piers be included in submission for funding which has become available as part of Brexit. The estimated cost for Portsalon is €1.5 million and €3.5 million for Rathmullan and noted that the Council would be required to provide match funding. Cllr. Blaney noted that potential of Rathmullan

which was currently closed to heavy machinery. He noted damage to Portsalon Pier which needed urgent repairs and asked for an update on the response given.

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

MDL80/22 MAYORS BUSINESS

80.1 Comhaltas – Donegal Fleadh

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh advised that he had received correspondence from Comhaltas seeking use of the Town Park for the Donegal Fleadh on Sunday 8th May.

80.2 Coláiste Ailigh

On 18th January Cllr. Kavanagh attended the homecoming of the Coláiste Ailigh Basketball team who won the All Ireland recently. This was a great achievement for the team.

80.3 Chamber – St. Patrick’s Day Events

Earlier today Cllr. Kavanagh attended the launch of the Chamber’s St. Patrick’s Day events. Cllr. McMonagle also attended.

80.4 CDP – St. Bridget’s Day Cross Making

Cllr. Kavanagh attended the Community Development Projects’s St. Bridget’s Day cross making event. Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly and Cllr. Gerry McMonagle also attended.

80.5 Civic Receptions

Cllr. Kavanagh referred to requests/Motions by himself and other Members for Civic Receptions to be held:-

- Olympics – Teresa McDaid, Team Manager, Mark English & Brendan Boyce
- Coláiste Ailigh – 21st Birthday this year – very successful school and successes should be recognised
- Entertainment Business – no names yet
- Paddy McShane
- Susan McCauley
- Letterkenny Cricket Club

Cllr. Kavanagh would like as many as possible would be arranged before May/June. Cllr. Ian McGarvey seconded this.

Liam Ward agreed that staff would work closely with the Mayor in an effort to host the receptions within this period.

MDL81/22 CORRESPONDENCE

Linda McCann advised that the only correspondence received had been dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.

MDL82/22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, I.S. & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The contents of the Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services report as circulated with the Agenda were taken as read.

82.1 Buy Donegal Campaign

Ciaran Martin acknowledged the businesses involved in the Buy Donegal campaign with almost 300 businesses taking part.

82.2 Talent Solutions

Donegal County Council was working with Derry City and Strabane District Council on this along with the LYIT and ETB. They were looking at skills in the area and employment possibilities. There is a 3 year Investment strategy for the region.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey referred to his motion for the provision of public/private hospital in the area which would be supported by both Governments asking if there is an opportunity under the Economic Development Unit to promote this.

Cllr. Blaney referred to the 3 IDA units in Milford noting that they have been sold.

Cllr. Kavanagh referred to recent Irish Independent Awards received by Harveys Point and by the Yellow Pepper who got an award under the Top 10 Outdoor facilities and he offered his congratulations to them.

Cllr. Donal Coyle referred to the Caravan and Camping Study asking if the Members would have any further role in this. He also asked for an update on Casual Trading.

Liam Ward advised that Casual Trading is a Planning function. Work is continuing on this and that Planning will get back to the Members with a Draft Policy in the next two months.

Ciaran Martin asked for clarification in relation to Cllr. McGarvey's question.

Cllr. McGarvey confirmed that his request was if there is an opportunity for a trading relationship to provide a private hospital jointly supported by both jurisdictions.

Ciaran advised that the Economic Development Unit would have no role in this. The Brexit funding relates to Infrastructure Investment.

Ciaran advised that he would follow up in relation to the IDA units and the plans for them. In relation to the Caravan and Camping Study an action plan is being developed for the next 3 years. Funding for this will be discussed with the Members.

Cllr. McGarvey asked that the National Representatives be contacted.

Liam Ward advised that issues of strategic importance are raised at regular engagements with the Oireachtas Members at meetings with the Corporate Policy Group and Senior Management Team. The first meeting this year will be held in March. These issues are discussed in that forum.

Cllr. McGarvey welcomed response from Liam Ward.

Cllr. John O'Donnell asked that the Council look at the Policy and Guidelines for the Caravan & Camping study. An application made by Kilmacrennan Community Development had to be withdrawn as it did not tick all the boxes. He had spoken to the Planner about the application.

Cllr. O'Donnell advised that he is on the Corporate Policy Group. The next meeting with National Representatives is on 21st March. He advised that he would talk to Cllr. McGarvey about the issues he wants raised.

Ciaran Martin advised that a Cross Divisional Group is working on the Caravan & Camping Study. He will take back the points raised to the Group.

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh asked that a letter be sent to the Yellow Pepper congratulating them on their award.

MDL83/22 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

The contents of the Community Development Division report as circulated with the Agenda were taken as read.

83.1 Development Fund Initiative Workshop

It was agreed that the DFI Workshop will take place on Monday 7th March commencing at 10.00am and will be held in the Chamber.

83.2 Town Bus Workshop

It was agreed that the Town Bus Workshop will take place on Tuesday 8th March commencing at 12.00 noon and will be held in the Chamber. Francis Conaghan advised that he would circulate the proposed routes to the Members in advance.

83.3 Sweet Factory Playground

Francis Conaghan advised that the Contractors are on site today

83.4 Mulroy Drive Official Launch

Francis Conaghan reminded the Members that the official launch of the Mulroy Drive is to take place on Friday 4th March. Details of time and venue will be sent by Fáilte Ireland.

The Members raised the following items:-

- Cllr. Gerry McMonagle asked for an update in relation to the upgrade of the Old Town football pitch. This is an asset in the area and the Council should proceed to bring it back to use. He said he would talk to David McIlwaine about it.
- Cllr. McMonagle commended the Council on work done on the Ard na Rí playpark.
- Cllr. Donal Coyle in referring to the football pitch in the Old Town noted that the McNeely Villas Residents may have an issue with access. He asked if there is a proposal for different access as there are elderly people living there.
- Cllr. Ian McGarvey noted that work is ongoing on the Great Arch pathway and is making great progress. He asked for feedback on access to the 7 Arches as it is not on the agenda.
- Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh acknowledged that work has started on the Sweet Factory playground.

Francis Conaghan responded to the queries raised as follows:-

- Funding options for the Old Town football pitch had been explored. A committee needs to be formed. He has discussed this with both Roads and Housing Sections. He will meet with officials internally and with the interested people/groups again. Funding options may arise this year.
- Francis advised that he is aware of the issues with access to the pitch. Local agreement is needed in relation to what can be done. He is not aware of any proposals for a different access at the moment.
- Francis advised that he would ask if the 7 Arches can be considered as a potential project.

MDL84/22 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The contents of the Roads report as circulated with the Agenda were taken as read.

84.1 2022 Roads Restoration Maintenance Programme

David McIlwaine referred to the Workshop held on 1st February in relation to the 2022 Programme. No funding has been announced yet so programme is based on the 2021 allocation.

On the proposal of Cllr. John O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr. Liam Blaney the 2022 Roads Restoration Maintenance Programme was approved.

84.2 2022 Bridge Strengthening Programme

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh the 2022 Bridge Strengthening Programme was approved.

84.3 Active Travel Allocations

David McIlwaine advised that an allocation of €1.4 million has been received for 2022. This will cover several projects and more details will be provided as the scheme advances. He will revert to Members in relation to this.

84.4 Workshop on Piers and Harbours Funding and Community Involvement Schemes 2022

David advised the Members that the Marine Section is seeking a date to hold a Workshop on Piers and Harbours Funding. This workshop will also cover Community Involvement Schemes. It was agreed that this workshop would take place on Tuesday 22nd February commencing at 10.00am.

The Members raised the following comments:-

- Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh noted that it would be good to get the proposed works done.
- Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly thanked David for the update and acknowledged the good work which has been done. He advised that he has received calls in relation to the roadworks on the new 4 lane project as the road is currently in a shocking condition. The current surface is no longer safe for road users and is a dangerous state. An assessment of the road needs to be carried out and a report sent to the Members as a matter of urgency. This is the busiest road into Letterkenny and is far from standard at the moment.
- Cllr. Kavanagh asked if there would be an update meeting on the project soon.
- Cllr. Mandy Kelly advised stated that a meeting with the Contractors is needed as there are other issues that have not been dealt with.
- Cllr. Donal Coyle agreed with what Cllr. Mandy Kelly had said about the condition of the road. He advised that he had been in contact with the Contractor this morning. They have patched the road but it is far from perfect. They have said they will do repairs to the road.
- Cllr. Liam Blaney welcomed the Active Travel Allocation and asked if lands at Drumbern could be used for a footpath. He referred to discussion at the Roads Workshop in relation to speeding in Carrigart. He commended the Roads Engineer & Supervisor on works done putting a traffic monitor in place and signs. He commended the proactive approach.
- Cllr. Gerry McMonagle agreed with what was said in relation to the 4 lane project. It should be noted that it is a working site and there are workmen and personnel there. Motorists need to drive at the speed limit. Some are flying past. They need to be mindful of the workers who are there. The surface is not great. He welcomed the Active

Travel allocation and commended the Roads Section on the applications that are in. He asked if a place could be assigned for a bench on the Rockhill Road footpath when work is being done. He commended the fast response to the speeding issue in Carrigart. He had attended a public meeting there and the locals and residents were very appreciative of this. A number of good ideas were raised for going forward and he advised that he would forward them to David McIlwaine. He asked if footpath to Woodlands School could be followed up under Active Travel.

- Cllr. Ciaran Brogan acknowledged the work that has been done including work on applications. He acknowledged the allocation of €1.4 million under Active Travel which will cover works on the Cathedral One Way, Rockhill Road footpath, Port Bridge to Creamery Roundabout etc. He acknowledged works carried out by David and the Roads Team. He asked David to look at the trees on the old road at the Port Bridge. They would need to be tidied up as they are on the main entrance into the Town. The trees are overgrown and out of hand. He supported Cllr. Mandy Kelly's comments on the condition of the road on the approach from the Dry Arch Roundabout onto the 4 Lanes. The surface is not in a good condition and he hopes that can be rectified soon.
- Cllr. Kavanagh asked what was happening with the two benches that were sponsored by DCIL in memory of the late Frank Larkin and the bench sponsored by the Credit Union. Both are anxious to progress these and should be contacted about the locations. He asked if a Tidy Towns project could be done at the Port Bridge.
- Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked about the signs at the Cup & Saucer, nothing has been done yet. He acknowledged work done in relation to speeding in Carrigart as this is very important. There is also an issue with speeding in Downings. He asked about the possibility of a cycle lane from Letterkenny to Milford and also in relation to his request for a footpath from the Cup & Saucer to the Shop at Moorefield.

David McIlwaine responded as follows:-

- In relation to request for update meeting on the 4 lane project David advised that he had not received any information from the TII in relation to this but he would follow up with them.
- In response to Cllr. Mandy Kelly's comment on the 4 Lane project David advised that issues have been raised with the TII and the Contractors. He will follow up with them and report back to the Members. He will arrange an update meeting.
- David advised that he will keep Members updated on footpath project applications under Active Travel.
- David thanked the Members for the comments in relation to work done in Carrigart. Traffic surveys will help assess the appropriate solution. Active Travel can be used to fund any works there.

- Speeding on the 4 Lanes has been raised by the Contractor. Workmen are vulnerable and speed restrictions need to be obeyed.
- He will look at the proposal to leave a base for a bench on the Rockhill Road footpath.
- In relation to footpath for Woodlands this would have to be other funding as Active Travel funding is only for work within the boundaries of the town. He will look at the possibility of Green Schools funding.
- He will look at the trees at the Port Bridge. TII are working on design for development of the road between the Polestar Roundabout and Creamery Roundabout. The cycleway is also part of that.
- In relation to signage at the Cup & Saucer he is looking at that. There are signs further in. He needs to look at whether signs would be appropriate at that junction and that they don't mislead road users. It is preferable that traffic is kept on the main route / major road where possible.
- Speeding in Downings has been raised with him. He is looking at opportunity for funding under Active Travel if possible for traffic calming.
- Funding for footpaths outside speed limits is difficult to get funding for.
- David advised that he talked to both groups in relation to the proposed benches. He will get back to them now to discuss location etc.

Cllr. Mandy Kelly thanked David for his response in relation to the 4 Lane project and asked that the Council engage with the Contractors to address the surface issue there.

MDL85/22 **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

The contents of the Housing and Corporate Services report as circulated with the Agenda were taken as read.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Cllr. Gerry McMonagle raised concerns that the Council cannot meet the urgent need of tenants seeking a transfer to larger properties due to overcrowding now that the Department had limited acquisitions to medical and disability need only and focused on new builds under Housing for All programme. He noted that acquisitions were effective in dealing with necessary transfers and expressed concern on delays in providing properties under this Programme.
- He asked if any decision had been made on prefab type of housing to meet the immediate demand of those in homes affected by MICA as there was not enough vacancies to meet the demand.
- Cllr. Liam Blaney asked if the Council would meet the targets for new builds under Housing For All due to the shortage of materials and contractors within the county. He asked that the Council seek an exemption in relation to acquisitions due to the current environment in Donegal and asked that of the properties purchased by the Council (individual properties and turnkeys) when did the Council commence

testing blocks, how many were tested and can the results be made available to Members.

- Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked that the lack of approval for SI housing was addressed and that there should be a standard capital grant available to Local Authorities from the Department to progress SI builds. He advised that a survey should be carried out of where housing was needed, the management of same taking into consideration facilities in the area including schools.
- Cllr. Kevin Bradley referred to the issue of builders working on houses affected by MICA and waiting on payment.
- Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh advised that the Government had just announced an €8 billion Retrofit Programme.

Linda McCann advised that she had noted all the items raised and would follow up with the Members.

MDL86/22 **PLANNING SERVICE**

The contents of the Planning report as circulated with the Agenda were taken as read.

86.1 Modular Homes

Liam Ward advised that planning around Modular homes is being actively considered. There are no revised Planning Regulations. The Council need to look at what flexibility there was in the County Development Plan.

86.2 Proposed Special Council Meeting

Liam Ward advised Members that there is a Special Council Meeting proposed for Thursday 24th February commencing at 10.00am. There will be a Workshop on the County Development Plan Review. As part of the Agenda there will be consideration of Part 8 Planning for Alpha & Beta Building. Formal notice will be sent out. The Workshop will follow this.

86.3 Workshop on Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy

Liam Ward advised that consideration was being given to having the workshop online to facilitate the Consultants. The meeting was to commence at 2.00pm. The Members requested that the workshop be done in person as there is better interaction. Liam asked that the workshop be delayed to 2.30pm to facilitate the Paul Hogart team. The Members will be notified of the location. Cllr. Kavanagh asked that consideration be given to provision of microphones as it is difficult to hear properly in hotels. Liam confirmed that this would be kept in mind.

MDL87/22 **ENVIRONMENT**

The contents of the Environment report as circulated with the Agenda were taken as read.

Joe Ferry advised that the report contains an update on the Rural Water Programme and Group Schemes being considered for takeover.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Cllr. Donal Coyle asked if the Recycling Centres have a facility for payment by bank card and if not can this be considered.
- Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked for an update on procedures for takeover of Group Schemes. He also asked if Trustees & Promoters would still be involved when taken over as it isn't costing the Council to run them.
- Cllr. Gerry McMonagle acknowledged good work that is being done. He referred to the treatment plant at Dromore which is overflowing and nothing is being done about it. Complaints have to be lodged to get it emptied. It serves 5 houses. Cllr. McMonagle stated that Irish Water cannot pick and chose what schemes they take over. There are other environmental issues in that area. The main sewer needs to be brought out to that area. This will probably mean having to dig up the 4 lanes again. Irish Water need to look up to their responsibilities.

Joe Ferry responded as follows:-

- Joe advised that he will check with Brysons in relation to payment options.
- Joe advised that Pauric Feely is the Engineer working on Group Scheme takeovers and he will ask him to revert Councillors on procedures. The Trustees & Promoters would be taken out of the equation when Group Schemes are taken over. There are some issues with who is responsible for some schemes and also in relation to the quality of the water.
- In relation to treatment plant at Dromore, Joe advised that this has been referred to the Engineer before. It is not clear who is responsible for it as it was put in when the dual carriageway was constructed. It was missed when the extension of the sewer to Bonagee was done. It is currently in the charge of the Council. Irish Water may not take it over as it is a small plant. He advised that he would contact the Engineer about it.

QUESTIONS

MDL88/22 WORKS ON KILLYLASTIN JUNCTION

In answer to his question requesting an an updated report on the €35,000 allocated to Killylastin junction for traffic calming and improved lighting, when will these works be completed, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

“The construction of the ramps and the erection of the Public Lighting have been completed. There are additional Road Markings works to be carried out

at this junction. These works are programmed to be completed within the next month.”

MDL89/22 **FOOTPATH AT CRIEVESMITH TOWARDS ROCKHILL**

In answer to his question requesting an updated report on the new proposed footpath at Crievesmith towards Rockhill, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

“The completion of the footpath works programmed from 2021 is awaiting the diversion of the ESB overhead lines works to be completed. It is planned to have these works completed by the end of February 2022. We are currently working on the design works for the footpaths to be constructed from the additional funding received for this location in 2022. An update will be provided to the members when the details are established.”

MDL90/22 **BUS STOP ON N13 AT MANORCUNNINGHAM**

In answer to his question have the TII responded to my motion to carry out repairs to the Bus Stop on the N13 at Manorcunningham, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

“This issue has being recorded on the TII Geo App system for recording Road Maintenance issues on National Roads. We are awaiting details on if funding will be provided to carry out the required repairs.”

MDL91/22 **YELLOW BOXES AT EUNAN’S TERRACE**

In answer to his question when will the yellow boxes be reinstated at Eunan Terrace on the Back Road, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

“These works are being completed by the Contractor as part of the surfacing Contract. They are programmed to be completed before the end of February.”

MDL92/22 **MEETING WITH OPW**

In answer to his question has a date been received from the OPW for our requested meeting with them to discuss the issues around the Oldtown Bridge and other related matters, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

“Correspondence issued to Lorraine Counihan (OPW) on the 24th January and the 2nd February requesting a suitable date for a meeting with the OPW.

Ms. Counihan has indicated in her response that the OPW does not have the capacity to attend Municipal Districts meetings either virtually or in person.

Please see attached communication.”

MDL93/22 **VACANT HOMES OFFICER & WORKSHOP ON VACANT HOMES/DERELICT SITES**

In answer to his question has the Council now got a full time Vacant Homes Officer following the increase in funding for this post, and can we set a date for a workshop on the vacant homes/derelict sites issues, as per my previous motion, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

“The Council has been notified by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the 24th January 2022 that the Department will continue to provide funding towards supporting the work of the Vacant Homes Office in each Local Authority by increasing the contribution by 20% to €60,000 per annum. The filling of the role is currently being progressed by the Council and the Department has requested all Local Authorities to transition to provision of a fulltime Vacant Homes Officer by the end of quarter 2 2022. The Council welcomes the additional funding which will help support the work programme and Schemes to address high levels of vacancy and dereliction in certain parts of our County.”

MDL94/22 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SHOPPING CENTRE IN GLENCAR**

In answer to his question requesting an update on getting the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing at the shopping centre in Glencar fixed, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

“The repair works on these lights were completed last week and these lights are now fully functional.”

MDL95/22 **GREEN AREA AT CASHEL PARK**

In answer to his question has there been any further progress in updating the green area at Cashel Park, to make it more usable and safer for the children in the estate, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

“No further progress has been made on this but the Area Manager will review the file and arrange a meeting with the Community Development Capital Team to establish options.”

MDL96/22 **ROAD THROUGH DRUMONAGHAN WOOD AND ENTRANCE WORKS**

In answer to his question will our Planning Section check if there was Grant of Planning for road through Drumonaghan Wood and was Entrance works to be carried before work commenced, it has been referred to me for check. A response would be welcome that I can pass on the position, Cllr. Ian McGarvey was advised:

“Based on the assumption that the query relates to the development permitted under planning reference number 19/51352 the development proposes to use the existing access road to the site. The sole condition attached to the permission issued requiring details to be agreed prior to the commencement of development specifically relates to the submission of a construction and traffic management plan. The Planning Service will examine the matter of compliance with this particular element of the permission and update members thereafter.”

MDL97/22 FOOTPATH FROM CUP & SAUCER TO SHOP AT MOORFIELD, RAMELTON

In answer to his question what has been done on the proposed Footpath from Cup & Saucer, Ramelton to Shop on Moorfield, Cllr. Ian McGarvey was advised:

“We are currently seeking funding for footpath linking the Cup & Saucer to St Marys National School through the Green Schools Active Travel Funding. There are current know funding available for construction of footpath between Cup & Saucer & Moorfield Shop. This can be considered for prioritising as part of the next Footpath & Public Lighting Programme.”

MDL98/22 TOWN CENTRE & PUBLIC TOILETS SIGNAGE AT CUP & SAUCER, RAMELTON

In answer to his question what is the position on request by me for a Town Centre & Public Toilets at the Cup & Saucer, Ramelton, Cllr. Ian McGarvey was advised:

“The Roads & Environment Section will liaise regarding the signage requirements at this junction. The Town Centre is signposted from the Junction with Church Street and Toilets are signposted from the Junction at the Mall.”

MDL99/22 BOUNDARY WALL AT RAYMOCHY GRAVEYARD

In answer to his question requesting an update on what progress has been made on repairing the boundary wall at Raymochy Graveyard, Cllr. Donal Coyle was advised:

“The boundary wall at Raymoghly is an integral part of the 16th century Raymoghly Church and Graveyard which are protected structures under the National Monuments Act and as such, repairs to the wall are required to be carried out under specialist archaeological supervision. An application for funding to carry out the repairs in 2022 is to be submitted in the coming weeks.”

MDL100/22 FLOODING ON ENTRANCE TO ROAD L1054 FROM THE N13

In answer to his question what plans has the Council to carry out relevant works to relieve flooding at the entrance to road L1054 from the N13, Cllr. Donal Coyle was advised:

“These works will be carried out as part of the preparation works for the project included in the 2022 Restoration Improvement Programme.”

MDL101/22 LETTERKENNY TO BURTONPORT RAILWAY

In answer to his question when can we expect a full plan for the completion of the Letterkenny to Burtonport railway including the proposed timelines, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

“The scheme is presently at Phase 0 of the TII Phase 0 – 7 Project Lifecycle. Phase 0 requires the preparation and approval of a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) prior to procurement of Consultants to advance the scheme onwards from Phase 1.

The timelines for delivery of a greenway scheme through each respective phase and through the full TII Project Lifecycle is currently uncertain given this process is new to all local authorities.

Confirmation of likely project timelines will become clearer as the project lifecycle advances. A full update is included as an addendum to the Roads Report.

In addition to the above, the Community Development Dept. have been progressing and focusing on a 7km stretch of the old railway line between Creeslough and Falcarragh, known locally as the Muckish Railway Walk, upgrading it to Greenway standard. In 2021, works on an initial 2km section was completed and it is hoped to progress further sections of the remaining 5kms in 2022/2023 with funding that has been allocated to the Council from 2020 and 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.”

MDL102/22 UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR ROADWORKS AT TRENTAGH

In answer to his question requesting an update on funding for the proposed roadworks at Trentagh as flooding continues to restrict around 30 homes at times of heavy rain, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

“An Application for €90,000 Climate Adaption funding has been submitted to DTTAS to raise a 300 metre section of the L1532/2 Kilmacrennan Road at Churchill. We have not received any update on the current status of this application.”

MDL103/22 WALKWAY/CYCLEWAYS FROM ELLISTRIN TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP

In answer to his question what works are still outstanding on the new walkway/cycleways from Ellistrin to the Mountain Top, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

“Outstanding works include soiling and seeding along the edges of the cycleway and the topping up of adjacent filter drains.”

MDL104/22 RESURFACING OF NEWMILLS BRIDGE AND THE R250

In answer to his question requesting an update on when Newmills Bridge and the R250 road from Newmills Bridge to junction locally known as Jamesons will be resurfaced please, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly was advised:

“The overlay contract to carry out these works is currently out for Tender. We will update the members when a programme has been agreed.”

MDL105/22 REPLACEMENT OF OLD PIPES IN THE ROSSBRACKEN / RAYMOGHEY AREAS OF MANORCUNNINGHAM

In answer to his question requesting an update on if any recent engagements have been made with Irish Water to have the old pipes replaced in the Rossbracken / Raymoghey areas of Manorcunningham please as this issue of burst pipes is still ongoing, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly was advised:

“This is a matter for Irish Water who has advised that queries of this nature concerning Irish Water Plans and Operations should be directed through the Local Rep Support system provided by Irish Water.

There are a number of avenues available to the Elected Members to raise queries/ questions with Irish Water which include:

- Use of the dedicated Local Representative telephone number, 0818 178 178.
- IW has also provided a dedicated Local Representative Support Service email, localrepsupport@water.ie.

A copy of this query has been submitted to localrepsupport@water.ie on behalf of Cllr Kelly for response back to him directly.”

MDL106/22 FOOTPATH IN ST. BRIDGET’S TERRACE AND ON THE FANAD ROAD TO THE PIER

In answer to his question when will the footpaths in St. Bridget’s Terrace and on the Fanad Road to the Pier be completed, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

“These works are programmed to be completed before the end of February 2022.”

MDL107/22 SOCIAL HOUSING IN CARRIGART

In answer to his question when will the construction of the Social Housing in Carrigart proceed, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

“The project is at preliminary design stage but there are difficulties identified in relation to the ground conditions and access arrangements.

We are not in a position to provide a clear timeline at this stage but we will keep Members advised of progress through the MD meetings and Housing Workshops.”

MDL108/22 RATHGOREY AND DRUMHALLAGH BRIDGES

In answer to his question when will the Rathgorey and Drumhallagh Bridges be repaired, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

“The Drumhallagh Bridge and Rathgorey Bridge have been prioritised 1 and 3 respectively on the Bridge Strengthening Programme that is recommended for approval at this meeting. The funding for this programme as not yet been announced but is expected in the next few weeks. In the mean time the design for the repairs to the Drumhallagh Bridge has been completed and we are programming to commence construction of the repairs as soon as possible.”

MDL109/22 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 8th March, 2022 in a venue to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor

Meetings Administrator