# MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY-MILFORD MEETING, HELD ON 10 MAY 2022 AT 2:00 P.M.

# MDL217/22 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh (Mayor), Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, Cllr. Liam Blaney, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Donal Coyle, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Cllr. Michael McBride, Cllr. Ian McGarvey

# MDL218/22 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Cllr. Kevin Bradley

# MDL219/22 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Liam Ward, Director of Service, Eamonn Brown, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services; Bernadine McGee, Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services; David McIlwaine, S.E.E. / Area Manager, Roads & Transportation; Elaine McEntee, Executive Planner, Joe Ferry, A/Senior Executive Chemist, Francis Conaghan, Development Officer and Barney McLaughlin, Head of Tourism Marketing Unit

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh.

# MDL220/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Kevin Bradley on the death of his Mother, Josephine Bradley and a minute's silence was held.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Cllr. Bradley from the Letterkenny / Milford Municipal District. This was seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride.

# MDL221/22 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Donal Coyle and seconded by Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly the Minutes of Meeting of the MD Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were adopted.

# MDL222/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

# MDL223/22 REPAIR WORKS TO FOOTPATHS

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

"That the Council review how we deal with very necessary small repair work, especially in relation to footpaths." Members were advised that:

"We continuously review and respond to issues regarding the existing footpath network within the MD. These works are funded from the roads maintenance budgets and need to be prioritised within the budgets and resources available. The public light and footpath programme which is co funded by the IPB is available for improvement works and upgrades to the existing footpath network. A large number of projects have been completed as part of this programme, a number are yet to be completed and are planned to be completed before the end of the year.

We are currently in the process of establishing the funding that is available as part this programme for 2022. When this is established, we will be in contact with the Members to agree a programme."

On proposing the motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh referred to a recent article about the cost of insurance claims to Donegal County Council for slips and falls on footpaths. It is not just the financial cost to the Council but the damage that can be caused to elderly or disabled persons who fall. The Council need to ensure that footpaths are in the best possible condition. He noted that it is difficult to get small works done and referred to a policy in place in South Dublin County Council where immediate fixes are carried out. He welcomed the response given and suggested that more people be employed using the IPB funds. He referred to a footpath in a bad condition reported in 2019 but still not repaired. Footpaths needs to be reinstated in a timely manner and to a suitable standard.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Michael McBride referred to a report issued on the IPB a few years ago which referred to lower claims being paid out without challenge. He also referred to the condition of footpaths in Ashlawn which he had raised previously and are still the same. There is a lack of investment in footpaths and the money should be used to carry out repairs.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey added that the type of surface on footpaths can be an issue as it is very rough.

#### MDL224/22 SAFETY MEASURES AT WOODLANDS SCHOOL

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

"That the Council implement safety measures at Woodlands School."

"The Roads Section will continue to carry out a review of this location. An application for funding was submitted to the NTA as part of the Safe Routes to School but no allocation was received. The Roads team have liaised with residents in this area and will continue to seek funding for any improvement works deemed necessary."

On proposing the motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh advised that issues have been raised with him in relation to the build up of traffic outside the school. The road and pavement are narrow and cars parking on the pavement result in children walking on the road. Cars are also being parked at the entrance to Oakpark Drive and cars are queueing in advance of pick up time at the school which results in other traffic being blocked. The issues arise at drop off and pick up times for the school. He noted the response given and that previous application for funding was not successful. He asked if funding could be sought under Active Travel and if not that the Council reapply to the NTA.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey advised that he is aware of the issue there. An accident there after Easter resulted in traffic queued to Letterkenny. There is also a bus that stops along the road and children are crossing to and from the bus. The whole junction needs to be reconsidered; a roundabout may be beneficial. It is a dangerous junction particularly for people not familiar with it. A survey should be carried to identify the risks and possible solutions.

David McIlwaine advised that Active Travel funding is limited to areas within the speed limits of Towns. He has looked at possible funding sources with the school. It is not in a CLAR area either. He will forward the request to the Road Safety Engineer to look at any possible minor solutions.

Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Kavanagh asked that David follow up on this and report back to the Members on what can be done. Urgent funding is needed for this.

#### MDL225/22 YELLOW BOX FOR EXIT FROM BALLYRAINE PARK TO BALLYRAINE ROAD

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

"That the Council provide a yellow box at the exit from Ballyraine Park on to Ballyraine Road (opposite the school)."

Members were advised that:

*"This has been included in the programme of works that has been issued to the Road Marking Contractor."* 

On proposing the motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh advised that the Residents of Ballyraine Park had raised this with him. This is a very busy road with a lot of elderly people living in the estate. He welcomed the response given that this is included in the programme of works. This needs to be completed as soon as possible.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle noted that this work is much needed.

David McIlwaine confirmed that the work is included in the current programme, but he has no timeframe for when it would be completed.

# MDL226/22 REPAIRS TO ROAD BETWEEN THE PIGGERY AND THE CLAREMANS JUNCTION

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

"That urgent repair work be carried out on the road between the Piggery and the Claremans junction as the road is now in a very poor state of repair close to the junction."

Members were advised that:

# *"This will be included in the Maintenance programme for the Roads Area Team and can be considered for inclusion when prioritising the 2023 Restoration Improvement programme."*

On proposing this motion Cllr. Michael McBride noted that this work is included in the Maintenance Programme. The section to the junction is very rough and a temporary repair is needed on it. There is a lot of traffic using the road and lorries on the road to and from the piggery. He acknowledged the response given noting that temporary repairs are needed now.

# <u>MDL227/22</u> INCLUDE ROAD AT CASHELGAY ADJACENT TO THE BLUEBANKS ON NEXT YEAR'S ROADS PROGRAMME

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

"That the road at Cashelgay adjacent to the Blue Banks be included on next year's Roads Programme as the surface has now basically washed away as this road services many homes and active farms."

Members were advised that:

*"This road will be considered for prioritising when preparing the 2023 Restoration Improvement programme."* 

On proposing the motion Cllr. Michael McBride noted that residents were hoping the work would be done this year as drainage had been carried out there. He has received phone calls about it as the tar has worn away down to the core. He asked that Roads keep an eye on it so that it doesn't deteriorate any further.

#### MDL228/22 WORKSHOP ON HOUSE BUILDING IN LETTERKENNY

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

"That the Letterkenny Municipal Area organise a workshop to discuss the poor performance of housebuilding in Letterkenny. At a recent meeting of Donegal County Council reviewing the County Development Plan figures presented showed that only 317 houses have been built from 2018 to 2021 versus a planned capacity for up to 1000 to 1200 homes in the plan. This pattern cannot continue into the future."

#### Members were advised that:

"The extent of housebuilding in Letterkenny, and indeed the entirety of the County, is dependent on a range of factors, with the statutory planning systems being only one of these. The provision of an adequate supply of zoned lands to facilitate the provision of housing units has been a key consideration in the preparation of the Draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan. It is agreed that a Municipal District workshop to examine the range of factors that may influence housebuilding activity would be of benefit as we further progress the Letterkenny Plan."

On proposing the motion Cllr. Michael McBride noted that only 317 houses have been built from 2018 to 2021 compared to plan for 1000 to 1200 in the plan. Work on the Letterkenny Plan is now at an advanced stage and doesn't consider those who are building or who could build. There are active sites in the Donegal Municipal District but a lack of building here with only social housing being built. The demand is high. There is a need to engage with contractors and ask them why they are not building here. Some are saying that it is taking a year to a year and a half to get through Planning, Part V etc. and get to the point where they can start building. The Council need to look at making this stage faster. There is a lot of admin and paperwork required and this is not working. He suggested that questionnaires be sent to the builders to get feedback from them and the Council could then sit down and work on the issues. Workshops should be held on where the Council has land that could be built on in Letterkenny and in smaller towns to help support local schools. On seconding the motion Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh noted that a workshop would be helpful and asked if questionnaires could be sent out.

Liam Ward advised that he would look into the possibility of questionnaires. He agreed that the figures are startling. Planning law had changed with Strategic Housing Developments meaning that applications for over 100 houses were sent directly to an Bord Pleanála to streamline the process. The applications here are usually for smaller number of houses though. Those applications were then subject to challenge through the Courts. The process has changed again now. He noted that Planning is only one element with increasing costs also a factor. He would consider whether questionnaires are a role for Planning or whether a wider discussion is needed. A review of the County Development Plan has commenced and there will be drop in events held. It would be hoped that Developers would call in to those events and it would be an opportunity to discuss barriers to development with them and take on board their views.

Elaine McEntee noted that now SHDs are no longer an issue and decisions are back with the Local Authority. This should help the situation as Developers can now engage with the Local Authority again. This may lead to more discussions and pre planning enquiries. The pre consultation stage is an opportunity to engage with the stakeholders. It would be important to get the word out to them to engage with the process.

Cllr. McBride advised that he was happy with the discussion on this and suggested meeting with representatives from the industry instead of questionnaires to promote activity.

Liam Ward noted that the Planning Policy SPC is due to take place this month and that there is a representative of the CIF on the committee. He will ensure that this is added to the Agenda.

# <u>MDL229/22</u> <u>RAMPS ON ROAD FROM HARMONY HILL ESTATE INTO MEADOW HILL</u> <u>ESTATE, KILTOY</u>

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

"That we install a set of Ramps on the road from Harmony Hill Estate into Meadow Hill Estate, Kiltoy to reduce speeding on the link road between the estates."

#### Members were advised that:

"This road is not in the charge of Donegal County Council. If in the future this road is taken in charge this issue can be reviewed at that stage."

On proposing the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle advised that there had been a RTA in the estate since he submitted the motion. It happened in the middle of the night and flags up the danger there. There is a straight hill which leads to a built-up avenue. Ramps are needed to slow down traffic. He noted the response that the estate has not yet been taken in charge and asked if speed limit signs could be erected. He also enquired as to whether there is an application in for takeover of the estate.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Donal Coyle noted that there are issues with estates not taken over and the Developers are long gone. There is a long-time frame in between with no one responsible. Estates like this should be given priority for takeover.

Liam Ward advised that he would check if there is an application for takeover of this estate. Applications must be submitted by Developers or in the case where Developer is no longer there then an application from most of the Residents, at least 51%, can submitted. Application must be in for takeover to be considered. He took on board the comment about the length of time it takes, and the Council are trying to reduce this but it dependent on funding.

David McIlwaine advised that signage would only be advisory and can only be erected on a public road.

Cllr. McMonagle noted that 3 cars had been hit in the estate during the RTA and stated that advisory signs would be helpful now with traffic calming added later. There are children in the estate so Children at Play signs could be erected.

David confirmed that signs cannot be erected by the Council until the estate has been taken over. The Residents should apply, and this can be looked at then.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey referred to ramps at Devenney's Farm in Carnamuggagh that had been removed.

David advised that he would follow up with the family.

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh asked that if an application was submitted could signs be put up then.

David advised that there would be no funding available.

#### MDL230/22 NOISE FROM WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AT MAGHERENNAN

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

"That this Municipal District communicate with the Operators of the Water Treatment Facility at Magherennan in relation to the noise emanating from the Plant day and night which is making living adjacent to the Plant unbearable for the residents of Thorndale and that we hold them to account to address the noise issue without further delay."

#### Members were advised that:

"The Council's Water & Environment section have investigated the noise complaint and met with the Thorndale residents and, based on the noise measurements recorded during the inspection, a formal warning letter has been issued to Irish Water. Irish Water has reverted to Donegal County Council with information about some works already completed and a timetable for further remedial works designed to provide adequate noise mitigation, due for completion by the end of May. Irish Water has assured the Council that they remain fully committed to resolving the noise issues for the local population and has been in regular contact with the Head of the Thorndale Residents Committee, providing updates on the programmed installation works."

On proposing his motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle advised that he had been contacted by Residents as the noise from the plant was getting worse. He noted that remedial works have been done to mitigate the problem. The noise is constant and only occurred recently. It may be that machinery there needs to be replaced. He asked that Environment keep on top of this and ensure the required works are carried out.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Donal Coyle noted that this has been ongoing for year. This had been reported three years ago and it was noted then that the noise was within the required limits. He asked what the limits for noise emissions from the plant are. He thanked Cllr. McMonagle for raising the issue.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked if the noise levels could be measured.

Joe Ferry advised that limits are set by the EPA and depends on the time of day. At night they must be less than 45 decibels and during the day less than 55 decibels. He was out and took a reading which was 50 decibels. This is okay during the day but would be over the limit for night. This has improved with work carried out in the past week. Previously the reading was 57 decibels. Irish Water have been communicating with the Council and further works are planned. They are currently waiting on equipment to arrive. The Council will follow through on this.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked if the proximity to noise makes it worse.

Joe advised that he had spoken to a Resident who is a distance away and he had said the noise wasn't too bad but noted that it would be worse for anyone living closer.

Cllr. McMonagle commended the Council on the work done and asked that it be followed up. It may be a mechanical fault and when repairs are done it is hoped this will eradicate the noise as it is not good for anyone.

# MDL231/22 GATE FOR BACK LANE OF SLIABH SNEACHT, TARMAC AND CLOSE OFF ACCESS PATHWAY

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

"That Housing and Roads Sections collaborate with the Sliabh Sneacht Residents Associations in relation to their request for one final Gate to be erected at the last Back lane on the estate and that we make it a priority to Tarmac the last remaining lane in the estate and that we would also look at closing off one of the access pathways from Meadowbank."

Members were advised that:

# *"If the motion is approved, Housing Staff will set up a site meeting with the Elected Member to fully appraise the request and agree what works are appropriate and/or possible."*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle noted that this motion had been raised before at Town Council level. The Residents are asking that a pathway is closed off as it is being used for anti-social behaviour. They are also asking that a gate be put on the lane. There was an assault in the lane recently and the person escaped through the back lane. They are also asking that the lane be tarmacked. A knife was found in the lane by children recently. A light is also needed there to make the lane safer. He welcomed the response that Housing Staff will set up a site meeting. He understands that consensus will be needed from the Residents of Meadowbank. He has raised this issue with David McIlwaine and Eamonn Brown and the Housing Engineer.

Eamonn Brown confirmed that site meeting will take place and that Housing will look at the wider needs in the area.

# <u>MDL232/22</u> <u>VOLUME OF WATER FROM LETTERKENNY RESERVOIR TO RAMELTON AND</u> <u>AREAS BETWEEN</u>

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

"That a request be sent to Irish Water to increase the volume of Water from the Letterkenny Reservoir to provide sufficient to cater for the demand from there to Ramelton area and all in between."

#### Members were advised that:

"A request will be forwarded to Irish Water to consider the volumetric demand of the Ramelton Areas. The volumetric supply capacity is subject to water production capacity and the Irish Water Capital Investment Plan.

*Irish Water will be requested to reply directly to the LKMD Elected Members and through the Local Authority members dedicated portal.* 

# The Elected Members can submit such requests directly to Irish Water through the Local Representative dedicated portal."

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey noted that a previous Engineer had indicated the need to change the size of the pipe for the main from the reservoir and to extend it. The area between the Silver Tassie Hotel and Aughnagaddy are regularly without water. He asked that the Council contact Irish Water in relation to this. He had emailed them himself and received a response that it will be dealt with. This needs to be addressed and he asked who in this Municipal District is responsible for this.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Blaney noted that this is not the first time this issue has arisen. There are regular problems with water pressure in Ramelton and people get annoyed when the pressure decreases. There is a lack of water particularly in the Summer. Taking water from the Mountain Top could be considered but he noted that there is rock part of the way. Another pipe or bigger one is needed. He referred to meeting with Irish Water.

Cllr. McGarvey thanked Cllr. Blaney for supporting his motion. Irish Water borrow millions employing high cost contractors. It would be more efficient if the Council were to do the work themselves. Irish water is charging a lot of money for connections to houses. The problem with Irish Water needs to be addressed.

Cllr. Kavanagh noted that a meeting with Irish Water is due to take place shortly.

Liam Ward noted that this is a regular issue and poses a challenge as Irish Water are the water authority now. The Council can pass on representations but are limited in what they can do.

Cllr. Kavanagh noted that the clinic with Irish Water is due to take place on Thursday morning from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. via Zoom. There would be an opportunity to raise the issue there.

# MDL233/22 PROGRAMME OF DELIVERY FOR HOUSING IN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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

"That the Manager of our Municipal District arrange a Meeting with the Department Section for Housing to prepare a programme of Delivery in our Municipal District for now and going forward."

#### Members were advised that:

# "The local Housing Team and the Housing Capital Section are happy to meet with Members to discuss and agree housing delivery objectives for the Letterkenny Milford MD."

On proposing this motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked that a discussion be held in relation to Housing and referred to a framework he had prepared. He had spoken prior to the meeting with Liam Ward about this. A plan is needed for Letterkenny with a projected increase in population of 15,000 and 4,500 houses needed. There is a big shortfall in housing being provided. There is a lot of pressure on families to provide houses themselves with cost of planning permissions and development charges etc. A discussion needs to be held with the Department as they must approve each house built. The National Representatives also need to be involved in supporting the financial investment needed to provide housing. He referred to issues in relation to the Hospital and removal of services. Other Agencies / Housing Bodies need to be involved in discussions. Based on current cost of building it would take 30-40 years to get a return on investment.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Ciaran Brogan noted that Cllr. McGarvey had covered the issue well.

Liam Ward confirmed that he had a conversation with Cllr. McGarvey and noted the detailed analysis he had carried out. There has been talk at National level in relation to the increase in interest rates and the impact this has on provision of housing. He noted that the Housing Team and Housing Capital Section are willing to meet with the Members to discuss this.

Eamonn Brown advised that a Local Area Team meeting is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> May. They will look at expressions of interest submitted and at the Council's landbank. After that a workshop will be arranged and this will include the role of AHBs. He will agree possible dates with Housing Construction and revert to the Members.

Cllr. McGarvey stated that funding needs to be realistic. There are contractors who are willing to sell houses to Donegal County Council or who have land available. The Council need to negotiate with them. There are currently over 1,100 on the waiting list and this will increase going forward.

Eamonn noted that he shares the views of the Members and it is important that everyone works together. Under the Housing for All Strategy there is a budget for construction. He will look at the numbers needed and the costing for this with Housing Construction and how to approach the Department in relation to the need. He will ensure that costing is included on the workshop for discussion at the workshop.

Cllr. McGarvey noted that the proposal of 33,000 houses for the country, 1,000 per Local Authority is not realistic.

#### MDL234/22 SURVEY ON MAIN ARTERIES TO SHOW NEED FOR INCREASE IN FUNDING

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

"That our Road Section carry out a complete Survey on the main arteries in our Municipal District to prove the need for an increase in Funding from the Department for Transport to deal with the exceptional increase in the Volume of Traffic for safety reasons alone."

#### Members were advised that:

"Through the Pavement Management System developed by the Roads Management Office, surveys are annually carried out on all regional roads within the MD and on all local roads over a period of years. These include surveys of the road condition, texture, and shape. The data collected is used in the process of prioritising schemes for Restoration Improvement and Maintenance programmes."

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey referred to an occasion recently when it took him an hour to get from Woodlands to the Polestar Roundabout. There are 13 projects and 3 bridges on the current programmes. Trucks are having to go via Portsalon because of a bridge that needs to be straightened. A survey should be carried out on all the regional roads that funding sought. The volume of traffic on roads has increased dramatically. A programme is needed to deal with the issues. Projects that are on the programme for the fourth year will never be dealt with. Tenders need to be done for all the work and costings got and money borrowed to get the works done. On seconding the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney noted that lorries can get around the Rossnakill Road, but the bridge is like traffic calming on the road. A slip road to the four lanes is needed on the Ramelton to Letterkenny Road as this would alleviate a lot of the problems. Traffic lights at the roundabout might help the current issues. There are a number of projects worth €20m to be carried out over a 5-year period. Borrowing the money would be a way of getting most of the works completed.

Cllr. McGarvey thanked Cllr. Blaney for seconding his motion. The Council need to be realistic about getting the projects completed. There is no hope of getting a walkway/cycleway to Woodlands School with current levels of funding.

# MDL235/22 PRESENTATION BY DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL TO THE MEMBERS

A presentation was given to the Members by Mayor Tara Toye, Deputy Mayor Jack McLaughlin, and Cllr. Ciara Gilmore from Donegal Youth Council accompanied by Michael McDevitt of Fóroige. The talked about the various organisations they work with, the number of students they represent, the projects they are working on i.e. Mental Health; Social Media/Body Image; Climate Action and a video they produced on Cyber Safety. They also talked about their attendance at the Assembly of European Regions and Dáil na nÓg.

The Mayor and Members welcomed them to the Chamber and thanked them for their presentation and congratulated them on the work they are doing. Cllr. Gerry McMonagle as Chair of the JPC stated that he had viewed their video on Cyber Safety and commended them on it noting that it had received a lot of hits. Cllr. Donal Coyle asked them for their views on reducing the age of voting to 16 and asked their views on whether there is a link between body image and mental health. The Mayor noted that the Youth Council are participating in the Letterkenny Regeneration Strategy.

The Members wished them well in the future and advised that they would be happy to help them with any issues they may have.

# <u>MDL236/22</u> <u>LETTER TO MINISTER FOR RURAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR EXTRA LIS</u> <u>FUNDING</u>

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

"That the Council contact Roads Central asking to have a letter written to the Minister for Rural and Community Affairs seeking extra funding for Local Improvement Schemes."

# *"If the motion passed a request will be forwarded to Roads Central to issue a letter to the Department of Rural and Community Affairs to seek additional funding for Local Improvement Schemes."*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Donal Coyle referred to the allocation of €224,668 to the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District for Local Improvement Schemes for 2022. There are currently 315 valid applications with an estimated cost of €10m as advised at the last workshop. Only 6 schemes can be done this year. At that rate it would take 50 years to complete the current list not including future applications. He asked that Roads Central write to the Department seeking a second allocation this year.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney noted that this issue arises every year. There is normally a second allocation which possibly comes from funding allocated that hasn't been spent. Costs have increased now and there are several new applications with the list increasing instead of decreasing every year.

Cllr. Coyle noted that he was happy with the response noting that this happens every year and is disappointing for the applicants. He complimented the Roads Department on the work done.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey noted that in the past every lane was done but that is not the case now.

David McIlwaine confirmed that he had asked Roads Central to contact the Department for further funding but there has been no confirmation of extra funding yet.

# <u>MDL237/22</u> <u>FUNDING FOR SCHEME FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT</u> <u>FOR AREAS ON OUTSKIRTS OF LETTERKENNY</u>

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

"That this Council apply for funding that has been recently announced by Minister Darragh O'Brien for a scheme targeting the wastewater collection and treatment needs of villages and settlements. This application should include the Bonagee, Drumany, Drumnahoe, Lurgybrack, Leck and Woodlands area."

"The Donegal County Council Rural Water team will consider this scheme and other relevant schemes in Donegal against the eligibility criteria set out in the recently announced Measure A8 of the Multi-annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 "The Waste Water Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements Without Access to Public Waste Water Services.

# *The Rural Water team will revert to the Elected Members with a Report on Eligible Schemes."*

On proposing this motion ClIr. Donal Coyle referred to the announcement by the Minister of funding of €50m for a scheme targeting the wastewater collection and treatment needs for Villages and Settlements. The scheme is open for applications until September with 85% exchequer funding with balance of 15% provided by the Local Authority. This is a golden opportunity to apply under this initiative as the Residents have been looking for a sewer connection to those areas for years. A pipe should have been laid as part of the four-lane project but only ducts have been provided for road crossings. These areas are on the outskirts of the largest town in the County with businesses, nursing homes, schools, hotels etc. depending on septic tanks that have been installed a long time ago, some communal tanks. These tanks must be emptied every so often. The Council should be proactive and apply for this scheme.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney stated that he fully supports the motion. A motion was raised previously 6 or 7 years ago for the Bonagee, Drumany, Lurgybrack areas. This is a perfect opportunity now to get this done.

Cllr. Coyle thanked Cllr. Blaney for seconding the motion and the Members for their support. He noted the response given asking that the report be sent to the Members as soon as possible and that a workshop be held on this. He asked that this be pursued vigorously.

# MDL238/22 UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR A WEEKLONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS IN DOWNINGS

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

"That this Council keeps the Councillors of this Municipal District informed of the plans and progress on a motion I had passed at a previous Meeting re helping to organise a Week Long Festival of Events in Downings on the week that the Irish Legends Golf Tournament revisits the Rosapenna Hotel and Golf Resort (16th-20th August 2022)."

"The Councils Tourism Marketing Unit under the Economic Development Division has been working closely with event organisers European Tours on the organisation of the Festival of Golf to coincide with the Irish Legends Tournament presented by The Paul McGinley Foundation at the Rosapenna Hotel and Golf Resort from 16 to 20 August 2022. It is proposed to host live music entertainment on the Friday and Saturday night, and we expect to be announcing the headline acts in the coming weeks. The team is also engaging with Donegal Food Coast as well as local businesses to set up a bespoke Donegal Food village during both the tournament and the festival providing a strong authentic Donegal food offering to visitors. The team are also working closely with the local community in Downings, including the local GAA club and Tidy Town Committee in making arrangements for the event as well as with the Councils Environment team to ensure that the event is as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible. An upcoming meeting is planned with other local service providers including the Councils Roads Team, An Garda Síochána and Civil Defence in the coming weeks. A Communications and Marketing Plan is currently being prepared and this will work hand in hand with the marketing activities of the Irish Legends Tournament. An update report will be included in the Divisions MD Report."

On proposing this motion Cllr. Liam Blaney referred to his previous motion in relation to this last year requesting that a weeklong festival be held. He noted that a lot of work has been done on this and thanked the Council for being proactive on this. He also added his thanks to Paul McGinley for getting the Golf Tournament back to the area. Hopefully the weather is good for the occasion. He noted that the Council didn't have to get involved in this and he hopes it will be a success.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey noted that this will bring income and people to the County. This is important for all visitor areas. He congratulated Cllr. Blaney on his motion and noted the Council's role in encouraging investment in the area.

Cllr. Blaney noted the positive response and welcomed updated report.

#### MDL239/22 MAYORS BUSINESS

#### 239.1 Bealtaine Festival

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh attended the launch of the Bealtaine Festival in the Regional Cultural Centre on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jack Murray.

#### 239.2 End of Ramadan Celebrations

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Cllr. Kavanagh attended celebration of the end of Ramadan by the Bangladeshi Community.

# 239.3 Archives Exhibition – County Museum

Cllr. Kavanagh attended the opening of *The Treaty, 1921: Records from the Archives* Exhibition at the County Museum on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The exhibition will be there until 31<sup>st</sup> May.

# 239.4 County Fleadh

Cllr. Kavanagh attended the launch of the County Fleadh on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May in Dillon's Hotel. It is being held in Letterkenny for the first time since 2011.

# 239.5 Tom Duffy Circus

Cllr. Kavanagh referred to the recent visit of the Tom Duffy Circus to Letterkenny. They supplied him with 200 complimentary tickets, and he had distributed the tickets among various groups in Town. He attended the circus stating that it was very good and there are no longer any animals involved. He thanked the Circus for the nice gesture.

# 239.6 Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District AGM

Cllr. Kavanagh suggested that the AGM be held after the next M.D. meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 5 p.m. On the proposal of Cllr. Michael McBride, seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle the date for the AGM was agreed.

# MDL240/22 CORRESPONDENCE

# 240.1 Erection of Plaque at Ballymacool Park

Eamonn Brown read out a request received by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle seeking permission to erect a plaque at the 1916 memorial in Ballymacool Park in memory of Peadar O'Donnell's Donegal Flying Column who fought in the War of Independence. The request was made by relatives of some of the men who fought in the Column, some of whom were from Letterkenny. This year marks the 100 Anniversary of the Column formation. The Members agreed to the erection of the plaque.

# MDL241/22 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.

# 241.1 Alpha Innovation Centre – Appointment of Kevin Sexton

Barney McLaughlin advised that Kevin Sexton has been appointed as the Head of Innovation for the Alpha Innovation Centre in Letterkenny.

# 241.2 Caravan & Camping Study

Barney advised that a public meeting to launch the Caravan & Camping Study is taking place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Silver Tassie Hotel. Details around the grant scheme for businesses who may wish to apply for grant aid under this scheme will also be provided.

# 241.3 Tourism

Barney advised numbers are up on the websites with a lot of traffic on Facebook, Instagram and the Linked In page with 119 different countries involved. Last year there was zero access from the United States, but they are re-emerging again. The United Kingdom market is also opening up again.

# 241.4 Golf Campaign

The digital golf campaign promoting Donegal as a world-class golf destination ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

# 241.5 Research into websites access

The unit are researching into access and will be able to provide information in the future on where people are accessing when online.

# 241.6 Donegal Diaspora

The focus from now on will be on the whole of the County not just the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora.

# 241.7 LEO

The Local Enterprise Office are still receiving enquiries for grant support for businesses. The funding is due to run out mid-year, but it is hoped that further funding will become available before year end.

The Members raised the following items: -

- Cllr. Michael McBride asked if there had been any consultation with the Donegal Motor Club in relation to the rally. He asked what level of funding would be available.
- Cllr. Liam Blaney referred to his role as a representative at the recent LAMA Awards where Donegal County Council had received first and second prize awards. He noted an error in the wording in the report. Cllr. Jack Murray was also in attendance. He hoped that the Mayor would bring awards from the ceremony next year.
- Cllr. Donal Coyle welcomed the appointment of Kevin Sexton as Head of Innovation at the Alpha Innovation Centre and asked if a meeting could be arranged with him with the Members.

Queries were responded to as follows: -

- Barney advised that meetings had taken place with the Donegal Motor Club and that some funding would be available for event. Funding of €4,000 will be provided for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Fáilte Ireland will also provide some funding.
- Liam Ward advised that he would take the request for meeting with Kevin Sexton to the Director, Garry Martin.

# MDL242/22 PLANNING SERVICE

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

Liam Ward advised that a meeting was held with the OPW last Friday. The Chairman and two of his colleagues attended. A presentation was made by the Council in relation to Flood Relief projects. A workshop is to be arranged for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May and a representative from the Flood Relief Team has been invited to attend. It is hoped that another representative from the plan making process will also attend. They may attend online but will be participate in the workshop. Liam will confirm the date of the meeting with the Members.

Liam Ward advised that there will be a consultation process for both the County Development Plan and for Wind Energy and these will be in person events.

The Members commented as follows:

- Cllr. Liam Blaney expressed concern that the message is not getting out to the public about public consultation events. There was poor attendance at recent event in Milford.
- Cllr. Ian McGarvey stated that he had intended to be there but couldn't make it. He suggested that the events take place too early in the day for people working.
- Cllr. Michael McBride advised that there was a low turnout at the recent public consultation in The Lagoon in Termon. These events should be advertised more on the airwaves as well as local newspapers.
- Cllr. Michael McBride asked about the outcome of the meeting with the OPW and if they would meet with the Members of this Municipal District.

Liam Ward responded to the queries as follows: -

- Liam advised that he would bring back these comments. The public consultations are advertised on social media and Paul Christie was on Highland Radio earlier in the week. He noted that the first event held in Lifford did not have a great turnout. The recent event took place from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. to accommodate people working.
- Elaine McEntee confirmed that events are regularly advertised on social media and local radio. She suggested that the Council should look at how they engage with the public and the imagery and language used. It is unfortunate that complaints are received later when there are opportunities for the public to have their say. She also suggested that the Council could possibly set up a stand on a Saturday like what was done with the Regeneration plan.
- He will ask Paddy Mullen to follow up on query from Cllr. McBride in relation to takeover of Bracken Lea.
- Liam confirmed that a meeting was held with the Chairman of the OPW, Maurice Buckley and two of his colleagues. The schemes were reviewed, and the Council presented data to them noting that the Council projects deserved higher priority than what they were given. They took the data away with them. They were advised of the workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> May and a commitment was made that someone

from the OPW would be available for the workshop but may be online. There should be at least one person and possibly two available. The workshop will commence at 2 p.m.

# MDL243/22 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

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

# 243.1 2022 Local Improvement Scheme

David McIlwaine referred to the allocation of €224,668 for Letterkenny-Milford M.D. and the programme agreed with the Members at the workshop on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

On the proposal of Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Liam Blaney the agreed programme was approved.

# 243.2 2022 Restoration Maintenance & Improvement Programmes

David advised that works are ongoing with contracts carried out in the Letterkenny Rural and Letterkenny Town areas with works to be carried out in the Fanad Area this week and Carrigart Area next week. There has been an increase in the cost of the works since the programme of  $\leq$ 3.9m was agreed in March this year. The cost of the agreed works has increased by approximately  $\leq$ 675,000 for the Restoration Improvement programme. Some projects may have to be dropped or works curtailed on them. David advised that he would need to have a discussion with the Members on how to manage the agreed projects. The increased cost of the Restoration Maintenance programme is approximately  $\leq$ 320,000.

The Members raised the following items: -

- Cllr. Donal Coyle asked if an application for extra funding has been made to Central Government. If not, a case should be made to the Department.
- Cllr. Coyle referred to a problem with potholes at the entrance to Tara Court. There are also two lights there that are not working. He understands that it is a bigger job than just replacing the lights as underground work may be required.
- Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly referred to missing the deadline for submission of motions and was not impressed that he could not submit them after the deadline.
- Cllr. Kelly's first motion was to ask the Council to visit every avenue to source funding for work at Meenirroy Bridge. The Minister visited there a month ago and was shocked at the state of the bridge and the road. Traffic count results showed that 2,000 vehicles per day are using the road which included HGVs, vans, and cars. This road is the main artery to Letterkenny from that area. The Minister was made aware of the traffic count results. He asked that work on the bridge be prioritised.

There was funding of  $\leq 250,000$  for the work which has since been diverted to Road Design for the Southern Relief Road. Can this money be transferred back if not used? If no longer available, then funding should be sought for the bridge as it is a death trap with the road falling away on the side.

- Cllr. Kelly's other motion was in relation to speed ramps, seeking a meeting or workshop to discuss the height specifications for ramps in towns and at town boundaries. The Town link bus was recently damaged on a ramp.
- Cllr. Michael McBride noted that he was going to request that money for the Southern Relief Road not used this year would be diverted to do works on the road at Trentagh. If this money is still available maybe it could be split between the two projects.
- Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh asked for an update on his request for a yellow box at Hawthorn Heights.
- Cllr. Michael McBride asked for an update on his question in relation to gravel on the pathway to the Mountain Top.

David McIlwaine responded as follow: -

- David advised that he had asked Roads Central to discuss the additional costs with the Department. To date there has been no response.
- David noted the issues at entrance to Tara Court and will follow up on them.
- He is aware of the situation at Meenirroy and shares the concerns in relation to the bridge and road. He is working on the costs of the required work and will seek a source of funding for it.
- He is not aware of any issues with the Southern Relief Road but agreed to follow up on this and update the Members and if possible, request transfer of any funding not used.
- He advised that the application for funding under Climate Adaptation was not successful, but he will look at other sources of funding.

# MDL244/22 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

# 244.1 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022

Eamonn Brown referred to item no. 2 on the report in relation to the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022. This is a new scheme which has been piloted in the Stranorlar Municipal District last year. In the Letterkenny-Milford M.D. this year 20 properties will be upgraded at Chapel View, Kilmacrennan and at Chapel Road, Rathmullan. The Housing Engineer is working with colleagues in the Stranorlar M.D. who have expertise in programme. It is hoped that this programme will be increased going forward. The Members raised the following items: -

- Cllr. Gerry McMonagle welcomed the news in relation to this programme.
- Cllr. McMonagle referred to the new MICA team noting that the Letterkenny-Milford Housing Engineer is going to be part of that team along with another Engineer and that they are to be based in Buncrana. He asked that Brenda be based here in Letterkenny rather than Buncrana. There are a lot of properties affected in this area and she is familiar with them. It would be invaluable to keep her here in this office.
- Cllr. Liam Blaney supported Cllr. McMonagle's request. There is a perception that the Inishowen area is the worst affected, but the situation is as bad here in Letterkenny-Milford. Faulty products are not just from one quarry. The problem is all over the County although the north of the County is the worst affected. One of the Engineers should be in Letterkenny.

Liam Ward responded as follows: -

• Liam Ward advised that his is not aware of where the team are to be located. Resources had been applied for and obtained. He will bring the views of the Members back to the Director, Patsy Lafferty.

# MDL245/22 ENVIRONMENT

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

# 245.1 Blue Flag Beach Restrictions for Dog Owners

Joe Ferry referred to item in the report in relation to the new byelaws for dog owners restricting access to the Blue Flag Beaches.

# 245.2 The Big Donegal Clean-Up

Joe referred to the Donegal Clean-Up which is currently ongoing. He thanked the Volunteers who are involved in this and noted that Council Staff are still available to lift rubbish collected.

The Members raised the following items: -

- Cllr. Michael McBride welcomed the news that Bryson Recycling have been awarded a new contract to manage the recycling facilities. A massive amount of waste is dealt with at the facilities and they are well managed. He noted that this was the first he had heard of the new contract and asked that Members be kept aware of future items like this.
- Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked for a list of beaches where dog owners can walk their dogs.

Joe Ferry responded as follows: -

• Joe advised that the restricted areas of beaches would be marked off and that notice boards would give details of the areas restricted and the times access is restricted.

# MDL246/22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

# 246.1 Rural Programme Workshop

Francis Conaghan advised that a date needs to be arranged for the next workshop to provide updates to the Members. It was agreed that the workshop would take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 10 a.m. and would be held in the Chamber.

#### QUESTIONS

# MDL247/22 UPDATE ON CHANGING PLACES FACILITY FOR LETTERKENNY

In answer to his question requesting an update on any progress made on the changing places facility for Letterkenny, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

"The Council is examining a number of suitable locations for the provision of this facility within the town. The options will be presented to Members at a Letterkenny MD workshop, at an early date."

# MDL248/22 SWEET FACTORY PLAYGROUND IN BERNARD MCGLINCHEY TOWN PARK

In answer to his question as to when the works at the sweet factory playground in Bernard McGlinchey town park will be completed, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

"Following a meeting with the contractor it is aimed to have all works complete on the sweet factory playground in the Bernard Mc Glinchey town park by early June 2022."

# MDL249/22 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING AT SLIEVE SNEACHT

In answer to his question can the Council provide additional public lighting at Slieve Sneacht as a matter of urgency, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

"This can be considered for prioritising when the next programme for Public Lights and footpaths is being prepared or an application may be submitted as part of the Members Public Lights and Infrastructure Fund."

# MDL250/22 MAINTENANCE OF PROPOSED URBAN WETLANDS IN LETTERKENNY

In answer to his question are any estimated costs available for the maintenance of the proposed urban wetlands in Letterkenny, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

"The early stage design concept in relation to an Urban Wetland in Letterkenny is a landscape management response to work with nature. In this context, maintenance is not expected to be intensive requiring clearance of vegetation periodically together with likely management of water courses flowing to the area including filtration of sediment and/or pollutants. As the concept is an early stage in the design process, it requires significant further onward project development which would in due course provide more information in this regard."

#### MDL251/22 PRICING OF WATER CONNECTIONS

In answer to his question can we ask Irish Water for their formula for pricing water connections to potential customers, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

"This question will be forwarded to Irish Water requesting that they respond to the LKMD Elected Members directly with their response.

The Elected Members can submit such requests directly to Irish Water through the Local Representative dedicated portal. Irish Water have a separate Connections and Developer section with associated pricing system. The Irish Water Charges Plan for connections can be located on Irish Water website. Donegal LA are not involved in Irish Water's connection pricing system."

# MDL252/22 GRAVEL ON CYCLEWAY ON N56 FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP TO ELLISTRIN

In answer to his question asking that the problem of gravel on the cycleway along the right-hand side of the N56 from the Mountain Top to Ellistrin be investigated, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

"An investigation into this issue will be arranged and possible remedial action considered."

# MDL253/22 PROPERTIES / HOUSES ACQUIRED BY CPO

In answer to his question how many CPOs this Council has used in the last five years to acquire vacant Houses or Property in Letterkenny, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, was advised: "Council have not used the CPO process to acquire properties in Letterkenny in the last five years. However, Council is considering the use of CPOs with a view to acquiring land and property as part of the current housing plan."

#### MDL254/22 CASUAL TRADING BAYS AT OLD DUNNES

In answer to his question as to when the Casual Trading Bays at Old Dunnes will be reinstated, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

"Casual Trading byelaws across the county are being reviewed with the aim of bringing Draft Byelaws and associated designated trading sites/pitches forward for the Members consideration before the end of 2022. The Draft Byelaws will be discussed by the Municipal District prior to publication of any Draft Byelaws."

#### MDL255/22 INFORMATION ON ADT FOR LETTERKENNY/MILFORD ROAD

In answer to his question if there is information on the ADT for the Letterkenny/Milford Road, Cllr. Ian McGarvey was advised:

"The most recent Traffic Counts carried out on the R245 Letterkenny to Milford Road were carried out at 3 locations and the results were as follows:

Road No.	Location	AADT
R245/3	Woodlands	9,146
R245/8	Aghnagaddy Glebe	8,692
R245/9	Roughan	5,844

*Further Traffic Counts are programmed to be carried out over the next few months."* 

# MDL256/22 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In answer to his question how our Planners can be allowed to violate our Development Plan as agreed by Council, Cllr. Ian McGarvey was advised:

"This allegation has been made on a number of occasions, in particular with reference to a development in Drumonaghan Wood in Ramelton.

As stated previously, the application in question was considered by Donegal Co. Council as the Planning Authority in accordance with the provisions of the County Development Plan 2018 - 2024.

*The Planners dealing with this application did not violate the Development Plan.* 

Donegal Co. Council's decision on this application was confirmed on appeal by An Bord Pleanála."

#### MDL257/22 PROMOTION OF RATHMULAN PORT

In answer to his question will the Marine Section of this Council promote the importance of Rathmullan Port as a European Port of recognition for all sea going Shipping as a very safe Port for all users, Cllr. Ian McGarvey was advised:

"Donegal County Council has secured BALAMI funding for the refurbishment of Rathmullan Pier which once completed will facilitate the removal of the current weight restriction and so provide for significant improved access to the pier head and enable the Council to promote this facility to sea going shipping as a safe haven and facility for all users, in accordance with Brexit and other Maritime rules and conditions."

# MDL258/22 UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION OF SLIPWAY BESIDE MEEVAGH BOATYARD

In answer to his question requesting an update on his motion at the last meeting re the construction of a slipway beside Meevagh Boatyard, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

"While there is no additional funding or resources to deliver such a project at this time, and the Piers & Harbours team will be fully committed to delivering those projects successful in receiving BALAMI funding as well as its normal annual maintenance and works programme, it is acknowledged that there is a keen interest and desire to develop the facilities at Mevagh. To this end, the Council will commence review of need and preparations for statutory approvals as required with a view to applying for funding once project has been developed and relevant sanctions are in place."

# MDL259/22 MEASURE 3 FUNDING FOR FOOTPATH FROM CARRIGART TO DOWNINGS

In answer to his question requesting an update on his motion at the last meeting re applying for ORIS measure 3 funding for the footpath from Carrigart to Downings, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

"The Council is currently actively reviewing proposed projects in preparation for submission to the DRCD on/before the 25th May and in relation to the Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2022. In this regard the proposed walkway between Carrigart and Downings is being considered for an application for funding subject to it meeting the eligibility criteria as outlined by the Scheme Outline."

# MDL260/22 CAR PARK FOR THE GREAT ARCH

In answer to his question as to when it is hoped to have the Car Park for the Great Arch completed and ready for use by the Public, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

"Surfacing works on the car park serving the Great Arch Trail in Fanad will commence on Tuesday 10th May 2022 and should be complete by Friday 13th May 2022 with lining and road markings taking place thereafter leaving the car park ready for public use within the next few weeks."

# MDL261/22 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting and the MDL AGM would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in a venue to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor

Meetings Administrator