

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY-MILFORD MEETING, HELD IN AURA CENTRE LETTERKENNY, ON 14 JULY, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M.

MDL153/20 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Liam Blaney
Cllr. Kevin Bradley
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan
Cllr. Donal Coyle
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh
Cllr. Donal Kelly
Cllr. Michael Mc Bride
Cllr. Ian McGarvey
Cllr. Gerry McMonagle
Cllr. John O'Donnell

MDL154/20 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Liam Ward, Director of Service
Patricia McIntyre, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services
Linda McCann, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services
Frank Sweeney, Executive Planner
Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Francis Conaghan, Development Officer
Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
Brenda Hegarty, Economic Development

MDL155/20 OFFICIALS APOLOGIES

Graham Diamond, Executive Planner
Joe Ferry, A/Senior Executive Chemist

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Donal Coyle.

MDL156/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

MDL157/20 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, the Minutes of meeting of 10 March 2020 were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the Minutes of meeting of 9 June 2020 were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Donal Kelly, the Minutes of AGM of 23 June 2020 were adopted.

MDL158/20 **BALLYBOE PARK**

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

“That the Council consider Ballyboe Park as a possible candidate for investment under the Housing Finance Agency's Social Investment Fund.”

Members were advised that:

“The Housing Finance Agency Social Investment Fund provides funding for projects that complements social housing and enables community development. There is a limited national budget of €150,000 with a maximum limit of €35,000 for any one application. The project needs to demonstrate the potential positive contribution to the local community and an example of such, but not limited to, would be communal gardens and playgrounds. Applications will be accepted up to the end of this year.

At the February 2020 Municipal District meeting, the following motion from Cllr. Kavanagh was adopted: “That this Council put in place a plan for the development of Ballyboe Linear Park, in conjunction with the residents in the area, Resident’s Association, the Council Members, Tidy Towns, etc so that it can reach its full potential and better serve the population of the area”. As a first step to progressing the motion, the Council planned to make contact with the representatives of the relevant groups to arrange a meeting but this was put on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, this engagement can commence now to identify the scope of works required and explore funding options, including funding under the Housing Finance Agency’s Social Investment Fund.

It should be noted that the Council has also been engaging with other Resident’s Associations who may be interested in submitting an application under the Fund.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh welcomed the funding opportunity made available through this Fund and suggested that an application for an activity park for smaller children might be considered. He welcomed the response that the Council will liaise with the local groups in the area to prepare the application.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle who also welcomed the potential funding opportunity to redevelop parts of the park.

MDL159/20 **MUNICIPAL BURIAL GROUND**

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

“That the Council consider providing a Municipal burial ground, as part of the new Letterkenny Area Plan.”

Members were advised that:

“The location for a Municipal Burial Ground in Letterkenny will be considered as part of the development of the Letterkenny Area Plan. The Water and Environment Directorate has undertaken to lead out on a process to examine suitable locations. During this process, the Central Planning Unit (CPU) will liaise with Water and Environment and other sections as necessary. Should one or more suitable sites be identified during the process, these sites can then be presented to Members for their consideration in terms of including such a site in the Draft Plan for public consultation”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh noted that this issued was raised previously by a number of the Elected Members and it is so important to have a burial ground in Letterkenny which is heading towards city status. He believed that there is an opportunity now to identify and earmark a site in the new Letterkenny Local Area Plan.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride again reiterated the need for a graveyard to cater for the large population in Letterkenny.

MDL160/20 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES GLENCAR ROAD

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

“That this Council install Traffic Calming measures on the Glencar Road from the Gaelscoil Junction to Chestnut Grove in the interest of community and road safety”

Members were advised that:

“The last ramp was installed along Glencar Road at Blacks Bridge as part of the funded low cost accidents scheme, which was in response to historical speed related traffic accidents at this location. The installed measures have resulted in reduced speeds on the section referred to. There have been no further recorded accidents along the Glencar Road.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle expressed the concerns of local residents at the fast pace of traffic on the Glencar Road and notwithstanding the reply given, asked the Council to investigate the installation of traffic calming measures, such as ramps, on this road.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Kavanagh reiterated the concerns of the residents along this road.

MDL161/20 GRASS CUTTING POLICY

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

“That this Council discuss the recent policy implemented on grass cutting as it is having a negative impact and response within our local communities.”

Members were advised that:

“There is no new policy implemented in relation to grass cutting in the MDL-M.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle said that notwithstanding the reply given that the grass policy had not changed, he does recall a time when the grass cuttings were collected and disposed off site. The mulching of the grass is leaving estates untidy and he asked the Roads Services to re-examine the matter again with a view to collecting the grass cuttings.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Kavanagh reiterated the concerns of residents that the grass cuttings were leaving estates untidy and footpaths slippery. In reply to the concerns, Fergal Doherty, Area Manager, Roads Service advised that the lawnmowers came fitted with a device to mulch the grass and it would not be feasible to change that to a collection system. In addition, the collection and disposal of the grass cuttings would have resource and budget implications. Cllr. McMonagle proposed the Council start to harvest the grass and explore how to dispose of it properly. He suggested a workshop be held on the matter.

MDL162/20 ROAD DRAINAGE CHURCHLANDS/ARD CAOIN

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

“That this Council work with local Land Owners and the residents of Churchlands and Ard Caoin to put in place a proper road drain along a Right of Way between the two estates to prevent the type of flooding that was experienced there last week.”

Members were advised that:

“The Planning Department have received applications from residents in both of these residential estates to have them Taken in Charge. The Planning Authority will investigate, with the Roads Department, the works required to bring the estate to taking in charge standard, and will seek to engage with adjoining land owners to determine the required solution to mitigate any future reoccurrence of the flooding issues experienced recently.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle welcomed the reply and thanked the Council for their speedy response on the matter.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Brogan welcomed the reply that the Council will engage with the landlords and thanked the Council also for the quick response.

MDL163/20 ROAD WIDENING PROGRAMME

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

“That this Council add Churchill to Kilmacrennan road, from the Trentagh crossroads to Nine-Eyed Bridge, to the 5 year Widening Programme.”

Members were advised that:

“This was discussed in the morning workshop in the context of the application for a 5 year Specific Improvement Grant programme.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kelly welcomed that this was included in the 5 Year Programme application as agreed at the workshop prior to the meeting.

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

MDL164/20 MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

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

“That the Letterkenny Municipal area request a meeting with the new Minister for Transport Eamonn Ryan so we can impress upon him the urgent need for investment in our roads network in Letterkenny and the economic and safety benefits it would bring with it.

Members were advised that:

“If adopted, the Roads Section will arrange for the requested invitation to be issued.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride noted the poor standard and lack of proper road infrastructure in Letterkenny town and rural areas. He felt that there was a lack of commitment from the government and it was important to meet the Minister to ensure funding priority for this area.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan fully supported the motion and shared Cllr. McBride’s concern.

MDL165/20 DOG FOULING STATIONS

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

“That a plan be put in place to roll out dog fouling stations for the entire town of Letterkenny.”

Members were advised that:

“Over the last year our Litter Warden Martin Roarty has promoted the Any Bag Any Bin initiative throughout Letterkenny.

This has included the painting of stencils on the ground, the erection of information signage, and two promotional videos on Dog Fouling. Martin is working with the Roads section to see if additional Litter bins are needed or Litter bins may be able to be relocated to other areas of the town.

We are actively promoting the use of litter bins rather than Dog Foul bins only.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride requested that specific bins and bags were provided for owners to use.

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

MDL166/20 STREET LIGHTING BEECHWOOD

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

“That this Council install street light at Beechwood Ave and on the lane between Beechwood Ave and Beechwood Park”

Members were advised that:

“This location to be included in the list for discussion and agreement in relation to the 2021 'Footpath and Public Lighting Programme'. It is intended that a workshop to that effect be held around October of this year”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Bradley said this area was particularly dark and residents were concerned particularly in the winter months.

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

MDL167/20 TRAFFIC CALMING CIRCULAR ROAD

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

“That this Council install traffic calming measures on the Circular Road, Letterkenny.”

Members were advised that:

“There are already traffic calming elements installed on Circular Road, with pedestrian crossings, wide footpaths, landscaping and islands at appropriate locations. There is also a turning lane facility for relevant junctions on the Circular Road. The Circular Road is shortly due for resurfacing and extensive relining, that will further reinforce the urban nature of the road.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Bradley asked that measures be put in place from Simpsons shop to the roundabout due to the excessive speed of vehicles.

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

MDL168/20 PICNIC AREA MANORCUNNINGHAM

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

“That this Council take responsibility and address the on-going problem of litter and grass cutting at the lay-bye and picnic area on the N13 at Manorcunningham.”

Members were advised that:

“Since this layby has come within the MDL-M, the road section is continuing to cut the grass monthly (at the same frequency as was carried out by the Inishowen MD previously). With regards to Litter, the Mobile Litter Unit services the Manor Picnic area on a weekly basis. He empties the litter bins, and puts in new bags, and litter picks the area so as to leave the picnic area tidy for the visitors using it.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Coyle said that this was a popular lay-bye and asked that grass cutting and litter collection be carried out more frequently.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Kavanagh supported the motion.

MDL169/20 TEMPLEDOUGLAS GRAVEYARD

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

“That this Council seek funding for the upgrade of the entrance and carpark at Temple Douglas graveyard.”

Members were advised that:

“Temple Douglas graveyard is currently being used by the local church and as such, is not an historic graveyard in the care of the Council. Currently the only available programmes for carpark resurfacing are within the LIS programme which has already been concluded for 2020.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Coyle asked that the Council seek funding to repair potholes as the carpark was used often.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Bradley supported the motion.

Fergal Doherty advised that the Council was not responsible for maintenance of the carpark.

MDL170/20 STEP DOWN AT LURGYBRACK N.S.

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

“That this Council in conjunction with T.I.I. provide a temporary step-down for parents dropping off and collecting children at Lurgybrack school. At present, cars park at the side of the N13 facing south above the school and this is highly dangerous.”

Members were advised that:

“It is noted that the cars parking as indicated in the Motion, are parking contrary to the school drop off plan and outside of the designated school drop off area. It is also noted that this issue will be eliminated following the construction of the N56/N13 Letterkenny to Manorcunningham, Donegal TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Scheme. The matter of potentially providing a step-down area at the location indicated was looked at by the NRA in the past but was not progressed because of various safety issues that it posed, and is unlikely to be funded in the current climate with the TEN-T in the pipeline.

Notwithstanding, Roads will refer the matter for assessment, and the Council will liaise with the school in relation to encouraging parents to use the existing drop-off facility.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Coyle said that parents used a temporary lay-bye as the existing designated area was not adequate and asked that a proper surface would be laid in order that cars could use the lay-bye.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan fully supported the motion and advised that this issue was raised numerous times in the past and asked that a meeting be arranged on-site to identify solutions.

MDL171/20 REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LETTERKENNY TOWN COUNCIL

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

“I propose that this Council pass a motion and write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government requesting the reinstatement of Letterkenny Town Council as part of any local government reform programme.”

Members were advised that:

“The motion is noted and if adopted the Council will make contact with the Minister as requested.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan called on the new government to reinstate the former Town Council and that the Minister would meet members. Cllr. Brogan said the Town Council was a major success in Letterkenny and worked closely with the Tidy Towns Committee and communities where decisions were made locally.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle fully supported the motion and said that since the Town Council was abolished there had been a lack of sufficient funding for roads and a lack of support for communities.

MDL172/20 MEETING WITH IRISH WATER

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

“I propose that this Council meet with Irish Water as a matter of urgency to discuss the current programme of works around Letterkenny.”

Members were advised that:

“Council staff working on Irish Water’s capital projects under the SLA regularly liaise with the Roads Area staff in Letterkenny in relation to programmes that impact on the road network in order to co-ordinate works to the greatest extent possible. Should this motion be passed the Council will contact Irish Water to advise them of the request and ask that they respond to the LMMD Meetings Administrator without delay.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan asked that Irish Water meet members to advise and update on works being carried out in the area and noted that lack of information provided to businesses and members on recent works in Letterkenny.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle fully support the motion and concurred with Cllr. Brogan.

MDL173/20 MAYORS BUSINESS

Cllr. Donal Coyle reported on his attendance at the following:

Laid a Wreath on behalf of them Members at the grave of the Late Cllr. Manus Kelly on the 1st Anniversary.

Photo shoot with the Chamber President at the market Square.

Official launch of the new scoreboard at Leck View Park funded by the DFI.

90th Birthday celebration of Cllr. Ian McGarvey.

MDL174/20 CORRESPONDENCE

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. Kevin Bradley the Members agreed to receive a deputation from Rathmullan Way Forward prior to the September meeting.

MDL175/20 PLANNING SERVICES

The Members considered the report circulated with the Agenda. Members were advised that there were currently no face to face meetings during the Covid 19 restrictions. Cllr. Brogan asked that these meetings could be facilitated in line with HSE guidelines.

Liam Ward agreed to examine this and seek to re-establish the meetings at an early date.

175.1 Unauthorised Developments

Cllr. McBride asked that is more proactive in responding to unauthorised developments. Liam Ward advised that there was a significant increase during lockdown period and these issues were being addressed on a prioritised basis.

MDL176/20 ENVIRONMENT

The Members considered the contents of the Environment report as circulated with the Agenda.

The Members acknowledged the work of the Litter Wardens during the Covid lockdown and their continued support to community groups going forward in line with HSE guidelines.

Cllr. Liam Blaney asked that signage is erected highlighting the dangerous currents at Murder Hole Beach in Downings due to the increase volume of visitors in the area.

MDL177/20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, I.S. & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Members considered the contents of the report circulated with the Agenda. The Members commended the support staff had given to businesses during the Covid 19 restrictions.

MDL178/20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Members considered the contents of the report circulated with the Agenda.

178.1 DFI Allocation

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan the Members approved the DFI Allocation 2020 as circulated in the report.

178.2 Play Park Funding

Members welcomed the funding for Ard na Ri Play park and asked that a ball catch net would be erected to protect houses.

178.3 Murder Hole Beach

Members were advised that tenders were being prepared for the beach trail at melmore Downings and Cllr. Blaney asked that funding was sought to provide a car park also due to the volume of visitors.

178.4 Portsalon Car Park

Cllr. Blaney acknowledged the great work of everyone involved in the construction of the new carpark at Portsalon.

MDL179/20 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The Members considered the contents of the Roads report as circulated with the Agenda.

179.1 Specific Improvement Schemes Application – 5 Year Prioritisation

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh the prioritisation as agreed at the workshop was adopted.

179.2 Percent Art Scheme

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan it was agreed that the Mayor, Cllr. Donal Coyle would represent the Municipal District on the selection panel to consider submissions received on N56 Coolboy to Kilmacrennan Road Scheme recently tendered by the DNRDO.

179.2 Use of Bernard McGlinchey Town Park

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh permission was granted to the Go Pink for Libby organisers to use the Town park on 2 August 2020.

MDL180/20 HOUSING

180.1 Section 183 Disposal of land at Doaghmore, Kindrum, Fanad

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey the Members agreed to the disposal of a section of land at Doaghmore, Kindrum, Fanad to Mr. John Carr as circulated in the report.

180.2 Social Housing Scheme in Ramelton

Members asked for an update on the proposed purchase of properties in Ramelton for social housing. Patricia McIntyre agreed to forward an update to Members on this matter.

180.2 Social Housing Waiting List

Members noted the high demand for social housing in Letterkenny, Rathmullan, Carrigart and Downings areas and in particular the lack of private rented accommodation and high rents. Members asked that more would be done to provide affordable housing to applicants approved for housing support.

180.3 Mica Scheme

Cllr. Liam Blaney asked if the existing Mica Scheme would be available to homeowners who had carried out remedial works prior to the introduction of the scheme, in particular, where foundations were affected by mica and not rectified by the homeowners.

Questions

MDL181/20 SIGNAGE AT HUGH DUFFY CARPARK

In answer to his question requesting the Council to provide a sign at the entrance to Hugh Duffy car park, similar to the signage at Tadhg Culbert Carpark, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

“This Council will arrange appropriate signage for Carpark”.

MDL182/20 WORKS TO DISABLED PARKING SPOTS

In answer to his question requesting if the Council have identified a budget to carry out the necessary works identified in the Council's survey of disabled parking spots in Letterkenny, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

“No fundings have been identified to implement any works on the disabled parking spots in Letterkenny. It is noted that the disabled parking bays identified in the recent report were deemed to be largely compliant with guidelines and fully functional. The proposed works identified were for enhancement of these spaces.”

MDL183/20 WORKS TO FOUR LANE AND POLESTAR ROUNDABOUT

In answer to his question requesting an update on when the works will begin on the Four Lane and the Signalisation Proposal for the Polestar Roundabout, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

“ Four Lane - As previously reported this important project is currently undergoing normal Final Design review and Project appraisal (Public Spending Code requirements). Some additional consideration has been required in the context of the current Covid 19 restriction and impact on both tender and construction process. This is still ongoing. It is still hoped to tender the project in July. At this stage commencement will be Q4 2020 subject to approvals and funding.

Pole Star Signalisation - This is a separate project to the N56 Four Lane Road scheme. All interfaces between the two sets of works are being considered. The Polestar Roundabout element is currently in the Part 8 planning process (closing date 8th July 2020) and will be submitted to Plenary Council on 20th July 2020 for approval. Subject to this approval, some elements of the works will then be tendered for construction to avail of the €500,000 budget allocated by DTTAS for 2020 and are likely to commence in Q4 2020.”

MDL184/20 WATER SUPPLY GLEN TAIN/ GORT NA GREINE

In answer to his question requesting an update on the works done to date to enhance Water Supply and pressure at Glen Tain/Gort Na Greine estates and what if any outstanding works have yet to be carried out by this Council to ensure adequate water supply for the residents, Cllr. Gerryr McMonagle was advised:

“The scope of works required to enhance water supply and pressure are included in the recent grant of planning permission for a new development at Gleann Tain / Gort na Greine. Other than this, the Council are responding to any issues as they may arise. No planned works have been scheduled to commence at present.”

MDL185/20 MICA REDRESS SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK

In answer to his question requesting how many Social Houses affected by Mica have we got in the Letterkenny/Milford MD and when will this Council begin addressing those Social Housing Stock homes affected by Mica, Cllr. Gerryr McMonagle was advised:

“I wish to confirm that addressing the issue of Council houses affected by Mica is a high priority for the Council. While the Council have identified a number of houses that could potentially be affected by Mica within this Municipal District the actual number will not be known until the testing regime is undertaken. The Council have already had engagement with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government seeking approval and funding to proceed with works to affected Council houses. Engagement has been positive to date and communication and dialogue is ongoing. The Members will be kept updated on this matter.”

MDL186/20 TRAFFIC CALMING MANORCUNNINGHAM VILLAGE

In answer to his question requesting an update on the Manorcunningham Village traffic calming measures, Cllr. Donal Kelly was advised:

“Road Design have advised that, due to Covid 19 restrictions and current funded workloads, there has been slow progress on the Safety Review Requests projects at this time. The Manorcunningham Village safety review is ongoing and report will issue in Q3 2020.”

MDL187/20 GLENSWILLY GAA PITCH ENTRANCE

In answer to his question requesting an update on the Glenswilly GAA pitch entrance safety issues, Cllr. Donal Kelly was advised:

“The identified measures of renewing road markings are on the schedule for the next visit of liners to the area in the coming week, and the identified road signage needs are ordered. As the pitch entrance is not a public road, measures for maintenance of hedges at the entrance remain with the club. Measures for

the installation of additional street lighting to be included for discussion and agreement in relation to the 2021 'Footpath and Public Lighting Programme'. It is intended that a workshop to that effect be held around October of this year."

MDL188/20 ROAD LINING GARTAN BRIDGE TO LOSSET ROAD

In answer to his question requesting when do we expect the newly tarred road between Gartan Bridge and Lossett to be newly lined, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

"Lining of this road is included in the contract that is currently tendered. It is programmed for completion mid August."

MDL189/20 AUDIT AND REPLACEMENT OF MISSING ROAD MARKER SIGNS

In answer to his question requesting an audit of all missing local road markers and have all missing road numbers installed, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

"There are no plans in place to undertake a county wide audit at present. Members are advised that where they notice any missing road signs, including local road numbers signs, they should be reported to MD roads staff who will schedule replacements,"

MDL190/20 LIS PROGRAMME - GARTAN

In answer to his question requesting why the avenue in Gartan along the lake was not included on the recent LIS programme despite a motion passed unanimously by local Councillors to top slice funding from the last train has of funding, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

"As agreed at the October MDL meeting, (MDL822/19), Gartan was included for assessment along with the other 300+ applications under the current guidelines, however the allocated funding allowed for the completion of only 7 schemes as advised to members back in May of this year. There was never an agreement or facility in the guidelines to "top slice" funding for any particular application."

MDL191/20 CIRCULAR ROAD REINSTATEMENT

In answer to his question requesting an updated report on the Circular Road reinstatement works, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

"Irish Waters have confirmed that permanent road reinstatement works on the Circular Road will start in August 2020 and will include the resurfacing of the section between Long Lane and Errigal Road."

MDL192/20 FAIRGREEN HILL HOUSING ESTATE

In answer to his question requesting an updated report on proposed works in Fairgreen Hill housing estate, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

“The Council carried out improvement works to the green area in the estate in 2019 and made contact with the residents at that time seeking for them to establish a Resident's Association to facilitate engagement with the Council in relation to improvements to the estate. Once this Resident's Association has been established the Council will be happy to meet with representatives of the Residents to discuss a work programme for the estate.”

MDL193/20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 15 September, 2020 in a venue to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor

Meetings Administrator