

Minutes of the Letterkenny – Milford Municipal District meeting held on the 9th June 2020 at 2pm in the Chamber, Letterkenny PSC (with adherence to social distancing).

In attendance:

Cllr. Kevin Bradley, Deputy Mayor (Chaired the meeting);
Cllr. Gerry McMonagle;
Cllr. Michael McBride;
Cllr. Donal Coyle;
Cllr. Ian McGarvey;
Patricia McIntyre.

Apologies (due to social distancing restrictions)

Cllr. John O'Donnell, Mayor;
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan;
Cllr. Liam Blaney;
Cllr. Donal Kelly;
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh;
Liam Ward, Director of Services;
Linda McCann;
Fergal Doherty;
Francis Conaghan;
Elaine McEntee;
Joe Ferry;
Kevin McGarvey;
Daragh McDonagh.

- 1. To set the date and venue for the Municipal District of Letterkenny – Milford AGM**
On the proposal of Cllr G McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. I McGarvey it was agreed to hold the AGM on Tuesday 23rd June at 11 am in the Aura Leisure Centre.

Any other Matters.

- 1(a) It was noted that the replies to the questions and the reports from each Service were available on the Member's Hub for the Members and the Press.
- 1(b) **Venue for the meeting of the Municipal District of Letterkenny – Milford scheduled for the 14th July 2020.**
On the proposal of Cllr. M McBride and seconded by Cllr. G McMonagle it was agreed to hold the meeting in the Aura Leisure Centre.
- 1(c) **Consideration of 5 year Specific Improvement Scheme Grants Plan as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Roads Service Report.**
On the proposal of Cllr. G McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. D Coyle it was agreed to hold a workshop to consider the Plan on the 14th July 2020 at 12 noon in the Aura Leisure Centre.

Granting of Planning permission for erection of Mast at Drummonaghan Woods, Ramelton.

Cllr. McGarvey raised the granting of Planning Permission for the erection of a mast at Drummonaghan Woods, Ramelton as a matter of concern to the community of Ramelton. It was noted that planning permission had been granted by Donegal County Council, with conditions, in accordance with the County Development Plan 2018 – 2024. The decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala who upheld the decision. During a lengthy discussion the health, safety and amenity concerns of the community in relation to the location of the mast were highlighted with Cllr. McGarvey voicing the opinion that customary rights should have taken into account when considering the application and in the subsequent appeal.

There were contributions from all Members presented it was noted that given a decision has been made by An Bord Pleanala to uphold the planning decision that the community were restricted in further opposition to the mast other than the taking of judicial review proceedings which might be prohibitive in terms of costs. On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. Kevin Bradley it was agreed to recommend that Donegal County Council and an Bord Pleanala consider more carefully the location of such masts.

This ended the meeting.