

MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY MEETING HELD IN THE MILFORD PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

MDL 337/17 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Liam Blaney
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan
Cllr. Adrian Glackin
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh
Cllr. Michael McBride
Cllr. Ian McGarvey
Cllr. Gerry McMonagle
Cllr. John O'Donnell
Cllr Dessie Shiels

MDL338/17 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Eunan Kelly, Area Manager, Corporate & Housing Services
Ciaran Martin, Development Officer
Linda McCann, Senior Staff Officer
Martin McDermott, Executive Planner
Liam Ward, Director of Service

MDL339/17 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Cllr. James Pat McDaid

MDL340/17 OFFICIALS APOLOGIES

Julie McMahan, Water Environment

The meeting was chaired by Mayor, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh.

MDL341/17 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. John O'Donnell the meeting was adjourned to allow the Members receive the deputation from Blake Property Management.

MDL342/17 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MDL MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY, 2017

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the Minutes of MDL Meeting held on 11th July, 2017 were adopted.

MDL343/17 HEALTHY ESTATES INITIATIVE, LETTERKENNY

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

That the Council liaise with Letterkenny Youth and Family Services, and consider ways that the Healthy Estate Initiative recently piloted in Cnoc Ard, would be developed and possibly extended into other estates in the future.

The Members were advised that:

Donegal County Council and Letterkenny Youth and Family Services would carry out an evaluation of the Healthy Estates initiative to determine its success and also if this could be rolled out in other estates and what budgets this might include.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh spoke of the event which ran from the 22nd to 25th August with activities organised throughout the week for adults and children. Cllr. Kavanagh said that the residents were very pleased with the event and asked that it is developed in other estates.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle said this was a very good initiative and suggested that other groups could be involved in delivering the programme.

MDL344/17 TEXT ALERT SYSTEM - PARKING

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

That the Council consider introducing on a pilot basis a text alert system to allow members of the public to report illegal parking on disabled parking spaces, similar to that in Gorey.

The Members were advised that:

The Council consider that it was not in the public interest to set up a system whereby members of the public are reporting to the local authority on other members of the public, in relation to traffic offences. Members of the public should report matters of illegality to the Gardaí. In relation to use of disabled parking, regular spot checks around Letterkenny indicate that the mis-use of disabled parking spots was not perceived to be a problem.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh said this system was introduced in Gorey, Co. Wexford and was reported as very successful. Cllr. Kavanagh advised that an app was developed by the local authority IT Department and allows the public to report misuse of disabled parking bays and also highlights the location of disabled parking spaces in the town for visitors. Cllr. Kavanagh felt that this would work quite well in Letterkenny.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride fully supported the motion and said disabled parking should be available for those in need. Cllr. McBride suggested that the Parking Bye-Laws should also be available on the app.

MDL 345/17 URBAN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE INITIATIVES

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

That the Council liaise with Donegal Sports Partnership and interested community groups to decide on a suitable project and make an application for funding under the "Urban Outdoor Adventure Initiatives" strand of the dormant account funding 2017.

The Members were advised that:

The Council had met with the Donegal Sports Partnership on this with a view to submitting an application

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh informed the meeting that this initiative was being developed by Sports Ireland for disadvantaged communities with a fund of €50,000 for each project. The initiative stated that the projects were led by Sports Partnership and asked that the Council make an application.

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

MDL 346/17 SHORE ROAD AND MAIN STREET, RAMELTON

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

That this Council would implement road markings on the Shore Road and Main Street areas of Ramelton Town.

The Members were advised that:

Road markings on the Shore Road and Main Street were programmed to be put down in coming weeks. The triangular area between these streets was currently used informally for parking. It was not intended that formalised parking spaces be marked here due to insufficient room.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Glackin welcomed the response.

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

MDL 347/17 PORTSALON TO BALLYLAR ROAD - RESURFACE

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

That this Council could investigate the possibility of re surfacing the Portsalon to Ballylar Road (L-1112-2), as after work done last autumn for new water mains and re alignment, this busy road towards the popular Fanad Lighthouse remains in a very poor state.

The Members were advised that:

Sections of this road were currently on the draft programme for the coming years. Monies had been spent this year widening the L-1112. In January of each year, the RI and RM programmes for the year were agreed with members. Part of this road would be considered for inclusion in one of the 2018 programmes.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Glackin stated that the road was in very poor condition and considered dangerous. The road was widened following the watermain being laid and was one of the main routes to Fanad Lighthouse.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McMonagle asked that roads were reinstated once services were installed.

Cllr. Blaney advised that the €131,000 was allocated to resurface a stretch of this road and the delay in completing the works was the condition of the ground and the need for settlement. Cllr. Blaney complimented the Council was widening this road as part of laying the watermain works.

Fergal Doherty advised that 800 metres of the road would be tarred in the coming two weeks and a further section would be recommended for prioritisation in the 2018 RI Roadworks Programme to be agreed with members.

MDL 348/17 CARLAND & GORTNATRAW SOUTH, KERRYKEEL

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

That this Council would look at the possibility of implementing improvements to the road in Kerrykeel incorporating the town lands of Carland and Gortnatraw South, which is in a state of disrepair.

The Members were advised that:

Members may include for agreement in the 2018 RI Programme. The annual Restoration Improvement (RI) and Restoration Maintenance (RM) programmes were agreed with members at the beginning of each year.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Glackin said the road ran parallel with St. Brigid's Terrace and was in a very poor state.

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

Fergal Doherty advised that this road was similar to the Portsalon / Ballylar Road in that a new watermain was currently out to tender and is scheduled to be installed in 2018 and Members would be asked to give priority for this also in the 2018 RI Programme to be agreed with members.

MDL 349/17 LETTERKENNY TO MILFORD ROAD UPGRADE

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

I ask that this M.D recommend to full Council the urgent need to upgrade the Letterkenny to Milford Road as it was one of the busiest roads in Donegal

The Members were advised that:

There were currently no Specific Improvement Scheme programmes in place, which were traditionally the means by which major upgrading of Regional Roads were undertaken. There were no other identified means of funding available for the upgrade of the Letterkenny to Milford Road.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey said that this was a very busy road with dangerous junctions, heavy traffic including large vehicles and asked that the Council look seriously at improving this road.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride fully supported the motion and asked that sections were improved.

MDL 350/17 ROAD TAKE-OVER AT UMLAGH, CARRIGART TO DRIMNAMONA

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

That this M.D take over the road at Umlagh, Carrigart to Drimnamona/ Top of Drim to deal with the unsafe exit to the Regional Road at Umlagh

The Members were advised that:

Council would review the proposed takeover in accordance with the adopted takeover policy and advise members accordingly.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey welcomed the response.

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

MDL 351/17 FUTURE WATER PLANS FOR LETTERKENNY MD

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

That this M.D. demand clarification on future water plans for this M.D. now and for the future

The Members were advised that:

If the motion was passed this matter would be referred to Irish Water for response.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey requested details of the water infrastructure plans for the Municipal District of Letterkenny and asked that this was discussed at Plenary Council Meeting as Letterkenny was the economic hub of the County.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Shiels welcomed the proposal to supply water from the Pollan Dam to Letterkenny and asked for details of this proposal.

MDL 352/17 DISABLED PARKING AT NEW LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE

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

That this Municipal District supported the calls for Disability Parking to be provided for at the New Courthouse in Letterkenny and seek a meeting with the Court Services to discuss the lack of public parking at the site

The Members were advised that:

This would be referred to the Court Service if the motion was passed.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle advised that he had written to the Courts Service requesting a meeting to discuss the lack of parking including disabled parking at the new Courthouse in Letterkenny. Cllr. McMonagle advised that this was highlighted as part of the planning process for the Courthouse. Cllr. McMonagle asked that the Municipal District demand that adequate disabled parking was provided.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Glackin fully supported the motion and stated that disabled parking should be mandatory.

Cllr. McMonagle asked that this was insisted on and requested a meeting with the Court Service.

MDL 353/17 BACK LANE, OATFIELD TERRACE

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

That remedial works would be carried out on the Back Lane behind Oatfield Tce in Letterkenny before the lane way deteriorate's any further to ensure it was fit for purpose

The Members were advised that:

The Area Roads Staff would assess and patch this area where required, in order to maintain access fit for purpose.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle welcomed the response.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Glackin fully supported the motion and welcomed the response.

MDL 354/17 LETTERKENNY FLOOD PLAN

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

In light of the recent Flooding that Inishowen, Letterkenny and Stranorlar areas had experienced and the likely hood of further flooding happening in the future I am now calling on this Municipal District to call a meeting with the OPW to discuss Flood Defences to ensure that all precautionary measures where needed were being worked on and implemented to lessen the impact of any potential flooding in our Municipal District Area in the future.

The Members were advised that:

Various towns within the MDL had been identified as AFA's within the Catchement Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) programme being undertaken by the Office of Public Works. At present the OPW were coming to the end of Phase 1 (CFRAM Programme). All AFA's within the CFRAM programme would be prioritised and this would be signed off on by the Minister. It was anticipated this would be completed by October / November 2017. Depending on where an AFA was placed on the priority list, there would still be an extended period of time before the AFA reaches the end of phase 2 (flood relief scheme development) and to phase 3 where people see actual progress (construction).

The OPW advise in relation to the process;

"Following the completion of the CFRAM programme, flood relief schemes, where appropriate, would be developed for areas of significant flood risk. The process of bringing a scheme from concept to construction involved a number of key stages, some of which were requirements of environmental legislation, competition law or engineering best practice. As a result, it was not uncommon for larger flood relief schemes to take a number of years to complete. The government could not fund all schemes at once; therefore these would be prioritised, resulting in a National Programme of Schemes, and implemented on a phased basis."

The OPW was currently at the end of Phase 1 (CFRAM Programme) at the Flood Risk Management Plans step. Phase 2 (flood relief scheme development) had yet to commence and the first step of this phase was the development of the National Programme of Schemes (as referred to above). There were a number of steps in this phase prior to reaching the final phase of the process, Phase 3 (Construction).

On proposing the motion Cllr. McMonagle welcomed the response but asked if the Council could wait on the phased works planned. Cllr. McMonagle asked that the OPW meet with Members to discuss the timeframes for works in Ramelton and other areas. Cllr. McMonagle expressed concern that if a national scheme was introduced Donegal would receive low priority.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Glackin fully supported the motion and the importance of being proactive than reactive. Cllr. Glackin acknowledged the great response of Council staff and other services following the recent flooding.

Liam Ward stated that the OPW had agreed to examine proposals on CFRAMS and agreed to request a meeting to discuss Letterkenny alone.

MDL 355/17 PORT BRIDGE / POLESTAR ROUNDABOUT

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

I propose that this Council liaise with T I I with a view to putting in place yellow boxes at the Port Bridge/Polestar Roundabout to allow traffic to flow during peak times.

The Members were advised that:

This had been referred to the NRDO for assessment.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan asked that yellow box was considered at this roundabout to help reduce the traffic congestion coming out from the town.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney fully supported the motion and advised that this was discussed at a workshop in May to discuss short and medium term

solutions to traffic congestion in Letterkenny. Cllr. Blaney said Members were to be informed of possible low cost solutions that could be implemented and no progress had been made four months on from the Workshop. Cllr. Blaney asked why there was no update and requested same.

MDL 356/17 SHELTERED HOUSING COMPLEX

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

I propose that this Council would work closely with HSE develop a housing complex that would accommodate people with special needs or otherwise in a housing complex whereby tenants could live independently but have supporting services available on campus,i.e. Washing , Laurndry, cooking and medical needs accommodated on campus.

The Members were advised that:

The Disability Steering Group which is made up of representatives from the Council, H.S.E. personnel responsible for Disabilities Services, Physical, Sensory, Intellectual, Mental Health, and the Elderly, Approved Housing Bodies, National Disability Federation meets on an ongoing basis to review accommodation needs in the county for people with special needs. As a follow on from same, housing complexes have already been provided along the lines outlined in various parts of the county, and the intention is to continue to provide such accommodation in conjunction with the various stakeholders involved.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council make contact with the HSE to examine the development of such a facility on community lands at St. Conal's. Cllr. Brogan said more needed to be done for the elderly in our community who would benefit from supported accommodations. Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council would report back to Members on proposals.

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

Eunan Kelly advised that the Disability Steering Group was in place examining the needs of people with special needs in the County and that there were currently such facilities in Letterkenny and a facility being developed in Dungloe. Cllr. Brogan agreed to forward details of the contact person in the HSE.

MDL 357/17 LISNENNAN ROAD

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

That the Lisnennan Road was maintained at the same standard as the other approach roads to Letterkenny.

The Members were advised that:

Roads were maintained under the Restoration Maintenance and Restoration Improvement programmes, both of which were funded annually and the priority of which were agreed annually at the start of the year with members at workshop. With regards to hedgecutting etc. this road received similar attention as other approach roads.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride advised that there was a large number of pedestrians and road users in this area and that the footpath and roads were not funded to the same standard as other roads in the town.

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

MDL 358/17 NEW ROAD LAYOUT UPDATE

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

That Donegal County Council would notify Google (and other relevant e mappers) with all changes to road layouts and the dates changes go live.

The Members were advised that:

Donegal County Council Roads Directorate could submit online feedback to Google recommending changes to their online mapped road network when any significant changes had been made to the Roads schedule. Google would then verify the changes and alter their mapping databases accordingly.

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride asked that the Council make it policy to contact Google, etc in advance of upcoming road changes in order that maps were updated.

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

MDL 359/17 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT TERMON N.S.

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

That the road dividing the Craoibhin and Termon National School would be looked at by Council engineers to consider lighting, road markings and the possibility of a pedestrian crossing taking into consideration the movement of children between the National School and the childcare facility at Craoibhin, the Craoibhin now had an annual footfall of 27k.

The Members were advised that:

Roads would review the roadmarkings in the area and arrange for an assessment with respect to the need and budget availability for a pedestrian crossing and lighting, however, from previous observation, the numbers of vehicular movements with respect to pedestrians actually making the crossing between the school and the Craoibhinn Centre appeared to be relatively small. Roads would assess potential implementation of an uncontrolled crossing

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride asked that a clear area was available for children to cross from Termon National School to An Craoibhinn Centre. Cllr. McBride advised that buses block the sight lines and a large number of people use the Centre on a weekly basis.

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

MDL 360/17 FOOTPATH AT ROSSNAKILL

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

That this MD makes the footpath repairs in Rossnakill a top priority

The Members were advised that:

Footpath repairs and prioritisation would be agreed following workshop with members after full clarity with respect to available funding is available. Roads are currently developing a three year footpath plan with members.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Blaney acknowledged the work of the road staff on this footpath to during the summer and welcomed the 3 year programme. Cllr. Blaney advised that the kerbs were crumbling and felt embarrassed that the footpath was in such poor condition in his local village and asked that Members would support his request to prioritise this footpath.

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

MDL 361/17 LIS APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

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

That this MD make an all out effort to get as many applications as possible for Local Improvement Schemes forwarded to the Dept for consideration.

The Members were advised that:

Unfortunately, there was a short time available between the announcement of the LIS's and the return date for submitted applications. However the Council was confident that a robust application would be submitted before the closing date. Members would be made aware of application details in due course.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Blaney asked that the Council make an all out effort to submit applications and recognised the work of the Council in doing this. Cllr. Blaney expressed concern that this may be a token gesture by the Government.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan was sceptical of the announcement due to the short notice to submit applications and the condition of the application was that all works were to be completed by the end of 2017. Cllr. Brogan advised that if sufficient funding was not received a meeting should be arranged with the Minister.

Fergal Doherty advised that the letter from the Government states that the funding would be rolled out depending on the level of demand, resources available and the capacity of the Local Authority to complete works by the end of 2017. He advised that to date 177 applications had been received in Letterkenny and a further 250 applications in Road Central and that this could leave up to 230 applications in the MD of Letterkenny. Mr. Doherty advised that resources would have to be reviewed as the Council was also applying for flooding damage funding however priority was to submit applications to the Department.

Cllr. Blaney stated that it was important that the Department was aware of the demand for LIS in this County in order that funding was available in 2018 and acknowledged the work the Council had put into receiving applications.

MDL 362/17 BRIDGE AT PORTSALON BEACH

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

That a new Bridge was constructed across the river at Portsalon Beach.

The Members were advised that:

There was currently no identified programme funding for the construction of a new bridge at Portsalon Beach.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Blaney advised that the bridge constructed a number of years ago was no longer in place. Visitors to the beach were using the golf course to get access over the river and were not aware of the dangers. Cllr. Blaney asked that a steel or wooden structure in put in place and that funding was identified in 2018 due to the large number of users in beach.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan fully supported the motion and was disappointment there was no one at the meeting that could respond.

MDL 363/17 BLUEBANKS

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

That this Council advise of and make a statement on the planned start and finish dates for the planned road works at the Bluebanks area, Letterkenny and confirm the planned programme for such works as regards whether such works would start at the Mountain Top or Kilmcrennan side first and furnish a plan/drawing(s) and detailed written scope of the of the agreed works and any details known to the Council as regards traffic management plans for the works, what road closures/diversions would be required (if any) are likely and a statement on what authority/remit the Council has to require changes to such programme of works.

The Members were advised that:

The N56 Coolboy to Kilmacreeannan Project was currently out to tender. Tenders were expected to be returned by the end of September. Tender assessment and award of the Contract were programmed to be completed in October allowing construction start in November /December subject to Final approval and funding. The expected contract duration is 18 to 20 months.

Draft Traffic management plans were prepared as part of the design. Fundamental traffic management and construction requirements and restrictions were set out in the Contract and the Contractor must comply with these requirements. There was no road closure permitted, local constructed temporary diversions were designed and a shuttle system was envisaged. This was a challenging scheme involving both a major water main and online road works in often very poor ground conditions. It was not reasonable or feasible to otherwise restrict or instruct the program and operation of the Contractor in the completion of complex works within a restricted area subject to live traffic. Within the restrictions set out within the Contract and in compliance with essential Health and Safety requirements for both their workers and the general public the Contractor must prepare and implement his own designed traffic management and construction program arrangements. The Site Management Team would on behalf of Donegal County Council would oversee the development, approval and implementation of this Traffic management Plan and all subsequent works in accordance with the Contract.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Shiels said that he had not received a definitive answer to his motion. Cllr. Shiels expressed concern that the works would repeat the experience of works at Kilty with serious delays. Cllr. Shiels asked that the Council would have an active role in taking responsibility on how works were completed.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McGarvey asked that a meeting was held with the NRDO prior to works commencing and that realignment works would be done prior

to impacting on the existing road. Cllr. McGarvey said it was important that the public would be aware of potential delays and alternative routes available.

MDL 364/17 NO CYCLING SIGNAGE AT BALLYMACCOOL ROW FOOTPATH

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

That this Council erect signage at Ballymacool Row, Letterkenny to stop cycling on the footpath outside the existing residences.

The Members were advised that:

Letterkenny Roads would arrange for the erection of two 'no cycle signs (Rus 055)' at the referred to location in the near future.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Shiels welcomed the response and asked that the provision of cycle lanes would be examined on this road.

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

MDL 365/17 ESTATE TAKEOVER APPLICATIONS

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

That this Council provide a statement on the takeover of all estates in the Letterkenny Municipal Area to include the current status of each estate for which a takeover application had been made and an explanation where any takeovers were being delayed whether it be for title reasons, bond issues etc.

The Members were advised that:

Members were aware that the Planning Authority initiated taking in charge procedures for a no. of housing developments in the Letterkenny Municipal District last year with a number of these estates subsequently being formally taking in charge by this committee.

The following schedule of the Letterkenny estates that taking in charge procedures were initiated on and had identified those estates taken in charge and reasons for the delay in taking over the remainder of the estates.

Housing Developments in Letterkenny Municipal District		
Name of Estate	Taken in charge	Reason for not formally taking estate in charge
Ballymacool Wood, Ballymacool, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Substantial wayleaves to be obtained. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Lennon View, Kilmacrennan, Co. Donegal	Under Consideration	Upgrade of pump station carried out and necessary wayleaves to be obtained. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Glenoughty Close, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Replacement of pumps at foul PS serving this development are on-going. Wayleaves to be obtained. Objective to take in charge in 2017
College Park, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Replacement of pumps at foul PS serving this development are on-going. Wayleaves to be obtained. Objective to take in charge in 2017
The Elms, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Replacement of pumps at foul PS serving this development are on-going. Wayleaves to be obtained. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Willowbrook, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Replacement of pumps at foul PS serving this development are on-going. Wayleaves to be obtained. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Solomons Court, Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Solomons Hill, Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Solomons Manor, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Some works to be carried out and wayleaves to be required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Solomons Grove, Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Hunter's Wood, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Some works to be carried out and wayleaves to be required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Chestnut Grove, Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
The Grange (Phase 1), Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
The Grange (Phase 2), Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
The Grange (Phase 3), Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
The Grange (Phase 4), Glencar, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Glendale Manor, Glencar, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Some works to be carried out and wayleaves to be required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Fairways, Glebe, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	

Woodvale Court/Woodlands Knockybrin, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Foxhills, Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Some works to be carried out and wayleaves to be required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Ceanann View (Phase 1), Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Whitethorn Grove, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Wayleaves required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Whitethorn Close, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Wayleaves required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Parkview Drive, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Wayleaves required. Objective to take in charge in 2017
Hideout View/Charles Collins Terrace, Oldtown, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Riverdale, Oldtown, Letterkenny	Taken in Charge	
Firmount, Milford	Taken in Charge	
Killyastin Heights, Letterkenny	Under Consideration	Some minor works to be carried out within the development. Objective to take in charge in 2017

The planning authority would arrange to meet with Letterkenny MD member in a workshop forum to advise on the initiation of taking in charge procedures for a further tranche of estates and in this regard would be in contact with members to agree an appropriate date for the workshop.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Shiels stated that he requested a list of all applications for take-over which had not be received in the response.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Brogan expressed concern regarding the estates not listed in the response and asked that a workshop is arranged to discuss.

Liam Ward agreed to have a complete list of all applications forwarded to Members.

MDL 366/17 SIGNAGE AT MOUNTAIN TOP

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

Calling on this Council to move the Welcome to Letterkenny Signs at Mountain To to the Illistrin side of roundabout at the Mountain Top.

The Members were advised that:

The Welcome to Letterkenny sign was currently located such that it was viewed after the motorist has exited the roundabout and entered what was a distinctly urban environment. The 'change' in environment representing the boundary that had been crossed. It was deemed that the sign was currently in the correct location.

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell advised that he had been asked by local residents and businesses that the Welcome to Letterkenny sign was located on the town boundary and asked that the Council would relocate the existing sign.

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

MDL 367/17 SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS

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

Call on this Municipal District to write to the Minister for Transport asking him to re visit the catchment areas for schools where pupils wish to attend.

The Members were advised that:

This would be referred to the Minister for Transport if this motion was agreed.

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell stated that parents and students were restricted on what secondary school they could attend because of school buses and catchment areas. Cllr. O'Donnell asked that the Council write to the Minister for Transport requesting more flexibility and consideration of the cost impact on parents purchasing concessionary tickets.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride said the existing structure was too rigid and more flexibility was required to assist rural schools, parents and students.

MDL 368/17 ROAD AT DOON WELL JUNCTION TO LAGOON AT TERMON

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

Calling on this Municipal District to write to the T.I.I. calling on much needed funding for the N56 section of road from the Doon Well Junction to the Lagoon at Termon.

The Members were advised that:

The section of the N56 between Doon Well and the Lagoon Termon had been identified by the Donegal National Roads Office as a priority section on the N56.

Initial submissions have been made with TII in respect to this scheme and in particular the Bog Rampart section at Clonkillymore/Letterfad/Procklis.

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell stated that there had been a number of accidents on this stretch of road some with fatalities and requested that the Council write to the TII requesting that priority would be given to this road.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride stated that this road was on the Agenda of the delegation to the TII over the past three years and requested that improvement works were carried out as a follow up to works at the Bluebanks.

MDL369/17 MAYORS BUSINESS

Cllr. Kavanagh advised that he had attended the following in the past month:

1. Shaun Doherty's Farewell Show and wished Shaun well in his future.
2. Busking Festival on 15th July 2017.
3. Off the Street Food Festival on 29th & 30th July which was very successful.
4. 1992 Donegal Team Book Launch
5. Heritage Week
6. African Cultural Day on 20th August, 2017
7. Cnoc Ard Healthy Estates Initiative from 22nd to 25th August
8. Local Link Bus Service from Carrigans to Letterkenny Launch on 23rd August
9. Jim Malsud World War 1 Diaries Launch in the Museum on 25th August.
10. Flight of the Earls closing event on 10th September.
11. De Exeter House – as part of the commitment to Mental Health Awareness
Cllr. Kavanagh spent a half day in De Exeter House and complimented Angela Maguire on the facility and support given to people suffering depression, anxiety, addition.

MDL370/17 CORRESPONDENCE

The Members agreed to the Donegal ETB holding a 5K event by on 21st September, 2017 in the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park.

The Members agreed to the Mark Pollock Trust use of the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park for their annual 5K pop-up run in the dark fundraiser on 15th November, 2017 at 8 pm.

The Members agreed to the Letterkenny Food Festival Christmas Markets to be held in the Car Park on Justice Walsh Road on 2nd & 3rd December, 2017.

The Members agreed to receive a presentation from the Fanad Lighthouse Committee on Tuesday, 10th October, 2017 at 1.30 p.m.

The Members were informed of the upcoming meetings agreed as follows:

Budget Workshop to held on 4th October, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.
Statutory Budget Meeting to be held on 19th October, 2017 at 2.00 p.m.
Hericoast Project Workshop to be held on 10th October, 2017 at 11.30 a.m.

MDL371/17 ENVIRONMENT

The Members considered the report circulated with the Agenda on the following:

- Anti Dumping Initiative 2017
- Reuse Month – October 2017
- Free Electrical Recycling Dates
- Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2017
- Coastal Management Updates

The Members welcomed the report.

Cllr. Blaney expressed concern that the works at the toilets in Rathmullan would not be completed until May 2018 based on the 34 week construction period. Cllr. Blaney asked that these were completed by Easter 2017.

MDL372/17 COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE & CULTURAL SERVICES

The Members noted the content of a report circulated with the Agenda.

- Social Enterprise Building
- Fanad Lighthouse
- Letterkenny Retail Fund
- Walks Development
- Playground Update
- IPB Pride of Place
- One Donegal – Social Inclusion Week
- Donegal Tourism
- Donegal Gathering
- Rural Development Programme / LEADER

The Members welcomed the report.

Ciaran Martin advised that:

- Letterkenny had entered the Bank of Ireland Enterprise Towns Award. The adjudicators would be visiting the town on September 21st, 2017.
- The Pan Celtic Charter handover would be held on 19th September at 11.00 am, 2017 to officially acknowledge the hosting of the Pan Celtic Festival for 2018 and 2019 in Letterkenny.

MDL373/17 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The Members noted the content of the Roads report circulated with the Agenda.

373.1 Flooding of 22nd August 2017 within MD

The Members were informed in the report of the flooding that was incurred in a large number of roads in the Letterkenny MD. The Roads Department were currently preparing a costing for submission to the Department which included necessary bridge strengthening works required at Killycolman and Carrowdoan townlands of Fanad.

373.2 Rathmullan One Way System

The Members were informed of proposed one way system as outlined in the attached map, Appendix A.

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh the Members agreed to proceed to public consultation. Cllr. Blaney asked that a public meeting was arranged as part of the public consultation process.

373.3 Letterkenny Town Convent Road One Way System

The Members were informed of proposed one way system as outlined in the attached map, Appendix B.

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey the Members agreed to proceed to public consultation. Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council consult with the schools in this area and with the Parochial House as part of the consultation process.

373.4 Local Improvement Schemes

The Members were updated on the recent correspondence circulated to them on the possible implementation of the Local Improvement Schemes. The Council was making a strong submission to the Department for Rural & Community Development.

373.5 Footpath & Lighting Programme Lists

The Members were requested to submit any further areas to be included in the list circulated at the workshop on the 9th May 2017 prior to holding a further workshop to prioritise the lists in readiness for any likely funding that may be available.

373.6 Update on Infrastructural needs for Letterkenny Town

The Members were informed that the Council awaited a response from the Minister for Transportation requesting a meeting with a delegation from Donegal County Council to discuss the short term, mid-term and longer term infrastructural needs in relation to the town of Letterkenny.

Cllr. Liam Blaney expressed his frustrations that following a workshop to discuss the short term solutions on traffic congestions in Letterkenny 3 months ago that no

updates had been circulated to Members. It was agreed at the workshop that monthly updates would be circulated to Members. Cllr. Blaney asked that the Mayor request details on why this did not happen and requested an update on the short term solutions by the end of this week.

Fergal Doherty advised that he understood a traffic count had been carried out at the Pole Star Roundabout as part of the Four Lane proposals and was not available prior to the meeting and agreed to circulate the details to Members on receipt of same.

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan asked that the Mayor request a meeting with Minister Shane Ross through the office of the Chief Whip, Deputy Joe McHugh to discuss the short-term and medium terms needs of Letterkenny.

373.7 Lighting

Cllr. Liam Blaney asked if funding committed to public lighting in an estate in Rathmullan by Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Blaney would be reallocated. Fergal Doherty advised that the proposed light was in a private area of the estate and could not be installed and agreed to circulate a full report to Members by end of the following week.

Cllr. Dessie Sheils asked when the light would be erected in Lismonagh and Fergal Doherty advised that quotations were currently being sought.

373.8 Footpath at Ramelton Post Office

Cllr. Ian McGarvey asked for an update on the requested footpath repairs at the Post Office in Ramelton. Fergal Doherty advised that this was included in the list currently being compiled for consideration for funding. A workshop would be held with Members to prioritise this list.

373.9 Traffic Lights at L.Y.I.T.

Cllr Ciaran Brogan asked that the sequencing of the traffic lights at LYIT be examined as they were red on Main Road when no vehicles were exiting LYIT.

MDL374/17 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Members noted the content of the Planning Report circulated with the Agenda which included:

1. Summary of planning applications for the District
2. Enforcement
3. Upcoming Month Schedule

Martin McDermott advised that next planning clinic was on 20th September, 2017 and encouraged Members to inform the public of the service which was open to everyone.

Cllr. Liam Blaney and Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh complimented Martin on the success of the planning clinics and the assistance he gives to the members of the public that have attended the clinics.

274.1 Student Accommodation

Cllr. Dessie Shiels asked that the LYIT was asked to attend a meeting with the Members to give an update on their plans for the property purchased at the Port Road for €6m.

Cllr. Michael McBride advised that he was currently on the Board of the LYIT and that the college had recently applied for substantial capital funding. He advised that the LYIT had no plans to develop student accommodation in the short term.

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan seconded the proposal to invite Paul Hannigan, President of the LYIT, to attend a meeting. He spoke of the huge success the LYIT has in the town and the strong working relationship they have the Hospital, Prumerica, and Optum.

MDL375/17 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

The Members noted a progress report circulated with the Agenda on Housing and Corporate Services which included updates on the following:

- HAP
- Grants
- Loans
- Casual Vacancies
- Social Housing Investment Programme – SHIP 2015 – 2020 / Rebuilding Ireland 2021

Questions

MDL376/17 GLENWOOD ESTATE

In answer to his question on whether the Council would please address the issues of the terrible smell of sewage in the Glenwood Estate which was causing distress to residents and had been ongoing for a long time, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that:

Following notification, the matter had been investigated and a blockage was discovered which would be cleared. The matter would be monitored thereafter to see if the situation had improved.

All complaints should be made to IW on 1890 278 278 to get any issues logged on the system for investigation.

MDL377/17 LISNENNAN ROAD

In answer to his question on whether the Council could examine the ivy covered trees along Lisnennan Road, and advise on their safety, concern had been expressed that they would be liable to fall in a bad storm. The road was a very busy road which led to several housing developments, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that:

The Council had examined the ivy covered trees along the Lisnennan Road. The Tree line was on private ground along the boundary with the public road and the responsibility for maintenance of which lay with the owner. The Council would attempt to liaise with the landowners concerned regarding the assessment of the trees and their potential removal if deemed required.

MDL378/17 PUBLIC TOILETS AT RATHMULLAN

In answer to his question on what was the anticipated duration of building of the Toilets in Rathmullan now that start was imminent, Cllr. I. McGarvey was advised that:

It was anticipated that the project would be completed for Easter 2018. The construction programme was 34 week duration commencing on 4th September 2017.

MDL379/17 SIGNAGE AT RAMELTON

In answer to his question on whether Roads would consider placing Directional Sign at Cup & Saucer Junction for Ramelton Centre & Public Toilets, Cllr. I. McGarvey was advised that:

The Regional Road via the Tank was the designated route to Ramelton Town , with the local Rectory Road enabling local distribution and access. It was not envisaged that signage would be erected, directing traffic to travel via the Rectory Road. Roads would liaise with the environmental section regarding potential signing of toilets at the bottom of the Tank.

MDL380/17 LITTLE BRIDGE, RAMELTON

In answer to his question on what had been agreed to deal with the flooding of homes in Ramelton at Little Bridge under the proposed Risk Flooding Management where € 400M had been allocated nationally, Cllr I. McGarvey was advised that:

Ramelton was an AFA within the Catchement Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) programme being undertaken by the Office of Public Works. At present the OPW were coming to the end of Phase 1 (CFRAM Programme). All AFA's within the CFRAM programme would be prioritised and this would be signed off on by the Minister. It was anticipated this would be

completed by October / November 2017. Depending on where an AFA was placed on the priority list, there would still be an extended period of time before the AFA reached the end of phase 2 (flood relief scheme development) and to phase 3 where people see actual progress (construction).

The following short note was published by OPW on the process;

"Following the completion of the CFRAM programme, flood relief schemes, where appropriate, would be developed for areas of significant flood risk. The process of bringing a scheme from concept to construction involved a number of key stages, some of which were requirements of environmental legislation, competition law or engineering best practice. As a result, it was not uncommon for larger flood relief schemes to take a number of years to complete. The government could not fund all schemes at once; therefore these would be prioritised, would result in a National Programme of Schemes, and implemented on a phased basis."

The OPW was currently at the end of Phase 1 (CFRAM Programme) at the Flood Risk Management Plans step. Phase 2 (food relief scheme development) had yet to commence and the first step of this phase was the development of the National Programme of Schemes (as referred to above). There were a number of steps in this phase prior to reaching the final phase of the process, Phase 3 (Construction).

MDL381/17 CULVERT WORKS AT CIRCULAR ROAD

In answer to his question on whether he could have an update on when the Culvert works at Circular Road would commence, Cllr. G. McMonagle was advised that:

There was currently no date for the construction of the sewer upgrade, by Irish Water. As previously advised, Irish Water, were designing and constructing improvement works to the existing wastewater collection network at various locations within the town and environs, with the construction of the Circular Road Storm Culvert included in the contract as an 'additional item' to be funded by the MDL. There was currently €200k set aside as per the former Town Council for the construction of this culvert. The returned price from the Irish Water tender would dictate the actual cost of installation and potential additional capital requirement if any from the MDL. Roads would advise of developments.

MDL382/17 FOUR LANE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

In answer to his question on when would the New Speed Limits signs be erected on the Four Lane out of Letterkenny, Cllr. G. McMonagle was advised that:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) were overseeing the implementation of the Speed Limit signage associated with any changes arising from the National Speed Limit Review. Donegal County Council provided TII with a schedule of the required signage on 27th July which was currently being checked and reviewed by TII.

TII had advised that when finalised this schedule of works would be issued to the Donegal National Roads Office to progress erection of signage under an existing Sign Installation and Maintenance contract. It was anticipated that the majority of this signage would be erected in the next month.

MDL383/17 OUTSIDE GYM BERNARD MCGLINCHEY TOWN PARK

In answer to his question on whether he could have an update on his motion to seek funding for provision of an Outside Gym at the Town Park, Cllr. G. McMonagle was advised that:

The Council were currently preparing a further funding application seeking funding for the project and were hopeful of a successful outcome.

MDL384/17 WATERMAIN – SCHEDULE OF WORKS

In answer to his question on whether this Council could outline the proposed schedule of works and timeframe for road works from Manorcunningham to Mountaintop for new water main and works and timeframe for proposed works on the Four Lane, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that:

The Letterkenny RWSS (Regional Water Supply Scheme) Contract No 3 included for construction of critical trunk watermain infrastructure to allow for the transfer of drinking water from the Pollan Dam RWSS to Letterkenny. This trunk watermain would connect to the existing Pollan Dam RWSS network at Veagh, Manorcunningham and deliver water to Carnamuggah Reservoir in Letterkenny and would follow the route below;

- *Hard shoulder/verge on N13 from Veagh to the Manor Roundabout;*
- *Westbound hard shoulder, generally, on N13 Dual Carriageway from Manor Roundabout to Dry Arch Roundabout. The running lanes of the westbound N13 Dual Carriageway were resurfaced in 2015, however, following liaison between the Roads Authority and Water Services Capital Project Office, on behalf of Irish Water, the hard shoulder was not resurfaced. Upon completion of the watermain works the full width of the hard shoulder would be reinstated by the watermain contractor.*
- *Southern Letterkenny bound lane on N14 “4 lane road” from Dry Arch Roundabout to Pole Star Roundabout in a corridor to generally coincide with the proposed cycle lane that would be developed under the proposed road safety project;*
- *Pole Star Roundabout to Roundabout at Thomas Keye’s*
- *Thomas Keye’s Roundabout to Business Park Road (watermain already laid as part of Kiltoty Roundabout scheme)*
- *Business Park Road to Civic Amenity Site access road (use of existing pipe line)*

- *Civic Amenity Site access road to Carnamuggagh Reservoir (partially new watermain required).*

The Water Services Capital Project Office, on behalf of Irish Water were liaising with relevant stakeholders within the Roads Authority and the National Roads Office in order to closely co-ordinate planned pipeline works with completed and planned road works.

Irish Water would tender for these works in September/October 2017 and it was anticipated that a contractor would be appointed in March/April 2018. Pipeline works would be completed in the N14 "4 lane road" from Dry Arch Roundabout to Pole Star Roundabout within 6 months including immediate permanent road reinstatement. All other pipe laying works should be completed within a further 9 months including temporary reinstatement. Permanent road reinstatement of all pipeline excavations, excluding N14 "4 lane road" from Dry Arch Roundabout to Pole Star Roundabout, would be completed within a further 12 months.

The programme for tendering and construction of the Four Lane Road Safety Improvement Scheme would be determined upon confirmation of the final dates for commencement and completion of the Trunk Watermain as above. It was anticipated that the works would be tendered in the second half of 2018

MDL385/17 PERIODIC SPEED LIMITS

In answer to his question of when would the periodic speed limits be in place as agreed by this Council at Illistrin, Lurgybrack and Magherabeg, Cllr C. Brogan was advised that:

The periodic speed limit signs were to be erected by the TII. The Council were yet to be advised by the TII with respect to programming of erection.

MDL386/17 TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL - RAMELTON

In answer to his question on whether Members could have an update on Town and Village Renewal works in Ramelton, Cllr C. Brogan was advised that:

Donegal County Council sought tenders from consultants to develop an Action Plan for the Renewal and Regeneration of Ramelton. The closing date for receipt of tenders was Friday, 1st September. Unfortunately there were no tenders received by the closing date. Donegal County Council were currently reviewing the 'Terms of Reference' and intended to re-issue them to consultants with a view to having the tenders returned by the end of September 2017. It was expected that Capital works would commence before the end of 2017.

MDL387/17 JUNCTION AT CURRINDALE, TERMON

In answer to his question on whether any monies had been identified to raise the junction at Currindale, Termon with the junction of the N56, Cllr. M. McBride was advised that:

No monies had been identified for this junction. Roads were to apply via the Geo App system for funding, and would advise members of developments.

MDL388/17 BLUEBANKS KILMACRENNAN

In answer to his question on whether Members could be given an update on the tender for the Bluebanks/Kilmacrennan road realignment, Cllr. M. McBride was advised that:

The N56 Coolboy to Kilmacreannan Project was currently out to tender. Tenders were expected to be returned by the end of September. Tender assessment and award of the Contract were programmed to be completed in October allowing construction start in November/December subject to Final approval and funding. The expected contract duration was 18 to 20 months.

MDL389/17 LISMONAGHAN ROAD

In answer to his question on when the Council proposed to surface dress and re-line the Lismonaghan Road, Cllr. M. McBride was advised that:

The overlay of the Lismonaghan Road was part of the ongoing RI programme, and would commence from Monday 11th September depending on weather conditions. Works would include road lining.

MDL390/17 PORTSALON BEACH

In answer to his question on when the works would take place on the access to the beach at Portsalon, Cllr. L. Blaney was advised that:

It was intended that the repair of the retaining walls on the access path to the Portsalon Beach would be carried out in October of this year, following the completion of the RI and RM 2017 programmes.

MDL391/17 UPPER CARLAND ROAD

In answer to his question on when the Upper Carland Road would be tarred, Cllr. L. Blaney was advised that:

Permanent resurfacing of this road had been postponed on a number of occasions pending the installation of the new water mains by IW. Roads were advised that this

was currently programmed for installation in the first half of 2018, after which time it was intended that Roads would carry out the permanent resurfacing.

MDL392/17 WESTHILL, LETTERKENNY

In answer to his question on whether the Council could include the Westhill, Letterkenny Estate on its next Roads Programme for 2018 for a full resurfacing rather than the patching works which have taken place in recent years where residents are concerned that the road surface is “porous and showing crocodile cracks, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised that:

The current three year programme did not include works within Westhill, Westhill could be reviewed at the beginning of next years RI and RM programmes which were agreed by members around January.

MDL393/17 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

In answer to his question on whether this Council had held any pre-planning consultations with LYIT in relation to the provision of student accommodation at Port Road, Letterkenny, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised that:

No preplanning discussions had been held with the LYIT in relation to the provision of student accommodation.

MDL394/17 COUNCIL OWNED NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

In answer to his question on whether he could have a list of all Council owned non-residential properties in the Letterkenny area and details of whether these were currently leased out and if any such assets were not currently leased out whether he could have an explanation of why such were not leased out and details of when such were last leased out, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised that:

There were over 300 non residential assets in the Letterkenny Municipal District listed on the Councils fixed asset register spread over nine different asset groups (broadband building, computers, equipment, heritage, land, parks, plant and roads). While the vast majority of these assets would of course not be available for leasing, the following table sets out details of the operational leases in 2016/2017.

6LS001	Land at Kilty - Letterkenny
6HS009	Letterkenny Relief Road
6LS012	Land at Milford (Formerly IDA)
6LS023	LAND @ BALLYRAINE LETTERKENNY(CEB)
6LS025	LAND @ TAMNEY H2268
6LS040	Land @ Big Isle - Manorcunningham
6LS056	LEASING OFFICES - LETTERKENNY PSC
6LS057	LEASING OFFICES - MILFORD PSC
6LS060	LAND AT NEIL T BLANEY ROAD

In response to recent local government audit reports, management had acknowledged that while progress had been made on work in the area of asset management (land and property) a considerable body of work including the introduction of new systems that reflect best practice was required.

This was presently being developed through a project headed up by a Senior Executive assigned to the office of the Chief Executive. It was envisaged that the future day to day management of the assets would be in the Roads Directorate and the development of specifications for a system to support the Service in the management of the assets from acquisition to disposal stage, including leases were now nearing completion. This would provide a much more integrated and co-ordinated approach to the management of assets generally as the project progresses.

MDL395/17 PORTSALON BEACH

In answer to his question on when repairs would be carried out at the Portsalon Beach, Cllr. J. O'Donnell was advised that:

It was intended that the repair of the retaining walls on the access path to the Portsalon Beach would be carried out in October of this year, following the completion of the RI and RM 2017 programmes.

MDL396/17 RATHMULLAN TOILETS

In answer to his question on when work would commence on Rathmullan Toilets, Cllr. J. O'Donnell was advised that:

The construction programme was 34 week duration commencing on 4th September 2017.

MDL397/17 BLUEBANKS, KILMACRENNAN

In answer to his question of when road works would commence on the Blue Banks to Kilmacrennan on N56, Cllr. J. O'Donnell was advised that:

The N56 Coolboy to Kilmacreannan Project was currently out to tender. Tender were expected to be returned by the end of September. Tender assessment and award of the Contract were programmed to be completed in October allowing construction start in November /December subject to Final approval and funding. The expected contract duration was 18 to 20 months.

MDL398/17 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 10th October, 2017 at Letterkenny Public Services Centre commencing at 2:00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor

Meetings Administrator