

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY-  
MILFORD MEETING, HELD IN MILFORD PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, ON  
12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**MDL 846/19 MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MDL 847/19 OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Liam Ward, Director of Service  
Patricia McIntyre, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services  
Linda McCann, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Graham Diamond, Executive Planner  
Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Joe Ferry, A/Senior Executive Chemist  
Francis Conaghan, Development Officer

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. John O'Donnell.

**MDL848/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of 8 October, 2019.

**MDL849/19 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MDL MEETING HELD ON 10  
SEPTEMBER, 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the Minutes of MDL Meeting held on 8 October 2019, were adopted.

**MDL850/19 STREET LIGHTS AT FIGART, CARRIGART**

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

*“Calling on this Council to install a few street lights at Figart in Carrigart between the hotel and the bridge out past Vaughan’s.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“This to be discussed at workshop in relation to Year 3 of the "3 Year Public Lighting and Footpath Programme.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell advised that he was very satisfied with the outcome of the workshop held earlier today which agreed the provision of the lights at Figart under Year 3 of the 3 Year Public Lighting and Footpath Programme.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Blaney supported the motion and welcomed the agreed provision for the lights.

#### **MDL851/19 CAR PARK AT PORTSALON**

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

*"Calling on this Council to incorporate a children's play area into the plans of the new development at the carpark in Portsalon."*

The Members were advised that:

*"Funding of €125k was allocated to Portsalon under the 2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme. The Community Development Dept. of the Council is currently refining the design and plans of the car park which will facilitate the future provision of a play area within the confines of the site. However, the funding currently available is insufficient to deliver the car park upgrade and a play area. Nevertheless, the plans being developed will make provision for the inclusion of a play area should funding become available for same into the future."*

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell advised that he was very satisfied with the reply and welcomed the funding allocated under the 2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme and welcomed the progress being made.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Blaney welcomed the provision being made for the inclusion of a play area should funding become available into the future.

#### **MDL852/19 CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNAGE**

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

*"Calling this Council to install children at play signs at all playgrounds on all approach roads throughout the Municipal Districts as a matter of urgency"*.

The Members were advised that:

*"The motion is noted and should a funding source become available due consideration will be given to the motion."*

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell expressed disappointment with the reply to the motion and requested the Council to be pro-active in securing funding for these signs. Cllr. O'Donnell advised that he had been

previously advised that the signs were being made and would be erected shortly.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Blaney supported the motion.

It was agreed that this would be followed up. In future, it was noted that when funding is being sought for a play-park, the provision of play signs on the approach roads should be secured as part of the funding application and the location agreed with the Roads Engineer.

**MDL853/19** **PARKING AT AN GRIANNAN THEATRE**

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

*“That the Council address the ongoing parking issues during busy times at An Griannan Theatre, and put a solution in place as a matter of urgency.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The Council will arrange to investigate the issues raised with a view to identifying appropriate measures, if possible. If there is illegal parking, this may be an enforcement matter for An Garda Siochana.”*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Kavanagh expressed the frustration of residents living near An Grianan who at times are restricted from leaving or accessing their homes due to cars or buses being parked in front of their homes. Cllr Kavanagh asked An Grianan to introduce a parking management system, such as utilising the nearby Grill Car Park and having an attendant on site to direct parking, particularly on busy nights at the Theatre. He noted that the matter is creating adverse publicity for the Theatre.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. McMonagle advised that he would be raising the matter at the next Board meeting of An Grianan Theatre. There are bus parking spaces available and if these were used they may alleviate the problem. He asked bus drivers to consider where they are parking to minimize the disruption to residents. He called on the Council to be proactive in resolving the issue.

**MDL854/19** **SAFETY MEASURES ON CONWAL ROAD**

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

*“That the Council consider possible safety measures for the Conwal Road.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“This to be referred to the Roads Safety Engineer for assessment. Further specifics required in relation to the members safety concerns.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh noted that this is a very busy road and would benefit from a turning lane at the graveyard and the erection of “slow” signage at the gate of the graveyard. He welcomed the reply that the matter would be referred to the Roads Safety Engineer for assessment.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. McBride welcomed the tabling of the motion and advocated the provision of a turning lane at the graveyard.

**MDL855/19 LETTERKENNY TOWN BUS SERVICES**

**Motion 7 and Motion 15 – were taken together as they related to the same matter.**

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

*“I proposed that this Council meet with the operator of the town bus service.”*

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

*“That this Municipal District makes contact with the Letterkenny Town Bus Operator to get a commitment from them to reintroduce the whole of the Long Lane into their Bus Schedule.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Donegal County Council is willing to seek a meeting with the Town Bus operator to discuss the Town Bus Service. There has been previous engagement in the context of the Council's Age Friendly Strategy and Alliance.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan advised that the Bus Service was a great service for the Town but that it would be timely to meet with the operator to review the service, the routes and to ensure that the needs of the residents were being met.

On proposing the motion, Cllr. McMonagle stated that the service was not adequate and it would be timely to meet with the operator. For example, he noted that the bus did not provide a service to the Long Lane area and this should be addressed. He further stated that a proper resourced public transport system would help alleviate the traffic congestion in the town and that the service should be expanded both in terms of routes and buses.

In supporting the motions a number of Members spoke of a need for greater publicity of the bus service; links that could be established with the LYIT student population and the need for the infrastructure, such as lay-bys, to be provided. The Members welcomed the meeting that is to be arranged with the Bus Operator.

At this juncture, it was agreed to take the motions tabled by Cllr. K Bradley.

**MDL856/19** **ROCK HILL, BOMANY**

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

*“That the speed limit on the Rock Hill, Bomany is reduced to 60km from 80km. Residents say that the main road into Letterkenny is 80km and do not agree both roads should be the same.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The Bomany Rockhill Road speed limit is the same as all non - national roads, which is 80kph. This is the default speed limit for all roads outside the town limits. The location will be listed for review during the next speed limit review.”*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Bradley noted that this was a very busy road and welcomed the commitment that the speed limit on the road would be reviewed during the next speed limit review.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Brogan welcomed the commitment given for the review.

**MDL858/19** **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE HALL, MANORCUNNINGHAM**

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

*“That the Council provide extra lighting at the Halll, Main Street, Manor as residents are concerned with the lights saying that they are not bright enough at this time.”*

The Members were advised that:

*This matter to be considered in the workshop on year 3 of the "3 year footpath and public lighting programme”.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Bradley noted that he was satisfied with the reply given.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Brogan stated that it was important to embrace Manorcunningham as is was now within the Letterkenny – Milford Municipal District and every effort should be made to resolve the issue raised.

**MDL859/19** **WINTER GRITTING PROGRAMME**

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

*“That this Council include Killylastin, Killyclug, Rathdonnell and Garryharry areas on the winter gritting program at the request of residents in these area who are requesting urgent help.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Due to the cross MD nature of Winter Maintenance, decisions in relation to routes are a matter for plenary Council. These locations to be added to the list for consideration at the Plenary Council workshop to be arranged.”*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. Bradley noted the reply and asked that serious consideration would be given to the proposal to include Killylastin, Killyclug, Rathdonnell and Garryharry areas on the winter gritting programme.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Brogan expressed disappointment that a workshop had not been held with the Members in advance of this year’s programme, particularly as this was the first year of the new Council.

#### **MDL860/19 MEETING WITH OPW**

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

*“I proposed that this Council meet with the OPW.”*

The Members were advised that:

*If the motion is adopted and an agenda agreed, the Council will convey the request to the OPW.*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan said that as this was now a new Council with new Members and in consideration of the discussions on climate change and flood prevention nationally it would be valuable to meet with the OPW to discuss their plans for the area, i.e. Oldtown Bridge, developing a walkway on the River Swilly and Thorndale area, challenges in the area regarding flooding. Members in turn could then raise these issues with Government Ministers in support of their plans and in securing funding.

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

#### **MDL861/19 NEW MILLS TO KIRKNEEDY – WALKING TRAIL**

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

*“I propose that this Council look at the old road from New Mills to Kirkneely with a view to have it included as part of our walking trails and seek funding for it.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Donegal County Council help to maintain and develop local walks and trails in conjunction with community – led initiatives and on an inter-agency basis.*

*The proposed walk can be included on a list of possible routes to be assessed to see if it meets the criteria necessary to deem it a local walk and following this initial assessment funding can be identified through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.*

*Once this proposed route is assessed members will be updated.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Brogan said that New Mills area was a popular walking area with huge potential to develop as an attractive walking route.

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

**MDL862/19 BONAGEE ROAD – ROAD MARKINGS**

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

*“That this Council put line markings (slow, slower) at the crest on the L1114 at Eric Funstons, Bonagee.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Area Engineer will assess, and implement if deemed appropriate.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Coyle said the original signs were faded and asked that they were reinstated as there was a dangerous blind crest.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Blaney supported the motion.

**MDL863/19 FOOTPATH AT FR. ARNOLD TERRACE**

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

*“That this Council make necessary repairs to footpath at Fr. Arnold Terrace, Manorcunningham.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The Council will assess the repairs required and arrange for the works to be included in the Housing Programme.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Coyle welcomed the response.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Blaney supported the motion.

**MDL864/19 DERELICT SIGN AT O'DONNELL PARK ROUNDABOUT**

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

*“That this Council remove the derelict sign and signage at the approach to the Roundabout at O'Donnell Park.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The matter raised will be examined and with the view to having an update for members in the near future.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Coyle said the sign was unsightly and asked that it be removed.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Blaney supported the motion.

**MDL865/19 CROSSROADS AT TIRHOMIN / DRUMBERN**

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

*“That this Council explore the possibility of a left-hand turning lane towards Tirhomin at the Drumbern crossroads at the top of the Quay Brae in Milford and also look at the possibility of a right turning lane into Milford.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Roads will assess the possibilities and refer to Road Design for a preliminary design that can be costed. Thereafter the identification of funding will apply.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Blaney asked that the Council make a left turning lane from Kerrykeel and a further turning lane into Milford to alleviate any accidents.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McGarvey welcomed the response.

**MDL866/19 BALLINACRICK/BALLYNABROCKEY CROSSROADS**

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

*“That this Council look at making the Ballinacrick/Ballynabrockey crossroads safer for vehicles exiting from the Ballinacrick road.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The issue at this crossroads is poor sight lines due to high banks on each side of the road. Improving these vision lines would require significant earth works and accommodation works. There is currently no funding available for this scheme. Roads will seek funding in future Low Cost accident schemes if possible.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. Blaney said due to the increase in traffic from WAW and extensive ongoing works that signs were erected to alert of dangers during the works.

On seconding the motion Cllr. Coyle supported the motion.

#### **MDL867/19 GREEN WASTE FACILITY IN RECYCLING CENTRES**

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

*“That this Municipal District provides composting facilities either through the Recycling Centres or a Stand Alone service to deal with the growing number of people requesting grass and hedge cutting compost centres.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Garden waste is accepted from the public at all 6 Recycling Centres for €2 per bag. Home composting is a process that can take a percentage of garden waste and this can be done through DIY compost units or through compost bins sold by the Council for a subsidised rate of €13.*

*Garden waste is also accepted by the some private waste facilities.”*

On proposing the motions Cllr. McMonagle asked that green waste facility be included in the current Recycling Centres to mulch grasscutting/hedges for sale. The Council was no longer collecting grasscuttings in estates and private operators have no facility available to them for disposal. Cllr. McMonagle asked that the Council speak with the Recycling Centre Operators to have this facility available.

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

#### **MDL868/19 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CHURCHILL**

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

*“That Donegal County Council include the new walking track in Churchill on its Lighting Plan.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The Public lighting of walking routes is not funded as part of the local walks budget or the general public lighting programme. However where*

*there are areas of local walks that are on public road then such areas can be proposed in the same way as any other section of public road or footpath within the public lighting programme.*

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride asked that adequate street lighting be put in Churchill Village.

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

#### **MDL869/19 CARA HOUSE**

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

*“That the Letterkenny Municipal area Councillors do everything within their power to help CARA house provide for our community.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Cara House is a people based project serving the needs of the Letterkenny population including vulnerable adults, new and minority communities, children and families and people with mental and intellectual difficulties as well as the wider population. Their service is of great importance to families and individuals in the Letterkenny area and this Family Resource Service is an agreed tenant of the proposed new Social Enterprise Centre to be built beside the Letterkenny Public Services Centre.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride spoke of the wide and varied support provided by Cara House to the community in Letterkenny and asked that every effort be made to ensure that the proposed new unit in the Social Enterprise Centre was fit for purpose for the services they provide. Cllr. McBride asked that a meeting would be arranged in the coming week to meet with representatives from Cara House.

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

Liam Ward advised that the Council was engaging on a regular basis with potential tenants and that a meeting was agreed through Cllr. Kavanagh to meet on Thursday 14 November, 2019 with Cara House.

#### **MDL870/19 RACE END ROAD, BALLYARE – TREE CUTTING**

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

*“That Donegal County Council ensures that all trees and bushes are sufficiently cut back on the Race End Road in Ballyare as a truck recently ripped a curtain when travelling on this road.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Hedges were cut along Race End earlier this year. The trees along this area are mostly on private property where the responsibility lies with*

*landowners to cut. Further details required in relation to where specific incident occurred such that the Council can follow up.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. McBride highlighted a recent incident and asked that the Council ensure that hedgerows/trees are cut accordingly.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McGarvey asked that the Council take a joint approach with landowners so that this does not impact on businesses.

Fergal Doherty requested that agreed to speak with Cllr. McBride to identify the specific area referred to in order for the Council to follow up with the landowner concerned.

### **MDL871/19 DERELICT SITES IN RAMELTON**

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

*“To ask our Municipal District to deal with the Dereliction that exists all over Ramelton.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The capacity of the Council to prioritise the use of the provisions of the Derelict Sites legislation, and the likely review of the legislation flagged in discussions under the Rebuilding Ireland initiative, have been previously referenced as contributing to the limited application of the Derelict Sites legislation across the country.*

*The scope of the usefulness of the Derelict Sites Act to facilitate regeneration opportunities is being examined by the Central Planning Unit in relation to potential cross-directorate approaches to urban and rural regeneration.*

*In addition, Ramelton will be examined in due course under delivery area 2 of the work programme of the Regeneration and Development team as submitted to Council in January 2019.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr McGarvey spoke of the heritage and history of Ramelton town and asked that the Council seek funding to deal with the high number of derelict sites in the town.

On seconding the motion Cllr. O’Donnell asked that the Council take a lead as a local authority due to the volume of derelict buildings in particular The Mall, The Quay and Castle Street.

Graham Diamond advised that the regeneration and development team were currently assessing Ramelton in particular the Mall and the Quay.

### **MDL872/19 DANGEROUS JUNCTION AT RAMELTON/MILFORD ROAD**

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

*“That the Council Roads department deal with the dangerous Junction that exists on the Ramelton Milford Road.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“The junction known as McAdoos corner has been forwarded to the Safety Engineer for consideration for a future Low Cost Accident Scheme. It will be surveyed and put on a Draft Programme for funding.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey spoke of the high volume of traffic, poor vision lines and speed.

On seconding the motion Cllr. O'Donnell supported the motion and welcomed the response from the Safety Engineer.

### **MDL873/19 VISION LINES AT JUNCTION**

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

*“That this M.D. through Planning or otherwise request that cable carrying poles be removed from junctions as they restrict vision lines for road users causing danger.”*

The Members were advised that:

*“Further information required into specific locations where utility poles are restricting vision lines, such that these can be addressed.”*

On proposing the motion Cllr. McGarvey asked that care was taken in when erecting poles that may impact on vision lines at junctions.

On seconding the motion Cllr. O'Donnell supported the motion.

Fergal Doherty agreed to liaise with the Roads Engineers and contact the energy providers accordingly.

### **MDL874/19 MAYORS BUSINESS**

Cllr. O'Donnell advised that he attended the following as Mayor of the Municipal District:

- Carrigart hall Refurbishment Opening – funded by DLDC
- Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce Business Awards night
- Letterkenny Tidy Towns Awards – Letterkenny PSC received Public Building Award
- Letterkenny ShopLK, Letterkenny CDP Halloween Festival

- Letterkenny - Rudolstadt Twinning

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey it was agreed that Mayor O'Donnell and the Deputy Mayor would accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Rudolstadt to visit from 29 January to 1 February, 2020. Students from St. Eunan's College will visit from 25 January to 1 February.

- Lagan U12 Girls Delegation

Cllr. O'Donnell spoke of a presentation to the U12 Girls Lagan Team on the proposal of Cllr. Bradley prior to the meeting following the successful year in competition having won the Donegal Women's League, Highland Bakery Cup, Ulster Cup, North West Regional Cup and FAI National Cup

### **MDL875/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

Patricia McIntyre advised of the following correspondence:

Letter from the German Embassy thanking the Council for it's participation in their Day of Unity.

Following requests for Workshops from NRDO and Rural Water it was agreed the following would be held on 29 November 2019 in Letterkenny PSC:

NRDO Four Lane Update at 11 a.m.  
Rural Water & CFRAM at 10 a.m.

### **MDL876/19 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

The Members noted the content of the Roads report circulated in particular the following:

#### **876.1 3 Year Footpath & Public Lighting Programme**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh the 3 Year Footpath & Public Lighting Programme of €265,500 for 2020 was agreed. (Appendix C)

#### **876.2 Revised Boundaries**

Fergal Doherty agreed to circulate the new Overseers Areas as requested by the Members.

#### **876.3 Allocation for Letterkenny**

Cllr. Gerry McMonagle asked that extra funding was sourced for Letterkenny town due to the volume of traffic.

Cllr. Liam Blaney spoke of the lack of funding in roads, social house, mica redress scheme despite having a Minister in the county.

## MDL877/19 HOUSING

The Members noted the content of the Housing Report.

It was agreed following a request by the Members that Cluid Housing Association would make a presentation to Members prior to the January 2020 meeting.

### **877.1 Social Housing Turnkey Developments**

Cllr. Liam Blaney asked for an update on properties at Ramelton, Turnkey proposal in Milford and Letterkenny and was there proposals/applications for Carrigart / Milford.

Patricia McIntyre apologised at the progress on the acquisitions in Ramelton as noted by the Members and explained that the conveyancing process can be complex but, however, the Council was committed to progressing the matter as speedily as possible. Ms. McIntyre advised there was a competitive tendering process in relation to request for turnkey developments and that any information that could be shared with the Members would be in due course.

## MDL878/19 PLANNING SERVICES

The Members noted the content of the Planning Report.

### **878.1 Taking in Charge of Estates**

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Councillor Ian McGarvey, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2018 for the creation of public Rights of way over the estate roads within the housing estates listed in Schedule A (Appendix A) as set out in the maps circulated with the Agenda, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of these estates.

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Councillor Ian McGarvey, it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estates listed in **Schedule B** (Appendix B) to be public roads and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4)(a) and (c) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces within the attendant grounds of the housing estates and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estates comprising sewers, watermains and service connections to Irish Water.

### **878.2 Town & Village Renewal Scheme**

Cllr. Blaney asked if there was a particular reason why two applications submitted were not successful.

Liam Ward advised that 12 applications were submitted in total, 7 were announced as successful with funding of €774,000 in total, 5 applications were unsuccessful. No formal notification had been received by the

Council, however the Council would be contacting the Department to establish where applications fell down and agreed to update Members accordingly.

The Members acknowledged the work of the Planning Service.

### **MDL879/19 ENVIRONMENT**

The Members noted the content of the Environment Report.

#### **879.1 Donegal Mens Shed Showcase 2019**

The Members complimented and congratulated the work of the Mens Shed and in particular Raymond McBride in his award.

#### **879.2 Litter Warden**

Cllr. Brogan asked that the Council ensure that the Litter Warden post in Letterkenny is refilled as a matter of urgency.

### **MDL880/19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Members noted the content of the Community Development Report circulated and in particular the following:

- Social Enterprise Building is now at final design stage
- Donegal Youth Council to attend the January meeting to make a presentation to Members

### **Questions**

#### **MDL881/19 DERELICT BUILDINGS ON THE QUAY, RAMELTON**

In answer to his question requesting what progress had been made on the take over or repairs of the derelict buildings on the Quay in Ramelton since the erection of hoarding in April of this year, Cllr. John O'Donnell was advised:

*“The Council will arrange to give an update to the Member directly.”*

#### **MDL882/19 PUBLIC TOILETS AT NEW DIGITAL HUB SITE, CARRIGART**

In answer to his question requesting what progress had been made on applying and carrying out a costing for inclusion of a public toilet at the new digital hub site in Carrigart, Cllr. John O'Donnell was advised:

*“The Community Development Dept. of the Council is working closely with the Architect led design team, appointed to the Carrigart Digital Hub project, exploring options for the inclusion of a fully accessible public toilet within the proposed building. The detailed design of the building is ongoing, in consultation with the local community group, and when complete a value engineering exercise will be undertaken to establish cost estimates to coincide with the available budget for the project. Should it transpire that the inclusion of a fully accessible public toilet increases the*

*cost of the project beyond the available budget then additional funds will have to be sourced to allow the project to proceed in a timely manner.”*

**MDL883/19 PURCHASE OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN RAMELTON**

In answer to his question requesting what progress had been made on the purchase of the 18 no houses in Ramelton and when do we see these units becoming available to offer to applicants, Cllr. John O’Donnell was advised:

*“The acquisition of the 18 unfinished properties in Ramelton is now at an advanced stage and it is hoped to have contracts signed in the coming weeks. The next stage is to prepare a schedule of works for each property and to subsequently tender the works. While it is difficult to provide a definitive timeframe for this, it is hoped that the properties will be ready for allocation during Q3 2020.”*

**MDL884/19 ONE WAY SYSTEM FOR CATHEDRAL ROAD/COLLEGE ROW**

In answer to his question requesting what was the current position regarding the proposed one way system for Cathedral Road/College Row, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

*“There is currently no source of identified funding for implementation of the one way system for Cathedral Road/College Row.”*

**MDL885/19 FACILITIES AT NEW MILLS**

In answer to his question requesting what progress had been made on my previous motion regarding facilities at New Mills, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

*“Contact has been made with OPW regarding the previous motion about facilities at Newmills and the relevant official has agreed to meet with Donegal County Council to give an update on their plans for the site. A site meeting has been agreed between ESB and the OPW relating to a separate matter and OPW has agreed to facilitate a meeting with the Council on the same day as soon as a date has been agreed.*

*Following that briefing meeting members will be updated on the plans for the site.”*

**MDL886/19 TOWN BUS SERVICE**

In answer to his question requesting that the Council request that the Town Bus route be altered to include the area at the top of Long Lane serving Ard na Ri, Fairgreen, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised:

*“Donegal County Council is willing to seek a meeting with the Town Bus operator to discuss the Town Bus Service. There has been previous engagement in the context of the Council's Age Friendly Strategy and Alliance.”*

**MDL887/19 TARA COURT ESTATE**

In answer to his question requesting an updated report on steps to address the flooding issues causing damage to the road in the Tara Court estate, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

*“The Area Engineer has been made aware of the drainage issue at the bottom section of Taracourt, and will investigate.”*

**MDL888/19 HAWTHORN HEIGHTS**

In answer to his question requesting an updated report on what steps are being taken to address issues on blocked manholes and traffic calming measures in Hawthorn Heights, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

*“These blocked Manholes referred to are Gullies which have been blocked with leaves. Team are being directed to Hawthorn heights to clear gullies. We have no record of speed issues or traffic calming.”*

**MDL889/19 RESURFACING AT CIRCULAR ROAD, GLENCAR**

In answer to his question requesting when would the resurfacing be complete on the Circular Road in Glencar, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised:

*“Scheduled for resurfacing in March 2020, allowing ~6 months from completion of sewer line.”*

**MDL890/19 LETTERKENNY SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD UPDATE**

In answer to his question requesting when Councillors would be given update on progress on Letterkenny Southern Relief Road (Leck Road), Cllr. Donal Coyle was advised:

*“The Council has continued to directly engage with DTTAS on this important infrastructure project for Letterkenny over the course of 2019 with a final agreed preliminary appraisal with supplementary information submitted in April 2019. DTTAS has considered same in details and discussed the project with DPER. A brief for a consultant was submitted for consideration to appoint a consultant to develop the project through the various phases of project management and delivery. At a further meeting with DTTAS in October 2019, amendments were agreed and a revised consultants brief is to be submitted by the end of November 2019.”*

**MDL891/19 STREET LIGHTS AT RAY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

In answer to his question requesting when it was intended to erect the street lights at Ray Community Centre as part of the 2019 Footpath and Public Lighting Programme, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

*“An order for these works has been placed with Airtricity. Civil works are required. It is programmed to have the lights erected by the end of December this will depend on when the ESB can connect them. Roads will continue to further.”*

**MDL892/19 FOOTPATH COMPLETION IN DOWNINGS**

In answer to his question requesting when was it intended to have the footpath completed from the school in Downings to the town, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised:

*“The first phase of the Downings footpath is due be completed next week. The second phase is programmed to be completed by the end of December.”*

**MDL893/19 ROAD LINING ON NEW LINE ROAD**

In answer to his question requesting when the new road lining of New Line Road including the Pedestrian Crossing would be carried out, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

*“The contractor will be completing lining on New Line Road within the next two weeks.”*

**MDL894/19 WATER PUMPING STATION GLEANN TAIN**

In answer to his question asking had any decision been made in relation to carrying out the remedial works necessary to the Water Pumping Station at Gleann Tain as per my motion to the October meeting, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

*“The situation has evolved, in that the matter is to be resolved as part of the further information request sent out to the Developer, with regard to the proposed planning application for additional units at Gleann Tain.*

*The developer is to return a response to this FI request within the statutory period. Their proposals for addressing the pumping station remedial works will be contained in this submission.”*

**MDL895/19 JOE BONNER LINK ROAD**

In answer to his question asking when the Joe Bonner Link Road would be completed, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised:

*“Completion is anticipated in Q1 of 2020.”*

**MDL896/19 NEW OVERSEERS AREAS / BUDGETS**

In answer to his question requesting an update on our new Budgets and overseers areas asking when, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

*“There has been a minor realignment of overseers areas to better align with the boundary between the new Electoral Areas. New budgets will not be known until the County budget has been agreed, and the Departments announce the various fundings in 2020.”*

**MDL897/19 FLOODING AT CURRINDALE, TERMON**

In answer to his question requesting an update on the flooding at Currindale, Termon and any suggested solutions that may be implemented to solve the problem, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

*“A Minor Works application has been submitted to the OPW for an allocation of €35,000 to carry out mitigation works. To date, we have not yet received any reply from the OPW.”*

**MDL898/19 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT OLD COURTHOUSE, LETTERKENNY**

In answer to his question had Donegal County Council any authority to repair the public lighting at their pay and display car park behind the Old Courthouse in Letterkenny which is almost non-existent and badly needed these winter evenings, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised:

*“Roads have instructed Airtricity in relation to their repair.”*

**MDL899/19 S.I. APPLICATIONS UPDATE**

In answer to his question what had been the response to application for two S.I Houses in this M. D., Ian McGarvey was advised:

*“At a previous Municipal District meeting this year, it was agreed that the S.I Policy would be referred to the Housing and Corporate Strategic Policy Committee for review. Individual decisions on S.I application are communicated directly to the applicant and the Council remains available to discuss or clarification any decisions made with the applicant or their representative.”*

**MDL900/19 RATHMULLAN PIER**

In answer to his question on what progress had been made on the required work to Rathmullan Pier, Ian McGarvey was advised:

*“Funding of €50,000 has been made available from the Councils own resources to assess the current state of the structure and in particular the access viaduct. Donegal Co. Council have contacted Nicholas O'Dwyer Consulting Engineers (NO'D) who completed a Preliminary Report for refurbishment of the pier and viaduct in 2008 and asked them to update their report to reflect the current status of the structures. NO'D were also asked for options including indicative costs for the repair/replacement of the structures. The Council currently awaits a reply from NO'D.”*

**MDL901/19 MEETING WITH INLAND FISHERIES**

In answer to his question on what response if any to the request for Inland Fisheries to attend our M.D. meeting with regard to opening of Rivers Lennon & Swilly for Fishing for 2020, Ian McGarvey was advised:

*“At the MD meeting, it was agreed that contact would be made with the Inland Fisheries in due course to invite them to attend a meeting next year with the Municipal District, given that it had only been earlier this year that a meeting had taken place. It is planned, therefore, to make contact with the Inland Fisheries in early 2020 to arrange this meeting.”*

**MDL902/18    DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 14 January 2020 at Letterkenny Public Services Centre.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Mayor

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Meetings Administrator

Schedule A

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## Appendix C

### MDL-M, Year 3 (2020) of the 3 year Footpath and Public Lighting Programme, agreed at workshop on 12th November 2019

1	Move Light in Carrigart Main Street	Carrigart	€2,000
2	Lights - Additional from Town out to Lidl in Milford	Fanad	€8,000
3	Lights - Glenswilly Church Carpark and Kilpheak Graveyard	Letterkenny Rural	€9,000
4	Lights infill at Lismonaghan	Letterkenny Urban	€10,000
5	Light at Meevagh Heritage Centre Carrigart	Carrigart	€1,500
6	Light - at Backlane to Rosemount Cottages , Kilmacrenan	Carrigart	€5,000
7	Light at junction of Moyle Hill road and Milford Main Street.	Fanad	€3,500
8	Justice Walsh Junction to Station Roundabout, on Community Centre Side, incl. removal of Firr Trees Footpath	Letterkenny Urban	€40,000
9	Light -Street Lights at An Craobhinn Termon/Termon NS	Carrigart	€1,500
10	Lights - Coopers Road Milford	Fanad	€10,000
11	Light- Barrack Junction	Letterkenny Rural	€8,000
12	Footpath Glenwood Park , Letterkenny	Letterkenny Urban	€30,000
13	Footpath Carrigart- Cranford Side of Health Centre- section deteriorating	Carrigart	€10,000
14	Light at Northern side of Massmount Chapel	Fanad	€4,000
15	Lights - Fycorrenagh on the Cullion Road	Letterkenny Rural	€8,000
16	Light at new Leitir Junction on the N56, Kilmacrenan	Carrigart	€5,000
17	Footpaths Long Lane, Letterkenny	Letterkenny Urban	€24,000
51	Lower Mount Merrion Footpath and Parking Bays	Fanad	€25,000
18	Light at Larganreagh Downings at Shane Mc Clafferty house	Carrigart	€4,000
19	Footpath "Bank Terrace to Graveyard - Ramelton"	Fanad	€47,000
20	Move Light at Moross Junction Tamney	Fanad	€3,000
105	Lights - a few in Figart, Carrigart between hotel and bridge past Vaughans	Carrigart	€7,000
			€265,500