

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SLIGO
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JULY 2018 AT 10.00 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, QUAY STREET, SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Declan Bree
Councillor Marie Casserly
Councillor Thomas Healy
Councillor Hubert Keaney
Councillor Seamus Kilgannon
Councillor Chris MacManus
Councillor Tom MacSharry
Councillor Sinéad Maguire
Councillor Rosaleen O’Grady (Mayor)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Gino O’Boyle

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer
Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner
Ms. Martina Casey, A/Administrative Officer
Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

MAYOR: The Mayor, Councillor Rosaleen O’Grady presided and welcomed all to the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SLIGO
HELD ON 21ST MAY 2018:**

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor D. Bree**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Sligo held on 21st May 2018.”

**2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SLIGO
HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2018:**

**Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District of Sligo held on 18th June 2018.”

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Declan Bree referred to a notice of motion he had raised on the May Agenda regarding funding for the next phase of the Fairgreen Recreational Park under the Sports Capital Programme. Councillor Bree asked whether a submission for grant aid had been submitted and if so, if a reply was received.

In response, Director of Services, Mr. Tom Kilfeather, informed the

meeting that an invitation for submissions is not open as yet nor has a date for the re-opening of the scheme been given but the situation will be kept under review.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT & RECOMMENDATION ON THE DRAFT 2018 SCC PARKING BYE-LAWS:

Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance, informed Members that the closing date for submissions was 9th July 2018 and proceeded to outline the proposed amendments to the bye-laws (which had been previously circulated to Members). The notable changes include:

- Proposed pay & display area at Summerhill Village from its junction with Gallows Hill to Summerhill College to be removed.
- Proposed pay & display areas at Holborn Hill and St. Anne's Place to be introduced.
- Pay & display parking to continue to apply in the portion of the Market Place car-park as hatched in red on the circulated map.

Ms. Whelan advised Members that should the recommendation on the bye-laws be adopted at the meeting, they would come into effect from 1st September 2018.

Ms. Whelan then updated Members on the managed car parking services contract which comprises the supply and maintenance of parking meters, coin collection and the roll out of a cashless parking application. 3 no. tenders were received and Tazbel (Parkrite) was selected for a 5 year term with the option to extend the contract for a further 24 no. months.

Ms. Whelan advised that Parkrite will supply and install a total of 50 no. new parking meters over a 12 week period as well as 10-15 no. additional (factory refurbished) meters at designated locations in Sligo. Each parking meter has the facility to pay for parking by coin, debit/credit card or electronically via text, online or over the phone.

In conclusion, Ms. Whelan stated that the Council will be undertaking a publicity campaign to inform customers regarding the operation of the new machines etc.

The Members thanked Ms. Whelan for her report and in particular, welcomed the removal of the proposed pay & display area at Summerhill Village while also welcoming the recent refurbishment of Wine Street car-park and the provision of additional disabled parking bays therein.

In reply to queries from Members, the following was also clarified:

- The Roads Dept. will consult with the Gardaí and Summerhill Village residents regarding the installation of double-yellow lines in the area (in lieu of pay & display parking).
- Issue of parking at Lower Pearse Road (opposite Garda barracks) to be discussed with the Gardaí.
- Grace period currently in place for lapse of parking tickets to be reduced when new parking meters are introduced.

- Both areas of Market Close indicated on the circulated map are in the ownership of Sligo County Council.

It was then:

Proposed by Councillor C. MacManus

Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon

AND AGREED

“That the Council adopt the revised 2018 Sligo County Council Parking Places Bye-Laws and 2018 Sligo County Council Car Parking Bye-Laws and 2018 Bus and Coach Park Bye-Laws”.

5. PRESENTATION BY SLIGO AREA WATER SAFETY:

The Chief Executive briefly introduced the Item which refers to the “Beachery” property in Rosses Point which is in the ownership of Sligo County Council. He also introduced Mr. John McShane and Mr. Daniel McGarrigle of Sligo Area Water Safety to the meeting.

Mr. McShane and Mr. McGarrigle described the activities carried out by the Sligo branch of Irish Water Safety and explained the reasons behind their proposal for a new facility at Rosses Point which include:

- Seeking to establish a permanent base with “fit for purpose” facilities.
- Promotion of water safety.
- Provision of modern amenity for tourists.
- A new facility would allow the Group to increase their range and scale of activities and provide a venue for local clubs in which to meet/operate from.

Following positive comments and queries from Members, Mr. McGarrigle informed the meeting that approximately €480,000 in funding would be required for the project and it is anticipated that the majority of same would be received through LEADER funding with the remainder coming from borrowing and fundraising activities. Revenue streams would include rental income from the lease of a commercial unit within the new building and fees from expansion of water safety activities and training programmes that could be facilitated from a permanent base.

The Members thanked Mr. McShane and Mr. McGarrigle for their presentation with the Chief Executive adding that there would be great benefit in principle to the proposal but the critical issues will lie in funding, the planning permission process and ongoing management and maintenance of the building.

6. REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT AT COOLDRUMMAN, CARNEY:

Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly

Seconded by Councillor S. Maguire

AND AGREED

“To have the speed limit reduced at the houses in Cooldrumman, Carney, North Sligo which is a residential area. Speeding continues to

be a problem in this area”.

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, reported that with regard to the setting of speed limits on rural roads such as the L-3304-0 Cooldrumman Road, Road Authorities need to have regard to the function of the road and the road must be assessed as a whole rather than looking at specific short sections of a route in isolation. The Dept. of Transport “Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland” suggest that speed limits should apply across minimum lengths of circa 3km of road so where the distance between a village (50 kph) and a primary route (N15 100kph) is less than 3km, it is appropriate that only one speed limit should apply in between i.e. 80 kph.

Mr. Brennan explained that applying a lower speed limit along a short section of the L-3304-0 fronting the houses at Cooldrumman would not be consistent with the aforementioned Guidelines and highlighted the fact that the speed limit applying to any road is precisely a limit and not a target for motorists.

**7. WORKS TO ALL-WEATHER
PLAY AREA IN MAUGHERABOY:**

**Proposed by Councillor C. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor R. O’Grady**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council would clear off the fencing and other associated works at the old all-weather play area in Maugheraboy Estate so as to remove the visual eyesore it has become”.

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, stated that the Council will inspect the area over the coming weeks and carry out works as may be required to improve the visual presentation of the area.

**8. ASSESSMENT OF JUNCTION OF
CLEVERAGH ROAD/PEARSE
ROAD & TIMING OF TRAFFIC
LIGHTS AT PILKINGTON
TCE/PEARSE ROAD JUNCTION:**

**Proposed by Councillor C. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor T. MacSharry**

AND AGREED

“That the Roads Department investigate the feasibility of traffic lights or other alternate solution at the Cleveragh Road/Pearse Road junction to facilitate exiting of vehicles on to the Pearse Road and further, to query re: the timing of the traffic lights at the Pilkington Tce/Pearse Road junction”.

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, reported that the Pearse Road/Cleveragh Road junction was assessed towards the latter part of 2016 and at that time, it was considered to be functioning adequately as the build up of traffic was infrequent and time delays for motorists exiting from Cleveragh Road onto Pearse Road were minimal in duration. Mr. Brennan stated that it is not considered that traffic signals are required at this junction based on current traffic volumes and junction movements and undertook to keep the junction under review.

Regarding the timing of the traffic signals at the junction of Pearse Road/Pilkington Terrace, Mr. Brennan advised that the Council has not been made aware of any issues but the timings will be reviewed by the Council's traffic signals maintenance contractor.

9. ROLLING OPTION FOR PORTALOOS TO BE AVAILABLE AT STREEDAGH & OTHER BEACHES:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy**

AND AGREED

"That there be a rolling option for portaloos to be available at Streedagh beach and possibly other beaches should the weather be exceptionally good from the start of June next year as it was this year. Given the success of the Wild Atlantic Way initiative, we are seeing an increased number of visitors to our beaches and the need for toilet facilities are greater as a result".

On behalf of Ms. Siobhán Gillen, A/Administrative Officer, Director of Services, Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that over the last number of years, the provision of portable toilets has been in place for Streedagh and Dunmorán beaches for the months of July and August. This has been adequate up to now, however the recent exceptionally good weather has proven difficult for the Environment Section whereby arrangements were changed at short notice regarding the provision of portaloos and lifeguard and beach warden cover.

Mr. Kilfeather advised that in future, in the event of further unprecedented weather, budgets and arrangements will need to be reviewed to allow for the early deployment of provisions from June.

Councillor Casserly welcomed the report and suggested that perhaps Lissadell beach could be included in provisions for 2019.

10. INSTALLATION OF ZEBRA CROSSING ON LORD EDWARD STREET:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Casserly
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

"To explore the possibility of having a zebra crossing installation between the bus station and Carr's Pub on Lord Edward Street, Sligo".

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, advised that over the coming months, the Roads Dept. will undertake a survey of pedestrian footfall in the area to determine if there is a demand for a controlled crossing at the location and if so, to identify the most appropriate location for same.

11. HEAVY OVERGROWTH ALONG RAILWAY LINE AT MAUGHERABOY ESTATE:

**Proposed by Councillor C. MacManus
Seconded by Councillor R. O'Grady**

AND AGREED

"To ask Iarnród Éireann to cut back the heavy overgrowth along the railway line at the boundary fence between their property and Maugheraboy Estate".

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, stated that the Council will write to Iarnród Éireann and request that they carry out the required maintenance works along the railway line.

**12. ERECTION OF TRAFFIC
CALMING SIGNAGE IN ROSSES
POINT:**

**Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council engineering staff would erect traffic calming signage in Rosses Point village showing a speed limit of 30 km/h as requested by the Rosses Point Development Association and as recommended by the Road Safety Authority".

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, stated that in accordance with the Dept. of Transport's "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland", the default speed limit for towns and villages is 50 km/h and the Council is not aware of any recommendations to reduce same.

Mr. Brennan advised that a proposal to introduce a 30 km/h speed limit within Rosses Point village could only be achieved through the adoption of Special Speed Limit bye-laws. Recent legislative changes have brought about the introduction of "slow zones" which carry a 30 km/h speed limit however the recommendation from the Dept. of Transport is that these should only apply to housing estates and roads with direct frontage housing and/or roads immediately adjacent to play areas.

**13. TAKING IN CHARGE OF
BALLINCAR HEIGHTS:**

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

"That Sligo County Council commence the taking in charge of Ballincar Heights in Ballincar".

On behalf of Director of Services, Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Senior Planner, Mr. Frank Moylan informed the meeting that works were carried out on the Ballincar Heights estate in 2017 under the National Taking In Charge initiative (NTICI) to bring the roads, footpaths and public lighting up to a standard suitable for taking in charge. He went on to explain that the estate is serviced by a developer-provided wastewater treatment plant which Irish Water will not take in charge under their current taking in charge protocol agreement and because they will not take the wastewater treatment plant in charge, they will not take the watermains in charge either.

Mr. Moylan assured Members that the Council will continue to liaise with Irish Water in relation to the estate and it is understood that Irish

Water may review their taking in charge protocol later this year particularly with regard to estates that are reliant on developer-provided infrastructure.

14. PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS ON N15 AT GRANGE:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor M. Casserly**

AND AGREED

“To request an update on the provision of 2 no. bus shelters on the N15 at Grange in County Sligo”.

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, reported that the provision of bus shelters is a matter for the National Transport Authority in conjunction with Bus Éireann. Mr. Brennan advised however that the Council will contact the National Transport Authority in the coming weeks to request an update on the provision of bus shelters in Grange.

15. PROGRESS REPORT ON EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH ON OXFIELD ROAD TO COMMUNITY PARK:

**Proposed by Councillor S. Kilgannon
Seconded by Councillor H. Keaney**

AND AGREED

“To request a report on progress on the extension of the footpath on the Oxfield Road to the Community Park”.

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, advised the meeting that from a community perspective it would be desirable to provide a footpath from Lissadell Park to the Oxfield Community Park however there is no dedicated funding source for works currently which would cost in the region of €35,000-€40,000 (exclusive of land costs).

16. LANDING FACILITIES AT INISMURRAY ISLAND:

**Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council immediately commence the process to survey existing landing facilities at Inismurray Island and undertake the design of necessary improvements to the satisfaction of the Marine Survey Office and set about undertaking the necessary works as a matter of urgency with support on funding if necessary from the Departments of Transport, Marine and Environment”.

On behalf of Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan stated that the provision of new landing facilities on Inismurray Island would be a major undertaking and due to its remote location, might not prove practicable or feasible. However, Mr. Brennan advised that if requested, and subject to available resources, Sligo County Council could, in conjunction with the Marine Survey Office, explore the improvement of safety at the existing landing

area with a view to allowing the commencement of landings to the island.

A discussion followed with Members feeling that the matter was the responsibility of the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.

It was agreed to defer the Item to the October Municipal District meeting agenda.

**17. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
MATTERS AT LLOYDS
PHARMACY:**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor C. MacManus**

AND AGREED

“Noting that Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd. is refusing to engage with the Mandate Trade Union which represents employees of the company and further noting that the Labour Court has issued a recommendation stating that the company negotiate with the Union; this meeting calls on Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd. to accept the recommendation of the Labour Court to recognise the Union and to enter into meaningful negotiations so as the conditions of employment for Lloyds Pharmacy workers can be improved”.

**18. RE-MARKING OF PEDESTRIAN
CROSSINGS IN STRANDHILL:**

**Proposed by Councillor T. MacSharry
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council engineering staff would re-mark the pedestrian crossings at the junction of Burmah Road and Shore Road directly opposite the Church in Strandhill which are currently badly faded in the interests of health & safety”.

On behalf of Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan advised that the markings at the pedestrian crossing points will be re-painted in the coming weeks.

Following a point raised by Councillor Sinéad Maguire regarding markings previously made in error at the location, Mr. Brennan undertook to clarify the situation and revert to Councillor Maguire.

**19. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
UNDER LOW COST ACCIDENT
SCHEME:**

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to make an application for funding under the Low Cost Accident Schemes to address the dangerous junction known as Dwyer Crossroads in Ballintrillick”.

On behalf of Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brían Flynn, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, advised the meeting that it is proposed to

refer the matter to the Road Design Section for consideration when preparing a schedule of Low Cost Safety Schemes for 2019.

20. REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATH BETWEEN COLLOONEY & BALLISODARE & SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS:

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to reinstate the footpath between Collooney and Ballisodare, in the interest of safety as this is a major concern to the local community who use it and also to address the need for safety improvement works around the bridge between the two villages”.

On behalf of Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brían Flynn, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, reported that the estimated cost of constructing a footpath linking the villages of Collooney and Ballisodare is circa €150,000 which would include drainage works, rising of ironworks/Eir manholes etc but makes no provision for ducting or public lighting. Mr. Brennan stated that there is no funding source at present for such works.

Director of Services, Mr. Tom Kilfeather added that it is important that any works carried out would be done so properly but the issue lies with the lack of financial resources available at present to carry out the works.

21. UPDATE ON ILLEGAL DUMPING ADJACENT TO WOODLANDS ESTATE:

**Proposed by Councillor T. Healy
Seconded by Councillor C. MacManus**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council for an update report on the illegal dumping on the HSE field beside the Woodlands Estate and ask who is responsible to clean this up and when will this take place?”.

On behalf of Ms. Siobhán Gillen, A/Administrative Officer, Director of Services, Mr. Tom Kilfeather reported that part of the site will be used for the proposed Urban Horse Project and works are due to commence once final costings are agreed. Part of the works will include site clearance. In addition to this, Mr. Kilfeather explained that once clean-up works planned on specific sites under the National Anti-Dumping Initiative 2018 are completed, it is proposed to use any remaining funds towards the clean-up required at the Woodlands Estate.

22.UPDATE ON REFURBISHMENT OF GIBRALTAR AMENITY AREA:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor C. MacManus**

AND AGREED

“That an up to date report be provided outlining the preparation of plans so as to allow the Council to seek grant aid for the refurbishment of the Gibraltar amenity area and for the development of a linear park

system along the seashore from Gibraltar to the Sligo urban area at the docks”.

On behalf of Mr. Brian Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Director of Services, Mr. Tom Kilfeather informed the meeting that whilst the Sligo & Environs Development Plan has a specific objective to develop a linear park linking Gibraltar to Sligo’s Docklands, there are currently no plans to progress this nor are there current plans or funding for the refurbishment of Gibraltar amenity area. Mr. Kilfeather advised that it is not considered likely that such schemes will be progressed over the short to medium term.

Councillor Bree expressed his disappointment at this news with the Chief Executive assuring Members that the Council would be keen to develop the facility if resources were available.

**23. UPDATE ON MEASURES
TAKEN AT NOS. 16 & 17 HIGH
STREET:**

**Proposed by Councillor D. Bree
Seconded by Councillor C. MacManus**

AND AGREED

“To ask the Chief Executive what action the Council has taken to protect Nos. 16 and 17 High Street, Sligo (both buildings which are included in the Councils Record of Protected Structures)”.

On behalf of Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services, Mr. Frank Moylan, Senior Planner, reported that a Section 59 notice (which requires works to be carried out to prevent a Protected Structure from becoming or continuing to be endangered) was served on the owners of 16 & 17 High Street on 21st December 2017. Subsequent to this, a Conservation Report and Method Statement for undertaking the works were received by Sligo County Council however despite regular requests to the owner and his agent, no works have been carried out on site. Mr. Moylan stated that the owner has since advised that works will commence on 23rd July 2018 and has been informed that the matter will be referred to the Council’s law agent for non-compliance with the terms of the Section 59 notice if works have not commenced on said date.

**24. PROVISION OF NEW NAME
SIGN FOR TREACY AVENUE ON
STRANDHILL ROAD:**

**Proposed by Councillor R. O’Grady
Seconded by Councillor S. Kilgannon**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council provide a new name sign for Treacy Avenue at the steps on the Strandhill Road”.

On behalf of Mr. Brian Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer, stated that the Roads Dept. will progress the installation of a new name sign for Treacy Avenue at the above location and advised that the lead-in time for sign-plate manufacture is approximately 4-6 weeks.

**25. PROVISION OF FOOTPATH
ON SOUTH SIDE OF R289 TO
CARRAROE FOOTBALL
GROUNDS:**

**Proposed by Councillor R. O’Grady
Seconded by Councillor T. Healy**

AND AGREED

“That Sligo County Council commence the ongoing provision of a footpath on the south side of R289 to Carraroe football grounds”.

On behalf of Mr. Brían Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tom Brennan, Senior Engineer advised that the Council is currently pursuing the provision of a section of footpath on the south side of the R289 to Carraroe football grounds with funding secured from the Dept. of Rural & Community Development’s Town & Village Scheme secured in partnership with Carraroe and District Regeneration Association (CADRA) and local consultation with affected parties is ongoing.

Both Councillor O’Grady and Councillor Healy welcomed the update with Councillor Healy enquiring whether similar funding could be explored for footpaths in the Carney area and from Ballisodare to Collooney. Mr. Brennan advised that funds are limited but the proposals can be looked into.

**26. INVITATION FROM THE
MODEL:**

It was agreed that the Sligo Municipal District October meeting be held in the Model Centre.

27. CORRESPONDENCE:

Noted.

28. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Members congratulated the Council on the waste event that took place over the weekend noting that the unprecedented numbers that arrived showed the excellent work being done by the Environment Section and also the requirement for a hazardous waste facility in Sligo.

Councillor Marie Casserly paid tribute to the U-17 Sligo Rovers Ladies team, St. Molaise Gaels U-16 team, Lauren Cadden and all athletes who won medals in the recent Athletics Ireland finals.

Councillor Hubert Keaney enquired as to what the protocol is for notifying Members of presentations at Municipal District meetings and it was agreed that the issue can be examined by the Procedures Committee.

The Mayor, Councillor O’Grady extended an invitation to those present to join her on a “Walk to The Rocks” taking place at 11.00 a.m. on July 23rd.

The business of the meeting concluded at 12.40 p.m.

Signed:

Mayor

Date: _____

Meetings Administrator

Date: _____