

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2018
AT 4.00 P.M. IN MEETING ROOM 1, TEACH LAIGHNE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Martin Baker
Councillor Michael Clarke
Councillor Margaret Gormley
Councillor Dara Mulvey
Councillor Joe Queenan (Chair)
Councillor Paul Taylor

APOLOGIES: Councillor Keith Henry
Councillor Jerry Lundy

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Ciarán Hayes, Chief Executive
Mr. Tom Kilfeather, Director of Services
Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
Ms. Marie Whelan, Head of Finance
Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer
Mr. David Golden, Area Engineer
Mr. Joe Devaney, Area Engineer
Ms. Clodagh Quinn, Staff Officer

CATHAOIRLEACH: The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Queenan presided and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BALLYMOTE-TOBERCURRY HELD
ON 17th SEPTEMBER 2018:**

**Proposed by Councillor P. Taylor
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ballymote-Tobercurry held on 17th September 2018”.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Councillor Dara Mulvey referred to a section of road on the L1603 at Eagles Flying which is in need of repair – contact to be made with the Area Engineer regarding same.

(b) Councillor Margaret Gormley requested that the possibility of installing traffic calming measures on the R296 between Flowerhill Estate and Bunninadden N.S. be re-examined.

**3. UPDATE ON DISCOVERY
CENTRE AT IRELAND WEST
AIRPORT KNOCK:**

Ms. Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services delivered a presentation to Members on the refurbishment of Ireland West Airport Knock which included the construction of a Discovery/Visitor Centre. Construction works commenced in April 2018 and the official opening by Minister Michael Ring T.D. will take place on 30th November 2018.

The flagship project was completed with the aid of Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ) funding and, in total, cost in the region of €725,000. 7 no. Local Authorities including Sligo County Council contributed €17,349 each in matched funding to the project with Mayo and Sligo being the lead partners.

Digital branding was installed in all parts of the terminal building which will showcase what the 7 no. contributing counties have to offer in terms of tourist attractions etc. Ms. Clarke stated that such branding will have to be updated regularly to reflect events taking place throughout the County.

In conclusion, Ms. Clarke advised Members of the announcement by the Airport of the operation of a new Ryanair route to Cologne which is due to commence on 1st June 2019 suggesting that same may provide further opportunities to capitalise on Sligo tourist attractions such as Sligo Walks trails etc.

4. INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING & SPEED RAMPS IN CLOONACOO VILLAGE:

This Item was deferred.

5. RE-SURFACING & DRAINAGE WORKS IN ACLARE:

This Item was deferred.

6. UPDATE REGARDING HEALTH CENTRE IN TUBBERCURRY, ROAD & CAR-PARK REPAIRS ETC.:

This Item was deferred.

7. REMEDIAL WORKS AT JUNCTION AT CARRIGANS LOWER, BALLYMOTE:

**Proposed by Councillor D. Mulvey
Seconded by Councillor M. Baker**

AND AGREED

“To call on Sligo County Council to examine what remedial works can be carried out at the junction at Carrigans Lwr, Ballymote to allow landowners to get deliveries in and out of their farm”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer reported that remedial works to improve the junction would cost in the region of €10,000-€15,000 and at present, there is no funding available to carry out such works.

8. IMPROVEMENTS REGARDING SIGHTLINES AT POWELLSBOROUGH CROSS:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor P. Taylor**

AND AGREED

“To call for improvements to be carried out at Powellsborough Cross to improve sightlines for those exiting onto the R294 and turning right for Tubbercurry”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer informed the meeting that the Road Design Section will advance a CPO on this project and a number of others when staff become available in 2019.

9. UPGRADING OF SECTIONS OF R294 & R293 AT KILFREE:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“To ask the Director of Services have the Council made an application for funding to upgrade sections of the R294 especially at Mullinabreena South and Knockalass and the R293 at Kilfree?”

Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer stated that the Road Design Section has carried out a preliminary survey of the Mullinabreena South section of the R294 and advised that there is no funding stream for applications of this nature since the Specific Improvement Grant was suspended a number of years ago. However, further work will be carried out on the design in 2019 to have a scheme prepared.

A brief discussion followed during which some Members explained that heavy goods vehicles using the road are a large contributing factor to the problem. Councillor Gormley suggested that the Roads Dept. contact the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport to seek funding for the R294.

10. REPORT ON OLDROCK BRIDGE PARAPET:

**Proposed by Councillor M. Gormley
Seconded by Councillor D. Mulvey**

AND AGREED

“Last March I requested a survey to be carried out on the structural soundness of Oldrock Bridge on R296 to assess what works are required to make it safe as a number of gaps are appearing and the capping is damaged. I am now asking that we be furnished with a report on what works are to be carried out”.

Mr. Paddy Hughes, Senior Executive Engineer advised that the Structures and Marine Section will inspect the bridge parapet in due course and determine if repair works are necessary and if so, will add same to the priority list of bridge repairs for 2019.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Noted.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Councillor Margaret Gormley queried whether replies were received (a) from the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of bus shelters on the N17 (b) from the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the installation of solar operated speed signs at various locations. In reply, Area Engineer, Mr. David Golden stated that follow-up would be made on the issues.
- Councillor Gormley expressed her disappointment that pothole repair works in the vicinity of Carrownanty Cemetery have yet to be carried out. Mr. Declan Noone, Area Engineer advised that pothole repair is due to be carried out over the coming weeks.

- Councillor Gormley proposed a vote of sympathy to the Reilly Family, Cloonlaughill on the death of Kathleen Reilly. The vote was seconded by Councillor Dara Mulvey.
- Councillor Michael Clarke raised the issue of the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Easkey to which Area Engineer, Mr. Joe Devaney advised that a proposal for a crossing was given to residents along the R297 and over 30 no. observations/comments were received. It was agreed that Cllrs. Clarke, Mulvey & Queenan along with Mr. Joe Devaney meet with local residents on Wednesday 14th November at 4 p.m. to discuss the issue.
- Councillor Taylor and Councillor Gormley highlighted the need for speed calming measures at Gurteen Cross.
- Members thanked Mr. Declan Noone for his work and assistance given over the last number of years as Ballymote Area Engineer and wished him well in his new role within the Roads Dept.

The business of the meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.

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Cathaoirleach

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Meetings Administrator