

**Minutes of the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District Meeting held Via Ms Teams on  
Monday, 14 June 2021 at 10.00 am**

**Members Present:** Councillor Thomas Mulligan (Cathaoirleach)  
Councillor Paddy Farrell  
Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire  
Councillor Des Guckian  
Councillor Sean McGowan  
Councillor Enda Stenson

**Officials Present:** Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development,  
Planning and Infrastructural Services  
Darragh O'Boyle, Senior Executive Engineer  
Kieran Brett, Meetings Administrator  
Kathleen Ellis, Assistant Staff Officer  
Terry McGovern, A/Senior Engineer  
Martin Donnelly, Executive Technician

**CMD.78.21     Adoption of Minutes of 10th May 2021**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Paddy Farrell  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. Des Guckian

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of Meeting of 10th May 2021

**CMD.79.21     Meeting Correspondence**

1. Letter dated 20th May 2021 from the OPW acknowledging receipt of email from Leitrim County Council on foot of Resolution passed by Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District to seeking funding to clean and dredge all rivers which flow into rivers and lakes within the Shannon Municipal District.

Councillor Des Guckian expressed his disappointment with the reply received and asked why OPW cannot give a direct answer in this regard.

Councillor Sean McGowan expressed his disappointment with the reply received and he said Leitrim County Council have not got the funding to clean and dredge all rivers and Lakes and funding is needed to do this work.

2. Letter dated 24th May 2021 from Local Link acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by Carrick-on-Shannon MD seeking a meeting with Local link and members from Carrick-on-Shannon District.

Mr Kieran Brett informed the members that he had received a further email from Fiona O'Shea on 11th June 2021 confirming that Local Link are not in a position to address a meeting of Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District Meeting on Monday, 14th June 2021 as they have not got clearance from the Department.

Cathaoirleach, Thomas Mulligan said he looked forward to Rural Link meeting the members of Carrick-on-Shannon MD soon and to having a full in-dept discussion on Rural Link services.

Councillor Des Guckian expressed his disappointment that Rural Link were not attending the meeting today and he asked that the email address of the Rural Link Manager be sent to him so that he could liaise directly with them.

Meetings Administrator agreed to forward the email address to Councillor Guckian as requested.

Councillor Sean McGowan also expressed his disappointment with Rural Link not meeting the members today and he acknowledged that they were unable to meet due to clearance not been authorised and he hoped that Rural Link would attend the next meeting of Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire expressed her disappointment and said members want to know the current situation with the provision of services by Rural Link. She acknowledged the first-class service Rural Link operated when they first commenced operation.

#### **CMD.80.21      Motion from Councillor Des Guckian - Unfinished Housing Estates**

##### **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian;**

"That with reference to Rosebank Cove Estate, and other unfinished estates still waiting to be taken in charge, in the Carrick Municipal area, can the County Council give any explanation as to why certain developers have not been obliged to have an insurance Bond in place to cover the cost of finishing off the estate, thereby allowing it to be taken in charge. What will now happen to Rosebank Cove and to the others?"

##### **Report by Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.**

"All Developers of residential estate type developments were obliged, as a condition of the relevant grant of planning permission, to provide a security for the satisfactory completion of their developments. These securities were either by way of a cash

deposit or a Bond provided by a financial institution. The Council received a total of 71 cash deposits and 165 Bonds in respect of such developments. Of the Bonds received, 44 were of a time-limited nature whilst the remainder were open-ended. Of the time-limited Bonds which have expired, 7 may have a financial implication for the Council if the associated development is taken in charge. By and large these implications are directly related to the financial downturn post 2008 as it became practically impossible to secure the provision of replacement bonds at that time.

The non-availability of a Bond attaching to a development has no implications for whether or not it is taken in charge. The Council is not allowed to consider the cost implications of taking in charge if it receives a request from the majority of homeowners in the development where the permission was granted more than 9 years before the request. The Council does not, however, have to take a development in charge where it has commenced enforcement action within the appropriate enforcement period: where enforcement action has commenced, a decision on whether to take in charge is entirely at the discretion of the Council.

Where the Council receives a request to take in charge a development where the Bond has expired, it shall, subject to its absolute discretion where enforcement action has commenced, move to take such developments in charge. Should there be any unfinished elements within the estate then the Council and Irish Water shall have to fund the necessary works from their own resources in respect of the services they will have responsibility for. For the purposes of clarity this only extends to roads and services."

Councillor Des Guckian gave the background to his motion and sought clarification as to why the bond expired in 2010 why it was not enforced and why subsequent Planning Applications were not made dependent on works been carried out on the original development. He sought clarification on the possibility of Rosebank Cove Estate and other such estates getting potholes fixed and being taken in charge.

Councillor Sean McGowan supported the motion and said funding should be provided from the Department of Public Expenditure as many housing estates in the county have similar problems and the Council do not have the financial resources required to address the issue.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire endorsed what had been said by the Members in this regard.

Mr Joseph Gilhooly said the reply to the motion set out the general position with regard to cash deposits, bonds and time bound bonds. Mr Gilhooly outlined that the Council received a total of 71 cash deposits and 165 bonds in respect of such developments. Of the bonds received, 44 were of a time-limited nature whilst the remainder were open-ended. Of the time-limited bonds which have expired, 7 may have a financial implication for the Council if the associated development is taken in charge. With the financial downturn in 2008 it became practically impossible to secure the provision of replacement bonds at that time.

Mr Martin Donnelly said time limited bonds are the normal bond. Leitrim County Council are fortunate to have a number of open-ended bonds. When the bonds expired in 2010, no financial institutions were providing bonds. 2nd planning permissions cannot be used as enforcements, each planning application must be considered on its own merits. In relation to future developments, all bonds will be time limited which have been designed nationally. The process to determine if a bond needs to be called in will be reviewed.

Councillor Des Guckian said the process seems “murky” and the Council and Government have learned very little, and he queried why Irish Water and the Council should put their resources into resolving the problems left behind by developers.

Mr Donnelly said the option in getting developers to finish works in these unfinished estates is very remote, the only option is if developers do so voluntarily, or they continue to have an interest in property in the estate. There is no benefit in it for developers only expenditure once all houses are sold. Mr Donnelly said an application has been made to the Department to seek funding to assist in finishing estates.

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Mr Joseph Gilhooly said he was not sure in what context Councillor Guckian referred to the process as “murky” and he said that further funding from the Government would be worthwhile to help to bring the situation to a conclusion in this regard.

#### **CMD.81.21      Motion from Councillor Des Guckian- Tall Trees close to the N4**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Des Guckian;**

"That we Councillors condemn the cutting off of one of the finest views in Ireland, along the N4, above and below The Top O' The Hill, at Aughamore, by the Council planting very tall trees close to the N4, at the time the road was widened there. These trees now pose dangers and should be removed by the Council."

#### **Report by Roads – General**

"After seeking funding from the TII, we have received a grant to carry out tree felling at locations along the N4. We will endeavour to carry out these works in October/November."

Councillor Des Guckian gave the background to his motion he welcomed the favourable reply received in this regard.

Councillor Paddy Farrell supported the motion and said he couldn't understand why so many trees are planted along the N4 as it would be more cost effective to leave it treeless.

Councillor Sean McGowan and Cllr Thomas Mulligan also supported the motion.

Mr Darragh O'Boyle said a grant has been received from the TII to carry out tree felling at locations along the N4 at Tully and Aghamore.

Councillor Des Guckian said it should be kept in mind to remove trees above and below the top of Notley's Hill.

Councillor Enda Stenson sought clarification if there is a grant available to farmers for the removal of trees affected by Ash die back.

Mr O'Boyle said there is a hedge cutting funding available for farmers which may cover this. Mr O'Boyle said he was not aware of a specific grant available for removal of trees due to Ash die back. If trees are on Leitrim County Council roadside property, the council will remove the trees, but where the trees are on private roadside land a notice will issue to private landowners to maintain their trees.

On a separate matter Councillor Thomas Mulligan said that there are 8 to 9 beech trees along the new footpath out of Mohill on the Dromod road that need to be looked at, as they appear to be dying.

Mr O'Boyle agreed to examine the issue raised by Cllr Mulligan.

**CMD.82.21     Motions from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire, Councillor Sean McGowan, Councillor Thomas Mulligan and Councillor Enda Stenson- Dromod to Carrick-on-Shannon By Pass**

It was agreed that motion no 6 in the name of Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire, Motion No 8 in the name of Councillor Sean McGowan, Motion No 12 in the name of Councillor Thomas Mulligan and Motion no 14 in the name of Councillor Enda Stenson be taken concurrently as they all relation to the same issue.

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire;**

"I ask that Leitrim County Council and ARUP Consulting extend the date of the public consultation period on the Carrick Dromod bypass, by 4 weeks from June 16th 2021 to July 14th 2021."

### **Report by Roads – General**

"The purpose of this public consultation is to inform stakeholders of the preliminary options developed and the findings of the constraints study in a timely manner and to provide effective opportunities to contribute to the decision-making process. Following consultation with both the Design Team and Project Managers for the Carrick on Shannon Dromod Project the closing date is being extended to 25th June. This extension was considered appropriate given the role of this stage of non-statutory consultation, while not impacting negatively on the timeframe for delivery of these phases of the project."

### **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;**

"I seek the support of members in calling on the TII and ARUP Consultants to extend the public consultation on the proposed Carrick on Shannon - Dromod Road scheme for a further month from the 16th of June to allow for the homeowners/landowners & other interested parties adequate time to consider all the options being proposed and thereby enable the making of submissions in a well-informed manner."

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### **To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;**

"I propose that the public consultation period be extended for the Dromod to Carrick on Shannon by pass."

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of these phases of the project."

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;**

"I've met with a lot of people regarding the Carrick bypass over the past few weeks and I've yet to meet someone who agrees with the selected corridors we were presented with.

May I ask, do our roads engineers within the county think we have other options open to us?"

**Report by Roads – General**

"The Design Team have examined all alternatives and options to establish if they can meet the project objectives. This includes an assessment of a wide range of options - from alternative modes of transport to the least intrusive road option namely the Do-Minimum Option to the Management Option, which is a reuse of the existing N4, to the new road-based option corridors. Every alternative and option was assessed against the project objectives and only made it through to the public consultation if they are deemed feasible and capable of responding to the project objectives. This is the test required to ensure that the project which is presented to An Bord Pleanala will result in a successful planning application.

The option corridors presented were developed following a detailed assessment of the existing constraints, which are extensive in this area, and are capable of delivering on the project objectives. Over the course of the meetings during the public consultation, various people have identified new additional constraints and asked for other alternatives to be tested. All of this feedback will be reviewed and assessed by the design team to ensure that the preferred option selected is the optimum transport solution for the N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod Project."

Mr Terry McGovern, A/Senior Engineer said the maps are very detailed, clear and concise, with the online maps being much more detailed than paper versions. He outlined the process involved in the public consultation process which is to inform stakeholders of the preliminary options developed and the findings of the constraints study in a timely manner and to provide effective opportunities to contribute to the decision-making process. Following consultation with both the Design Team and Project Managers for the Carrick on Shannon Dromod Project the closing date is being extended to 25th June. To date 162 meetings have been booked with 139 already taken place, 68 virtual online meetings have taken place, 71 by telephone. There has been both negative and positive feedback on the public consultation process but mainly a positive feedback from those who engage. All observations made by the public either go directly to the consultants via the email address, or are sent there, if received by LCC. These will all be taken into consideration by the consultants in the preparation of the Draft Selection report. The public consultation is for 6 weeks in total and the public consultation period on this project is longer than would be generally.

Mr Joseph Gilhooly said Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is the responsible body for the design and construction on National Primary Routes such as the N4. The N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod Project has been prioritised for delivery under the National Development Plan and is currently being progressed through pre-appraisal and early planning stages. Mr Joseph Gilhooly said that as the public health movement restrictions are being lifted delays on the N4 are being encountered again. If the economy grows as expected further congestion can be expected. The selection of the preferred corridor is the solution to the congestion problems on the bridge in Carrick-on-Shannon and it imperative that the programme is continued. Councillor Thomas Mulligan said members have all attended public and private meetings and have been taken aback by the numbers attending. He paid tribute to the Consultants on their Interactive website. Councillor Mulligan said it there is a level of dissatisfaction and frustration amongst the public as it is difficult for some people to make their views known when they have not the opportunity of a face-to-face meeting available to them and he called for the consultation period to be extended to allow for face-to-face meetings and this should be extended due to the pandemic.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire said members are aware of the views of the community and people need more time to engage with the consultation process. Some people are engaging but there is a cohort that is unable to engage. Some people with farms and homes that may be affected by the proposed corridors want to meet the consultants face to face.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire said 2 days in a hotel with large maps displayed on the walls and Consultants available on site to talk people through the project would be beneficial. This project has been on the cards for 10 years and a further few weeks will not make that much difference to the project. Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire acknowledged that July and August are holiday months and she proposed that the consultation period be extended to allow for more COVID vaccinations to be rolled out and to allow people to meet face to face with consultants.

Councillor Sean McGowan seconded Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire's proposal for physical meetings. Councillor Sean McGowan said some people are not able to access it online. People feel more comfortable with a face-to-face consultation.

Councillor Enda Stenson said the consultant's interactive website is excellent, however online meetings are difficult for many people and people find the process difficult to engage with. Councillor Stenson said the Black Route is not a TII route and queried if this is an issue for Leitrim County Council. Councillor Stenson said a possible option is to connect to the N5. Councillor Stenson said he has still to hear any positive feedback, the members have to represent the people and he outlined he was not against progress and acknowledged the traffic problems in Carrick-on-Shannon and said he didn't know how this issue was going to be solved.

Councillor Paddy Farrell supported the motions and agreed that more time is



needed. Cllr Farrell said he mentioned the N5 as an option in the past.

Councillor Des Guckian said a time big extension to the consultation period is needed. Councillor Des Guckian acknowledged that online consultation is not suitable for everyone. Councillor Des Guckian, said COVID will not be over until at least October and as we have waited 30 years or more for a new road or a bridge what is four more months, when the decision will last for hundreds of years.

Councillor Guckian said he requested a large-scale detailed map and was told it was not available. Councillor Guckian said he attended a big meeting at Annaduff and the view of the people is that the N4 should be left alone from Faulties to the Circle K service station near Carrick-on-Shannon. Councillor Des Guckian said people want to know what access points there will be to any new road to allow people to enter onto it.

Councillor Des Guckian agreed with the motions to extend the consultation period and said the extension should be to October and possibly further back.

Mr Terry McGovern, A/Senior Engineer said there are 8 phases to this process, - (phases 0 to 7), and this is Phase 2. The objectives for the scheme have been set, and the study area established. The constraints identified to date in this area have been considered and the Consultants have now come up with a number of alternatives and options which may or may not be road-based solutions. If a road-based solution is selected there are a number of 300m corridors identified, where a possible road could go.

Mr McGovern said that in trying to find a transportation solution to meet the objectives of the scheme, the following options and alternatives are being considered:

- Do minimum option – where existing road is used and maintained with smaller safety schemes and minor works being carried out, as has been done to date.
- Management Option – which leaves the road the way it is, but may involve the inclusion of other measures which could include reducing the number of access points, provision of safety measures i.e. traffic lights or other structures to manage the flow of traffic. This could also include the development of a road as shown by the Black Corridor on the maps, which could reduce traffic going through the town centre.
- Alternatives being examined include considering active travel solutions for local traffic or possibly a public transport alternative locally, including train line services for strategic through traffic.

For the road-based options, a list of possible route corridors have been drawn up for consideration and are assessed on a wide range of criteria, including the consideration of submissions and constraints. In addition, detailed studies are being carried out by specialists sub consultants and they look at a multitude of issues such as engineering, environment, land use, human impact, utilities, agriculture, ecology,

heritage, climate action, noise, archaeology, landscape and visual, flora / fauna, SACs, NHAs, hydrology, geology, soil types, climate action, etc. and these are all taken into consideration and assessed in order to determine the preferred option.

Mr McGovern advised that, after a peer review by the TII, and approval to proceed, a proposal on the preferred option will go to An Bord Pleanála, and they will ultimately make the decision. This will most probably include an oral hearing, at which time the proposal can be challenged, and the consultants will have to defend why this is the preferred option.

Mr McGovern acknowledged the concerns about the way the consultation process is being carried out but stressed this was because of Covid and the present methods were working much better than having to bring people into a hall to view wall maps. Mr McGovern acknowledged not everyone would find the current process suitable and he said at the moment private meetings, both on-line and telephone, are available and being facilitated with half hour private consultations with two members of the team and people are being provided with maps of their own property when requested. He said the Leitrim County Council Project Liaison Officer is available also for consultations and he is Joseph Mulleady.

Mr McGovern said that because of the overall scale of the project, the paper based maps are 12 feet long and 4 feet wide and it is not feasible to issue hard copies, and in any event the scale is very small. The on-line maps, most particularly the interactive map, can be zoomed in on and gives very clear detail. For those who cannot access the online system, a telephone consultation is available, and a map of their property will be issued, if requested.

He also said that if new options such, as the N5 and N61 options, are proposed, these will be examined and that any new constraints that emerges as part of this process will be examined and taken into consideration.

Mr McGovern said that the preferred option will be selected by the end of the year and detailed design will then commence with a view to having the project go to An Bord Pleanála for consideration in 2 years, by mid 2023. There will be ongoing consultation with the affected property owners.

He also stated that legislation has changed since the previous scheme was being designed, which took place a number of years ago, with changes in environmental policy, climate action, smarter travel, etc. and the subsequent emergence of new constraints. That is why it is necessary to go back and start from scratch with the project. Once the project goes before An Bord Pleanála, the proposal can be subject to further challenges at that stage.

Councillor Thomas Mulligan said there is still an information void for the general public, and he appealed to people who have not availed of the consultation process so far, to do so and he proposed the information presented by Mr McGovern should be available as a podcast.

Councillor Thomas Mulligan proposed the extension of the duration of Carrick Dromod N4 public consultation until such time that those that have not availed of the current public consultation have an opportunity for face-to-face meetings on the proposals.

Councillor Sean McGowan seconded the proposal.

Councillor Des Guckian supported the idea of the extension and said possibly covid will not be gone until October or longer and the extension should be until then. Councillor Des Guckian said Mr McGovern had said the closing date for the Public Consultation was 23rd June 2021 and this was misleading.

Councillor Thomas Mulligan asked if there was a second proposal. There was no other proposal.

Mr Joseph Gilhooly said the N4 connects directly with the N5 and N6 national primary routes which also form part of the EU TEN-T comprehensive road network. The N4 carries long-distance traffic from the east of the country to the northwest of the country. It is imperative for sustainability and the local economy that County Leitrim has equal connectivity to other regions.

Mr Gilhooly said this meeting is not part of the consultation process and is only a flow of information, he urged people to use the Public Consultation process until 25th June 2021 to engage with the process and he stressed this date is unlikely to change but the views of the MD will indeed receive consideration.

Mr Joseph Gilhooly said he took exception to the comments from Councillor Guckian as it was totally unacceptable to suggest that Mr Terry McGovern was trying to mislead people regarding the closing date. Mr McGovern said it was a slip of the tongue and the correct closing date is the 25th June 2021.

Councillor Thomas Mulligan suggested that Mr McGovern's presentation be made available on the website. Mr Mulligan said members have gone as far as they can at this stage, and he reminded people to participate in the Public Consultation process.

**CMD.83.21     Motion from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire - Engagement with Leitrim County Council and ARUP Consulting on proposed Dromod by pass**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire;**

"Can the Executive outline to the members, the extent of the engagement thus far of Leitrim County Council with ARUP Consulting on the proposed Carrick Dromod by pass.

The knowledge that past engagements, in years prior to 2020, on this project have

been put aside has come as a shock to all concerned for many reasons."

### **Report by Roads – General**

"As has been outlined on previous occasions the TII when re-initiating the Carrick on Shannon Dromod Scheme in accordance with the National Development Plan determined that the scheme had to commence from Phase zero. This was deemed necessary, due to the passage of time, changes in planning, environmental and climate action considerations in particular, meant that the considerable array or design considerations and assessments undertaken in the previous process could not be relied on. Furthermore, alternative options (including non-road-based alternatives), have now to be taken into consideration, in order to deliver a sustainable transportation solution. Therefore, while it appears to have been surprising to some, it is part of the identified process from the commencement that the route selection would progress through all stages during this process and that previous processes were irrelevant."

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire thanked Mr Terence McGovern, A/Senior Engineer for his excellent presentation presented earlier on the proposed Carrick on Shannon Dromod Scheme and she said she was much clearer, and she acknowledged looking outside the box that all the work done in the past in this regard has not been wasted.

Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire said that response received at the meeting from Mr Terry McGovern was very informative and should be made available to the wider public.

### **CMD.84.21     Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan - CCTV Schemes**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sean McGowan;**

"I seek the support of members in calling on the Acting Minister Heather Humphries and the Dept. of Justice to increase the grant assistance for community led CCTV schemes to 90% of the cost of the scheme or to a maximum of €100,000. At present the maximum grant available is 60% up to a maximum of €40,000.

The community in Mohill are anxious to get a CCTV scheme for the town. They have a committee working on it presently and if funding is increased, it would give communities, such as Mohill, a greater chance of putting a scheme in place."

Councillor Sean McGowan said the Community in Mohill is anxious to get good, effective CCTV for the town as it is very useful in assisting An Garda Síochána to prevent crime. Councillor McGowan called for the grant assistance for the scheme to be increased to 90% of the cost of the scheme to ensure a good effective scheme is put in place and also to support the operation of the CCTV system after it has been installed.

Councillors Enda Stenson, Thomas Mulligan and Des Guckian supported the motion.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Sean McGowan  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. Enda Stenson

It was **AGREED** to call on the Acting Minister Heather Humphries and the Dept. of Justice to increase the grant assistance for community led CCTV schemes to 90% of the cost of the scheme or to a maximum of €100,000. At present the maximum grant available is 60% up to a maximum of €40,000. The community in Mohill are anxious to get a CCTV scheme for the town. They have a committee working on it presently and if funding is increased, it would give communities, such as Mohill, a greater chance of putting a scheme in place.

**CMD.85.21     Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell - Lisnagot, Kingston Terrace and Breffni Heights**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy Farrell;**

"I ask Leitrim County Council to resolve some issues at Lisnagot, Kingston Terrace and Breffni Heights. I ask Leitrim County Council to erect a Cul-de-sac sign at the junction between these two estates. I ask Leitrim County Council to address the condition of the road between Number 8 Kingston Terrace & Breffni Heights as it needs attention. Water lodges on this stretch of road, therefore water channels need to be installed."

**Report by Roads – General**

"We will erect a "cul de sac" sign at this location indicating no through road at this junction. We have invested in this local road network in 2019, 2020 and in 2021. The majority of the road network in St. Patricks Park is in very good condition. We have funding to improve the footpath leading to Breffni Crescent which will be carried out at the end of the year."

Councillor Paddy Farrell said the road was tarred, and a wall was built but water channels were not put in place at this location and water lodges on this stretch of road. Councillor Farrell said the cul-de-sac sign will indicate this is not a through road and will prevent lorries going up this road.

Mr Darragh O'Boyle said a cul-de-sac sign will be erected. Mr O'Boyle said the Council have invested in local road network at this location. Most of the road network in St Patrick Park is in very good condition. Mr O'Boyle said he will check the ownership of the property in question from where the water is coming and if the property is in private ownership, he will issue a letter to the landowner. If it is in Council ownership, he will contact the Housing Dept. in this regard.

Councillor Des Guckian supported the motion.

**CMD.86.21     Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell - Trimming at Junctions & Dangerous Road in Carrick-on-Shannon MD**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Paddy Farrell;**

"When are the Council going to start trimming at junctions and on dangerous roads in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral Area. There has been a lot of growth in the last number of weeks adding to the danger on these roads."

**Report by Roads – General**

"The District Office will commence regional road junction trimming in July. All non-regional road junctions are the responsibility of the landowners. There are hedge cutting grants available to assist the landowners in carrying out this civic duty."

Councillor Paddy Farrell said trimming at junctions is taking place since 1st May in a neighbouring county and he sought clarification as to when Leitrim County Council will be commencing trimming at junctions and on dangerous roads in the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral Area. Growth of vegetation in recent weeks has added to the danger.

Mr Darragh O'Boyle, Senior Executive Engineer said trimming of Regional Road Junctions is scheduled to commence in July and local road junctions are the civic duty of landowners. Mr O'Boyle said he will contract the Contractors in this regard.

Councillor Sean McGowan supported the motion and asked that local roads might also be looked at.

Mr O'Boyle said Leitrim County Council do not have funding in the Municipal District Roads Works Programme to carry out trimming on local roads.

**CMD.87.21     Motion from Councillor Thomas Mulligan - Rebuild Stone Pier at the Entrance to Church at Lower Main Street, Mohill**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Thomas Mulligan;**

"That Leitrim County Council apply for permission to rebuild the stone pier at the entrance to the church at Lower Main Street Mohill."

## **Report by Roads – General**

"The wall in question is the property of the Church of Ireland. This issue will be addressed under the urban renewal scheme for Mohill for inclusion in urban renewal works."

Councillor Thomas Mulligan said this is a very old pier supporting the old, forged gate. The pier is not in good repair and the gate cannot be hung until the pier is rebuilt.

Councillor Enda Stenson, Councillor Sean McGowan and Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire supported the motion.

Mr Joseph Gilhooly said this issue will be addressed as part of the public realm works which has been approved.

### **CMD.88.21     Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson - Upgrade street and paths in Mohill**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Enda Stenson;**

"May I get an update on where we are regarding the upgrade of street and paths in Mohill."

**Report by Director of Services for Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation.**

"We are currently at tender for the appointment of a design consultant for the project. Tenders are due back mid-July.

An Bord Pleanála have also confirmed to Leitrim County Council, following an appeal to the board, that Leitrim County Council's decision, during the Part 8 planning process, not to complete a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was the correct decision and therefore the development will proceed in accordance with the Part 8."

Mr Joseph Gilhooly added that the tender process to appoint a design consultant for the project is underway. Tenders are due back mid-July. It is expected to issue the construction tender in the Spring of 2022 and there will be approximately 9 months of a construction period. In this regard, it is likely to be 12 months before contractors are on site.

Councillor Sean McGowan supported the motion.

**CMD.89.21     Any Other Business**

The members paid tribute to Garda Marie Guihen on her retirement from An Garda Siochana and thanked her for her wonderful service and wished her health and happiness in her retirement.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 11.39 am

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor Thomas Mulligan**  
**Cathaoirleach, Carrick on**  
**Shannon Municipal District**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kieran Brett**  
**Meetings Administrator**

**Date:        Monday, 12 July 2021**