

**Minutes of the Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting held in the HSE Office
Manorhamilton on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 2.30 pm**

Members Present: Councillor Felim Gurn (Cathaoirleach)
Councillor Frank Dolan
Councillor Justin Warnock
Councillor Sean McDermott
Councillor Mary Bohan
Councillor Padraig Fallon

Apologies:

Officials Present: Saramarie Lynch
Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing, Corporate Services,
Community and Cultural Services
Eric Gilroy, SEE North Leitrim
Nicola McManus, Meetings Administrator Manorhamilton
Municipal District

MMD.19.22 Adoption of Minutes

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Mary Bohan
SECONDED by Cllr Felim Gurn

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the Manorhamilton Municipal District Meeting of 19th February 2024.

MMD.20.22 Meeting Correspondence

Cllr Mary Bohan referred to the HSE's reply in relation to Our Lady's Hospital Manorhamilton and described it as dismissive. She stated that any Councillor has the right to put forward a motion if they wish. Cllr Bohan also highlighted the fact that the HSE has previously declined to attend an MD meeting. Cllr Mary Bohan asked that Leitrim County Council write again on behalf of Manorhamilton MD.

Cllr Felim Gurn agreed with Cllr Bohan and stated that the HSE have previously been dismissive.

Cllr Justin Warnock expressed the importance of this facility as medical needs are not being attended to locally.

It was agreed by all members that a further letter be issued from the Manorhamilton Municipal District Members to the HSE in relation to the Day Care Centre, Our Lady's Hospital Manorhamilton.

Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Service referred to the reply in relation to the MICA Scheme and stated that in relation to homeowners that have an issue with MICA that they should contact the local authority in the first instance as per the correspondence from the Minister.

Cllr Padraig Fallon highlighted that full redress for homeowners is needed.

MMD.21.22 **Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)- LIS Applications where Cost will exceed €65,000**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Mary Bohan
SECONDED by Cllr Felim Gurn

It was **AGREED** to approve the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) – LIS Applications where cost will exceed €65,000.

It was agreed to take Agenda Item no.4 (Cllr gurn) and no 7. (Cllr Fallon) together as they were of a similar nature.

MMD.22.22 **Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn**

MMD.23.22 **Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn**

Cllr Felim Gurn expressed the frustration of late payments not being good enough along with small farmers not being supported locally.

Cllr Padraig Fallon supported the motion.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Felim Gurn
SECONDED by Cllr Justin Warnock

It was **AGREED** that this Municipal write to the Minister for Agriculture Mr. Charlie McConalogue so that no more family farms are lost in the county."

It was agreed to take Agenda Item no.6 (Cllr Fallon) and no 10. (Cllr Dolan) together as they were of a similar nature.

MMD.24.22 **Motion from Councillor Padraig Fallon**

MMD.25.22 **Motion from Councillor Padraig Fallon**

Cllr Felim Gurn stated that a letter was given to all councillors in relation to the department not providing the necessary funding for schools. He outlined that parents and teachers are frustrated with this response along with them having to work in these poor conditions.

Cllr Padraig Fallon outlined he recently brought this issue to the attention of Deputy Martin Kenny, along with having brought it to the attention of Minister Norma Foley. He outlined that the environment that these students and teachers must work in is now a safety hazard and that an Emergency works grant must be granted.

Cllr Justin Warnock stated that the extent of work required will have to be completed in stages since it is too large a project to complete in one summer.

All members supported the motion.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Felim Gurn
SECONDED by Cllr Padraig Fallon

It was **AGREED to write to both the Dept of Education and Minister Foley in relation to the issues at St. Aidan's NS in Ballaghameehan, Rossinver.**

MMD.26.22 **Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock**

Cllr Frank Dolan stated that the cutting of hedges must take place regardless of funding.

Cllr Justin Warnock acknowledged the provision of funding in relation to this.

All members supported the motion.

MMD.27.22 **Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock**

Cllr Justin Warnock highlighted the Green Health Initiative and outlined that North Leitrim can be part of this. He outlined that this EU funded programme could be very beneficial for North Leitrim as it will help with the growth of the county and population.

Cllr Mary Bohan supported the motion once no negative consequences resulted from it.

All members supported the motion.

MMD.28.22 **Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan**

Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Service informed the members that the Fire station is at design stage currently.

All members supported the motion.

MMD.29.22 **Motion from Councillor Frank Dolan**

Cllr Pdraig Fallon expressed how disappointing this response was and how disheartening it is for the families as well as the young adults who would have availed of this service. He asked the local authority if there was anything they could do.

Cllr Frank Dolan outlined the frustration and worry for the parents of these young adults as they are getting older and were hoping their children would be supported in the future.

Cllr Felim Gurn stated that funding for this service was provided 2-3 years ago but remains unspent.

Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Service, indicated that Leitrim County Council will seek alternative expressions of interest as soon as possible.

All members supported the motion.

MMD.30.22 **Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan**

Cllr Mary Bohan expressed that the footpaths are a health and safety issue and requested what the timeline would be for repairs.

Eric Gilroy, Area Engineer stated that he will investigate the areas and assess the trip hazards that could be funded under IPB Funding.

All members supported the motion.

MMD.31.22 **Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Mary Bohan
SECONDED by Cllr Justin Warnock

It was **AGREED** for this municipal to call again on the Government to bring all applications for afforestation planting and felling under the Local Authority Planning Regulations as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Warnock outlined the issues relating to forestry and the need for planning regulation. All members supported the motion.

MMD.32.22 **Votes of Sympathy**

Cllr Mary Bohan expressed sympathy to Cllr Warnock on the recent passing of his sister.

MMD.33.22 **Any Other Business**

- The use of campaign posters in the upcoming local elections was discussed. It was agreed that the use of use of Campaign posters in the upcoming local elections be accepted.
- Cllr Padraig Fallon proposed the members from Manorhamilton Municipal District put forward a joint motion to the next plenary Council meeting in May 2024 to raise awareness for the Palestinian Solidarity Group.
- Mary Quinn, Director of Services, outlined that the date of the May meeting be need moved to an earlier date due to the Local Elections, and Members can consider at the April meeting.
- Eric Gilroy, Area Engineer informed the Members that the TII allocation has been received and the Roads Programmes has been updated which was circulated to all members.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 3.45 pm

SIGNED: _____
Councillor Felim Gurn
Cathaoirleach,
Manorhamilton Municipal
District

SIGNED: _____
Nicola McManus
Meetings Administrator

Date: **Monday, 15 April 2024**