

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Remote Special Meeting of Council held on Monday 28 June, 2021  
at 6:00 pm**

**PRESENT IN  
CHAMBER:**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
Alderman S Martin

Aldermen A G Ewart MBE, O Gawith and J Tinsley

Councillors D J Craig, D Honeyford, S Lee, J McCarthy,  
A McIntyre, U Mackin, Jenny Palmer, John Palmer and  
A Swan

**PRESENT IN REMOTE  
LOCATION:**

Aldermen D Drysdale and M Henderson MBE  
Councillors R T Beckett, R Carlin, S Carson, A P Ewing,  
J Gallen, A Givan, A Gowan, M Gregg, M Guy,  
J Lavery BEM, C McCready, S Skillen and Hon. N Trimble

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Director of Service Transformation (Council Chamber)  
Member Services Officer (BS)  
Member Services Officer (LMcN)  
Technician  
IT Officer

Department for Infrastructure – Roads (Eastern Division)

Kevin Monaghan – Divisional Roads Manager  
Gabriel Doherty – Section Engineer  
Graeme Salmon – Senior Engineer Traffic

**Commencement of the Meeting**

At the commencement of the meeting, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, welcomed those present to the Special Meeting of Council which was being live-streamed to enable members of the public to hear and see the proceedings. For the purpose of the livestream the Member Services Officer read out the names of those Members in attendance at the meeting.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor stated that, whilst the meeting was being live streamed, unauthorised recording was not permitted, as per the Council's Standing Orders.

Alderman A G Ewart entered the Meeting at 6.03 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor asked that mobile phones be turned off or put on silent for the duration of the meeting.

1. Purpose of Meeting

The special meeting of Council had been convened in order to receive a deputation from the Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division), in order that they present their Spring Report 2021.

2. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the special meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor T Mitchell, Aldermen J Baird and A Grehan, Councillors H Legge and G McCleave.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, invited Members to declare any interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting and reminded them of the requirement that they complete Declaration of Interest forms in this regard which had been provided at the meeting.

There were no Declarations of Interest declared at his point in the meeting.

During the course of the meeting Councillor S Carson declared an interest in the matter he raised relating to culvert work on the Ballymacash Road in view of a family member attending the primary school in question.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised any Member on Zoom who required to leave the meeting for any reason to send a message to the Member Services Officer via the 'chat' function.

4. Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division) – Spring Report 2021

The Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division) officials joined the meeting from a remote location at 6.04 pm.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, extended a welcome to representatives of Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division): Mr Kevin Monaghan (Divisional Roads Manager), Mr Gabriel Doherty (Section Engineer) and Mr Graeme Salmon (Senior Engineer Traffic) who were in attendance to present the Spring Report 2021 a copy of which had been provided to Members earlier that afternoon.

A copy of a paper detailing responses to Members' questions had also been circulated. The Right Worshipful the Mayor advised that the fact that a number of questions had been pre-submitted to DfI Roads did not preclude any Member from asking further questions at the meeting.

4. Department for Infrastructure, Roads (Eastern Division) – Spring Report 2021  
(Cont'd)

At this juncture Alderman A G Ewart put on record his dissatisfaction in relation to the lateness in which the Department had issued their report. Alderman Ewart stated that the Department had treated this Council with contempt and that the manner in which the Department had treated this Council was disgraceful.

Mr Monaghan thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and at the outset wished to apologise for the lateness in which the Department's report had been issued to the Council. Mr Monaghan stated that this had been due to the extremely high workloads that his Officials were dealing with currently in the Department and gave an assurance that the Department would work with the Council to ensure that this situation did not happen again in the future.

Mr Monaghan stated that the report circulated outlined works completed in the Lisburn & Castlereagh area during 2020-2021 and set out the programme of schemes for 2021-2022. He wished to put on record that the period from March 2020 had been unprecedented due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and that despite these challenges the Department had delivered successfully all of the planned programmes in 2020-2021. He also highlighted that capital funding was similar to last year with additional funds being made available for walking and cycling paths. He also confirmed that the maintenance budget was similar to last year which would allow the maintenance of the road network similar to last year.

Mr Monaghan proceeded to highlight a number of salient schemes that had been completed, as well as those schemes that had been programmed for 2021-2022, as detailed in the Lisburn and Castlereagh Spring Report, and provided updates as appropriate including the M1/A1 Link at Sprucefield, the A1 Junctions Phase 2, and A1 Hillsborough to Sprucefield. In regard to the recently opened Blaris Greenway, Mr Monaghan advised that whilst it was not listed in the report circulated – the Department had plans for a pedestrian crossing on the Blaris Road.

At the conclusion of his presentation Mr Monaghan having apologised again for the lateness in the report being received by the Council on this occasion, referred to the number of questions that had been submitted to the Department in advance of the meeting. Further responses had been issued that afternoon to two questions that had been received earlier that day.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor invited those Members who had submitted questions in advance to seek any clarification required in relation to the responses that had been provided.

The representatives from DfI Roads responded to a number of questions raised by Members on the following matters and the Departmental Officials undertook to take action regarding some of the queries and this has been highlighted in the summary below:

Alderman A G Ewart:

- Change to 30 mph Speed Limit on Lurgan Road, Moira: Alderman A G Ewart expressed disappointment that no date had been advised of this change despite the legislative process being well advanced. (Pre-Submitted Question)

Councillor U Mackin:

- welcomed the work completed on the Carnreagh Road and expressed regret that this work took a long period of time to be completed and which could have been completed much earlier if there had been a Section 76 or Section 40 agreement in place with the developer concerned at the time.
- welcomed the work to almost a mile of reconstruction and also associated footpath work on the Saintfield Road/A49, this scheme having been agreed before lockdown and was now completed. Councillor Mackin expressed congratulations to Mr Monaghan and his teams for this accomplishment.
- potholes on Clogher Road: this road had now been resurfaced. Councillor Mackin advised that the potholes had been right down to the foundations of the road with parts of the road disintegrating. Councillor Mackin welcomed this work and thanked Mr Doherty and his team for their efforts.
- overgrown verges on Hillhall Road, Ballylesson: *(DfI Roads had advised that this work had been requested back in January 2021 was being taken forward at weekends.)*
- resurfacing and verge/fence replacement Ballycarngannon Road: Councillor Mackin indicated that there was still a stretch of about 200m towards the Saintfield Road which had not been attended to. (Pre-submitted Question) *(DfI Officials undertook to arrange for inspection of this area with a view to a repair schedule being put in place).*
- 40mph speed limit on Mealough Road: currently going through the legislative process but there had been no indication of time scales. (Pre-submitted Question)
- Cromwells Highway: congestion and road rage issues: This matter has been raised twice before and asked the Department to reconsider the request for a one way system to be put in place. (Pre-submitted Question) *(Mr Monaghan undertook to review their current position on this matter and report back to the Council.)*

At this point Mr Monaghan reiterated that there was a small team working under Graeme Salmon and unfortunately were limited on what projects could be progressed at one time. He also advised that there was a limited budget.

Councillor A Swan

- frequent flooding on Tullyard Road at its junction with Braniel Road: Councillor A Swan having welcomed the fact that DfI Roads had plans to resolve this issue enquired as to why these works did not appear to be listed on the drainage works programme for 2021-2022. (Pre-submitted question) *(Mr Doherty assured that DfI Roads had a continuous programme of work to alleviate drainage and that the specific issues raised would be investigated and rectified.)*
- resurfacing works on Braniel Road: Councillor Swan enquired why the proposed works on this road did not appear to be listed on the programme of works. (Pre-submitted question) *(Mr Doherty advised that this scheme of work was on the Department's three-year programme.)*

Councillor A Gowan

- request for pavement provision at Kernaghan Park to Loughagherry Road, Annahilt: Councillor Gowan advised that the Speed Indicator Devices on that stretch of road indicated that 25% of vehicles were travelling in excess of the speed limit and requested that DfI Road reconsider this matter. (Pre-submitted question) *(Mr Monaghan reiterated that as such a scheme would be large scale and high cost and had not been included as a priority in the current programme of works due to funding and priorities of other schemes.)*
- request for pavement provision at Glebehill Manor to Carricknadariff Road, Glebe Road, Annahilt: Councillor Gowan commended the work of DfI Roads in the Downshire East area and mentioned in particular the B2 Dromore Road scheme and the scheme of works at Westland Terrance, Annahilt. Councillor Gowan expressed thanks to Mr Doherty and his team for having progressed these excellent schemes. (Pre-submitted Question)
- enquired as to how much of the £17m announced recently by Minister Mallon would be allocated locally. *(Mr Monaghan undertook to provide a written response to Councillor Gowan on this question.)*
- welcomed the announcement that Largymore had been identified as being one of the locations for the new 20 mph speed limits in the coming weeks.
- lack of communication in advance of schemes: Councillor Gowan referred to reports of lack of communication with local residents in advance of commencement of pavement and lighting schemes and emphasised the importance of this disruption being communicated out to local residents. *(Mr Monaghan advised that in relation to the works on the A49 Old Ballynahinch Road, Officials had worked hard to ensure all the necessary signs were in place and advised that in relation to larger projects a leaflet drop was also carried out in the residential area. Mr Monaghan asked that the Member submit specific issues to Mr Doherty for investigation.*

*Mr Gabriel Doherty advised that as part of the risk management due to Covid-19 pandemic the leaflet drop had been put on hold and undertook to re-visit these current practices.)*

Alderman M Henderson

- poor state of the roads in Killynure Crescent, Carryduff which has been caused by a number of utilities vehicles in the area during the period of the investment works in Carryduff. A number of potholes had eventually collapsed. (Pre-submitted question) *(Mr Monaghan undertook to arrange for Section Office Officials to inspect these roads. Mr Monaghan requested that the Member submit the specifics to Mr Doherty in order that they can be addressed formally by the DfI Official responsible for the co-ordinating of utility services.)*
- speed limit sign on the Tullynure Road West states incorrectly 30 mph (should state 40 mph). *(Mr Salmon advised that this error was programmed for replacement and should be attended to fairly soon.)*

Councillor N Trimble

- progress on pedestrian crossing at Blaris Road to facilitate people crossing from the towpath to the cycle path and vice versa (Pre-submitted Question). Councillor Trimble welcomed the update from DfI Roads advising that the design for a Toucan Crossing at this location was progressing and that this was included in the programme of works for 2021/2022.
- request for clarity on the land issue to progress of the works to the junction at Derriaghy Road and The Cutts. *(Mr Salmon advised that the design for this project had been completed and that the landowner had been contacted. This project was well underway and was hopeful this project would be completed fairly quickly.)*

Councillor John Palmer

- need for electric charging points in Moira. *(DfI Officials undertook to pass this request and comments to the branch concerned.)*
- the large roundabout sign on the Prince William Road at Thaxton Village is almost totally obliterated by trees *(DfI Officials undertook to arrange an inspection of this area.)*
- street lights Dromore Road, Hillsborough, permanently lit up day and night and similarly at Culcavy Road, Hillsborough (at Newport Bridge). This matter had been previously reported several weeks ago. *(DfI Officials undertook to investigate this matter).*
- plans for permanent structural repair to bridge at A1/Hillsborough following accident with a vehicle cut across crash barrier and a temporary repair had been in place since Easter Monday. *(DfI Officials undertook to seek an update on this matter from the contractor concerned.)*

Councillor M Gregg

- expressed thanks in relation to the responses by DfI Roads to a number of requests that had made for a grit boxes and extensions to gritting routes the previous winter period and also welcomed the work that had been carried out to the trees on the East Link, Dundonald.
- enquired about the Public Information Portal (PIP) system on DfI's website being adapted to provide responses to the issues that are submitted via this system. *(DfI Officials explained the functioning of the PIP system which received a high volume of reported faults and referred to the efforts of the team in dealing with these reported faults.)*
- LED lighting scheme: request for information on reduction in running costs and also the timeline for the completion of this scheme: *(DfI Officials undertook to report back to Councillor Gregg on the timeline for completion.)*
- 40 mph sign to be actioned at Millmount Village, Comber Road. *(DfI Officials gave an assurance that this was programmed for action but a small team was endeavouring to complete all schemes within a limited budget. It was noted also that speed limit signs were progressed at the same stage and not individually.)*
- overgrown footways in Moneyreagh: this scheme had been withdrawn due to lockdown in 2020. Councillor Gregg welcomed the fact that the DfI Road teams were now actively carrying out work to these footways.
- Carrowreagh Road surface dressing needing touched up again: *(DfI Officials undertook to inspect this road again to identify any further defects.)*
- Dunlady Road at the point where it joins the Newtownards Road; Councillor Gregg advised that he had submitted previously a request regarding this drainage issue and requested that this be looked into.
- Church Green, Dundonald – query re parking around Church Green: Councillor Gregg requested a follow up on this issue. *(DfI Officials undertook to provide a response on this matter.)*
- wildflower verges: Councillor Gregg welcomed the wildflowers verges which was better for the environment. *(DfI Officials commented that DfI Roads cut grass and verges for safety reasons and site line purposes.)*
- traffic flow levels in Dundonald: since introduction of the Glider service traffic patterns have changed dramatically. As traffic levels have almost returned to pre-Covid levels Councillor Gregg reiterated his call to have a full traffic survey on all arterial routes surrounding the Upper Newtownards Road. *(DfI Officials whilst acknowledging the congestion issues at these locations advised that there was not sufficient budget to carry out a full*

*traffic survey and undertook to have a discussion around what else could be done to improve traffic flow in this area.)*

- traffic congestion at Old Dundonald Road/Comber Road junction – longstanding queues often back onto Kings Road. Councillor Gregg stated that this needs to be considered as a priority scheme in Castlereagh East.

#### Alderman J Tinsley

- welcomed the number of schemes completed across the Lisburn Castlereagh area during the 2020-2021 period to date and in this regard paid tribute to the efforts of Mr John Rooney and Mr Gabriel Doherty of DfI's Eastern Division.
- crossing proposed at Maghaberry Primary School: disappointed that this scheme was not included in the Programme of Works despite the Council having informed Roads two years ago that the Council had set aside significant community funding to have this scheme progressed which was important in terms of the safety of children and staff at the school. Requested an update on the timescale for this scheme. *(DfI Officials acknowledged that due to a planning issue an alternative location for this crossing had been identified. DfI Officials undertook to come back to Council following further assessment of the new location.)*

#### Councillor Jenny Palmer

- request for a 20 mph speed limit at Ballymacash Primary School, Brokerstown Road. *(DfI Officials noted this request with a view to this location being added to the list of locations to be considered in the next phase).*
- thanks to Andrew Robinson for having met on site at the Brokerstown Road at the roundabout at the new road link up in relation to a number of issues that had been identified by local residents such as flooding, drainage and old street lighting. Councillor Palmer was hopeful that Mr Robinson would accommodate a positive outcome for the satisfaction of that community.
- request that an Official from DfI Roads be seconded to work with the Council on the specific works associated with the Royal Hillsborough public realm scheme project. (Pre-submitted question from Councillor U Mackin) *(Mr Monaghan welcomed the recent news about Royal Hillsborough and stated that he would be happy to work with the Council in relation to making the necessary name changes to direction signage for the village and across the network and to prioritise work where appropriate. Mr Monaghan referred to the agreed criteria in relation to tourist signage which was established by the NI Tourism Board. In regard to the request for a dedicated DfI Official to work with the Council on these matters, Mr Monaghan advised that as there were only two officials within this team unfortunately this request could not be accommodated. Mr Monaghan gave an assurance that his Officials would continue to work closely with the Council on the environmental improvements for Hillsborough.)*

- request for an update in relation to the resurfacing work in Ballymacash in conjunction with Rivers Agency to redirect the river which was causing major flooding. *(Mr Monaghan asked the Member to seek an update directly from Rivers Agency on this matter.)*
- update on the Knockmore Prince William junction and the need for an intervention from DfI Roads and the developer to ensure that there is some formal agreement going forward in relation to the proposed development for 500 houses at that location. Councillor Palmer asked DfI Roads to make an intervention to avoid major problems for the new build. The Right Worshipful the Mayor reminded the Council that this application was going through the planning process currently.

Councillor D J Craig

- Knockmore Prince William junction/proposed development of 500 houses: (as per the previous matter) Councillor Craig stated that this proposal was subject to a deferred planning application and emphasised the need for Members of the Planning Committee to have advice on this matter. During this discussion the Director of Service Transformation stated that the Planning Committee continued to engage with DfI throughout the Planning process and referred to the Group chaired by Councillor R T Beckett which ensures the co-ordination issues such as flooding and sequencing of improvements. The Director advised that Councillor Jenny Palmer was seeking clarity on why it is taking so long to progress the Prince William/Knockmore junction improvements. The Director also discussed the interdependencies associated with this proposal and the need for engagement with the local communities all of which was relevant in order to progress this planning application. The Director acknowledged that Councillor Jenny Palmer had reflected the degree of frustration in her questions to the DfI Officials. *(Mr Monaghan referred to the fact that conditions had been attached to previous applications and advised that DfI Roads have been working closely with the current developer on this development proposal.)*
- condition of roads in Milltown Avenue, Lilac Walk and Woodside in Seymour Hill: Councillor Craig advised that he had been lobbying with DfI Roads on these matters over the past 2 years regarding the need for resurfacing and asked for an indication when that would be included in the resurfacing schedule. *(DfI Officials advised that this project was listed on the programme of works and whilst unable to confirm a commencement date was hopeful that it would be advanced during this financial year and gave an assurance that they would continue to apply pressure and prioritise where possible. DfI Officials undertook to arrange for an inspection of Woodside in Seymour Hill.)*
- traffic speeding through Lambeg Village and in particular when passing the new the play park: Councillor Craig enquired if there were any plans to carry out a speed survey in that area. *(DfI Officials advised that the road in question had narrowed recently and so limited as what measures could be taken but undertook to have a look at this location.)*

- update on the timescale for resurfacing works at Rosevale Park as the surface has broken up at that location.
- Overgrown hedges in small rural roads: in particular Sandyhill Lane and a few other roads in and around Lambeg. Councillor Craig enquired what the schedule was for this area of work and asked if complaints come through would these be prioritised. *(Dfl Officials outlined the need to time hedge cutting with any utility schemes in the area.)*
- thanks to Mr Doherty and his team for addressing the drainage problem in Ballyskeagh which had been ongoing for approximately seven years.

#### Councillor M Guy

- thanked Dfl Officials for having accommodated site meetings with the Castlereagh South Members in recent times.
- referred to the number of requests for Traffic Calming measures but which had not been listed in the report circulated as having been completed this year and enquired as to why it appeared that money was not being spent on traffic calming measures
- enquired about the acquisition of land to progress the Cairnshill Park and Ride expansion.
- issue of the Cairnshill Park & Ride site being under capacity currently and enquired about intentions Dfl Roads had for the use of that site in light of the change in the utilisation of this site. *(Mr Monaghan stated that based on his experience in the past he was of the opinion that the demand for public transport will come back again.)*
- enquired in relation to the expansion of the Belfast Rapid Transit to the new southern route and why there had been no formal engagement with Members from Castlereagh South on this scheme. *(Mr Monaghan advised that during the feasibility options stage the developer would wish to talk to all stakeholders which he stated would happen fairly soon. He added that there would be the public consultation events also in the near future.)*
- lack of progress with the Carryduff Greenway project which appeared to continually come up against obstacles *(Dfl Officials undertook to follow up on this feasibility study on the Carryduff Greenway project.)*
- need to prioritise the progression of the Belfast Cycle Plan to Castlereagh South to compensate for the lack of other greenway schemes. *(Dfl Officials advised that any such scheme would be considered in line with available resources and undertook to ask the Department's Active Travel Branch to respond to Councillor Guy directly.)*

Councillor R T Beckett

- noted that in relation to the Maghaberry pedestrian crossing a letter has now been received from Mr Robinson in relation to cost estimates from NIE for the overhead cabling for this project and which also advised that NIE would be in contact with the Council in due course.
- tail backs and recent collision history at Moira roundabout and Moira Road. Councillor Beckett stated that the Trummery Road junction has always been dangerous and requested Mr Monaghan's team to look at this junction. *(DfI Officials undertook to revisit the collision history for this location with the PSNI and also to arrange to go out and look at this site to ascertain if any improvements to the layout could be carried out.)*

Councillor Lee

- need for a safe crossing at the Saintfield Road/Mealough Road roundabout. *(DfI Officials advised that there were plans for improvements to the Mealough Road but that there were no plans to introduce crossings at any location on the Saintfield Road at this time.)*
- need for cycle parking and easy access for cyclists at Cairnshill Park & Ride at the design phase. *(DfI Officials advised that all Park and Ride Schemes had provision for cycle parking.)*
- plans for Belfast Rapid Transit to extend to Castlereagh South. *(DfI Officials indicated that whilst some traffic analysis had been completed in relation to the development of the Belfast Rapid Transit scheme, due to limited resources it was unlikely that the traffic modelling for Carryduff would be revisited at this point in time.)*
- positive feedback re Blaris Greenway Cycle and Walking Path and plans for further new infrastructure for cycle lanes as more and more people are embracing active travel. *(DfI Officials advised that it was the intention to build on the investment of cycling infrastructure and that there would be other such schemes coming forward – not only major schemes but minor schemes also.)*

Councillor D Honeyford

- resurfacing work required on a number of rural roads in and around Glenavy and Ballinderry, ie. Maghaberry Road, Mullaghcarton Road, Crumlin Road, Gobraha Road and Tansy Road. *(DfI Officials to provide a separate update to Councillor Honeyford in due course.)*
- update on improvements to right hand turning on A26 Station Road into Glenavy Road. Councillor Honeyford stated that he was looking forward to the design options coming forward. *(DfI Officials advised that an options feasibility study had just come through and undertook to report back to Councillor Honeyford in due course.)*

- need for repainting of road markings and improvement to cats eyes on Lough Road and Furze Road, Glenavy.
- overgrown trees on Laurelhill Road at the turn into Prince William Road which was affecting visibility. *(Dfl Officials undertook to arrange for an inspector to contact Councillor Honeyford about this matter in the first instance.)*
- request for upgrade and widening of footpath coming onto Glenavy on Glen Road (up to the Spar garage) and also on the Belfast Road. *(Dfl Officials were hopeful that this project would be progressed at some point this year.)*
- update on speed ramps on the Belfast Road, Glenavy at the entrance to the village. *(Dfl Officials advised that this traffic calming measures were progressing but still at an early stage.)*

#### Councillor S Skillen

- raised a number of issues in relation to major planning applications and the need for resources to be made available for traffic surveys associated with such planning applications. Councillor Skillen enquired if the Minister for Infrastructure had been consulted on these matters. *(Mr Monaghan gave an assurance that Dfl Roads responded to all planning applications and that it can be a lengthy process in order to be done right.)*
- raised other issues in relation to the heavy congested traffic in Dundonald and enquired if money was set aside to carry out traffic surveys in and around Dundonald.
- requested that the Department consider a Wildflower project and raised a number of other issues in relation to road safety associated with overgrow grass, one area of particular concern being the turn from Lambert Avenue onto Dunlady Road. Councillor Skillen enquired about Dfl's policy on grass cutting and asked if this policy could be revisited. *(Dfl Officials reaffirmed that arrangements would be made for the overgrown grass to be inspected at Lambert Avenue.)*
- large number of potholes in Ballybeen and request that Dfl revisit policy on Potholes as the current policy based on depth. *(Dfl Officials indicated that there were no plans to revisit this policy.)*

#### Councillor J McCarthy

- raised a matter regarding Llewellyn Avenue footpath where elderly residents have to be guided out. *(Dfl Officials undertook to have this footpath inspected).*
- site meeting which had not yet taken place with Lisburn North Councillors on the Queen's Road roundabout at the point where traffic cuts off to drive in to PureGym and TK Maxx store *(Dfl Officials undertook to attend the site*

*meeting on the Queen's Road on the proviso that the Covid-19 social distancing regulations were adhered to.)*

Councillor A P Ewing

- enquired when the reduction to 30 mph on the Causeway End Road and the provision of double yellow lines at Warren Park would be progressed. *(DfI Officials advised that both these schemes would be progressed before the end of the financial year.)*

Councillor S Carson

- concerns expressed by residents on the Thiepval Road regarding prevalence of weeds. Magheralave, Clonevin and Coolsara areas were also particularly affected by weeds. Councillor Carson requested if weed spraying could be carried out again. *(DfI Officials undertook to arrange an inspection of this area.)*
- PIP system functionality: suggestion that it would be advantageous if the system could be programmed to send an indication to advise that an update is available. *(DfI Officials advised that the functionality of this system did not provide for the sending of messages/indications)*
- concerns regarding programming and communication of the culvert work on the Ballymacash Road particularly in view of the primary school in the vicinity as both ends of that road had been closed. Councillor Carson requested that in future consideration be given to dates in order that these projects were better programmed. Councillor S Carson declared an interest in this matter in view of a family member attending the primary school in question. *(DfI Officials noted this and indicated this may have been an oversight and undertook to ensure that this programming of works were better coordinated in the future.)*
- potholes in Hilden Court. *(DfI Officials undertook to arrange an inspections of Hilden Court).*
- need for final inspection by Utility companies: Councillor Carson outlined specific examples of where utility companies had carried out substandard work when reinstating roads. Another issue of concern was when no advance notice had been given about when would start or finish.

Councillor Jenny Palmer

- enquired as to what plans DfI Roads had in place to address the traffic congestion issues that will arise when the new Primary Care facility at Lagan Valley Hospital opened to the public in the autumn and also in relation to the increase in the number of pedestrians crossing the busy Hillsborough Road. *(Mr Monaghan acknowledged the difficulties for both DfI Roads and the Hospital's developer and advised that at this point in time there were no plans to upgrade the junction close to the hospital.)*

Councillor A Swan

- grass cutting at the end of Tullyard Road: despite recent cutting the view is still obscured. *(Dfl Officials undertook to arrange an inspection of the Tullyard Road.)*

Councillor U Mackin

- need for improved management of traffic schemes and need for better collaboration between agencies: Councillor Mackin recounted two examples that highlighted problems that had been encountered recently. *(Mr Monaghan assured that traffic management arrangements were taken very seriously and that both Mr Doherty and Mr Salmon's teams were closely involved in planning signage and diversion routes. These teams also consulted with all statutory bodies. Mr Monaghan undertook to arrange an inspection by one of the Dfl utilities inspectors at one of the areas referred to by Councillor Mackin.)*

At the conclusion of the question and answer session the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman S Martin, thanked the Dfl Officials for their contribution. The Right Worshipful the Mayor reiterated the importance of all reports from Dfl Roads being provided at the most appropriate opportunity.

Mr Monaghan apologised once again for the lateness of the reports to Members following which he and his colleagues from Dfl Road left the meeting.

The following Members left the meeting prior to its conclusion: Aldermen D Drysdale, A G Ewart, M Henderson and J Tinsley and Councillors R T Beckett, R Carlin, D J Craig, A Givan, D Honeyford, A McIntyre and N Trimble.

There being no other business for consideration the meeting was terminated at 8.34 pm.

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Mayor/Chairman