

Athlone-Moate Municipal District : Group Submissions and MD Responses, for period 2024-2025

GROUP	ISSUE	SUGGEST SOLUTION	Municipal District Response November 2024	Final WCC Municipal District Response
Ashdale/Woodlands Grove RA	More parking required for estate to discourage parking on grass areas	Provide additional parking spaces at the back of Ashdale – this is an ongoing issue and has been previously highlighted by residents	The Council do not provide additional parking in estates. Individuals should consider the private provision of off-street parking to address the concerns.	The Council do not provide additional parking in estates. Individuals should consider the private provision of off-street parking to address the concerns.
Athlone Access Awareness Group	Footpath from Insomnia to Credit Union very uneven.	Upgrade/repairs to footpath	Some improvement work has recently been undertaken in this area. This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed to date in 2025. Targeted areas will be addressed by year end. Additional works can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Athlone Access Awareness Group	Dish kerb at top of Patrick's Street (Maguires pub/Shannon pre-school) - has a lip and is too high for powered wheelchairs	Works needed to eliminate the lip and lower the level of the kerb	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	An interim solution will be put in place by year end. Junction improvements can further be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.
Athlone Access Awareness Group	No wheelchair accessible parking on Pearse St, Athlone	Install 2 Wheelchair Accessible Parking Spaces on Pearse St. - across from Courthouse and at LWETB offices (Old BOI Bank)	We request that Athlone Access Awareness engage directly on this matter. There are 5 underutilised spaces in the O'Connell Street Carpark 60m to the south of the Courthouse and 2 spaces (1 new) to the North at the Post office.	We request that Athlone Access Awareness engage directly on this matter. There are 5 underutilised spaces in the O'Connell Street Carpark 60m to the south of the Courthouse and 2 spaces (1 new) to the North at the Post office.

Athlone Access Awareness Group	Disability Parking Space at old train station on Grace Road in poor condition	Upgrade to full spec - blue surface, white signage, dish kerb access to footpath	This will be investigated and appropriate action taken.	The district will upgrade the Disabled bay by year end
Athlone Community Development Association	Accessibility issues for users of ACT building due to flooding - caused by infrequent cleaning of shore at back of Fiddler's Pub	Include regular cleaning out of shore as part of the AMD work schedule	Will be investigated and if the shore is within public realm, the cleaning work will be included in regular cleaning schedule	Will be investigated and if the shore is within public realm, the cleaning work will be included in regular cleaning schedule
ATK / St. Kieran's Community Centre, Athlone	Road at bottom of Tormey Villas is in poor condition	Fill potholes and resurface road	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	This matter will be investigated and potholes repaired. The resurfacing can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Ave Maria Park RA, Moate	Tree in estate needs to be removed - it appears to be dead	Remove and replace with similar tree (53.395691N, -7.712310W)	Condition of tree will be confirmed and if removal is necessary it will be arranged.	Tree has been removed by 3rd parties.
Ave Maria Park RA, Moate	Lane behind houses potholed and in poor condition hindering access	Resurface this laneway (53.396281N, -7.713442W)	Back Lanes are not designated public roads and therefore the council has no avenue to finance. RA should arrange the filling of the holes	No Action Proposed Back Lanes are not designated public roads and therefore the council has no avenue to finance. RA should arrange the filling of the holes
Ave Maria Park RA, Moate	Wall with no purpose jutting into laneway behind houses - would hinder access to emergency vehicles to rear of houses	Removal of wall (see photo) (53.396281N, -7.713442W)	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	The removal of the wall will be actioned by year end if it does not have a detrimental impact on private property.

Battery Heights RA, Athlone Town	Overgrown area between two houses	Cut back and clean - see photo for location	This will be investigated	This space is a continuation of backlane/greenspaces for the development. The District do not maintain backlanes/greenspaces in housing developments. Notwithstanding, 3rd parties appear to have undertaken works in the Area. Council intervention now appears unnecessary.
Battery Heights RA, Athlone Town	Footpaths outside the complex and at front of block are in poor state	Fix the footpaths so they are not a hazard especially for elderly people.	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Battery Heights RA, Athlone Town	Joyriding and speeding in estate - esp. drug dealers doing deals speeding in/out of estate	RA suggest 5 yellow and black speed-ramps that do not require planning permission - see photos for locations.	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Blackberry Lane Development Group. Blackberry Lane RA. Blackberry Lane Women's Group.	Disappointment and concern amongst these three groups with delay in redevelopment of Blackberry Lane - quality of life being affected due to current living conditions	Groups suggest finding a way to move all families out of Blackberry Lane to shorten WCCs 3 and half year timeframe. Also repairs needed to improve living conditions until redevelopment is complete. Residents had previously been given a completion date of 2025	This has been referred to the Housing Section for response.	This has been referred to the Housing Section for response.
Brawny Community Group, Athlone	Litter problem in estate and dog fouling on the green areas	Provide signage - 'No litter/ dumping / dog fouling'	This issue will be investigated and action including the possible signage erection will be considered.	A limited number of signs will be erected by year end
Brawny Community Group, Athlone	Large dangerous hole in drainage	Repairs needed	More details required	This issue is addressed

	opposite to 24 Brawny Square			
Brawny Community Group, Athlone	Speeding a problem in the estate	Ramps need to be installed in estate	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Brosna Residents Group, Kilbeggan	Giant Hogweed infestation at Linear Park along bank of Brosna - dangerous to children	Removal of Giant Hogweed requires specialist professional intervention – beyond the capacity of the local group	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	The biodiversity officer has inspected the area and is developing outline proposals w.r.t. addressing the concern the concern should it be in the Jurisdiction of AMMD.
Brosna Residents Group, Kilbeggan	Cars speeding along Relic Road - adjacent to playground and town park	Speed ramps along Relic Road, at Fit Factory Gym and Brosna View and any other effective speed reduction measures	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Brosna View RA, Kilbeggan	Trees at Brosna Park too tall - c20ft - danger to houses	Survey trees and top tall/dangerous ones	A survey by an arborist engaged by the Council can be undertaken. The Arborists recommendations will be reviewed and recommendations considered in the context of the councils budget. If trees are earmarked for removal, this will be actioned. The district does not top healthy trees as it can cause premature tree failure.	Surveyed in 2021. Trees healthy and not deemed a threat to safety. Ivy to be trimmed in the months ahead by WCC
Brosna View RA, Kilbeggan	Ragwort behind fence at river - poisonous to people and animals	Needs to be dug out to prevent it from regrowing	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	The biodiversity officer has inspected the area and is developing outline proposals w.r.t. addressing the concern the concern should it be in the Jurisdiction of AMMD.
Brosna View RA, Kilbeggan	Speeding on road - danger to children	RA suggest 2 speed ramps at Relic Road and beside playpark	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.

Clara Road RA, Moate	Lack of amenities on the Clara Road side of Moate	RA suggest installation of benches along Clara Road and the Dublin Road footpaths	On completion of the low cost safety works at the clara road junction in Moate, the provision of benched can be discussed.	No further action proposed. There are benches located at both the Clara Road / Dublin Road junction and the Clara Road / Ballycumber Road junction. Given the suburban nature of the route, the district does not feel additional benches are necessary. The RA are advised to engage with the Tidy Towns to investigate the matter further should they desire additional benches.
Clara Road RA, Moate	Footpaths damaged and high kerbs on Clara Rd - hinderance for wheelchair and buggy users	Fixing and repaving the footpaths and kerbs along Clara Road	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Clara Road RA, Moate	Concern over wire and ducting exposed at junction of Clara Road and Weavers Row	Fix up and tidy the wire that is visible (53.394197N, - 7.710762W)	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	This cable appears to have been installed privately to facilitate a private concern. It is a matter for the individual to correctly install the cable and render the area safe.
Clara Road RA, Moate	Speeding on Clara Road - issue for the housing estates and businesses in area	RA suggest that speed ramps or chicanes be installed	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Clonbrusk West Residents Association, Athlone Town	Speeding traffic within estate despite the 30km speed limit	RA suggests that a raised table junction (not a speed bump) be installed at the ESB pylon junction	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Coillin Búi RA, Moate	Overgrown weeded area in lane behind houses - becoming a dumping ground	RA previously got approval for clean-up from district manager - yet to be done	This was "Scheduled for clearance by year end". Did this occur	The District is committed to clearing this area by year end. WCC requires RA to committ to preventing a recurrence of vegetation

Coillín Búi RA, Moate	Speeding within the estate - there has been an incident in the past where a child lost their life	RA suggest the installation of ramps in the estate to discourage speeding	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Connaught Street Traders and Environs, Athlone Town	Lack of public street bins and waste management resulting in unsightly littering	Install additional bins on both sides of street - esp. high traffic areas; relocate existing bin on Battery Bridge to more visible spot; more anti-littering and civic responsibility awareness campaigns	Additional Bins will be considered	WCC are meeting with the Connaught Street Traders and Environs representatives and has scheduled to meet the group on the ground in the coming weeks. The matter will be further considered at that time.
Connaught Street Traders and Environs, Athlone Town	Antisocial behaviour in and around the green area - especially drug-taking and drinking - area unwelcoming for local residents	Remove wall leading to green area to make area less secluded and less attractive for anti-social behaviour; install better lighting in area and install bins to encourage proper rubbish disposal	Wall removal and improved lighting will be considered.	WCC are meeting with the Connaught Street Traders and Environs representatives and has scheduled to meet the group on the ground in the coming weeks. The matter will be further considered at that time. If a fund cannot be secured, this will be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Connaught Street Traders and Environs, Athlone Town	The footpaths on both sides of the street are in poor condition	Repair and level the footpaths, fix loose cobblestones	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	WCC are meeting with the group in the coming weeks, the matter will be further considered at that time. Thereafter, this can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.

Connaught Street Traders and Environs, Athlone Town	Need for a one-way sign and renewal of road markings and worn traffic signage on Connaught Street	Install an additional one-way traffic sign, replace shabby street signs and repaint road markings	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	WCC are meeting with the group in the coming weeks, the matter will be further considered at that time. Thereafter, this can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Connaught Street Traders and Environs, Athlone Town	Overgrown greenery in public car park is encroaching on disabled parking spaces	Trim the overgrown greenery in the public car park	This will be investigated and appropriate action taken.	Vegetation to be removed by year end
Esker Park RA, Athlone Town	Green area needs to be fenced off to protect children from nearby traffic	Erect barrier around small area for children to play safely in - local community centre have offered to give goal posts to the RA for this area	Further details to be provided. RA to engage directly with AMMD. Proposals will thereafter be considered.	The exact location to be discussed. Further engagement necessary. RA to engage directly with AMMD. Proposals will thereafter be considered.
Esker Park RA, Athlone Town	Small shed needed for lawnmower/strimmer/leaf-blower used by RA	Build/install small storage shed or storage facility	RA to fund. Support from AMMD can be considered.	RA to fund. Support from AMMD can be considered.
Independent People with Disabilities/ Athlone Access Awareness	Danger caused by steps under canopy in Church Street, Athlone - remedial measures by WCC have not addressed issue	Apply yellow stripes to the steps. WCC have relocated planters to deal with issue - but group believe that steps should be colour coded to prevent people accidentally coming off the steps	WCC are satisfied that the repositioning of the beds has addressed the concern	No Action Proposed
Independent People with Disabilities/ Athlone Access Awareness	Dangerous difference in pavement levels between Dunnes	Erect barrier to identify difference in levels of footpaths (area located on opposite		This issue will be addressed by year end.

	Stores and St. Mary's Square	corner to Eddie Rockets, going down into the Designit shop)		
Independent People with Disabilities/ Athlone Access Awareness	When Fairgreen carpark is full, the public park at entrance to private carpark in John Paul Park restricting access for residents with mobility issues	Erect bollards at the entrance to John Paul Park beside the grotto.	This will be investigated and appropriate action taken.	Bollards to be provided by year end if this addresses the concern.
Kinnegad Suburb African Women (concerning Athlone Town)	Need for a pedestrian crossing on the busy R446 in IDA Business Park - access to Groveland Kindergarden with children difficult	Create a zebra crossing adjacent to Lidl/Smyths Toystore/TUS campus	IDA business park not council owned. Pedestrian Crossing on R446 premature. Active travel measures for this route at development stage.	IDA business park not council owned. Pedestrian Crossing on R446 premature. Active travel measures for this route at <i>public consultation stage.</i> No Action Proposed
Market Hill RA, Ballymore	Surface of tarmac play area in estate in poor condition	RA suggests that area be resurfaced with tarmac and lined out for basketball	Will be considered under Clar scheme / RA could apply through the Clar scheme.	Will be considered under Clar scheme / RA could apply through the Clar scheme.
Market Hill RA, Ballymore	Speeding cars are a major issue in the estate - concern for children	RA suggest installation of new speed ramp on road between houses 17 and 18; additional 'children at play' etc signage at house 14	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Market Hill RA, Ballymore	Congestion in estate, caused mainly by traffic to/from community creche which is located in the estate	Introduce one-way system with new signage. The creche and RA are in agreement on the need to introduce a one-way system.	WCC supports this proposal. The RA could consider a proposal through Clar.	WCC supports this proposal. The RA could consider a proposal through Clar.

Rosemount Tidy Village	Footpath along Moate Road on approach to village - loose gravel path requiring surfacing to make it accessible for all users	Re-surface footpath to make it safer and more accessible - this request previously made by the Tidy Village Committee	Path installed by community. Insufficient space to install a compliant path. / community could apply enhancements through the Clar scheme.	No Action Proposed Path installed by community. Insufficient space to install a compliant path. / community could apply enhancements through the Clar scheme.
Rosemount Tidy Village	Footpath in village in poor condition	Re-surface footpath	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Sarsfield Square RA, Athlone Town	Cars speeding through estate - danger to residents	Speed ramps needed in estate	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Sarsfield Square RA, Athlone Town	Congestion in estate caused by school-drop-off traffic entering estate at St Mels Bridge	Stop outside traffic from using estate for parking - access/parking for residents only	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	Bollards to be installed by year end
Tower View RA, Ballynacarrigy	Lack of parking in estate causing congestion - access for emergency vehicles a concern	RA suggest that green area (see photo) could be made into parking area	WCC have no funds to progress this proposal. The RA could consider a proposal through Clar.	The Council do not provide additional parking in estates. Individuals should consider the private provision of off-street parking to address the concerns.
Westmeath Disability Working Group (Athlone Town issue)	Access/egress difficulties for people with mobility issues around Beaumont's on Connaught Street	Introduce dished kerbing and tactile paving around Beaumont's; issue was raised last year and is being resubmitted	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	This is being further considered. If a fund cannot be secured, this will be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.

Willow Park RA, Athlone	Road at Meadowbrook Back Road requires resurfacing	Resurface road	Some maintenance works recently carried out. This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Ongoing patching occurring. Resurfacing not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Willow Park RA, Athlone	Road markings require renewal in Willow Park Estate	Repaint parking/centre line etc markings	This will be investigated and appropriate action taken. Lining can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Woodside Park RA, Castletown-Geoghegan	Overgrown trees and hedging in estate - concern for safety of children playing there	Cut back overgrowth	Works of this kind are typically investigated and commissioned by Residents Associations. The AMMD will support reasonable proposals. RA to engage directly with AMMD.	No action proposed. Works of this kind are typically investigated and commissioned by Residents Associations.
Woodside Park RA, Castletown-Geoghegan	Potholes at entrance to estate and uneven footpaths in estate	Resurface entrance to estate and level out footpaths	This will be investigated and appropriate action considered.	This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.
Woodside Park RA, Castletown-Geoghegan	Cars speeding in the estate - danger to children/ vulnerable adults	RA suggest - (1) install speed ramps in specific locations (2) lower the slow-zone sign height to make it more visible	Signage Issue will be investigated and appropriate action considered. Ramp can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2025 Works Programme.	Signage Issue will be investigated and appropriate action considered. Ramp not Progressed in 2025 This can be considered within the context of the Elected Members priorities and budgets available for the 2026 Works Programme.

Athlone-Moate Municipal District : Statistics 2024-2025

Municipal District Submissions : Total received		54			
	Acted on/ Completed	Deferred due to budget constraints	To be completed	Refused - will not be done	Other
Total	3	19	11	6	15

