**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Ballymahon Library and**

**via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 22nd July 2021 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Mick Cahill.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Mark Casey, Colm Murray, Gerard Farrell

Pat O’Toole and Paul Ross.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Mr. John McKeon, Director of Services.

Mr. Paul Newell, Senior Executive Engineer.

**APOLOGIES:** Ms. Claire Mc Dermott, Administrative Officer.

**A/MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Claire Mc Nabola, Acting Meetings Administrator.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES.**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole, seconded by Councillor Paul Ross, the Committee Minutes of Meetings of Ballymahon Municipal District held on the 27th May 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole, seconded by Councillor Paul Ross the Minutes of Meetings of Ballymahon Municipal District held on the 27th May 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole, seconded by Councillor Paul Ross the Minutes of Annual Meetings of Ballymahon Municipal District held on the 24th June 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

**MATTERS ARISING.**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS.**

None.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT - circulated.**

Noted.

**RISK ASSESSMENT – ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS BY ELECTED MEMBERS & COUNCIL OFFICIALS AND ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS OR COUNCIL BUILDINGS.**

Noted.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Noted

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Speed Detection Sign**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

“I call on Longford County Council roads department to erect speed detection sign at

Derryhawn housing estate”.

Reply

The Council carried out speed detection the first week of July and the Gardaí have been

notified of the results. An application will be made under Low Cost Safety Scheme in 2022

for Traffic Calming measures.

**Dog Fouling**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

That Longford County Council supply signage and facilities to help with dog fouling issues

at the community track in Lanesboro.

Reply

This will be arranged

Cllr Mark Casey added that this has already been put in place.

**Stop Sign**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole

That Longford County Council erect a stop sign at the exit of Knock Manner, Lanesboro.

Reply

This stop sign will be erected.

**Seating**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

That Longford County Council install seats on the Ardagh Mountain walk.

Reply

These seats will be installed.

**Footpaths Ardagh**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

That a review of the footpaths in Ardagh Village be undertaken and new footpaths be

prioritised for the village.

Reply

A review will be arranged, and Longford County Council will seek funding for the footpaths.

**Low Cost Safety**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill

That a low-cost safety scheme be applied for on the Drumming /R393 junction at

Ballycloughan in the interest of public safety.

Reply

This can be added to the list of Low-Cost Schemes for 2022

**Walkway/Cycleway**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O’Toole and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

I call on Longford County Council to engage with the relevant landowners between the new

jetty at the Red Bridge Ballymahon and the Town Bridge in Ballymahon with a view to

providing a walkway/cycleway between both bridges.

Reply

This will be referred to the Regeneration Team to spec and cost and if considered viable for an application under ORIS 2022, then engagement with the relevant landowners will commence and an application will be made.

**R392 realignment**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O’Toole and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross

Could a copy of the consultant’s report on the proposed R392 realignment from the Abbeyshrule Road junction to Forgney Church be made available to the elected members of Ballymahon Municipal District with particular emphasis on what is proposed in relation to Route Option D i.e., the works proposed to improve the existing stretch of road

Reply

The Public Consultation earlier this year resulted in the considerable opposition of the local community to many of the options proposed, in particular the offline options. In light of the communities strong feelings, Longford County Council have reassessed proposals for the scheme and are now considering localised improvements to the R392 which will be primarily online.

The localised improvements are summarised as follows;

Section 1 – Realignment in the vicinity of the Abbeyshrule Junction and extending to past the former National School site. –Where it is intended to carry out Section 1 improvements, this will be subject to planning, design, funding etc

The following sections under consideration at this stage:

Section 2 – Vertical realignment of the R392 immediately east of the staggered crossroads at Kildordan.

Section 3 – Vertical realignment of the R392 at Forgney Graveyard.

This revised option is being assessed along with the submissions of the public. It is intended that the Emerging Preferred Option will be published in September 2021.

**AOB**

Councillor Mark Casey called for funding towards the recruitment of a Lifeguard for Lanesboro Harbour. Proposal to be submitted to Finance Department for same.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, Congratulations and Good wishes were relayed to Darragh Greene, Gerry Quinn, Derek Brunette and all Olympians taking part in this year’s games.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Claire Mc Nabola*

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Claire McNabola**

**Acting Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 23rd September 2021.**

Mick Cahill

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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