**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held**

**via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 25th March 2021 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Colm Murray.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Mark Casey, Mick Cahill, Gerard Farrell

Pat O’Toole and Paul Ross.

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

 Mr. Mark McNerney, Administrative Officer.

 Mr. Paul Newell, Senior Executive Engineer.

 Ms. Claire Mc Dermott, Administrative Officer

**A/MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ann Marie Mc Keon

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES.**

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, the Committee Minutes of Meetings of Ballymahon Municipal District held on the 28th January 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

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**MATTERS ARISING.**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS.**

None.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT - circulated.**

Noted.

Essential/Non-Essential Works

The members highlighted their concerns about what works were classed as essential and non-essential and it seems that there is inconsistency from one Local Authority to another and some local authorities are carrying out more work than others. We are losing a significant amount of time and a lot of preparation works need to be done on the roads and if we have a very hot or wet summer our roads programme could be curtailed significantly and clarity should be sought from the management team as to what is deemed essential and what isn’t. John Mc Keon informed the members there is inconsistency across the whole area and John agreed to bring this to the management team for discussion.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2021 COMMUNITY GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME – AS PER ATTACHED APPENDIX.**

Councillor Colm Murray briefed the members on the 2021 Community Grant Support Scheme

applications and informed the members that Applications just over €51,000 has been received

under the Community Grant Support Scheme 2021 and were considered in detail and on the

proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, it was unanimously

agreed to adopt the Community Grant Support Scheme 2021 as per attached appendix.

**CONSIDERATION OF BALLYMAHON ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 2021 – AS CIRCULATED.**

Paul Newell gave a very comprehensive report on the 2021 works programme and stated that a total of six million has been allocated to the Ballymahon Municipal District which includes €500,000 on the main street in Lanesboro which will be going to tender shortly, 2 million to be spent on Main Street, Ballymahon and the balance will be spent on Restoration Maintenance, Restoration Improvement and Discretionary works. Paul responded to queries raised by the members. The members welcomed the funding received and thanked Paul and his staff for all the work done to date in the Ballymahon area. On the proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Ballymahon Road Works Programme 2021 as circulated.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Signage along the Royal Canal Greenway**

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 erect new signage along the various entrances to the Royal Canal Greenway and at the Greenway from Newcastle Bridge to the Royal Canal prohibiting the exercising of horses, this practice is badly damaging the work that has gone into providing an excellent surface for cyclists and walkers not to mention the fouling of the greenways.”

Reply

Paul Newell will order signs and get them erected.

**Disabled Parking**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O’Toole and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill-

“I call on Longford County Council to provide a disabled parking bay at the HSE health centre upper Main Street Ballymahon”.

Reply

Paul Newell will mark out the area and get the line company to come to complete the work.

**Streetlights at Newtowncashel**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to erect a street light at a dark corner at Newtowncashel village”.

Reply

Paul Newell informed the members that the Electric Contractor was out at the site and Paul is waiting on them to submit a cost for this work.

**Rathcline Graveyard**

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 look at the possibility of making safe the junction leading to Rathcline Graveyard, Lanesboro as it is very dangerous”.

Reply

Paul Newell will add this scheme to the list of Low-Cost Safety Schemes for 2022 funding.

**Recreational Amenities in Cutaway Bogs**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray -

“That dedicated horse riding trails be incorporated into plans for future development of recreational amenities in cutaway bogs and similar areas”

Reply

John Mc Keon informed the members that as part of the County Development Plan review later in the year horse riding trails and bridal ways will be looked at. The regeneration section will incorporate a plan into all future funding programmes and applications.

**Bridge/Culvert Repair**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray -

 “I call on Longford County Council to seek funding to repair the bridge/culvert on the L1101 Ardagh Road at the Danes Hill to prevent flooding on this section of road.”

Reply

Paul Newell has identified the problem at this bridge and once the water level drop’s they

will procure a contractor to carry out repairs.

**Kenagh Footpath / Footpath Matthew Park**

Footpath works are not essential works at the moment and will be pushed out

to the end of the year.

**Street Cleaning Edgeworthstown**

Paul Newell stated that the bins are being emptied and the roads crew are working closely

with the Tidy Towns in Edgeworthstown.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

 *Ann Marie Mc Keon*

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

 **Ann Marie McKeon,**

 **Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the**

**27th May 2021.**

 Colm Murray

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

 **Cathaoirleach.**