

**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Granard Municipal District held via MS Teams**

**on Tuesday, 25th May 2021 at 3.30 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Garry Murtagh

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Paraic Brady, Colin Dalton, P.J. Reilly,

and Turlough McGovern.

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services.

Ms. Linda Higgins, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer.

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Ann Marie Mc Keon

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated.**

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Committee Minutes of Granard MD Meeting held on the 23rd March 2021.

On the proposal of Councillor Paraic Brady seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard MD Meeting held on the 23rd March 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

Councillor Turlough Mc Govern requested an update on the car park at Pat the Bakers.

Barbara Heslin apologised that David Coppinger was absent from the meeting today due to a family bereavement and an update will be provided when available.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS.**

None.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT INCORPORATING AREA ENGINEER’S PROGRESS**

**REPORT – circulated.**

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

Barbara Heslin updated the members on the following –

* Housing Capital Programme 2021; Rose Cottage, Legga and Abbeylara
* Longford Tourism
* Heritage Programme
* Community Enhancement Programme 2021 – Closing date Friday 2nd July 2021.
* Regeneration
* Town and Villages 2021 scheme launched
* Third call for RRDF Category 2 – Closing date Friday 16th July 2021.

Barbara Heslin outlined the Area Engineer’s Progress Report–

* Road works have commenced following the lifting of certain Covid 19 Restrictions.
* Footpath works underway at Legga and Aughnacliffe.
* Community Involvement Scheme – Re-advertised with closing date of Friday 25th June 2021.
* Local Improvement Schemes – €270,000 allocated to Longford.
* Active Travel Investment Programme 2021 – Funding secured for 3 schemes.
* Climate Adaption and Resilience Works 2021 – Two regional road sites in Granard put forward for funding.
* Street cleaning/litter collection and emergency works on-going including emergency call out response.

Barbara informed the members that if they had any questions, they would be passed to David Coppinger and he would reply directly to them.

The members requested further information on the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works and in particular the two sites identified for funding. The members complimented the roads employees on work done in the Granard area and in particular on the Mohill Road.

The members agreed that Granard Municipal District needed to have their project prioritised as the number one application under the RRDF application.

All employees and communities involved in spring clean were thanked.

The members noted the Heritage Office funding applications and asked for an update on projects in Granard Municipal District for the next meeting. Barbara Heslin will invite Mairead Ni Chonghaille to the next meeting of Granard MD.

**GRANARD PUBLIC ART FEATURES.**

Councillor PJ Reilly stated that due to other commitments the community groups in Granard could not take on the responsibility of putting together an application for funding for the arts feature.

Item to remain on the Agenda.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2021 COMMUNITY GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME – LIST CIRCULATED**.

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton, it was unanimously agreed to provide funding to the six voluntary applications and two tidy towns applications as circulated.

On the proposal of Councillor Padraig Brady seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed to accept the change of request to the Ballinamuck Foroige Juniors Youth Club application as circulated.

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €3,000 be allocated to the Ballinamuck Essert Twinning application.

On the proposal of Councillor Padraic Brady seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton, it was unanimously agreed that an additional €1,000.00 be allocated to the Drumlish Christmas Lights.

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed that the shortfall of €670.00 be allocated from the Voluntary Bodies sub service to cover the shortfall in the Tidy Towns sub service.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING 2021.**

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €1,000.00 be allocated to Granard Motte Community Enterprises.

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton, it was unanimously agreed that €2,000.00 be allocated to Colmcille GAA.

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough Mc Govern seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly, it was unanimously agreed that €500.00 be allocated to Ballymore Ladies GFA.

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough Mc Govern seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly, it was unanimously agreed that €1,000.00 be allocated to Granard Motte Community Enterprises.

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly, it was unanimously agreed that each member of Granard MD allocate €300.00 to An Garda Siochana Granard.

A total of €6,000 was allocated under special projects.

**CCTV – GRANARD - PRESENTATION BY DANIEL LYNCH.**

Daniel Lynch gave a comprehensive report on the CCTV and responded to the questions raised by the members.

* 22 Cameras in Longford Town​
* ​Soon to be 49 cameras, at an approximate cost of €150,000​
* ​Installed Originally in 2009 with 14 cameras and a full-time resource (technician) allocated to oversee and maintain​
* ​Resource removed in 2012​
* GDPR impacted massively on CCTV​

*CCTV cameras capture the images of individuals and, accordingly, they process personal data. Under data protection law.* ​

* ​DPC completing Audits​
* ​Surveillance of citizens is seen as highly invasive, so we must take on and deliver on our responsibilities as a controller

**Key Themes**

* Live Feeds – Legal Basis​
* ​Proportionality and/or necessity tests​
* Respect for the individual's liberty and privacy where no criminal offence has been or is being committed should be of primary consideration​
* ​Image of the County​
* ​Principle of purpose limitation (not to go beyond the securing of public order & safety and the prevention, detection and prosecution of criminal offences) – Article 5.1(b) of the GDPR​
* Signage​
* ​processors and sub-processors – Legal Agreements in place (NDAs, DPAs) ​
* Access Control and Recording ​
* ​Audits of compliance must be recorded. ​
* ​CCTV is a tool, it is not a panacea​

**Main Areas**

* 45% Data Protection​
* 20% Project Management​
* 20% Community Based​
* 5% Technical​
* 10% Administrative

**Conclusion**

* Granard - 24 cameras at 9 locations with an estimated capital cost of approx.  €96,000 to implement in year 1 (€45,000 grant available).
* Estimate annual costs (does not include resource costs)

1. Download and Pixilation €10,000 - €15,000
2. Maintenance and Service €3,000 - €6,000
3. Plan for Replacement €8,000

* A dedicated resource would be required to implement and maintain the systems if they were to proceed.
* Budget for annual maintenance and subsequent upgrade also required.

The members thanked Danny for the presentation and raised the following questions to which Danny and Barbara replied to:

* Is there a requirement for that number of cameras
* GDPR and the responsibility for the data holder
* Cost of running the cameras
* Other sources of funding

The Elected Members thanked Danny for his presentation and said it clarified and clearly explained a lot of the practicalities, responsibilities and issues associated with the installation of CCTV. They questioned if further support should be forthcoming from Department of Justice.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Perth Cross

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor PJ Reilly and seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern -

“I call on Longford County Council to provide an update on when funding will be allocated for safety and realignment works at the Perth cross junction”.

Reply

Funding of €50,000 has been allocated for this year and currently staff from Granard MD and the Road Design Section are looking at the best option for this funding. A staggered Junction may not be possible as in order to comply with the relevant National Standards the 2Stagger” would have to be 20m centreline to centreline. This would require the purchase of a large piece of land at the junction and there is no funding for Land Purchase. An alternative proposal to install Traffic Islands on the approach is currently being assessed.

Councillor Reilly indicated that the landowner would dedicate the land for use to make the junction safer.

Water Line at Ballywillan/Creevy

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor PJ Reilly and seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern -

I wish to put a Motion to the Meeting for the Council to write to Irish Water for funding to replace the Water Line at Ballywillan/Creevy as there have been five major bursts within three days recently on this line causing major disturbance.

Reply

The members unanimously agreed to write to Irish Water.

Trees at Clonca and Coolamber

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern and seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly -

That Longford County Council contact the relevant State Body (Coillte or Board Na Mona) to cut their trees on the R395 between Clonca and Coolamber area as they are overhanging(and some are ready to fall) onto the road and falling debris could cause an unnecessary accident.

Reply

Longford County Council will contact both Coillte and Bord Na Mona and request that they trim back the hedges and trees in order to ensure they are not a hazard to road users.

Naomh Columba National School

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Colin Dalton and seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly -

I am calling on Longford County Council through the regeneration team, to support Naomh Columba National School, for funding under the safe routes to school program, to connect the school, church and community centre in the village via a footpath and the associated traffic calming measures.

Reply

The Safe Routes to School programme aims to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities, alleviate congestion at the school gates and increase the number of students who walk or cycle to school by providing walking and cycling facilities.

The improvements to the school commute could range from an upgraded footpath or new cycle lane to a complete reworking of a school’s entrance. There are several different stages in the programme and Barbara outlined these at the meeting. She also explained the role of the Local Authority as outlined in the scheme.

The closing date for expressions of interest by schools was the 16th April 2021.

Barbara will circulate the link with all the information to the members.

Safety Measures Clonbroney

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Colin Dalton and seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly-

I am calling on Longford County Council to prioritise safety measures at the junction where the France road meets the Clonbroney/Edgeworthstown road. There have been ongoing calls from the wider community to have this dangerous junction addressed. High volumes of traffic from the north of the county are commuting to and from Dublin every day and are using this route to access the N4 and the Mostrim Train station. I am imploring Longford County Council to give serious consideration to developing this junction, to improve the sight lines at the junction, before there is a serious or fatal accident.

Reply

Longford County Council has tried unsuccessfully to contact the owner. There is an alternative legal process which could be considered under the 1993 Roads Act or LCC could consider a CPO. Both processes would be time consuming. There is no funding scheme for CPO process. Longford County Council did apply unsuccessfully for funding under the Low-Cost Safety Schemes program in October 2020. This application will be resubmitted in October 2021 for 2022 funding.

Theory Test

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Garry Murtagh and seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady-

I call on Granard Municipal District to write to the Minister for transport Eamon Ryan to act swiftly and address the growing concern for people trying to access The Driver Theory Test.  Truck/Bus, CPC & Professional Theory Test exams are available via Pro Proctor Online Testing and the same service should be made available to people to complete the driver Theory Test (via an online portal).  There are young people playing a vital role in essential services that cannot complete their Theory Test as there are young people in the Agricultural sector in the same predicament.  Time and time again through-out the pandemic people have seen their appointments cancelled which is causing undue stress, concern and a serious back log on the system. Where simple solutions should be made available.

Reply

The members unanimously agreed to write to the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Bank of Ireland as circulated was noted.

Sympathy

The members unanimously agreed that a note of sympathy be sent to the Coppinger Family on their recent bereavement.

AGM

It was noted that the AGM will take place on the 22nd June 2021.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon,**

**Meetings Administrator.**

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

**27th July 2021.**

**Garry Murtagh**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**