

**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

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

**on Wednesday, 28th April 2021 at 4.30 p.m.**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Peggy Nolan

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Seamus Butler, Martin Monaghan,

John Browne Uruemu Adejinmi, Gerry Warnock,

Gerry Hagan

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

Mr. Eamonn Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer.

Ms. Lorraine Mc Kee, Administrative Officer.

Ms. Nora O’Farrell, Senior Executive Officer.

**MEETINGS**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated.**

On the proposal of Councillor John Browne seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 24th March 2021.

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Monaghan seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Committee Minutes of Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 24th March 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS.**

Councillor Seamus Butler declared that he is a member of Longford Tidy Towns and the group have an application submitted under the Community Grant Support Scheme 2021.

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

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

Major Well’s Road

Eamonn Bennett informed the members that Consultants have been appointed. Detailed Design is in Progress. Tenders to be published May 2021 subject to TII approval. Construction July 2021 subject to TII approval and funding.

Community Warden

Councillor Seamus Butler looked for an update on the community warden. John Brannigan replied that the post has been approved and it is part of a recruitment process.

**2021 COMMUNITY GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME – AS CIRCULATED**

Funding for the following three applications were considered by the members:

Longford Tidy Towns €25,000

Tennis Club €8,905.98

Newtownforbes/Killoe CE Scheme €360

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Monaghan, seconded by Councillor John Browne it was unanimously agreed to adopt the three applications under the 2021 Community Grants Support Scheme.

**Part 8, No. 84, R198 Battery Road Rehabilitation Scheme at Battery Road, Longford Report in Accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended) – As circulated.**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Part 8, No. 84, R198 Battery Road Rehabilitation Scheme at Battery Road, Longford Report in Accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)as circulated.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor John Browne and seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan.

**Road Safety on R198**

“In Interest of safety I call on Longford County Council to have the damaged section of the R198 roadway, repaired and overlaid between Cahanagh Cross and the Creenagh Lane.

The road on one side has deteriorated following various repairs carried out, arising from bursts in the mains water pipe over the past few years and recent pipe laying along the other side of the main road is leading to subsidence.”

Reply

Longford County Council will carry out maintenance as needed on this section of the R-198-657 in 2021 Based on current funding we will include the R-198-657 from Cahanagh cross to Creenagh junction in the 2023 roads programme once we complete current strengthening works on the R-397-162 from Ballymacormack to Stonepark. If we receive additional funding next year, we will include this section of road in the 2022 roads programme. If extra funding becomes available in 2021 this road will be considered.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan.

**Mide Arts Group**

‘That Longford Municipal District will provide whatever civil works and assistances that are required to mount the Squirrel statue prototype provided by the Mide Arts Group in Newtownforbes’

Reply

Longford County Council area staff are available to coordinate and provide the necessary resources and equipment to mount and erect statue at an agreed location.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor John Browne.

**Leader Park**

‘Could we please have an update on the taking in charge of Leader Park’

Reply

The estimated costs to take the roads infrastructure to an acceptable taking in charge standard is €58,520 and the water services infrastructure is €20,490 as stated in the July 2020 meeting of Longford Municipal district. There are no other funding resources available to bring the infrastructure of the Leader Park development to the required standard for taking in charge.

This notice is to be referred to the unfinished estates.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan.

**Knockmartin Lane**

“I call on Longford County Council to extend the footpath on Knockmartin Lane to the N4 and link it to the Drumlish road to form a loop and create a safe walking route for residents.”

Reply

The project involves approximately installation of 1500m of footpaths on the Knockmartin Lane including public lighting. Longford County Council will need to obtain lands for road widening and may need to relocate entrances. This project will require funding of at least €250,000. At the present time the National Transport Authority will not fund applications for new footpaths forming loops outside urban areas. However, they will fund schemes linking housing estates to urban centres. A scheme linking the Knockmartin Lane to the town centre via the R-198 Drumlish road would be a suitable scheme. We could consider this scheme for an active travel funding application in due course.

Agenda Items for May Meeting

CCTV update.

Regeneration of Camlin quarter update.

Decarbonisation Zones

John Brannigan informed the members that under the Climate Action Bill Longford County Council is required to achieve a 30% reduction of carbon emissions by 2030 and zero per cent by 2050, in order to achieve this Longford County Council were requested to identify decarbonisation zones and Longford town has been selected as a pilot zone. The Climate Action and Planning SPC will deal with implementing the policy. The members welcomed the news.

AGM

Councillor Seamus Butler sought clarity on the date for the AGM and the meetings administrator advised that the dates were agreed by the CPG and would be on the agenda for the May meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 26th May 2021.**

**Peggy Nolan**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**