

**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams**

**on Wednesday, 28th July 2021 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

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

John Browne, Peggy Nolan, Gerry Warnock,

Gerry Hagan

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

Mr. Brian Faughnan, Executive Engineer.

Ms. Lorraine Mc Kee, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. Eamonn Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer.

**MEETINGS**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated.**

On the proposal of Councillor John Browne seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 23rd June 2021.

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor John Browne, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Longford Municipal District Annual Meeting held on the 23rd June 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

None

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS.**

None.

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

Noted.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT INCORPORATING AREA ENGINEER’S PROGRESS REPORT – circulated.**

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

Road Sweeper

Councillor Warnock asked if the restrictions to the road sweeper schedule which were implemented due to Covid 19 could be reviewed. Brian Faughnan replied that a review to the set up would take place in September 2021.

N63 Roundabout

Councillor Monaghan sought an update on the re-surfacing of the N63 Roundabout. John Brannigan will get the area to carry out a survey at this location to see if emergency repair works can be carried out.

Majors Well Road

Councillor Browne requested an update on the timeframe for works to commence. Brian Faughnan replied that works will commence in September 2021.

Chamber of Commerce

The members discussed engaging with the chamber and businesses to clean the paths and front of businesses in the town.

**UPDATES**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler, seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, it was unanimously agreed to defer item number six to a later date.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS – AS CIRCULATED.**

Noted. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan and seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock the members unanimously agreed that only information relevant to the Municipal District be provided.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler –

Bins on canal walkway

There are no public bins by the harbour and along the Canal walkways in Clondra and I calling on Longford County Council to have been bins placed in these locations to keep the areas litter free.

**Reply**

It is understood that Waterways Ireland (WI) have a policy of requesting the public to bring home the litter/ waste generated on their visit to WI properties, informally this policy is often referred to “leave no trace”. Coillte also have a similar policy in relation to their properties. It is suggested that the issue of litter and waste policy on the Greenways, including canals and associated harbours in County Longford are referred to the next Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for consideration. It is also proposed that this policy will be included as part of the new Litter Management plan which is scheduled to be considered at the Strategic Policy Committee.

Road L50953

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

The L50953 road needs resurfacing and there is poor visibility at the junction approaching the Regional Road. The trees and overgrown hedges at the junction make it difficult for residents in the area to exit onto the regional road safely. I am calling on Longford County Council to carry out a low-cost safety scheme at the L50953 junction as well as road resurfacing on the L50953 to help improve visibility and driving condition for save movement of residents on the road and at the junction.”

**Reply**

Longford County Council inspected the junction of the L – 50953 and the regional road R – 194 at Killeter. There is a clear safety issue with sight distance at this junction. I will refer this to road design and Longford County Council will apply for funding under a Low-cost Safety Scheme. Following an inspection of the L-50953-0 at Killeter it will be included on the 2022 roads programme.

Record of Notice of Motion

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

I call on the staff of Longford County Council to, going forward, prepare a record of Motions submitted to Longford Municipal District, for an update on status of same to be made to Councillors on a yearly basis as well as a quarterly informal meeting with the Cathaoirleach and Administration officer. This will help us keep track of motions until they are completed, allow Councillors provide real time status updates to constituents and prevent duplication of motions.

**Reply**

A database of all Notices of Motion will be recorded, and status updated accordingly. The administrator of Longford Municipal District will arrange quarterly informal meetings with the Cathaoirleach to update on the progress of the notices of motion and will inform the members on a yearly basis.

Sewage Cartron Breac

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor John Browne and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan -

I call on Irish Water and Longford County Council between them, to take full responsibility, and rectify without any further delay the sewage problems (obnoxious smell, manholes, gullies on the roadway full of sewage) at the Cartron Breac Housing Estate. The estate was formally taken in charge at the November 2018 Municipal Meeting. However Irish Water claim to have a Taking in Charge Application as of April 2021. It’s summertime, heat, children at play, charge or no charge, the estate residents require immediate action.

**Reply from Irish Water**

*“*The Taking in Charge (TIC) of residential estates is primarily the statutory responsibility of the Planning Authority, under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and not Irish Water (IW). In accordance with existing Government policy guidelines IW is co-operating with the Planning Authorities nationally to assess the taking in charge of residential estates and the transfer of water services assets in these estates to IW for on-going operation and maintenance. Department Circular PL5/14 of November 2014 and the subsequent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) IW has with the individual Local Authorities (LA’s) covers this issue.

All Local Authorities are working in collaboration with Irish Water in the Taking in Charge of residential estates in accordance with the signed MoU and protocols leading to the transfer of water services infrastructure assets within the estates to Irish Water.

An application for the Taking in Charge of the Water and Wastewater Network and Infrastructure in Cartrun Breac was received by Irish Water on the 19th of April 2021. Irish Water is currently engaging with Longford County Council in relation to this Taking in Charge application. The Operation and Maintenance of the Water and Wastewater Network and Infrastructure in Cartrun Breac is currently not the responsibility of Irish Water.

Electric Scooters

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Monaghan and seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler -

That the Longford Municipal District liaise with An Garda Siochana and or community sergeant to control the scourge of electric scooters that are appearing on our streets, with a lot of young children on same at present.

**Reply**

This motion has been referred to the Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee to

develop a policy. Longford County Council have liaised with the Community Sergeant in

relation to the use of E Scooters in public places.

Non-motorised equipment on footpaths

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan -

**Reply**

This motion has been referred to the Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee to

develop a policy. Longford County Council have liaised with the Community Sergeant in

relation to the use of E Scooters in public places.

Olympians

The members congratulated the Olympians who done us proud in representing our county in

Toyoko and they also noted the Irish Rowing team’s connection to Clondra in Longford. Heartfelt congratulations were extended to Cian Mc Philips on his gold medal in the Under 20 1500m European Champions.

The members asked the administration staff to look at placing Olympic flags on the Council building, library head office and post office ahead of the Paralympics in September.

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 22nd September 2021.**

**Uruemu Adejinmi**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**