**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

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

**via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 27 January at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Mick Cahill.

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

Pat O’Toole and Paul Ross.

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

Mr. Paul Newell, Senior Executive Engineer.

Ms. Claire Mc Dermott, Administrative Officer.

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ann Marie Mc Keon.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole, seconded by Councillor Colm Murray, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 25 November 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

**MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT - circulated**

Noted.

**PRESENTATION ON AGE FRIENDLY HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAMME**

Mary Carey introduced herself as County Longford Local Coordinator, Mary briefed the members on the programme.

Sláintecare is the ten-year Programme to transform our health and social care services. It is the roadmap for building a world-class health and social care service for Irish people. The Sláintecare vision is to achieve a universal single-tier health and social care system where everyone has equal access to services based on need, and not ability to pay.

Age Friendly Ireland / Local Government, an appointed shared service function of local government hosted by Meath County Council, brings together, supports and provides technical guidance to the 31 Local Authority led, multi-agency Age Friendly City & County Programmes across Ireland delivering the goals and objectives of the World Health Organisations Age Friendly Global Framework:

* 9 sites were identified as host programme areas – Longford is one of those sites.
* Demographic Change: The Challenge
* Objectives
* Phase 1 Areas
* Evaluation
* Participant Assessment
* Associated Duties
* Brochure
* Referral Form

What is the role of the Local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Co-Ordinator

* Work in partnership with stakeholders and existing service providers
* Manage a caseload of Referrals
* Assess each older person’s individual needs
* Coordinate and facilitate a plan of supports and sign post them to services
* Identify any gaps in services | Highlight Models of good practice

The members welcomed the presentation and requested that a copy be circulated to them. Mary responded to the questions raised by the members. The members noted how the elderly don’t always request help and how important it is to have the appropriate facilities available for them. Mary would make her details available for anyone who would like to follow up with any further questions or required assistance.

Issues discussed included:

* Assisting older persons locally
* Design of houses – future proofing
* Access to services
* Getting the message to those living in more remote areas
* Home help and Community Care models
* Addressing isolation

John noted the important opportunity for Longford to have Mary as a support to the community and confirmed that through housing we will confirm the more mature housing estate to enable Mary to do a leaflet drop.

**ARDAGH CLOCK TOWER**

Longford County Council’s archivist has traced details of pervious owners and once all ownerships have been exhausted that an application can be made for a deed of rectification.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT MUNICIPAL DISTRICT REPORT FOR INCLUSION IN LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL 2021 ANNUAL REPORT – ENCLOSED**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole seconded by Councillor Colm Murray, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Municipal District Report for inclusion in Longford County Council 2021 Annual Report. John Mc Keon stated that the comprehensive report was prepared by Claire and it shows the body of work done by the Municipal District in 2021.

**CONSIDERATION OF ONE NOMINEE FOR EACH OF THE 2020/2021**

**AND 2021/2022 CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS**

On the proposal of Councillor Colm Murray, seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the Irish Wheelchair Association, Kenagh was nominated for the Cathaoirleach Award 2020/2021.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, Brendan Quigley was nominated for the Cathaoirleach Award 2021/2022.

The members confirmed that the Cathaoirleach Awards Nomination for 2019/2020 is Michael Greally.

The presentation will take place on the 3 June 2022.

**COMMUNITY GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME 2022**

Claire Mc Dermott, A.O., outlined to the meeting that the Community Grant Support Scheme 2022 will open for submissions mid-March with a closing date of the end of April. Applications will be considered at the Municipal District meetings in May. Claire confirmed that it would be an on-line application process. The members welcomed the news.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Creevaghbeg Footpaths**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to extend the footpath on the Creevaghbeg Road to

include the number of houses which are in close proximity of the existing path along the

road”.

Response

Longford County Council will seek to secure funding under the Active Travel Scheme.

**Foxhall Crescent, Legan**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to upgrade the windows in the houses at Foxhall

Crescent, Legan, as they are in very poor condition and are badly in need of replacement”.

Response

The Council has a very substantial number of properties that are of similar age and condition to the houses that it owns in the Foxhall Crescent development at Legan. Unfortunately, for budgetary reasons, the Council is not in a position to fund any large-scale programme of window and door replacement at present.

A Retrofitting Programme is being rolled out nationally at present in order to upgrade the standard of homes generally. In many cases it is anticipated that replacement windows and doors will form part of the upgrading work that will be carried out on Council properties. Properties that are retrofitted will be warmer and more comfortable to live in. An added bonus is that it will be cheaper to heat them in the future than if the retrofitting had not been completed and there will be a reduction in the amounts of greenhouse gases that are produced in heating them.

Longford County Council will be carrying out retrofitting work to its properties over the next number of years. The Council has been given commitments that it will be allocated funding over a number of years to fund the retrofitting of its properties. The Council’s properties vary in age and condition so it is not possible to say at this stage what retrofitting work will need to be carried out in order to bring each individual property up to the required standard. Neither is it possible at this stage to say which properties will be retrofitted in any of the years of the 10 Year Programme.

However, a decision has been taken to focus attention in the short term on the retrofitting of estates because of the efficiencies that doing so can deliver. Other than that, in the short term, there is no way of saying when retrofitting of properties at Foxhall Crescent will be upgraded.

**Ballymahon Playground**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to carry out a review of the Playground in Ballymahon in

relation to maintenance and location, as this playground is often littered with bottles and used

for anti-social behaviour and is generally in poor condition”.

Response

The playground is well looked after by the Council and has not been neglected. The playground is inspected on a weekly basis by the General Service Supervisor and by the Community Section.

There have been issues reported by Cllr O’Toole in early January where broken glass was present in the area. Frank Horne from the community section and the GSS have increased their inspection and tidy up of this area including arranging for some woodchip to be put under the swings which might help the situation.

**Kayak Club Car Park**

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 public lighting at the Kayak Club carpark on

the Thomond Road Ballymahon.”

Response

This project is not committed in the Public Light Budget 2022, however, consideration will be given to this project if there are any unspent monies in the 2022 budget.

**Rathmore to Shrule Speed Limit**

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 include local road L1131 Rathmore to Shrule in the

next speed limit review of our roads network with a view to reducing the limit on this road to

the lowest permissible”.

Response

This road can be included in the next review.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ann Marie Mc Keon

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 25 March 2022.**

Mick Cahill

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

**Cathaoirleach.**