**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Ballymahon Library and via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 28 July 2022 at 4.30pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross.

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

Pat O’Toole and Mick Cahill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Mr. Paul Newell, A/Director of Services

Mr. Brian Mc Neela, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. John McKeon, Director of Services Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services

Ms. Claire Mc Dermott, Administrative Officer

Ms. Ann Marie Mc Keon, Meetings Administrator

**A/MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Mr. Gerard Dennigan

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Colm Murray seconded by Councillor Gerard Farrell, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 23 May 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole, seconded by Councillor Colm Murray, the Committee Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 23 May 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Gerard Farrell, seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Annual General meeting held on the 29 June 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

**MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT - as circulated**

This item was noted.

**COMMUNITY GRANT SUPPORT SCHEME 2022 –AS CIRCULATED**

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, the Community Grant Support Scheme 2022 was approved as circulated.

**CONSIDERATION OF TIME FOR NEXT MEETING**

On the proposal by Councillor Pat O’Toole and Seconded by Councillor Colm Murray it was agreed that the Ballymahon Municipal District meetings would commence at 4pm going forward and standing orders would be amended to reflect this change.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Pedestrian Crossing**

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

“That a pedestrian crossing be installed at the Bracklin Road / Park House Hotel junction in Edgeworthstown in the interest of public safety.”

**Response**

Acting Senior Executive Engineer, Brian Mc Neela explained to the members that the plan is for two pedestrian crossings at the Bracklin Road/Park House Junction, one crossing at Bracklin Road and the second crossing at Pound Street.

**Public Lighting**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to install public lighting on the footpath outside Ballycloughan Hall in the interests of public safety.”

**Response**

Brian informed the members that Longford County Council is currently seeking quotations for this work however,funding streams will need to be identified and secured. Brian agreed to keep the members updated.

**Replacement of Footpaths**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to replace the footpaths in Devine Crescent from houses one to twelve which are in very poor repair and are dangerous to the members of the community who live in these houses”.

**Response**

Longford County Council will identify funding streams to carry out work at this location.

**Water Supply Pipes**

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

“I call on Irish Water to replace the water supply pipes on the N55 from Ballymahon to Carrickboy as a matter of urgency.”.

**Response**

Acting Director of Services, Paul Newell confirmed that he had forwarded the motion to Irish Water and is waiting on their response. Paul suggested that this item could be brought up at the Irish Water monthly clinics.

**Low-Cost Safety Scheme**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to consider a Low-Cost Safety Scheme on the L52341 at Darogue Ballymahon to improve the sight lines and in the interest of public safety.”

**Response**

Brian confirmed that he would forward this request to road design for inclusion on the Low-Cost Application Scheme for 2023 funding.

**Replacement of fencing along Inny River**

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 erect a mesh wire fence along the boundary of

the Ballymahon 1916 Commemorative Garden and the Inny River in the interest of

public safety. The current timber post and rail fence is in poor condition and unsafe.”

**Response**

Longford County Council will undertake repairs to the timber post and rail fence. Funding will need to be identified for the erection of a mesh wire fence along the boundary.

**Public Lighting**

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

“I propose that Longford County Council provide adequate energy efficient public lighting in front the Recently Refurbished Community facility in Ballycloghan in the interest of public safety.”

**Response**

Brian informed the members that Longford County Council is currently seeking quotations for this work however,funding streams will need to be identified and secured. Brian agreed to keep the members updated.

**Ballymahon Area Water Bursts**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mick Cahill and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray -

“Why is there an increasing number of Water Bursts in the Ballymahon water supply. This is causing a lot of anxiety and disruption for domestic, business and farming users. Are there any plans to upgrade the pipe network and what is the procedure for members of the public to report leaks?”

**Response**

Acting Director of Services, Paul Newell confirmed that he had forwarded the motion to Irish Water and is waiting on their response. Paul suggested that this item could be brought up at the Irish Water monthly clinics. Paul updated the members on the methods and procedures in place for members of the public to report leaks.

**Ardagh Clock Tower**

Councillor Colm Murray requested an update for the next meeting.

**National Transport Authority**

Brian McNeela informed the members that the National Transport Authority has approved two sites under the low-cost junction tightening and pedestrian crossing funding stream –

* Marian Place, Edgworthstown, Kerb radii at the junction entrance to be reduced to 6m on either side with a raised priority crossing.
* Auburn Park, Edgworthstown, Kerb radii at the junction entrance to be reduced to 6m on either side with a raised priority crossing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Gerard Dennigan**

**A/Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 22 September 2022.**

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

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