**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Ballymahon Library and via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 22 September 2022 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross.

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

Pat O’Toole, Mark Casey and Mick Cahill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ms. Samantha Healy. Director of Services

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

Ms. Claire Mc Dermott, Administrative Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. John McKeon, Director of Services

**MEETINGS**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Colm Murray seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 28 July 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, the Committee Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 28 July 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

**MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT - as circulated**

The Management Report as circulated was noted.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill, seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, the members unanimously agreed to implement a weight restriction on road number ….and they requested that the process would commence immediately.

Councillor Pat O’Toole requested an update on the Ballymahon/Newcastle walkway and Director of Services, Samantha Healy confirmed that there was no update.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRIC STANDING ORDERS FOR COMMENCEMENT TIME OF MONTHLY MEETINGS**

On the proposal by Councillor Mick Cahill and Seconded by Councillor Colm Murray it was unanimously agreed to amend the Ballymahon Municipal District Standing Orders to 4pm for commencement time of monthly meetings.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS**

Noted.

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

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

On the proposal of Councillor Colm Murray, seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill the members unanimously agreed to transfer €12,705 from Special Projects to Voluntary Bodies Grant and transfer €2,295 from Special Projects to Arts Activities Grants and €380 from Tidy Towns Grant to Arts Activities Grants.

**UPDATE ON ARDAGH CLOCK TOWER**

Director of Services, Samantha Healy advised the members that the Council’s Legal Advisor is tracing details of previous owners and there is no further update at this present time.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Saint’s Island Graveyard**

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

I call on Longford County Council to support the committee from Saints Island graveyard in

purchasing a pump-to-pump water for use at family graves.

**Response**

Since this was discussed at the last Municipal District meeting an application was received from Newtown Cashel Cemetery committee for the pump-to-pump water under the Community Grant support scheme 2022.

**Drainage at Cashel GAA Grounds**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray -

I call on Longford County Council to engage with the OPW and fix the drainage issue at

Cashel GAA grounds as a matter of urgency as this problem is going on too long and needs

to be fixed as it is hampering developments.

**Response**

Longford County Council met on site with the former Chairman and the current Chairman of Cashel GAA. A scope of works was agreed to alleviate the flooding issue. We anticipate that the works will commence within the coming weeks.

**Streetscape Enhancement**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray -

That Lanesboro be selected as the town to be put forward for the next streetscape enhancement application as Granard was this year

**Response**

This motion will be referred to the Regeneration committee.

**Footpath at Moigh Road**

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

That Longford County Council construct a footpath on the Moigh Road, Ballymahon in the

interest of public safety.

**Response**

The merits of a proposed Active Travel Scheme on the Moigh Road Ballymahon will be discussed with the NTA (National Transport Authority) in the coming weeks with a view to submitting an application for funding in 2023

The NTA have indicated that future additional applications like this will be considered once Longford County Council have progressed with the current Active Travel Scheme allocations.

Future Active Travel Schemes in Longford will be prioritised based on how they fit into Longford’s Core Cycle network and the National cycle network which are currently being prepared.

**Active Travel 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 under the Active Travel Scheme to extend the existing footpath on the Creevaghbeg Road (L-5229) Ballymahon to the where the public lighting ends

**Response**

The merits of a proposed Active Travel Scheme for Creevaghbeg Road (L-5229) will be discussed with the NTA (National Transport Authority) in the coming weeks with a view to submitting an application for funding in 2023

The NTA have indicated that future additional applications like this will be considered once Longford County Council have progressed with the current Active Travel Scheme allocations

**Active Travel Scheme**

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

I call on Longford County Council under the Active Travel Scheme to provide a footpath on

the R392 from Peter Hanley Motors in Terlicken to the Longford Bridge at Drinan, a

footpath on this stretch of road would be add greatly to the safety of pedestrians who like to

access the Royal Canal Greenway at Longford Bridge

**Response**

The proposed motion does not meet the NTA’s (National Transport Authority) general criteria for funding of Active travel schemes as follows:

* This section of road is within an 80km/hr zone, The NTA does not generally fund outside the 50km/h zone
* The road is located over 1km outside the urban peripheral of Ballymahon. (Schemes in urban areas will take priority)
* It does not link residential area to place of work, school, shops etc. Recreational only routes not funded by the NTA.
* Any scheme linking to the Royal Canal Greenway should also include cycle infrastructure.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 November 2022.**

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

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