

**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Granard Municipal District held in Granard Library and**

**via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 25 July 2022 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Colin Dalton

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Garry Murtagh, Paraic Brady, PJ Reilly

and Turlough McGovern

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services

Ms. Linda Higgins, Administrative Officer

Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer

**MEETINGS**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**

On the proposal of Councillor Paraic Brady seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 May 2022.

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 24 May 2022.

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Annual General Meeting held on the 28 June 2022.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Councillor Colin Dalton asked the members to support the upcoming fundraiser in memory of Cian Gray on Sunday 31 July 2022 at 1pm at Dromard GAA Grounds.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

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

**REPORT – circulated**

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

Barbara Heslin updated the members on the following –

* Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) Funding
* Connected Hubs
* Towns and Villages
* Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
* Library Services
* Heritage
* Housing
* Creative Ireland
* Longford Live and Local

David Coppinger detailed the Area Engineer’s Progress Report –

* Roadworks
* Community Involvement Scheme.
* LIS Projects
* Drainage
* Active Travel Investment Programme
* Climate Adaptation Works
* Restoration/Improvement Scheme.
* Other ongoing works taking place in Granard Municipal District
* Major impact of cost increases on works – the Area will not have funding for additional projects

David and Barbara replied to queries raised on the following issues –

* + Repair of railings in Granard town
  + Climate Action Schemes
  + Local Improvement Schemes
  + Ballinamuck signage
  + Dog fouling – new awareness campaign
  + Lough Annagh– proposal for CIS in 2023 to improve sight lines

The Elected Members congratulated Harp Media on the recent success of their film Lakelands at the Galway Film Fleadh.

Councillor PJ Reilly thanked Minister Humphrey’s for her Department’s support of local shows.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SUPPORT SCHEME 2022 – circulated**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh, seconded by Councillor Turlough the Community Grant Support Scheme applications were adopted by the members - as per attached appendix.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS/DISCRETIONARY FUNDS 2022 - circulated**

**Councillor PJ Reilly’s Project**

**Granard Agriculture Show Society**

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €1,000 be allocated to Granard Agriculture Show Society.

**Councillor PJ Reilly’s Project**

**Granard Tidy Towns**

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €1,000 be allocated to Granard Tidy Towns.

**Councillor Colin Daltons Projects**

**Ballinalee Gun Club**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed that €400 be allocated to Ballinalee Gun Club.

**Killoe GAA**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed that €700 be allocated to Killoe GAA.

**St. John’s Church, Ballinalee**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed that €400 be allocated to St. John’s Church, Ballinalee.

**Councillor Garry Murtagh’s Projects**

**Dromard Rural Development**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady, it was unanimously agreed that €1,000 be allocated to Dromard Rural Development.

**CONSIDERATION OF PART VIII NO 92 REPORT - PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**

**OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING, NEW ENTRANCE, GATES AND PIERS,**

**NEW MAINS WATER CONNECTION, INSTALLATION OF WASTEWATER**

**TREATMENT SYSTEM AND PERCOLATION AREA TOGETHER WITH AN**

**ANCILLARY AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT LETTERGEERAGH,**

**DRUMLISH, COUNTY LONGFORD 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 Paraic Brady seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh the

members unanimously agreed to adopt the Part VIII Report Number 92 – Proposed

construction of a single storey dwelling, new entrance, gates and piers, new mains water

connection, installation of wastewater treatment system and percolation area together with

ancillary and associated site works at Lettergeeragh as circulated.

**CONSIDERATION OF PART VIII NUMBER 93 - AUGHNACLIFFE AMENITY**

**HERITAGE TRAIL,** **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 Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady the

members unanimously agreed to adopt the Part VIII Number 93 – Aughnacliffe amenity

heritage trail as circulated

**CONSIDERATION OF PART VIII NUMBER NO 94 - CONSTRUCTION OF**

**GRANARD URBAN GREENWAY AT GRANARD, CO. 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 Turlough Mc Govern seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly the

members unanimously agreed to adopt the Part VIII Number 94 – Construction of Granard

Urban Greenway at Granard, Co. Longford as circulated.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Granard Garda Station Car Park**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor PJ Reilly and seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern –

“I wish to put a motion forward to the meeting for an update when works are going to start on the public car park at the rear of Granard Garda Station as we were promised last year that this work would commence in early 2022.”

**Response**

Longford County Council are at Part 8 Planning stage and the relevant notices will be published in the Longford Leader next week. The planning process will take approximately two months and during this stage preparation of contract documents will be undertaken in order to progress to construction stage and the tendering of contract. Construction should commence around October 2022 if there are no delays.

**Ballinalee Playground**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Colin Dalton and seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady –

“I call on Longford County Council to consider putting a new bench in the playground in Ballinalee village.”

**Response**

Director of Services, Barbara Heslin confirmed that funding will be made available to replace the bench.

**Ballinalee Road Crossing**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Colin Dalton and seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady –

“I call on Longford County Council to consider putting in a road crossing on the Ballinalee Granard Road to accommodate children from Ballinalee School to link up with new walkway and football pitch.”

**Response**

This request will be forwarded to the Road Design section of Longford County Council, and they will examine the need for a Pedestrian Crossing and make a recommendation accordingly.

**Extension of Footpath on Abbeylara to Coole Road**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern and seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly –

“I call on Longford County Council to extend the footpath on the main Abbeylara to Coole road to provide access for pedestrian's safe passage to the new Sensory Garden.”

**Response**

Funding for new footpaths is limited and the estimated cost for this work is €40,000 which is the overall discretionary grant for Granard MD each year. Local Groups can apply for funding through the various Community Schemes operated by the Department of Transport and the Department of Rural Development. Often up to 90% funding is available and this is often the best way for local groups to get priority for paths in their area. If funding is secured in this manner the local area staff can arrange for the construction and Taking in Charge of same.

**Upgrades to Dring Car Park**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Garry Murtagh and seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady –

“I call on Longford County Council to upgrade facilities at Dring car park, bins and signage. Serious consideration regarding the toilet facilities and camping at the car park and ongoing anti-social behaviour.”

**Response**

Director of Services, Barbara Heslin will visit the site with Councillor Murtagh after the bank holiday weekend to identify the issues that need to be addressed and consider what sustainable solutions might be appropriate. She highlighted the Leave no Trace campaign and the need for people to take responsibility for dealing with their own waste.

Councillor Murtagh will make contact with the local committee to encourage them to get involved in the upkeep and maintenance of the area.

**Low-Cost Safety Scheme at Doherty’s Cross**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Paraic Brady and Councillor Colin Dalton and seconded by Councillor–

“I call on Longford County Council to carry out a low-cost safety scheme at Doherty’s cross Esker Ballinalee. There have been numerous accidents, at this cross, over the last few years and it’s a safety issue.”

Councillor Dalton highlighted the importance of reporting accidents when they happen to An Garda Siochana and explained that these accidents are recorded on a pulse system and when the Local Authority apply for funding under the low-cost safety schemes, that the Department check the accident history for the location and funding is secured where there are accidents recorded on the pulse system.

**Response**

Longford County Council are aware of a number of recent accidents at this location and have already arranged to discuss these with the Gardai. A Low-Cost Scheme was already implemented at this junction to improve signage and advance warnings in the past. However, this area will be examined in conjunction with An Garda Siochana to clarify what additional measures could be implemented.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon,**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the**

**27 September 2022.**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**