

**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Granard Municipal District held**

**via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paraic Brady

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Garry Murtagh, Colin Dalton, P.J. 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 Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 23 November 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

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

**REPORT – circulated**

The Management Report, incorporating the area engineer progress report as circulated, was noted. The members thanked all the employees involved in the 2021 roads programme and complimented the fantastic works done in the Granard Municipal District.

Councillor Paraic Brady acknowledged the Active Travel funding for Colmcille/Aughnacliffe and Enybegs schemes and Paraic requested support for the next tranche of funding for the Drumlish/Ballinamuck scheme.

Councillor Colin Dalton welcomed the update on the France Road footpaths and the funding for the Killoe walkway.

David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that the grant notification from the Department should issue at some stage during the month of February.

**PRESENTATION ON AGE FRIENDLY HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAMME**

**THE HEALTHY AGE FRIENDLY 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
* Age friendly and retirement villages

Councillor Brady enquired if retirement villages were being considered for Longford and Mary replied that she had spoken to the relevant Director of Services with regard to the possibility of identifying sites in towns which are close to shops, post office, church, etc.

Barbara noted the important opportunity for Longford to have Mary as a support to the community and if this pilot scheme is a success then it will be rolled out to the entire country. This scheme should be recognised as a core function of the local authority to support the older person to stay in their own homes. She encouraged the Elected Members to engage with Mary and identify those people living in isolation and to engage with them to ensure they live a happy, healthier life in their own home and community.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CIRCULATED**

Noted. Councillor Garry Murtagh requested that they be informed of projects that are being considered for funding. Councillor Brady stressed that the focus should now be on delivering the projects for which funding has been secured.

**UPDATE FROM HERITAGE OFFICER**

Máiréad Ní Chonghaile – Heritage Officer briefed the members on the heritage projects in the Granard Municipal District area as follows:

**Community Monument Funds**

Designed for archaeological monuments with streams aimed at (1) capital repair (2) conservation report, (3) improvement of access

* One project under stream 2: Rosduff Castle
* The application by Three Provinces Heritage Group with permission of landowner.
* John Cronin & Associates multi-disciplinary team, including architect & archaeologists
* Broad-scale assessment of site, with conservation guidelines.
* In-depth historical and geophysical (non-invasive archaeology)
* €13,062 grant (100%)
* Next steps: Community Monuments Fund 2022 is open for applications for 2022
* Could apply for repairs under stream 1: would require a similar multi-disciplinary team in place to guide and oversee works.

100% for this year. Can be applied for by community group or individual.

**Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021**

* The former Ulster Bank in Granardreceived funds to undertake urgent conservation repairs to the roof and fungal mitigation to interior.
* The roofing works were successful, although it was scaled back as the fungal infestation to the front and western side elevations were more extensive than initially thought.
* The source of the water ingress has been addressed and awaiting reinstatement of interior surfaces and treatment/repair and replacement of timber joinery where required.
* The grant-aided project cost was €31,254 with a grant awarded of €10,750 (34% of project cost). This generated €20,504 private investment and generated approximately 80 days of employment.

**Latin School Visitor Centre**

* This to be designed and printed in 2022 ahead of the opening of the centre to the public. Funding has been applied for under the Heritage Council’s County Heritage Plan fund.
* Proposed to be visually complementary to the exhibition panels and the Exploring & Creative Ireland Longford “Playground Passport” which includes the venue.

North Longford Native Seed Nursery

**Proposed Projects for 2022**

Funding sought from Heritage Council under the County Heritage Plan for:

* Heritage Engagement - including support of Knights & Conquests Heritage Week event
* Heritage Engagement – printing of Longford Rocks (Geological Survey) and Mills & Milling in Co Longford book
* **Heritage Engagement** - Design & Print of Latin School Visitor Centre school’s booklet.
* **Heritage Research -** Black Pigs Dyke research, including video and possible LiDAR survey.
* **Heritage Research -** Thatch survey

The members thanked Mairead for her presentation they looked forward to receiving the report on Rosduff Castle and they welcomed the submission of funding applications for 2022. The members asked questions on Rose Cottage and Sean Mac Eoin Forge which Mairead replied to. The members requested that Mairead would attend another meeting later in year to provide a further update on the projects.

**CONSIDERATION OF BCP COSTS UNDER THE GMA 2022**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh, seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton the members unanimously agreed to cover the BCP cost of €1056 from the 2022 General Municipal Allocation.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT MUNICIPAL DISTRICT REPORT FOR INCLUSION IN LONGFORD COUNTY COUNICL 2021 ANNUAL REPORT – AS CIRCULATED**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh, seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly the Municipal District Report for including in Longford County Council 2021 Annual Report was adopted.

**CONSIDERATION OF ONE NOMINEE FOR 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022**

**CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh, seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly, the Principal of St. Teresa’s National School, Killoe was nominated to accept the Cathaoirleach Award 2020/2021 on behalf of all the schools in the County that provide Autism/Discovery Units for children with spectrum disorders and deal with autistic spectrum conditions.

Councillor Paraic Brady will confirm his nomination to the Meetings Administrator. The members confirmed that the Cathaoirleach Awards Nomination for 2019/2020 is Frank Mc Mahon.

The presentation will take place on the 3 June 2022.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Granard Reservoir**

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

“I call on Longford County council and Irish water to up-grade the existing pipes at the

Granard Reservoir, that have caused a water outage in the Granard area, with serious

disruption to households, twice a month for the last year”.

**Response**

Longford County Council will write to Irish Water and outline the issues raised by the Elected Members.

**Upgrade N55**

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 up-grade the N55 road from Granard to Edgeworthstown at Tonywarden as there is considerable safety concerns arising from this part of the road, a serious dip and structural damage with surface defects and that the presence of such defects has increased the frequency of road collisions on this part of the road”.

**Response**

Longford County Council will review the issues at this location and will discuss with the relevant Transport Infrastructure Ireland inspectors. Improvements at this location will be subject to support and funding of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

**Colmcille Terrace**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern and seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh-

Is there any up-date on whether Longford County Council or Tuaith are taking over

Colmcille Terrace?

**Response**

Longford County Council has been in contact with a housing body in relation to the redevelopment of Colmcille Terrace.  The Council will continue to engage with them and is committed to ensuring that works in Colmcille Terrace will commence in 2022.

**Special / In Committee Meetings**

The Meetings Administrator informed the elected members that a special meeting may be required in February or early March once the Department announce the roads grants. In addition, an in-committee meeting will be scheduled in advance of the March meeting to which John Brannigan will be invited to discuss the next steps in the delivery of the RRDF funded project in Granard.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ann Marie Mc Keon

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon,**

**Meetings Administrator.**

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

**22 March 2022.**

Paraic Brady

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

**Cathaoirleach.**