

**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

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

**via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 22 March 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 PJ Reilly, seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 25 January 2022.

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 25 January 2022.

**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. Councillor Turlough Mc Govern welcomed the funding for Ballywilliam Bridge.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – as circulated**

Noted.

**CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULE OF GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS – AS CIRCULATED**

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough Mc Govern and seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Schedule of Granard Municipal District Works 2022, as circulated.

**GMA 2022 - TOWN TWINNING**

On the proposal of Councillor PJ Reilly and seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh it was the members unanimously agreed the following:

* 2022 Funding; €2,250 each to Granard and Ballinamuck Town Twinning Committees to support their twinning trips abroad
* 2023 Funding; €3,000 to Ballinamuck Town Twinning Committee and €1,500 to Granard Town Twinning
* Ballinamuck to attend an event abroad in 2023 and Granard to host an event at home
* A letter to be forward to both committees outlining the grant details

**SPECIAL PROJECTS/DISCRETIONARY FUNDS 2022**

Councillor Garry Murtagh highlighted two projects which he proposed providing funding to Colmcille Area Development Group €1,500 and Colmcille Community Centre €1,500.

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton, it was unanimously agreed that €1,500 be allocated to Colmcille Area Development.

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €1,500 be allocated to Colmcille Community Centre.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Public Lighting Granard Garda Station**

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

“I call on Longford County Council to install public lighting on the roadway at the rear of

Granard Garda station leading up to the four industrial units”.

**Response**

This motion is similar to a notice of motion which was submitted in May 2020. Longford County Council can confirm that the majority of this road is not Public and therefore it is not possible to install public lighting on a private road. Lights will be installed in the new Carpark to be built at the back of the Garda Station and this will improve the area. Other improvements will be required to bring the paths and open spaces up to standard and unfortunately, at present there is no funding available to carry out these works. An option would be to consider as part of the RRDF funding for the Granard Destination Town Project, to improve this road and subsequently take it in charge.

**Realignment Macken’s Junction**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor PJ Reilly and seconded by Paraic Brady –

“I call on Longford County Council to realign the junction at Macken’s Filling station

Granard on the N55 leading on to the R194 to be realigned. This junction is waiting for a

serious accident to happen presently with the way it is designed currently”.

**Response**

Longford County Council’s Road Design Section in conjunction with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland are looking at this junction and the potential for realignment/improvement. It will be progressed when resources allow.

**Safety Measures Hill of Ballinalee**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Colin Dalton and seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern –

“I call on Longford County Council to carry out safety measures on the hill of Ballinalee to

include traffic calming measures, ramps, slow down signs and flashing lights to

stop speed and prevent accidents”.

**Response**

This motions specifically refers to the R194 Regional road through the core of the village at the crossroads and on down as far as Shantobar Housing Estate. Safety Measures have already been installed in this area with Traffic Islands and Road markings installed a number of years ago. Unfortunately, the problem here appears to be one of driver behaviour and in particular speed.

**Low Cost Safety Scheme Ballingall**

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 conduct a Low-Cost Safety Scheme at Ballingall cross

on the approach to the main Gowna to Granard road as there are no roads markings on said

approach, plus at The Pipers cross no signage. It is a major safety issue on this very busy

road”.

**Response**

Longford County Council will examine both junctions to see what road markings and additional signage is needed. An application for funding can then be made in September 2022 for next year’s 2023 Low-Cost Safety schemes.

**Yellow Box Junction**

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 consider a yellow box junction outside the Credit

Union on Tromra Road as due to increased traffic and parking an issue, residents and road

user are in a constant battle with illegal parking blocking the road for drivers and

pedestrians”.

**Response**

The specific location identified already has Double Yellow lines in place. As noted in the Motion illegal parking is an issue here and therefore, we can ask the Gardai to enforce the Traffic By-Laws already in place. Yellow Boxes are primarily used for traffic management at busy junctions and this would not be a suitable location.

**Parking Bays**

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

Is there an update on the extra wheelchair assigned parking bays in Granard Town.

**Response**

A new disabled Parking Bay could also be installed on the Cavan bound side of Barrack Street around the Chemist but as this is a National Route, Transport Infrastructure Ireland would have to be consulted.

In addition, Longford County Council hope to be able to provide an additional two Disabled Parking Bays in the new Car Park to be developed at the back of the Garda Station. Part 8 Planning will come before a Municipal District meeting later in the Summer.

Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was proposed to the Brady family, Ballymore, Granard on the death of Phil.

Ukraine Fundraiser

Councillor Turlough Mc Govern thanked Councillor Garry Murtagh for organising the fundraiser in Aughnacliffe which raised €7,500.

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**

**24 May 2022.**

**Paraic Brady**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**