

**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

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

**via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Colin Dalton

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Garry Murtagh and Turlough McGovern

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

Ms. Linda Higgins, Administrative Officer

Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer

**APOLOGIES** Councillor PJ Reilly, Paraic Brady

Ms Ann Marie Mc Keon, Meetings Administrator

**A/MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Mr Gerard Dennigan

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**

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

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh seconded by Councillor Turlough McGovern it was agreed to ringfence funding to support the community group in the upkeep and maintenance of the Dring car park and facilities as part of the 2023 General Municipal Allocation.

**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 –

* CLAR 2022
* Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022
* Longford Tourism
* Granard Library
* Housing Capital Programme 2022
* Climate Change Actions
* Repair And Leasing -Pilot
* Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Grant
* Regeneration
* Funding Announced in August 2022
* Connected Hubs Funding Announced in June 2022
* Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021
* Rural Regeneration and Development Fund 2018

Director of Service Barbara Heslin complimented Moria Mahon and the Granard Town Twinning committee on a very successful twinning trip to East Rouen. Barbara outlined the significant work put in by both twinning committees and the importance of the trip in building connected communities. The elected members unanimously agreed with Barbara and complimented all involved in the organisation of the twining event.

David Coppinger detailed the Area Engineer’s Progress Report –

* General Roadwork
* Local Improvement Schemes
* Low-Cost Safety Schemes
* Community Involvement Schemes
* Drainage
* Climate Action Funding
* Car Park behind Granard Garda Station.
* Works Photos

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

* Streetscape Enhancement Measure 2022
* Granard Library
* Housing Capital Programme 2022
* Regeneration
* Car Park behind Granard Garda Station.

Councillor Colin Dalton encouraged all landowners to ensure roadside ditches are maintained.

The Elected Members sent best wishes to all teams who are competing in the upcoming County finals in Longford over the coming weeks.

The Elected members complimented David and his team for their continuous work in the Granard Municipal District.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

It was noted that this item will be included as an agenda item and will remain on the agenda.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS SUPPORT SCHEME 2022 ROUND 2 – circulated**

On the proposal of Councillor Garry Murtagh, seconded by Councillor Turlough the

Community Grant Support Scheme Round 2 applications were adopted by the members – as

per attached appendix.

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

**Councillor PJ Reilly’s Projects**

**Booktown Festival Granard**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Booktown Festival Granard.

**Lisryan Tidy Towns**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €250 be allocated to Lisryan Tidy Towns.

**Granard Christmas Lights**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern, it was unanimously agreed that €250 be allocated to Granard Christmas Lights.

**Councillor Colin Daltons Projects**

**Drumlish Tidy Town**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Drumlish Tidy Towns.

**Ballinalee Hillside Club**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Ballinalee Hillside Club.

**Sean Connolly’s GAA Club**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Sean Connolly’s GAA Club.

**Booktown Festival Granard**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Booktown Festival Granard.

**Community Group Ballinalee**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €400 be allocated to Community Group Ballinalee.

**Ennybegs Community Centre**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €350 be allocated to Ennybegs Community Centre.

**Councillor Paraic Brady Projects**

**Booktown Festival Granard**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Booktown Festival Granard.

**Monaduff/Drumlish Upkeep**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €1000 be allocated to Monaduff/Drumlish Upkeep.

**Drumlish Tidy Town**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €1000 be allocated to Drumlish Tidy Towns.

**Drumlish/Ballinamuck Gun Club**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €1000 be allocated to Drumlish/Ballinamuck Gun Club.

**Ballinamuck Village Enhancement**

On the proposal of Councillor Colin Dalton seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €1500 be allocated to Ballinamuck Village Enhancement.

**Councillor Turlough McGovern Projects**

**Booktown Festival Granard**

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €1000 be allocated to Booktown Festival Granard.

**Spartak Granard Soccer Club**

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Spartak Granard Soccer Club.

**Mullinalaghta Community Development**

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Mullinalaghta Community Development.

**Granard Tidy Towns**

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Granard Tidy Towns.

**Granard Christmas Lights**

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh, it was unanimously agreed that €500 be allocated to Granard Christmas Lights.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Councillor PJ Reilly**

As per Standing Order (20) Councillor PJ Reilly in his absence requested Councillor Dalton to move this motion on his behalf. The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Dalton and seconded by Councillor Turlough Mc Govern.

“I wish to put a motion to the meeting for Granard Municipal District to host a Civic Recognition for our Local All Ireland Winner in the recent Fleadh Cheoil Ms Aoibhinn Ni Loinsigh CCE John Duggan. Aoibhinn won her All Ireland title for playing the Button Accordion.”

The Elected members unanimously agreed to host a Civic Recognition event before the Municipal District meeting in November.

**Councillor Colin Dalton**

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 a low-cost safety scheme at Mallon’s Cross, Derrynacross, Ballinalee”.

**Response**

Granard Municipal District staff will assess the suitability of this location for a Low-Cost Safety Scheme and if appropriate it will be included in the Low-Cost Safety Scheme list. The list of applications for 2023 have already been submitted to the Road Design Section for assessment. The list already contains 14 sites, and the Council generally receives funding for approximately 4 schemes per year.

**Councillor Turlough McGovern**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Turlough McGovern and seconded by Councillor Colin Dalton.

“I call on Longford County Council to put in place a pedestrian crossing outside Sacred Heart Primary School on Lower Barrack Street, Granard.”

**Response**

Barrack Street is a National Road, the N55, and therefore any proposals for an additional Pedestrian Crossing would involve consultation and agreement with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland. There are already two Pedestrian Crossings on Barrack Street, one near the Garda Station and another at Scoil Mhuire Secondary School at the R194 junction. The entrance to the Scared Heart Primary School is approximately halfway between these. i.e., 200m from each approximately. It would be very unusual to locate a third Pedestrian Crossing so close to these other two. Road Design Section will consult with the Transport Infrastructure in regard to this request.

**Councillors Turlough Mc Govern & PJ Reilly**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Turlough McGovern on behalf of himself and Councillor PJ Reilly. It was seconded by Councillor Garry Murtagh.

“I call on Longford County Council to commence the process of taking in charge Barrack Lane Road from the Eircom Building to the T-junction at the top of said road.”

**Response**

Granard Municipal District staff will commence this process as soon as possible, however there is a large workload for the Area Staff for the rest of this year. As Longford County Council owns the ground upon which the road was constructed, there will be no issue with consent. The Council will need to bring the footpaths, etc up to an appropriate standard. The Road Surface itself is quite good here so there will be no issue there.

**Location of Future Meetings**

As unanimously agreed by the Elected members, all future meetings will take place physically in Granard Library.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

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

**Gerard Dennigan**

**A/Meetings Administrator.**

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

**22 November 2022.**

**Colin Dalton**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**