

**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held via MS Teams and in the Goldsmith Suite, Aras an Chontae,**

**on Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Seamus Butler, Martin Monaghan,

John Browne, Peggy Nolan, Gerry Warnock

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services

Mr. Eamonn Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. Louise Kiernan, Senior Executive Planner

Mr. Richard Smith, Executive Architect

**MEETINGS**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Gerry Hagan.

Ms. Lorraine Mc Kee, Administrative Officer

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on the 23 March 2022.

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor John Browne, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on the 23 March 2022.

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on the 1 April 2022.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

**PRESENTATION ON LONGFORD TOWN PLAN**

Executive Architect, Richard Smith briefed the members on the Newly formed Active Travel Team which consists of two full time and two part-time employees. The team’s main objective is to increase pedestrian and bicycle use (excluding recreational) in towns and villages. Funding of €2.15m in Rolling Allocation has been approved for Longford County Council from National Transport Authority (NTA).

There are fourteen approved schemes with eight of the schemes being in Longford Municipal District. Three schemes Silver Birches to Stonepark, Templemichael Bridge and Connection and Town Cycleway are paused by the National Transport Authority until the current schemes are complete.

**Regeneration**

Senior Engineer, Tom Murtagh updated the elected members on the following: -

**Longford Connected**

(Market Square, Grafton Court, Tesco Carpark Project)

A meeting with the Contractor (P&D Lydon) and Consultants (RPS) took place in Aras an Chontae on 26 April 2022. The contractor indicated that similar to other sectors they are encountering significant supply chain delays in relation to the granite paving of which there is a large quantity in the contract, and they consider it essential to have sufficient supplies of this material delivered before construction commences. The contractor undertook to provide frequent updates to Longford County Council on the supply situation (2 of 60 containers delivered so far). They were unable to give a firm start date, however, it was likely that in the next 3 to 4 weeks more deliveries will occur.

**Longford Spur to Royal Canal**

There is a significant difference between the available funding and tendered sum received on this contract. Longford County Council are seeking other sources of funding including funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland with a cycleway element.

**Camlin Quarter**

A preliminary business case is now being prepared for submission to the Department on the various elements of this scheme. It is planned that a proposal for the Church Street element will be prepared in the coming months and will be discussed with the elected members before Longford County Council go on to the formal Part 8 process.

**Local Area Plan**

Senior Executive Planner, Louise Kiernan outlined to the elected members the key items of the Local Area Plan:

* What is a local area plan
* Key stages in the local area plan – making process
* Draft stage
* Potential issues for Local Area Plan
* Compliance with Longford KeyTown Regional Policy Objectives

The elected members noted the delay in materials for jobs and the rise in inflations costs however, they stated that the Council should not wait indefinitely, and a more definite timeframe should be sought from the contractor in relation to the supply of materials.

The members raised questions on the housing allocation, business plan, budget, cycle scheme and landscaping on Ballinalee road which Richard and Louise responded to.

Councillor Peggy Nolan asked Richard if he could prepare a plan identifying the cycle lane to the spur of the canal for the next meeting.

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

Noted.

Major Well’s Road

The elected members noted the email from the Administrative Officer, however, they requested that an employee from Road Design attend the next meeting to give an update on this project and to include information on the trees to be planted at this location.

Community Warden

Councillor Seamus Butler requested an update on the Community Warden and Director of Services John Brannigan informed the elected members that Longford County Council are going through the appointment process. The members welcomed this news.

HGV Detour

Councillor Seamus Butler requested a timeframe and more details on these works for the next meeting.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION/RELOCATION – AS CIRCULATED**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan, seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler, the

members unanimously agreed that the art feature would be located at a suitable location on

St. Michael’s Road, Longford.

Councillor Peggy Nolan mentioned that there was a monument committee in place a

number of years ago and proposed that we look at setting up this committee again, Councillor

Seamus Butler seconded this proposal.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF PART 8, NUMBER 89 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) – PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND**

**EXTENSION TO NUMBER 24 CONGRESS TERRACE AND CONSTRUCTION OF**

**NEW SEMI-DETACHED 2 STOREY 3 BED UNIT TO SIDE/REAR GARDEN AREA**

**AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT 24 CONGRESS TERRACE, ST.**

**MICHAEL’S ROAD, TOWNSPARK, LONGFORD – AS CIRCULATED.**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler, seconded by Councillor John Browne the

members unanimously agreed the adoption of Part 8, number 89 in accordance with Section

179 of the Planning and Development Act 2002 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and

Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Proposed alterations and extension to number

24 Congress Terrace and construction of new semi-detached 2 storey 3 bed unit to side/rear

garden area and all associated site works at 24 Congress Terrace, St. Michael’s Roads,

Townspark, Longford – as circulated.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Paid Parking**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan -

That Longford Municipal District migrate to a Parking App System similar to the system operating in County Tipperary. This will save the outmoded coin system with its security risks and expensive coin collection’

**Response**

The Current Regional Contract (Comprising of Longford, Laois, Offaly and Westmeath) for the provision of cash collection service and operation and maintenance of pay & display machines is currently under review and will be re-tendered over the coming months.

Longford Traffic Department will explore the option of Park by App – Eparking with a view to introducing this service to Longford, as an add on to the above contract, or through a separate Tender Process.

Number System

Councillor John Browne asked Senior Executive Engineer Eamon Bennett to follow up on the numbering system for Templemichael Glebe and College Park. Eamonn agreed to review this request.

Tidy Towns

Councillor Martin Monaghan acknowledged and complimented the Tidy Town volunteers on the painting of the litter bins and poles around the town.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ann Marie Mc Keon

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 25 May 2022.**

Uruemu Adejinmi

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

**Cathaoirleach.**