

**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held via MS Teams**

**on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi

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

John Browne, Peggy Nolan, Gerry Warnock,

Gerry Hagan.

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

Mr. Eamonn Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer.

Ms. Lorraine Mc Kee, Administrative Officer.

Mr. Brian Faughnan, Executive Engineer.

**MEETINGS**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Hagan seconded by Councillor John Browne, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on the 24 November 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

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

Eamonn Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer briefed the members on the Management Report and responded to the following:

* Footpaths in Longford Town area
* Flancare Road
* Newtownforbes Roadworks
* Market Square Road works
* Royal Canal Spur
* Low cost safety scheme – Battery Road/Abbeycarton – cycle lane
* Drainage works on St Mel’s Road
* Speed issue at Stonepark
* Active Travel

John Brannigan, Director of Services explained that the active travel team are currently working on a draft plan for the town area which will feed into the footpath works and the importance of this plan being in place before prioritising the town footpath replacement plan. John informed the members that he would have a further update on the active travel plan for the March meeting.

Councillor Seamus Butler proposed that a tender for repairs to all footpaths excluding Dublin Street, New Street and Earl Street would be prepared and sent out, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock.

Councillor Seamus Butler requested an update on the Community Warden for the March meeting.

**PROPOSED PROJECTS/EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS**

None.

Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi requested that a representative from the Local Enterprise Office attend the next meeting of the Municipal District to provide an update on the providers building and Councillor Seamus Butler seconded the proposal.

Councillor Peggy Nolan asked for an update on the Town Plan and John Brannigan confirmed to the members that one meeting had taken place and there would be a number of meetings in the months ahead and its anticipated that the full plan would be presented to the members at the end of 2022 or early 2023.

**PRESENTATION ON AGE FRIENDLY HEALTHY 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 Coordinator:

* 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. Mary would make her details available for anyone who would like to follow up with any further questions or required assistance.

**Greyhound Stadium**

Councillor Peggy Nolan informed the members that the Greyhound Stadium contracts were now signed, and Longford County Council is now the new owner of the property. The members welcomed the news and thanked the executive. The executive acknowledged the co-operation of the owner.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT MUNICIPAL DISTRICT REPORT FOR INCLUSION IN LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL 2021 ANNUAL REPORT – ENCLOSED**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler, seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan the Municipal District Report for including in Longford County Council 2021 Annual Report was adopted.

**CONSIDERATION OF ONE NOMINEE FOR EACH OF THE 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022 CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS**

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan, seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock Niamh O’Reilly was nominated for the Cathaoirleach Awards 2020/2021.

On the proposal of Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler, John Farrell, Longford Tidy Towns was nominated for the Cathaoirleach Awards 2021/2022.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Low Cost Safety Micknagh/Drumhaughley**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan -

**“**I call on Longford Municipal District to carry out a Low-Cost Safety Schemeon the

Micknagh/Drumhaughley Road. The sides of this road are currently in a very dangerous state.

It is a major safety issue on this very busy road, and all who use this road are greatly

endangered in going off road when meeting oncoming traffic.

There is also a major hazard for Motorists driving Tractors, Buses and Lorries, whereby the trees are seriously encroaching on the road from both sides and are in fact forming a canopy over the road. There is a drop of more than fifteen feet on both sides of the road which has been the scene of a number of very near misses recently. Both sides of the road need to be built up so as to avoid cars going off road and down into the steep ravines.

Response

Longford County Council carried out an inspection on this road at Mucknagh and there is a safety issue at this location. This road is included in the multi annual roads programme in 2022/2023. In order to qualify as a low-cost safety scheme there needs to be an accident history at the location and the maximum funding allocated for low cost safety schemes is €30,000. The works required to make this section of road safe will cost more than €30,000, therefore Longford County Council will apply to the department for a Specific Grant scheme. In the meantime, Longford County Council will carry out temporary repairs to make the road safe.

**Ramp at Mall**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan -

“I call on Longford Municipal District to restructure the recently installed ramp beside The Mall**.** This new ramp is causing a lot of distress to all road users since its installation.

The ramp should be restructured and redesigned and aligned with the other ramps on the road so as there is a consistency with the other ramps on this road for all road users. In its current state, the ramp has been described to me by a large number of motorists as like, ‘hitting a wall in the middle of the road’.

Response

Longford County Council has replaced the ramp at this location.

**Carton Road**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor John Browne -

“I call on Longford Municipal District to cut down the hedge along the carton road and

around the corner in the direction of Cullyfad. This is to help all road users to have a clear

line of sight as the approach the junction at Carton and want to turn right towards Cullyfad.

Response

Longford County Council cannot cut down the hedge along the carton road and surrounding area as the landowner is responsible for cutting the hedges. A notice can be served on the landowner under the Roads Act to cut down the hedge. Eamonn will check who the landowner is and serve a notice.

If there is an accident history at this location, then an application for safety funding can be made under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme.

**Footpath at Glack**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler -

“I call on Longford County Council to conduct an inspection of footpaths in Glack and carry

out upgrade works on the footpaths as needed”.

Response

Longford County Council will include the footpath replacement works at Glack in the 2023 – 2026 programme of footpath works and subject to funding being available. The moss will be removed from the path under the 2022 maintenance programme.

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 23 February 2022.**

Uruemu Adejinmi

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

**Cathaoirleach.**