**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Ballymahon Library on Thursday 26 January 2022 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Pat O’Toole, Mark Casey

and Mick Cahill, Colm Murray

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ms. Samantha Healy. Director of Services

Ms. Claire McDermott, Administrative Officer

Mr. Brian Mc Neela, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Gerard Farrell

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Claire McNabola

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 6 December 2022, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

1. **MANAGEMENT REPORT - as circulated**

The Management Report as circulated was noted.

Director Of Services Samantha Healy responded to questions on the following:

1. Housing Development
2. Regeneration Projects

A/Senior Executive Engineer Brian McNeela responded to questions on the following:

1. Roads Allocation & Planned Works
2. **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT MUNICIPAL DISTRICT REPORT FOR INCLUSION IN LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL 2022 ANNUAL REPORT – circulated**

On the proposal of Councillor Mark Casey, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole the members unanimously agreed to adopt the Municipal District Report for inclusion in the Longford County Council 2022 Annual Report.

1. **CONSIDERATION OF ONE NOMINEE FOR THE CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS**

There are many groups, organisations and individuals who achieve significant success at county or national level through their achievements in sporting, cultural, academic, scientific, political, creative, innovation, or other areas. They bring honour and pride to their native county and in such instances the Council will recognise their achievement at the Cathaoirleach’s Annual Awards Ceremony.

In accordance with the adopted Civic Protocols, the Elected Members agreed to hold an In Committee meeting in February to consider the nomination from the Cathaoirleach of Ballymahon Municipal for the 2022 Cathaoirleach awards. The nomination will then be sent to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration. The meeting will be arranged on the same day as the meetings to consider the Roads Programme for 2023.

1. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS**

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Paul Ross**

1. I seek a full breakdown on the works completed on the Lanesborough Amphitheatre project and timelines for its completion date.

**Response**

Brian McNeela responded by saying: Consultants have been engaged to progress this project to Part VIII consent for submission to An Bord Pleanála. Design is at an advanced stage and the relevant environmental assessments are being finalised. It is anticipated that this will advance for consent in Q2 2023.

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray**

“I call on Longford County Council to resurface the road from the 4 roads at L1168 (Lisreevah road) to the Rathcline Road”.

**Response**

Brian McNeela responded with - This will include this road in our 2023 Surface Dressing Programme

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray**

“I call on Longford County Council to prioritise the resurfacing of the Rathcline road in 2023”.

**Response**

Brian McNeela responded with – This is included in the 2023 Restoration Improvement Programmme

**Councillor Paul Ross**

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill**

I call on Longford County Council to install wheelchair accessible parking on the Main Street in Edgeworthstown as none currently exists.

**Response**

Brian McNeela advised that he would add these parking bays to our line marking list. There is also wheelchair parking bays in the new carpark behind the library.

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray**

1. I call on Longford County Council to put up signage indicating the location of the free car park in Edgeworthstown.

**Response**

Brian response was that he will arrange to purchase signs, and once delivered arrange to install them.

**Councillor Gerard Farrell**

1. **T****he following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell, brought forward by Councillor Paul Ross**

“I call on Longford County Council take action to fix the drainage issue at O’Brien’s Corner Shop, Lanesboro.”

**Response**

The issue has already been resolved.

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell, brought forward by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray**

“I call on Longford County Council to provide an update on progress with retro fitting in the Ballymahon area.”

**Response**

The Housing department are finalising the retrofitting work programme for 2023 and a programme of works can be communicated to Elected Members when finalised.

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell, brought forward by Councillor Paul Ross and seconded by Councillor Mark Casey**

I call on Longford County Council to provide an update on the progress of projects in the Lanesboro area.

**Response**

Brian gave the following update:

**There are a number of projects completed in Lanesboro in 2022 including:**

* The full depth road reconstruction of the Main Street with replacement footpaths funded by the TII.
* Tullyvarane walkway is complete and Common North is complete

**For 2023, the following projects are ongoing:**

* Lanesboro Amphitheatre – discussed earlier in the meeting with Councillor Mark Casey
* Lanesboro Abattoir / food hub – 75% completed
* Lanesboro Anaerobic Digestion feasibility study – Substantially complete
* Lanesboro Tourism Hub – under review
* Visitors Centre Lanesboro – under review

**Councillor Pat O’Tools**

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray**

“I call on Longford County Council to consider including the Parkside Gardens Estate Ballymahon (20 houses) in the next round of the Council's retrofitting programme 2023/24.”

**Response**

Parkside Gardens will be considered for the retrofit programme by the Housing department in the retrofit work programme for 2023 and/or 2024. The Housing department continue to engage with the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regards full funding of retrofit unit costs. In the meantime, Longford County Council continue to cover the funding shortfall from own resources which determines the total number of units per year that undergo retrofit.

1. **The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerard Farrell and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill**

“I call on Longford County Council to give an update to this municipal meeting on the works required to complete the cycleway / walkway from Ballymahon bridge to Newcastle bridge and what is the timeline for the completion of this most desirable project”

**Response**

**Response From Donall Mac AnBheatha**

‘The works required to complete the walkway to Newcastle Woods are considerable. There are a number of steps required including obtaining land owner agreements, environmental assessments and planning permission for the works. The initial phase of work was carried out in 2022 which involved the repair and reconstruction of the existing path at Ballymahon. To progress the project further it is advised that an Ecologist be engaged to evaluate the remainder of the project to ensure that the project has been fully considered under environmental requirements and/or advise on further assessment and investigation. If full land owner agreement is not obtained it may be necessary to divert the path in part onto the Ballymulvey Road or similar suitable alternative. On completion of these considerations a Planning Permission with related environmental assessments will be required which may involve applying to An Bord Pleanala. The first step in this regard is to obtain full land owner agreement. It is not possible at this stage to put a timeline on all these works.’

**Other Matters**

**Ardagh Clock Tower**

Samantha Healy provided an update. A letter of comfort has been requested from the Featherstone-Godley estate. It was agreed that the Ardagh Tidy Towns Committee should develop an estimate of costs and would be able to make a submission for funding pending receipt of a letter of comfort. Relevant funding schemes to be identified and communicated to the Tidy Towns Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Claire McNabola**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 23 March 2023.**

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

**Cathaoirleach.**