**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Ballymahon Library on Thursday 23 March 2023 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross

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

Mick Cahill, Colm Murray and Gerard Farrell

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

Ms. Claire McDermott, Administrative Officer

Mr. Brian Mc Neela, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. Mary Carey, Healthy Homes Co Ordinator

**APOLOGIES:**

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Mr. Gerard Dennigan

Acting

**PRESENATATION FROM MARY CAREY – HEALTHY HOMES CO-ORDINATOR**

Mary Carey, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Local Coordinator provided the members with a detailed presentation on the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme. On completion of the presentation Mary responded to questions from the members. The members acknowledged the presentation delivered by Mary.

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District meeting held on the 26 January 2023, 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.

On the proposal by Councillor Paul Ross and Seconded by Councillor Gerard Farrell it was agreed to send correspondence to the Minister in relation to the Energy Retrofit Programme and the plans to put on hold the retrofit of 12 houses at St. Matthews Park Ballymahon.

1. **NOMINATIONS OF ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE CREATIVE IRELAND CULTURE TEAM 2023-2027**

On the proposal by Councillor Colm Murray and Seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole it was unanimously agreed to nominate Councillor Mick Cahill to the Creative Ireland Culture Team 2023-2027.

1. **CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULE OF BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS – as circulated**

Brian McNeela briefed the members on the Schedule of Ballymahon Municipal District Works under the following headings and replied to queries raised by the members –

* TII Grant.
* Restoration Improvement Grant
  + Regional Roads.
  + Local Roads.
* Restoration Maintenance Grant
  + Regional Roads
  + Local Roads.
* Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant Total County Allocation.
  + Regional Road.
  + Local Roads.
* Discretionary Grant.
* Low-Cost Safety Scheme.
* Bridges.
* Specific Improvement Grant.
* Footpaths
* Climate adoption
* Drainage

The elected members welcomed the funding of €3,671,846 and they acknowledged the excellent work which has been carried out by the employees in the Ballymahon MD area.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Schedule of Ballymahon Municipal District Works, as circulated.

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

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

1. That Longford install crash barriers on the stretch of road on the Lissard House entrance, Cartron Reagh, Edgeworthstown on the L-1089 and also include this route on the winter gritted roads list.

**Response – Brian McNeela**

Ballymahon MD staff have installed additional chevron signage at this location. Road Design will assess the location to see if any further measures are required.

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

1. That Longford County Council seek funding to install a safe cycleway/walkway up Ardagh Mountain from the moor to connect the mountain walk back to the village.

**Response – Brian Kelly – Active Travel**

Recreational only cycleway/walkways in rural areas do not meet the funding criteria for National Transport Authority Active Travel schemes. This proposal might be suited to a ORIS application.

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

1. That Longford Co Council seek funding to install a dedicated off-road mountain bike trail in Newcastle forest to cater for this fast-growing sport.

**Response – Paul Newell Regeneration**

At the moment there are no funding streams for this type of project. If funding streams become available, the Regeneration Section can assess

the feasibility and project costs for this project

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Pat O’Toole and seconded by Councillor Colm Murray.**

I call on Longford County Council in conjunction with Bus Éireann to assess the feasibility of providing two bus shelters at the bus stops at upper Main Street Ballymahon.

**Response – Conn Diffley – Road Design**

The provision of Bus Shelters is managed by the NTA. We have been in contact with the NTA and they have outlined their decision process for the provision of Bus Shelters. Their initial requirement is that the Bus Stops must have a minimum of 5 services stopping at the stop every day. Next they would seek to redesign the footpath and bus stop area to ensure the facility will provide accessibility for all bus users. The redesign would consider such measures as raised footpaths, location of the shelter immediately adjacent to the stop, etc. To this end a technical review would be carried out by NTA.

Longford County Council are planning major streetscape improvements. As such, at this stage the provision of Bus Shelters, and revised bus stop layouts should be considered in the context of the streetscape improvements. Should the members wish we will engage with the NTA to see if they consider shelters are warranted and how they can be incorporated in the streetscape works.

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

1. I call on Longford County Council to carry out improvement works at the crossroads known locally as The Plantation Cross, Abbeyderg, Kenagh, on the L1126 in order to better display the right of way and road markings.

**Response – Brian McNeela**

LCC has secured funding under the 2023 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works to carryout repairs on the R392 at Derryad. The above-mentioned section will be included as part of this work.

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Colm Murray and seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill.**

1. I call on Longford County Council to carry out works at the Bridge at Corlea, Kenagh along the R392 as the road is subsiding on either side of the bridge, thus making it hazardous to motorists.

**Response – Brian McNeela**

I will arrange to get line marking carried out at this junction.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Gerard Dennigan**

**A/Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 25 May 2023.**

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

**Cathaoirleach**