**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District held in Ballymahon Library on Thursday 28 September 2023 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross

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

Mick Cahill,

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Service

Ms. Ruth Jordan – Finance

Mr. Brian Mc Neela, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Mr. Darren Lennon, Technician

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Colm Murray and Gerard Farrell

Ms. Claire McDermott, Administrative Officer

**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Claire McNabola

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
2. On the proposal of Councillor Mark Casey seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Committee Meeting held on the 27 July 2023, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.
3. On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole seconded by Councillor Mark Casey, the Minutes of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 27 July 2023, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

1. **MANAGEMENT REPORT - as circulated**

The members noted the Management report.

1. **TO APPROVE A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY OF THE DRAFT LONGFORD LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2023 - 2029**

Maria updated the members in relation to progress on the stages of the LECP and presented the draft plan for consideration and approval. Maria outlined the rationale for the amendments to the High Level Goals and what the desired outcomes should look like and how they would be measured.

To approve a Statement of Consistency of the Draft Longford Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 - 2029 the members agreed the following:

i.The core strategy and the objectives of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027;

ii.The Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy 2019 - 2031;

iii.The economic and community elements of the Draft Local Economic and Community Plan are consistent with each other.

Maria outlined the next stages of the development of the LECP and answered any questions raised by the members.

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill and seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole the draft plan was approved.

1. **ESB COMMUNITY BENEFITS PACKAGE**

Samantha Healy updated the members on the ESB Community Package. The €500k package is one of the outputs of the Just Transition Program and the Lanesboro Local area will be the befeficiaries of same.

Sam outlined that an Internal Sub – Committee will be formed and both herself and A/Director of Service Michael Nevin will sit on the Committee, this Committee will report to

the Management Team of Longford County Council and will provide regular updates to the Ballymahon MD on projects.

This committee will invite Expressions of Interest from Community Groups

On the proposal of Councillor Mark Casey, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole it was agreed that consideration be given for Elected Member Representation on this Sub Committee.

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

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Mark Casey and seconded by Councillor Pat O’ Toole**

That Longford County Council reinstates the Lollypop person at school times in Lanesborough in the interest of child safety.

**Response**

The School Warden position in Lanesborough was vacated in June 2021.   A Management decision was taken to suppress this post, as this was the last remaining school warden position resourced by the local authority.

However as advised to the School, temporary arrangements for cover were put in place, until such a time as planned improvement works in that area had been completed.  These works would allow for safer crossing conditions for school going children in the area.

These works are now complete, and the School was notified before their return in September 2023 that the works had been completed and the temporary cover arrangement would no longer be in place.

*Councillor Mark Casey aired his views on the matter and advised that he was holding Longford County Council responsible for any incidents or accidents until the vacant position is filled.*

Following on from this reply it was agreed that Councillor Pat O’Toole would research how Lolly Pop Person at St. Mathews NS Ballymahon is resourced and the item to remain on the agenda.

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

I call on Irish Water to properly resurface the Bracklyn Road in Edgeworthstown following the works on the road in recent months

**Response**

The works by Uisce Eireann on the Bracklon Road involved the upgrade of the existing water main. These works are recently completed. The trench reinstatement currently in place is a temporary reinstatement. Uisce Eireann are required to return to carry out permanent reinstatement and this will be carried out in the coming weeks

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

I call on Longford Co Council to apply for a low cost safety scheme at Crossea, Ardagh on the N55 in light of the high number of collisions at this section of road.

**Response**

Low Cost Safety Schemes are no longer available on National Roads. Instead, the TII carry out analysis of collisions on National Roads and rank sections of road where the collision rate is above average for that type of road. Where high collision locations are identified they are investigated further for potential safety improvements. To date, this section of National Road has not been identified as a high collision location.  Longford Co Co will review this location and discuss it with the TII Regional Safety Engineer as regards any potential safety improvements.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Councillor Mark Casey advised that due to the bad weather recently, the Lanesboro/Ballyleague Fun Day was cancelled and the agreed funding would be put back in into Discretionary Funding Allocation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Claire McNabola**

**Meetings Administrator**

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

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

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