**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District**

**held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams**

**on Wednesday, 22 November 2023 at 4pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Martin Monaghan

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Uruemu Adejinmi, John Browne, Seamus Butler, Peggy Nolan, Gerry Warnock, Gerry Hagan

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

Mr. Eamon Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. Lorraine McKee, Administrative Officer

Ms. Linda Beirne, Community Climate Action Officer

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**  Ms. Claire McNabola

**APOLOGIES:**  None

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**
2. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on Wednesday 25 October 2023, as circulated.
3. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on Wednesday 25 October 2023, as circulated.
4. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock it was unanimously agreed to adopt an amendment to Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on Wednesday 27 September 2023, as circulated.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

1. **MANAGEMENT REPORT - circulated**

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

Eamonn Bennett & John Brannigan answered questions raised by the Members in relation to:

Councillor Peggy Nolan requested repairs to the Monument on Market Square, John Brannigan advised he wasn’t aware of any proposed works but he would follow up with Regeneration on this.

Councillor Nolan also asked if Longford Co Co could do something to address the Traffic congestion at Dunne Stores coming on the Dublin Road, Eamon Bennett said roads will look at it and the Planning Department would follow up on this also.

Eamon Bennett advised the members that the Ramp on Market Square at the Taxi Rank will be installed next week.

Councillor Seamus Butler asked if Lighting could be installed In the Alleyway at the rear of the Court House entering Annaly Carpark, John Brannigan advised that this property is privately owned.

Councillor Gerry Warnock proposed that That money be allocated to replace the section of damaged footpath at Centenary Square (outside Deniston’s) as part of the ongoing Dublin Street works. This was seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler.

Councillor Martin Monaghan asked for clarity in relation to the new footpaths, would these be concrete, Eamon Bennett confirmed they would be.

1. **COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND**

Linda Beirne – Community Climate Action Officer provided the members with a high level overview of the Community Climate Action Fund. Some of the key points covered were:

* €328,000 has been allocated to Co. Longford under the Community Climate Action Fund
* Main Objectives of the Programme:
  + To help contribute to national climate and energy targets
  + Support and empower communities to shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities in Longford
  + Support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action
  + Direct engagement with communities to promote and assist in the scale up of community climate action regardless of the starting point of the community
  + Community Climate Action Fund
* Framework for the Community Climate Action Programme
* Five Main Themes of the Programme
  + Community Energy
  + Travel
  + Food & Waste
  + Shopping & Recycling
  + Local Climate and Environmental Action

Linda answered any questions raised by the Members.

1. **PROPOSED DATES FOR 2024 MD MEETINGS**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was agreed for Longford MD to meet on the last Wednesday of the month for 2024.

1. **NOTICES OF MOTION, SUBMITTD BY COUNCILLORS, AS LISTED HEREUNDER:**

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler**

I call on Longford County Council to make provision for temporary parking permits to be issued to individuals performing jury duty in Longford County Courthouse. Such permits can be provided to the Manager at the Court to be issued to confirmed jurors on the day of their attendance in court.

**Response**

The parking Team will work with the Court Services with regard to this request. However, it should be noted our Temporary Parking Permits only allow parking at Longford County Council offices, i.e. Aras an Chontae, Great Water Street and Market Square Building. We are hoping to move the Temporary Parking Permits application process to digital request over the coming weeks. In the meantime we will reach out to the Court Services and put something in place.

In the meantime Longford County Council staff have contacted the courthouse and their response is as follows:-

National Policy for the Court Service

There are no expenses paid to Jurors for attending jury service. Jurors will have to pay for their own travel, including car parking costs, and these costs are not refunded. However, if you are chosen to serve as one of the 12 sworn Jurors, you will be provided with lunch and other refreshments free-of-charge.

Instructions are issued to all Jurors on parking. It states that there is parking available in the Annaly Park (Public Car Park) to the rear of Longford Courthouse (€2 per day).

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford MD Reinstate the road markings at Kiernan’s forge on Ballinalee Rd, i.e. continuous white line and stop signs at crossroads which are in a very dangerous state at moment.

**Response**

Roads staff will reinstall the road markings at Kiernan’s forge on the Ballinalee road

We have installed the stop sign already on the minor road.

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford MD to alleviate the flooding at junction at Cullyfad crossroads beside church which is very dangerous and even more dangerous when there’s frost.

**Response**

Longford County Council staff will include the junction at Cullyfad Church in the 2024 drainage programme

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Gerry Hagan and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford MD to provide disabled car space on Main Street outside Cara All Care Pharmacy, to facilitate elderly people and people with disabilities to access businesses on Main Street.

**Response**

The A full review of the Longford Town byelaws will take place in early 2024 we will include the provision of a disabled car space on Main Street outside Cara All Care Pharmacy at that time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The correspondence received from Uisce Eireann on 19 October 2023 in relation to the Taking in Charge of infrastructure in Cartrun Breac Estate, was noted.

Councillor Monaghan reminded the Members of the turning on of the Christmas Lights this Friday evening at 6.30pm at the Longford Arms.

Councillor Monaghan concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Very Happy Christmas

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Claire McNabola,**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 January 2024.**

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

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