**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held in the Council Chamber Aras an Chontae and via MS Teams on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Gerry Hagan

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

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

 Mr. Eamonn Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer

 Ms. Lorraine Mc Kee, Administrative Officer

 Martina McGrath, Administrative Officer

**A/MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**  Mr. Gerard Dennigan

**APOLOGIES:**  None

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**
2. On the proposal of Councillor John Browne seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on the 22 March 2023.
3. On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on the 22 March 2023.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Councillor Gerry Warnock requested a progress update on a previous motion to install dog waste bins along the canal. Lorraine McKee confirmed the position of the Environment department and the ‘Any Bang, Any Bin’ policy, and advised that they do not intend to install additional waste bins. Director of Services John Brannigan recommended the item stay on the agenda for future municipal district meetings.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None.

1. **MANAGEMENT REPORT - circulated**

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

Senior Executive Engineer, Eamonn Bennett advised the members on some correction from the Management Report that was circulated.

Eamonn answered questions from Councillor Seamus Butler on issues such as HGV detour signage on Flancare Road, Urban Regeneration Works (in particular the Longford Royal Canal Spur Gateway project) and maintenance work along Ballymacormack Cemetery.

Eamonn also responded to questions from Councillor Peggy Nolan on the progress of the planned changes to the Demesne Road joining to the Battery Road. John Brannigan provided Councillor Nolan with an update on the tender for the town skate park project.

Councillor Martin Monaghan raised an issue regarding the cycle track on the Battery Road. Eamonn advised that the current cycle track is a temporary measure, and a permanent measure will be incorporated into the planned low-cost safety scheme in that area of the town.

1. **CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT BYE LAWS – STREET SERVICE VEHICLES**

A number of members raised their concerns over the Draft Bye Laws and the affect on local taxi drivers within the town. Eamonn confirmed that any issues raised by the public through the consultation process will be considered for future revisions.

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, the members agreed that the Draft Bye Laws go forward to public consultation.

1. **NOMINATION FROM LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TO THE PLACE NAMING COMMITTEE**

Due to the interest of several members in representing Longford Municipal District, Councillor Peggy Nolan proposed that two members of the committee be put forward. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler.

On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan and seconded by Councillor Gerry Hagan it was agreed to nominate Councillors Seamus Butler to the Place Naming Committee.

1. **CONSIDERATION OF PART VIII NO. 105** **CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL ZONE AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT SCOIL MHUIRE NEWTOWNFORBES, CO. LONGFORD, ALONG THE L-1004-0 ROAD AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CONTROLLED CROSSING ON THE N4 AT NEWTOWNFORBES, CO. LONGFORD – AS CIRCULATED**

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Monaghan, seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler the members unanimously agreed to adopt the Part VIII Number 105 - Construction of a school zone and ancillary works at Scoil Mhuire, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford, along the L-1004-0 road and the construction of a new controlled crossing on the N4 at Newtownforbes, Co. Longford, as per report circulated.

1. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS, SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS, AS LISTED HEREUNDER:**

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

1. I call on Longford County Council to provide shelter and sitting at the bus stops in Longford MD for people waiting to take the bus.

**Response**

The upgrading of bus stops is managed by the NTA.  The NTA ensure a consistent standard across the country and provide the required funding when projects are approved, and subsequently advanced to construction. The NTA have sought to upgrade and deliver 8 no. bus stops along Route 975 in Longford Town (Longford to Cavan) at locations that include Main Street, Battery Road, Pearse Park, and Clonbalt Woods.  Longford County Council are currently advancing these designs with the NTA, to include bus shelters (or bus stop seating at a minimum) subject to agreement and adherence to current guidelines. This proposal will be subject to a Part 8 planning process and will therefore come before Longford Municipal District Elected Members for consideration in due course.

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

1. I call on Longford County Council to have an ISL interpreter present at Longford MD meetings to make meetings accessible to a wider audience viewing online or in person.

**Response**

John Brannigan requested that this motion be forwarded to a full meeting of the Council.

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

1. That Longford Municipal District will set aside sufficient funds for the Twinning trip to Noyal Chatillon-sur Seiche to cover travel and expenses in June 2023.

**Response-John Brannigan**

John Brannigan advised a provisional figure of €4,000 from the district funds to cover members travel and accommodation for the twinning trip to Noyal Chatillon-sur Seiche in June 2023.

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

1. That a speed bump be installed on the main road in Ardnacassa Lawns due to accidents occurring and anti-parking bollards be installed along the main road footpath in Ardnacassa from the entrance of Midara Gardens to the corner at the Dublin Road to prevent HGVs and other vehicles parking on the footpath.

**Response**

Longford County Council will carry out speed surveys at this location. If a speeding issue is confirmed, Longford County Council will notify the Gardai who are responsible for enforcement of the speed limits. In addition, Longford County Council will review this location to determine if any measures can be put in place to reduce speeds. Should there be an appropriate treatment, Longford County Council will apply for funding under Low cost Safety Scheme.

We have already installed bollards on the footpath in Ardnacassa to prevent vehicles parking on the footpath. We will install additional bollards on the footpath if bollards installed on the footpath are not enough to stop vehicles parking on it.

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Councillor John Browne and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan**

I call on Longford County Council to resurface the area in front of the Train/ Bus Station at Convent Road, Longford.

**Response**

The area in front of the Train/ Bus Station at Convent Road, is not a public road. This area is in the ownership of Iarnrod Eireann and they are responsible for the area in front of the Train/Bus station and the access road onto Earl Street.

Councillor John Browne suggested Longford County Council send correspondence to Iarnrod Eireann on this issue. This was seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

 **Gerard Dennigan,**

**A/Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Longford Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 May 2023.**

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

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