**BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Ballymahon Municipal District**

**held in Ballymahon Library**

**on Thursday 28 March 2024 at 4pm**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Paul Ross

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors – Pat O’Toole, Mick Cahill, Gerard Farrell, Mark Casey

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

Mr. Brian Mc Neela, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Mr. Darren Lennon, Technician

Ms. Claire McDermott, Administrative Office

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Colm Murray, Gerard Farrell

**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Claire McNabola

**1.ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O’ Toole the Minutes of Committee Members of Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 22 February 2024, as circulated, were confirmed and adopted.

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**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

**4. MANAGEMENT REPORT – as circulated**

The members noted the Management report,

**5. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’ Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, Councillor Paul Ross was nominated to represent Ballymahon MD on the Biodiversity Working Group

**6. CONSIDERATION OF PART 8 – No. 115**

On the proposal of Councillor Mick Cahill seconded by Councillor Pat O’ Toole Part 8 – No 115 change of use of and renovation of existing building known as Mahon’s on Main St, Edgeworthtown to a Charity shop and social enterprise and all ancillary works at the Townland of Edgeworthtown Services and associated works was agreed.

**7. COMMUNITY GRANTS**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’ Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, it was agreed to move €750 from Special Projects to cover shortfall in Tidy Towns.

The following allocations were also approved:

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| Blenavoher Amenity Group | €          1,000.00 |
| Carrickboy Tidy Towns | €             750.00 |
| Ballycloghan/Legan/Ardagh Womens Shed | €             750.00 |
| Legan Community Text alert | €             295.00 |
| St Munis Church | €             750.00 |
| St Catherines Shrule | €             750.00 |
| Ardagh Union of Select Vestry | €          1,900.00 |
| Lanesboro Flower Club | €             750.00 |
| Carrickedmond Abbeyshrule Defibrillator Committee | €             750.00 |
| Newtowncashel Defibrillator Group | €             500.00 |
| Edgeworthstown branch of Mothers Union. | €             400.00 |
| **Total Approved Ballymahon MD 28/03/24** | **€         8,595.00** |

**8. CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULE OF BALLYMAHON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS**

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 Members collectively thanked and acknowledged the excellent work which has been carried out by the employees in the Ballymahon MD area.

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

**9. 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 County Council apply for an active travel scheme at the primary school in Legan up towards the N55 in front of the GAA grounds to slow traffic into the village and make it a safe area for cyclists.

**Response: - Brian Kelly – Active Travel**

This proposal will be added to a list of potential Active Travel projects for application when funding comes available. The Active Travel budget for 2024 is currently fully committed on approved schemes.

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

1. That a crash barrier be installed at Quinns Bridge, Cloonbrin, Abbeyshrule on the airport side in the interest of public safety.

**Response: - Con Diffley – Road Design**

The site will be examined in the near future to see what options are available.

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

1. That Longford County Council provide an Could I have an update for the Retrofit scheme in the Ballymahon Municipal District

**Response: - Aidan Naughton Housing**

The Retrofit scheme is ongoing and we are targeting the houses with the lowest BER first. Last year our target was 30 and we completed 64 houses throughout the county. We have a target of 45 this year and we try to divide this evenly throughout the county, but we hope to increase this to 60 again which would mean 20 per MD. We know that 20 per MD seems small but this is our current budget limit. The estates we are targeting in the Ballymahon MD for this year are St Anne’s and Casey Court.

The members collectively raised their grievances over the recent rent review in relation to timing, increases and housing maintenance.

**The following notice of motion was proposed by Pat O’Toole, seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill**

1. I call on Longford County Council to provide ramps at the entrance and throughout the Creevaghbeg Estate, Mullingar Road, Ballymahon.

**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.

**Other issues**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’ Toole seconded by Councillor Mick Cahill, it was agreed to change the time of the May Meeting to 10.30 am in Edgewortshtown Library instead of 4pm in Ballymahon Library as previously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Claire McNabola**

**Meeting Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Ballymahon Municipal District Meeting held on the 23 May 2024.**

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

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