

**GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Granard Municipal District held in The Yard Hub, Abbeyshrule**

**on Monday, 22 July 2024 at 3.30pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Garry Murtagh

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Councillors Paraic Brady, Turlough McGovern,

Padraig McNamara, David Cassidy

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services

Ms. Breege Cronin, Administrative Officer

Mr. David Coppinger, Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. Caroline Doyle, Age Friendly Healthy Homes Co Ordinator

**APOLOGIES** None

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ms. Claire McNabola

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – CIRCULATED**

On the proposal of Councillor Paraic Brady seconded by Councillor Turlough McGovern it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 07 May 2024, as circulated.

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Minutes of Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 24 June 2024, as circulated.

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

1. **CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT STANDING ORDERS FOR GRANARD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

On the proposal of Councillor Padraig McNamara, seconded by Councillor David Cassidy the draft Standing Orders for Granard Municipal District were adopted.

1. **MANAGEMENT REPORT INCORPORATING AREA ENGINEER’S PROGRESS REPORT**

Barbara Heslin gave the New Members an overview of the content of the Management Report

Barbara highlighted the following from the Management Report and responded to queries raised by the Elected Members:

* Archives and Records Management
* Arts Office
* Creative Ireland
* Healthy Ireland
* Heritage
* Right to Read
* STEAM – Dreamspace
* Regeneration Update
* Housing updates, vacant homes unit, vacant property refurbishment grant (CROI CONATHE), CPO and derelict sites, ready to build scheme, applications and assessments.

David Coppinger detailed the Area Engineer’s Progress Report and responded to queries raised by the Elected Members –

* General roadwork
* Restoration works - additional €205k allocated, which will cover over runs and some additional work
* Community Involvement Schemes
* Low Cost Safety Schemes
* Local Improvement Scheme

1. **INTRODUCTION TO NEW LOCAL AGE FRIENDLY HEALTHY HOMES CO ORDINATOR**

Barbara Heslin together with the Members welcomed newly appointed Local Age Friendly Healthy Homes Co Ordinator – Caroline Doyle.

Caroline provided the Members with a brief overview of the Programme and what’s involved, contact details etc.

The Members also thanked Mary Carey for all her hard work and commitment to the North Longford area during her time in the role and wished her every success in Co. Meath.

1. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BRIEFING, SECTION 38 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994**

David Coppinger provided the meeting with a short briefing on the proposed Traffic Calming measures at the crossroads in Drumlish.

A number of recent incidents at the crossroads have highlighted a problem with speeding traffic on all the approaches.

The works involve changing the shape and configuration of the junction to eliminate straight through traffic movements on the minor roads, forcing traffic on these roads to yield to the traffic on the R198. The narrowing of all the approaches to the crossroads will reduce approach speeds. Pedestrian Safety will also be prioritised by providing Raised Pedestrian Crossings at the Hill Rd and Main St approaches. It will also provide an opportunity to install some planted areas to soften the overall visual impact of the junction.

All the details are available on the County Council Website as is the details of how to make any submission on the proposed works.

1. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS SET OUT HEREUNDER**

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Padraig McNamara, seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady**

I call on Longford County Council to engage with ESB Networks in relation to the level of Power Outages in Granard Town and surrounding area’s.

**Response:**

It was agreed that Longford County Council would write to ESB Networks in relation to the matter.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor David Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady**

I call on Longford County Council to erect Public lighting at Ballinamuck new cemetery and Legga Cemetary. The lighting could be done on a timer in the winter months until 11pm at which point they will be off for the remainder of the night.

**Response:**

Longford County Council Public Lighting budgets are fully committed to the maintenance and upgrading of the existing Public Lighting Network.

Longford County Council general policy is not to add additional lights to the existing Public Lighting Network as Longford County Council are required, in accordance with the Public Sector Energy Efficiency Strategy to reduce Carbon Emissions and increase energy efficiency.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor David Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Paraic Brady**

I call on Longford County Council to install Public lighting on the existing footpath from Gaigue to Ballinamuck village. Currently it is not installed and is a safety issue.

**Response:**

Longford County Council Public Lighting budgets are fully committed to the maintenance and upgrading of the existing Public Lighting Network.

Longford County Council general policy is not to add additional lights to the existing Public Lighting Network as Longford County Council are required, in accordance with the Public Sector Energy Efficiency Strategy to reduce Carbon Emissions and increase energy efficiency.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Turlough McGovern, seconded by Councillor Padraig McNamara**

I call on Longford County Council to engage with TII as a matter of urgency in regard to there being no sight line for traffic coming on to the main N55 at the junction of Tonywarden approaching from Lisryan direction. There has been several near incidents lately and its only a matter of time before that a serious accident will take place unless something is done. Coordinates (53.74731842652831, -7.533072524378328).

**Response:**

Longford County Council will review the issues at this location and will discuss with the relevant Transport Infrastructure Ireland inspectors. Improvements at this location will be subject to support and funding of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

On the proposal of Councillor Turlough McGovern, Seconded by Councillor Padraig McNamara, it was agreed to write to the TII in relation to the matter.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Granard MD will be held on Monday, 23 September 2024 in Granard Library at 3:30pm

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Claire McNabola**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Granard Municipal District Meeting held on the 23 September 2024.**

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

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