**LONGFORD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Meeting of Longford Municipal District**

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

**on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 at 4pm**

**CATHAOIRLEACH**: Councillor Martin Monaghan

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

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

Mr. Eamon Bennett, Senior Executive Engineer

Mr. David McNiff, Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. Lorraine McKee, Administrative Officer

Mr. Ian Lacey, Executive Planner

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**  Ms. Claire McNabola

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John Browne

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated**
2. On the proposal of Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Committee Meeting of Longford Municipal District held on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 as circulated.
3. 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, 21 February 2024 as circulated.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

None

1. **MANAGEMENT REPORT – as circulated**

The Management Report, as circulated, was noted.

1. **PRESENTATION ON LONGFORD PURPLE FLAG FOR THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY**

Ian Lacey provided the Members with a detailed and insightful presentation on the Longford Purple Flag Night-time Economy

Ian answered any questions raised by the Members.

1. **TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE ROADS. FOOTPATHS AND GREEN AREAS IN THE LONGFORD BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi it was unanimously agreed to take in charge of the Roads, Footpaths and Gren Areas in the Longford Business and Technology Park

1. **CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULE OF LONGFORD MUNICIPAL WORKS**

The Schedule of Longford Municipal District Works was discussed in detail and the Roads Team present replied to queries raised.

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Hagan seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Schedule of Longford Municipal District Works, as circulated.

1. **PROVISION OF A SENSORY AREA AT THE ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE IN LONGFORD TOWN – Thank you - as circulated**

Noted

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

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Seamus Butler, seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan**

1. ‘That Abbeycartron Lane, all the way down to Brickfield, be included in our 2024 roads programme for repairs and resurfacing. The inadequate lighting also requires enhancement. The signage on the Battery Road should be revised to the new town finger posts listing all the estates branching off Abbeycartron Lane. As there are some unusual numbering systems in some estates here, there should be a rolling programme of house numbering signage like College Park and Templemichael Glebe.’

**Response**

(a)The Abbeycartron Lane L – 7003-0 is included in the 2024 roads programme.

(b) I will refer the issue of poor lighting on the lane to road design and request an upgrade to the public lighting..

(c) I will refer the signage on the Battery Road to the Active travel team to include the new town fingerpost signs listing all of the estates branching off Abbeycartron Lane and the other local roads joining the Battery Road.

(d) If senior management agree to a rolling programme of house numbering signage on the housing estates branching off the Abbeycartron Lane then we will erect signage subject to funding.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejnmi, seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler**

1. I call on Longford County Council to carry out a speed review on the L1171 Clondra road from the entrance close to Tarmonbarry down to the bridge. There is an 80km stretch and residents living along the road have complained about speeding.

**Response**

Longford County Council Road Design section will carry out a review of traffic speeds on this road. We also note that at Government level, a review of the structure of speed limits is taking place and the Councillors may wish to make a submission to this process (presumably through their political parties)

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler**

1. I Call on Irish Water to extend the sewage system out to the homes with septic tanks on the L1171 Clondra Road.

**Response**

There are 2 options:

1. Councillors can attend the monthly Cllr Meetings with IW and raise it at that forum.
2. The MD write to Irish Water with the request above. This is similar to writing to the TII or the HSE

The Council have no functions now (since July 2023) in the management, planning or delivery of water services in County Longford.

It was agreed that Longford County Council would write to Uisce Eireann in this regard.

**The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, seconded by Councillor Martin Monaghan**

1. I call on the National Transport Authority to introduce a bus route through Clondra to connect the village to other communities, schools, shops and improve connectivity to other Regional transport networks to facilitate onward travel to cities and colleges.

**Response**

Road design has forwarded the bus route through Clondra to the Local Link contact in order to progress this request with the NTA

**Other Business**

The members collectively thanked Eamon Bennett for his professionalism and support to Longford MD over the years, they wished him every success, health and happiness in his retirement.

On the proposal on Councillor Martin Monaghan seconded by Gerry Warnock it was agreed that the April & May Meetings of Longford MD would take place at 10am rather than 4pm as previously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Claire McNabola,**

**Meetings Administrator.**

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

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

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