

**MINUTES OF JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL  
DISTRICT OF BIRR HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021  
IN BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 4.30 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs P Ormond, J Carroll  
J Clendennen, C Claffey and J Leahy

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr E Dooley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Ann Dillon A/DOS, Mr John Mitchell SEE,  
and Ms D Molloy, Meetings Administrator.

**Adoption of Minutes of Meeting in Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.**

On the proposal of Cllr Carroll and seconded by Cllr Ormond the Minutes of the Meeting in Committee of Birr MD held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were adopted.

**Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.**

On the proposal of Cllr Claffey and seconded by Cllr Clendennen the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Birr MD held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were adopted.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the November meeting:**

There were no matters arising from the November meeting.

**District Engineers Report**

Mr Mitchell presented a Roads Update to the members, he advised that initial 2021 Funding for two schemes in the MD had been announced, and that two schemes had been approved for funding under the Town and Village Renewal and these were for Pullough and Ferbane. The Members thanked Mr Mitchell and his staff for all their work carried out over the past year and raised the following:

- The Members welcomed all the works being carried out in towns and villages under the TVR schemes and enquired if the process would be open for new applications again soon.
- Welcomed the work being carried out with the salting and gritting of he roads and enquired if this could be carried out on any other roads. Mr Mitchell advised that there is a plan for priority of routes for salting and gritting areas and unless in emergency situations this would not be diversified from.
- Dog fouling is a major problem in towns and in popular walking spots, Mr Mitchell advised that he would liaise with the Environment Section in relation to same.
- Enquired about the works being carried out under the Housing Management Estate projects, and asked that a full update on same be provided at the next meeting?
- Highlighted the continuing problems with footpaths, they are in very bad condition and completely inaccessible for disabled people.

- Cycle lanes at Coach Lane and Park Rise in Birr are dangerous, could these be looked at?
- Welcomed the prospect of the TVR works beginning in the Green and the use of high quality material.
- How many LIS have been carried out how many more do we have on the list to complete?
- Highlighted the issue of parking and accessibility at the Slieve Bloom mountain trails.

**Nomination of 2 Members to the Board of Birr 20:20:**

The Members were advised that a request had been received from Birr 20:20 for two Members of the MD to become representative on the Board. On the Proposal of Cllr Carroll and seconded by Cllr Leahy, Cllr Ormond was appointed and on the Proposal of Cllr Leahy and seconded by Cllr Claffey, Cllr Clendennen was appointed, both for an initial period of twelve months.

**Any Other Business**

1. The Members were advised that the HSE had agreed to attend the February monthly meeting due to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 remotely at 4.00 p.m. to discuss the updated position in relation to the proposed Primary Care Centre. The Members welcomed their attendance and agreed that the meeting would be held in public with the press present.

The Meeting then concluded.

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE:**