

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIRR
HELD IN BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 4.30 P.M. ON
MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs J Carroll, P Ormond,
J Leahy, J Clendennen and E Dooley

APOLOGIES: Cllr Maher

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Frank Heslin, DOS, Mr John Mitchell
A/SEE, Mr Joe Coleman Water and
Environment Services OCC and Ms D Molloy,
Meetings Administrator

Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th January, 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Dooley, seconded by Cllr. Leahy the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Birr held on 11th January, 2019 were adopted.

Community Grants

The Members were advised that this year the fund for allocation for Community Grants is €70000 and it is intended that the notice would appear in the local papers in the next couple of week's inviting applications. The Members agreed to proceed with same. The Members were further advised that some groups have still not claimed their allocation for 2017 and 2018 and the Members agreed that if this money was not claimed within the next month then these groups would not be considered for allocations for 2019.

The Members were advised that works are to be carried out on the current shower blocks and toilets at Shannonbridge and plans are in place to upgrade them in line with the other facilities along the Shannon in Shannonharbour and Banagher. The Members welcomed the proposal and agreed to allocate €20,000 from the Municipal Fund to this project.

Water and Environment Services Progress Report

Mr Joe Coleman, SEE Water and Environment Services presented the current report to the Members. The Members thanked him for his report and raised the following:

- Is the work that was carried out at Seffin linked to the works in Crinkle?
- Are there any plans for the taking in charge of the Mile Tree GWS as this is ongoing for a long time?
- Are there any Group Sewerage Schemes still in place and receiving funding?
- Litter and fly tipping continues to be a huge problem, people need to show the Council where or how they are disposing of their rubbish. Can a breakdown be provided in relation to what are waste and what are litter complaints being received and what is the outcome of these complaints, Mr Coleman advised that he would find out same and revert to the members with the information,

- The Members enquired as to what the position would be in relation to election posters being erected, and noted disappointment that some posters were already on display.
- Issues in relation to dumping of tyres at Ferbane Business Park, could this be looked at and perhaps CCTV cameras put in place for a temporary period to deter same.
- Issues in relation to what is going to happen to cut away bogs when Bord Na Mona cease production, a plan needs to be in place as these could become dumping blackspots.
- Welcomed the great work carried out in keeping Dunkerrin supplied with water and wondered if work was being carried out to solve the problem in the long term, Mr Coleman advised that works are being carried out to alleviate the problems in that area.
- The Members congratulated the excellent work being carried out in Brosna Sth/Milltown, welcomed the proposed stormwater works at Shinrone and Cloghan and wondered when the Contractor was likely to be on site. Mr Coleman advised that he would revert with this information.

Any Other Business:

1. The Members enquired if funding could be looked for to complete the works on the Doon to Clonmacnoise Road?
2. The Members enquired in relation to visibility at the roundabout at Tesco in Birr, could this be looked at, Mr Mitchell advised that he would look at this and advise on same at the March meeting.
3. The Members welcomed the work carried out in Riverstown but enquired if the junction at Cornhill on the old Nenagh Road could be looked at as there were some concerns from the public in relation to safety, Mr Mitchell advised that a road safety audit was to be carried out in the coming weeks.
4. The Members enquired about the works being carried out on the new entrance to the Grants site in Crinkle and wondered if anything could be done to make that area more pedestrian friendly, Mr Mitchell agreed to look at same.
5. Welcomed the work carried out at the entrance to the Castle and enquired if Moorpark Street could be looked at in relation to speeding as a number of residents were concerned about the speed on same, Mr Mitchell agreed to look at same.
6. The Members enquired about the allocations for Roads for 2019 and if the Discretionary funding had been cut, Mr Mitchell advised that the Roads Programme would be presented to the March meeting.
7. The Members advised that there is a rally to be held in Killavilla and there was a pole to be removed in this area, can this be done.

The Meeting then concluded.

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MEETINGS ADMINSTRATOR

DATE: