

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIRR
HELD IN BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 4.30 P.M. ON
MONDAY 8th JULY, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs J Carroll, P Ormond,
J Clendennen, C Claffey and E Dooley

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Leahy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr John Mitchell SEE, Ms D Molloy, Meetings
Administrator,

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 10th June, 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Ormond the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Birr held on 10th June, 2019 were adopted.

Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th June, 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Clendennen, seconded by Cllr. Claffey the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Birr held on 10th June, 2019 were adopted.

Roads Progress Report

Mr John Mitchell SEE presented the current report to the Members. The Members thanked him for his report and raised the following:

- The Members wished to compliment the Council on the great work that was carried out prior to the Pride of Place competition in Birr and noted how well the town looked on that day.
- The Members welcomed all the work carried out so far and complimented the standard of the work, they also welcomed the improvement in the use of social media for notifying the public of impending works and road closures.
- The Members raised the issue of reinstatement works on the roads around Garbally that were to be carried out once the Windfarm was completed, where would this funding be sourced from and when would the work be done. Mr Mitchell advised that this needs to be looked at as to who would be administering a special fund for same.
- Welcomed the proposal for works to be carried out in Green St, Birr and wondered what the timeline would be for same and if traders in the area would be consulted as to what is the best time for works to be carried out. Mr Mitchell advised that a meeting was being arranged with local interested parties to review the plans and get their feedback on same. The Members further enquired if any further investigations had been carried out in relation to relieving the traffic congestion in town and were there any plans to tackle same, Mr Mitchell advised that traffic counts had been carried out in certain areas and these would be analysed.
- The Members enquired about planned works on the N52 and if these would be completed before schools open in September, they were advised that the plan is to have as much of the work as possible completed before the end of summer.

- The Members raised the issues of dumping in the graveyard in Birr and also the maintenance of same. They noted that they were not being kept maintained to a standard that they had been previously when a caretaker was in place and wanted to know what the plan is going forward for maintenance, they asked that a camera be installed to try and deter dumping. They also enquired if a sign could be placed in the new graveyard at Clonohill to advise people as to why the grass was not being cut. Mr Mitchell advised that some work was scheduled to be carried out to improve the old graveyard i.e. kerbing to be laid and pathways to be rechipped to tidy them up. He further advised that they would have to look in the following year at better ways of maintaining the graveyards. He advised that the grass in the new graveyard would be cut at the end of the season.
- The Members advised that they are receiving a lot of complaints from the public in relation to overgrown ditches and grass verges in multiple areas, Mr Mitchell advised that the hedgecutters were now out at work in both areas of the MD and that they are prioritising bends, junctions and signage that is being blocked as this is hazardous.
- The Members enquired about the Bridge Specific Improvement Programme, is this on target and what is the position in relation to bridges where the works have been postponed. Mr Mitchell advised that the programme is on target but that you never know when emergency works may occur that mean you may have to change priority and advised that bridges are being inspected at present.
- The Members enquired about line painting for old roads that are faded and worn away, Mr Mitchell advised that new schemes would be relined and when this is being done existing roads can be done also where needed.
- The Members enquired about work being carried out on a footpath in Pullough that needs repair and is essential for access for a person with a disability, Mr Mitchell advised that this could be looked at and he would revert to the Member when this had been done.
- The Members asked that a full review of traffic and pedestrian safety be carried out in Banagher and Mr Mitchell advised that traffic counts would be carried out and then a plan could be formulated from the analysis of the counts. Enquiries were made about works at Harbour Rd, Banagher, and Mr Mitchell advised that Members would be advised when the works are planned for and the public would be advised via social media.
- The Members enquired about the funding that was received to carry out exploratory investigations on the peat based roads and where this was at now, Mr Mitchell advised that a tender had been done for site investigation probing and he hoped that this would start in the next couple of weeks.

The Meeting then concluded.

SIGNED: _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

MEETINGS ADMINSTRATOR

DATE: