

**MINUTES OF JULY MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
BIRR HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 11th JULY, 2022 IN BIRR CIVIC
OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 4.00 P.M.**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Claffey

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Pat Dermody BMD, Ms Mary Hussey
Environment and Water Services OCC, Ms
Deirdre Molloy, Meetings Administrator.

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 13th June, 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr Ormond and seconded by Cllr Leahy the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Birr MD held on 13th June, 2022 were adopted.

Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th June, 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Clendennen and seconded by Cllr Dooley the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Birr MD held on 13th June, 2022 were adopted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the June 2022 meeting:

There were no matters arising from the June meeting

Environment and Water Services Report

Ms Mary Hussey of Environment and Water Services OCC delivered an update to the Members on the work being carried out at present within her section,. The Members thanked her for her report and raised the following:

- Commended the council on the works carried out assisting community groups such as Tidy Towns etc. but advised that cameras are needed to try and deter the dumping and littering from cars, Ms Hussey advised that the Council are awaiting confirmation in relation to GDPR legislation for the use of cameras and when they can be used they will. The Members also suggested that prior to contractors cutting hedges at junctions that perhaps they could remove the rubbish first, Ms Hussey advised that she would discuss this issue with the MD offices. The Members also enquired about placing dog poo bags and composite bins within the town, Ms Hussey advised that this was already in place in Crinkle and could be provided in Birr if required.
- What percentage of fines issued are being paid, Ms Hussey said she would revert to the Members with these details. The Members also praised the work of the Litter Wardens in the area and their prompt response to issues arising.
- The Members suggested that an information campaign should be run in conjunction with local schools, committees and on social media to raise awareness of fly-tipping, dog fouling and littering in general and how to combat same, fast food outlets should be targeted to promote responsible disposal of packaging for its customers. Promote the recycling center more and perhaps Litter and Dog Warden could raise awareness of the work they carry out.
- Complimented the works being carried out by local committees in burial grounds and in particular in the new cemetery in Clonohill, Ms Hussey advised

that there is a small fund available to give to cemetery committees. The Members also advised that the No Mow May initiative was not working well in all graveyards and that some areas were just left wild and overgrown, Ms Hussey advised that the grass could be cut once all the wildflowers had been allowed to grow.

- The Members enquired about the Birr WTP and when complete what population will it serve, and also if any issues that arose with neighbouring properties had been addressed, Ms Hussey advised that capacity should be sufficient for years to come and that Joe Coleman was addressing issues with the residents.
- The Members enquired if any surveys were being carried out on rivers and streams to determine what levels of silt there were in them, Ms Hussey advised that regular samples were taken by the EPA and results of same are monitored but if there was a particular area that Members are concerned about that could be looked at.

Any Other Business:

The Members wished the best of luck to all the Festivals that were taking part over the summer and welcomed all the supports provided by the Council to same.

The Meeting then concluded.

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MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: