

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIRR
HELD IN BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 4.30 P.M. ON
MONDAY 10th JUNE, 2019**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Frank Heslin, DOS, Mr John Mitchell SEE,
Ms D Molloy, Meetings Administrator,

Vote of Sympathy

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family of Liam Maloney RIP who passed away recently. Liam was fondly remembered by all of the Members as a hard working caretaker in Dungar burial ground who had lived and worked there all his life and his great work ethic and attention to detail in keeping the burial ground in perfect condition will be sorely missed.

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting in Committee held on 13th May, 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. Clendennen the Minutes of the Meeting in Committee of the Municipal District of Birr held on 13th May, 2019 were adopted.

Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th May, 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Clendennen, seconded by Cllr. Leahy the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Birr held on 13th May, 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 again expressed their concern in relation to adequate funding for county roads that are in bad condition not being made available.
- The Members expressed concern in relation to overgrown ditches and verges and the problems this was causing for visibility at junctions and on narrow roadways, they requested that the Engineer bring a report to the next meeting outlining the procedures followed to notify landowners to cut their ditches, the Executive agreed to same. The Members also enquired if there was any funding available for hedge cutting or the cleaning of signs, Mr Mitchell advised that maintenance of signs is being carried out on an ongoing basis.
- The Members expressed concern in relation to safety at pedestrian crossings and asked that the site of the pedestrian crossing in Emmett Sq, Birr be looked at and also the lack of visibility at the pedestrian crossing in Ferbane from the Cloghan side, Mr Mitchell advised that the issues of upgrading pedestrian crossings was being examined by the TII.
- The Members raised the issue of speeding becoming a problem within towns and villages, it was acknowledged that a full study needs to be carried out in Birr to look at parking, traffic congestion, speeding and pedestrian safety. The Members also raised the issue of the ramps being removed in Presentation Place

Birr and will they be replaced, they were advised that this is currently being looked at.

- The Members enquired about the old LSU building in Banagher being de-listed and the hope that it could be demolished to allow for a set down area for the national school to be created.
- The Members advised that there is no footpath from the church in Banagher to the new filling station and that this a very busy area for pedestrians, could this be looked at and also a plan for Green St in Birr how will this be funded and managed and when is the work likely to take place, Mr Mitchell advised that a plan is currently being prepared for the Green St works and that he will revert to the Members with same and will look into the issue in Banagher .
- When will the works be carried out at Sharavogue, and as there are a couple bad junctions on this road can they be looked at in this works, Mr Mitchell advised that this work was going to be carried out end of July/August. The Members asked that any works to be carried out would be publicised well in advance for the publics convenience.

Any Other Business

1. The Members expressed concern in relation to the transition forum meetings that are being held in relation to the closure of Bord Na Mona and what impact this would have on the area. The Members requested that a representative of the Local Enterprise Office or the CEO of Offaly County Council be invited to address perhaps the September meeting of Birr MD to brief the Members in relation to what they are aware is going to happen in relation to same.
2. The Members raised the issue of illegal dumping in Clonoghill graveyard and enquired if it was possible for a CCTV camera to be installed to try and deter same. Also asked what the position is in relation to regular maintenance for the graveyard. The Members were advised that the council are aware that dumping is now becoming a big problem in the graveyard and that solutions were being explored. The Members were further advised that a contract is in place for the cutting of the grass in Clonoghill for the growth period.

The Meeting then concluded and the Cathaoirleach advised that the July meeting would be held in Ferbane Business Park.

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CATHAOIRLEACH

MEETINGS ADMINSTRATOR

DATE: