

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIRR  
HELD IN BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 2.30 P.M. ON  
MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Frank Heslin, DOS, Mr John Mitchell  
A/SEE, Ms D Molloy, Meetings Administrator,  
Mr Martin Quinn, SEE Water Services

**Vote of Sympathy and Adjournment of Meeting**

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family of Tony McLoughlin RIP who passed away recently. Tony was fondly remembered by all of the Members as an esteemed hard working Councillor during his time on Birr Town Council and Offaly County Council. The meeting was adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

**Adoption of Minutes of Meeting in Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr. Leahy, seconded by Cllr. Maher the Minutes of the Meeting in Committee of the Municipal District of Birr held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were adopted.

**Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 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 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were adopted.

**Water and Environment Services Progress Report**

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

- Litter and fly tipping continues to be a huge problem, the Members suggested that a name and shame policy needs to be introduced to discourage the perpetrators.
- The Members congratulated the excellent work being carried out in Brosna, welcomed the proposed storm water works at Cloghan and wondered when these works were likely to be completed. Mr Quinn advised that as far he was aware works were on target but he would check same.
- Acknowledged investment in Birr Water Schemes and wondered if this was future proofed to deal with increased capacity. Mr Quinn advised that there is normally plenty of extra capacity built in to these schemes.
- Acknowledged the great work being carried out by Group Water Schemes in the area.
- The Members raised the issue of dangerous structures and how they are to be dealt with?
- The Members raised the issue of dog fouling still being an ongoing issue and dogs out roaming freely without their owners. Mr Quinn to liaise with the Dog Warden in relation to same.

## **Community Grants 2019**

The Members were advised that a total of 90 applications were received under the 2019 scheme. The Members were advised that the Executive felt that 6 of the applications received did not meet the criteria for funding and would not be considered, the Members agreed with same. After some consideration of the proposed allocation of funding prepared by the Executive on the proposal of Cllr Ormond and seconded by Cllr Maher the Community Grants 2019 allocations were approved.

## **Any Other Business**

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Management and Staff of Offaly Council Council for their hard work and the courtesy shown to the members over the term of the inaugural Birr MD, he also thanked the press for their continued coverage of the meetings. The Cathaoirleach thanked the other Members for their co-operation and wished all Members running for re-election luck with their campaigns. The other Members all concurred with the Cathaoirleachs remarks.

The Meeting then concluded.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**MEETINGS ADMINSTRATOR**

**DATE:**