

**MINUTES OF MAY MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIRR HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2022 IN FERBANE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK, BALLYCUMBER ROAD, FERBANE AT 2.00 PM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs E Dooley, P Ormond, J Carroll  
J Clendennen, Cllr Claffey & J Leahy

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Stephane Duclot, DOS, Mr John Mitchell, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms John Cunningham, Housing, OCC, Ms Lisa Smyth Hogan, Meetings Administrator.

**Adoption of Minutes of Meeting in Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.**

On the proposal of Cllr Carroll and seconded by Cllr Leahy the Minutes of the Meeting in Committee of Birr MD held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 were adopted.

**Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

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**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the April 2022 meeting:**

There were no matters arising from the March meeting

**Housing Section Report**

Mr John Cunningham, Housing Section, OCC delivered an update to the members on the work being carried out at present within the section. The members thanked him for his report and raised the following:

- The members thanked the Housing team for all the works completed to date with top quality housing for the tenants.
- The members are aware of the difficulties faced by the builders due to the lack of supplies but that the council need to increase supply of housing stock as private rented accommodation is in decline.
- The members asked when OPD houses are being retro fitted they need heat the most given the costs would it be possible to install pellet stoves. Mr Cunningham advised the members that the Department will not fund the installation of pellet stoves. In older person dwellings completed to date tenants are very satisfied and builders have managed to work alongside the tenants notwithstanding the disruption of the works.
- The members welcomed the houses in Woodfield and enquired if there was a greater plan to allow access from other points to avoid traffic problems.
- The members enquired how long the waiting time was for the Disabled Persons Grant and if there was any increase in the income threshold. Mr Cunningham advised the members that there were no plans at present to increase income threshold. The costs are increasing for DPG's but the cost of the grant hasn't changed which often results in family members helping with cost of works or decrease the amount of work done.

## **Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022**

Mr John Mitchell Senior Executive Engineer, Birr Municipal District presented the Schedule of Municipal District works programme for 2022.

Proposed by: John Leahy

Seconded by: Clare Claffey

### **Any other business:**

Cllr Claffey enquired as the waste bins in Shannon Bridge and Banagher were removed and the council are not providing the facility any more, if the service could remain for 2022, the level of rubbish is very high with the summer season, she has asked the Environment Section about keeping the bins but has had no response.

The Meeting then concluded.

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE:**