

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT OF BIRR HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 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, Cllr Claffey and J Leahy

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Stephane Duclot, DOS, Mr John Mitchell,
SEE Birr MD, Ms Orla Martin Head of
Enterprise OCC, Mr Willie Ryan SEE Roads
Section OCC & Deirdre Molloy, Meetings
Administrator

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting in Committee held on 12th September, 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr Clendennen and seconded by Cllr Ormond the Minutes of the Meeting in Committee of Birr MD held on 12th September were adopted.

Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th September, 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr Leahy and seconded by Cllr Ormond the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Birr MD held on 12th September, 2022 were adopted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the September 2022 meeting:

Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 12th the Members complimented Mr Mitchell on the work carried out on Birr Playground and acknowledged that some works were still ongoing.

LEO Presentation

Ms Orla Martin, Head of Enterprise, LEO Offaly gave a presentation to the Members in relation to the key objectives of the Local Enterprise Office for 2022 and activities carried out throughout the year. The Members thanked Ms Martin for her very informative report, congratulated the great work carried out and support that is available for small businesses to assist them. The Members then raised the following:

- In relation to the Offaly Economic Development Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2027 the Members enquired if this would be a draft plan for consultation before becoming the actual plan, Ms Martin advised that the Draft Plan would be back before the SPC for consideration before being adopted.
- Enquired if the plans for the expansion of the Ferbane Business Park were still going ahead and were advised that other sites in Ferbane are being looked at and around the county. There is need to identify suitable commercial serviced sites to allow progression in the future.
- The Members congratulated Ms Martin on the role that LEO carried out during the Covid pandemic in assisting business and administering support where it was needed.

Roads Progress Report – Update on Greenways

Mr Willie Ryan, SEE, Roads OCC presented a report to the Members outlining the progress on the Greenway from 2017 to 2022 and outlined future plans for 2023/2024 and beyond. The Members thanked Mr Ryan for his very informative report and commended the great work that has been carried out on the Greenways to date.

The Members acknowledged the great work carried out by Mr Ryan on these projects and noted that he is now leaving Offaly County Council to move to another local authority. The Members wished Mr Ryan all the best in his new role.

General Municipal Allocation 2023

Mr John Mitchell, SEE, presented the proposed 2023 General Municipal Allocation to the Members and it was noted that it remained at €170,000 the same allocation as 2022. The Members acknowledging the challenging times we are in and on the proposal of Cllr Ormond and seconded by Cllr Leahy it was unanimously agreed to accept this proposal

The Meeting then concluded.

SIGNED: _____

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MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: