**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING OF BIRR M.D. HELD ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 4.30 P.M.**

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| **MEMBERS PRESENT:** | **Cllrs P Ormond, E Clendennen, J Leahy, A Hennessy – Kennedy, H Egan, S Maher,**  |
| **IN ATTENDANCE:** | **Ms A Dillon, DOS, Mr P Dermody A/SEE, Ms M Flynn AO Birr MD and Ms. D Molloy Meetings Administrator** |

1. **Adoption of Minutes of Meeting in Committee held on 13th January 2025**

On the proposal of Cllr Leahy and seconded by Cllr Maher the Minutes of Meeting in Committee of Birr MD on the 13th January, 2025 were adopted.

1. **Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th January 2025**

On the proposal of Cllr Clendennen and seconded by Cllr Egan the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Birr MD on the 13th January, 2025 were adopted.

1. **Matters arising from January meeting.**

There are no matters arising from the January meeting.

1. **District Engineers Update**

Mr P Dermody A/SEE gave an update to the Members in relation to the current activities being carried out in the MD. He gave special thanks to the GSS’s in the area and their staff for their great efforts throughout Storm Eowyn in dealing with the issues as they arose. The Members thanked Pat for his update and also commended the staff on their great response to the storm and raised the following:

* The Members enquired about the issue of trees that are dangerous and may still be at risk of falling if there were subsequent storms, the A/SEE advised that the Council should be advised of dangerous trees in public spaces but that dangerous trees on private lands are the responsibility of the private landowner.. The Members suggested that a survey should be taken of all trees and if they are a danger to the national infrastructure or to life they should have to be dealt with and this would save a lot of money in the future. The Members also enquired if the trees at the playground in Shannonbridge could be looked at.
* The Members commended local Community Groups, Farmers and Volunteers who offered their services and helped people out throughout the aftermath of the storm.
* The Members enquired about a programme of works for cleaning gullies as this would help alleviate and prevent flooding during heavy rainfall.
* The Members enquired about the new Speed Limit signs and were advised that all local roads have been reduced to 60 kph and regional roads remain at 80kph, and all signage in the MD has been updated to reflect same.
* The Members enquired about the upgrading of playground equipment and if they can liaise with the Executive in relation to the introduction of equipment for children with additional needs both physical and sensory.
1. **Correspondence received from Uisce Eireann**

The meeting was advised that an email had been received from Uisce Eireann confirming that they did not meet with individual Councils and that they would address all concerns at the upcoming workshop being held on 17th February. The Members stated that they would prefer a meeting but if not possible the Cathaoirleach urged all Members to attend the upcoming workshop.

1. **Any Other Business**
2. The Members were advised that the Just Transition project at William St in Birr was expected to commence in the coming week and that this would facilitate the new entrance to Birr Castle Demesne, and it was expected that the Market Square TVR project in Birr would run in tandem with it.
3. The Members were advised that the Contractor was to be appointed in the coming week to the Ferbane Fairgreen project.

The Meeting then concluded.

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 **CATHAOIRLEACH MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**