**MINUTES OF MAY MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIRR HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JULY, 2024 IN BIRR CIVIC OFFICES, WILMER ROAD, BIRR AT 5.00 P.M.**

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| **MEMBERS PRESENT:** | **Cllrs P Ormond, J Clendennen, J Leahy, A Hennessy – Kennedy, H Egan, S Maher** |
| **IN ATTENDANCE:** | **Ms A Dillon, DOS, Mr J Mitchell SEE, Mark Mahon, SE, Environment, Ms L Smyth Hogan, A/Meetings Administrator** |

1. **Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 24th June, 2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Clendennen and seconded by Cllr Ormond the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Birr MD held on the 24th June, 2024 were adopted.

1. **Adoption of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th May, 2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Hennessy - Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Clendennen the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Birr MD held on the 27th May, 2024 were adopted.

1. **Matters arising from May meeting.**

There are no matters arising from the May meeting.

1. **Environment, Climate Action and Rural Water Report**

Mr Mark Mahon, SE, Environment presented the Members with the Environment, Climate Action and Rural Water report. The Members thanked Mr Mahon for his presentation. The Members welcomed the Climate Action Plan identifying the Kilcormac Development Association who have installed solar panels. It is noted that the public through word of mouth and/or contractors advertising solar panels are making changes to their premises, complimenting the council for leading the way with climate change.

The Members welcomed the introduction of CCTV and Members were advised that the council were pushing to run a pilot before the summer is out. The Members complimented the council on the progress made on graveyards and going forward they would like to see an increase in the budget spend but hoped that the community can take on some responsibility for the graveyard maintenance. The Members acknowledged that more education is required with regards to the Control of Dogs and were advised Offaly County Council had received 47 complaints with regards to loose dogs. The Members would like to see more regulation around Dog Breeding Control.

1. **Update on funding from Failte Ireland EU Just Transition Fund for projects in Birr & Shannonbridge**

The Members were updated on the 2 projects for Failte Ireland EU Just Transition Fund. In Birr, €188,000 was approved to continue the paving works from Green Street to William Street to Birr Castle. In Shannonbridge €218,000 was approved for a Plaza and Walkway, 75% funding with 25% council funding.

1. **Supplementary Standing Orders 2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Clendennen and seconded by Cllr Hennessy - Kennedy the Supplementary Standing Orders 2024 were adopted.

1. **Any Other Business**

The Meeting then concluded.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE:**