

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Boyle and Carrick Municipal District Committees

17th October 2016 @ 4:00 P.M

PRESENT: Councillor John Cummins Cathaoirleach

PRESIDED

MEMBERS:

Roscommon: Valerie Byrne, Rachel Doherty, Liam Callaghan, Michael Mulligan, Joe Murphy

Leitrim: Finola Armstrong- McGuire (Cathaoirleach of Carrick MD), Enda Stenson, Seadhna Logan, Sean McGowan, Sinead Guckian

OFFICIALS:

Roscommon: Martin Lydon, Director of Services, Michael Conlon Senior Executive Engineer Boyle MD, Colm Kelly Economic Enterprise Department Meetings Administrator

Leitrim: Joseph Gilhooly Director of Service, Seamus O Connor, Senior Engineer Environment & Transportation

Agenda Items

1. N4 Traffic Boyle to Carrick On Shannon

Members raised the following issues:

- Can traffic lights be put in place on Lunny's roundabout to alleviate the holdup crossing the bridge during peak hours?
- Would removing the footpaths from the bridge alleviate the problem
- It is a volume of traffic issue that can only be solved by a bypass
- Traffic moves quicker when Garda personnel are in place
- Garda addressed problem at JPC meeting, not a Garda issue
- Problem will become worse when LIDL move premises
- Would a joint proposal of Councillors speaking to the TII help.

Roscommon & Leitrim Officials responded:

- RCC are aware of the issue, the matter has been raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- TII probably won't consider changes until the next National Development Plan is in place in 2021

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Guckian

SECONDED by Councillor Cummins it was agreed to put together a joint deputation to meet the TII

2. Taxi Rank at Railway Station

Members raised the following questions:

- What is the delay with putting the rank in place
- Can a public consultation be put in place and Irish Rail be invited to attend
- Can RCC purchase the land for a car park
- No charge should be put on cars using car park at train station

Roscommon Officials responded:

- There has been a difficulty with Irish Rail. Contact has been made on 6/7 occasions with no success

3. Maintenance of Bridge at Battlebridge

- Members raised the issue that the bridge was in disrepair on the Roscommon side why is it not being maintained

Martin Lydon and Michael Conlon responded:

- RCC believe the bridge is not their responsibility and will seek clarity as to what agreement was previously put in place

4. Upkeep of Old Drumsna Jamestown Road

Members raised the following:

- Historic area, Community groups are having issues applying for funding for land under RCC jurisdiction.
- Proposal to work together on joint project going forward
- Tourism Partnership between both Councils should be supported. Local Authorities have to drive tourism initiatives
- Proposal for a future joint project application under Blue way initiative

Martin Lydon responded:

- LCC to pass details of community groups in question to Eileen Callaghan in Boyle MD office and she will follow up from there

5. A.O.B

a) Members raised the following:

- Footbridge in Rooskey; Allocation was withdrawn in 2008. Could both Local Authorities agree to prioritise going forward. Hartley Bridge also in need of upgrade
- Potential uplift for tourism if bridge is put in place
- Rooskey has suffered greater losses than most during downturn
- Three ton weight limit of Hartley Bridge could restrict potential development
- Proposal to submit joint application for walkway

Martin Lydon responded:

- Will speak with Eugene Dwyer RCC on the matter as he had been dealing with footbridge previously
- Other projects may suffer as a result

b) Where is the proposed joint Local Area Plan from Roscommon and Leitrim County Councils; should a joint Local Area Plan be developed

Members raised the following concerns:

- National Spatial Strategy & Regional Area Plans can impact on LAP'S flood risk assessment plan & flood control measures
- A document or agreement needs to be put in place to allow collaborative approach to Carrick On Shannon
- Local residents expect a collaborative approach by Local Authorities, partnership approach needed in Cortober
- RCC and Leitrim should both be proud of Carrick
- Town Teams in Boyle and Carrick should work together

Joseph Gilhooly and Martin Lydon responded:

- Local Area Plan was too constrictive to allow for MD collaboration approach.
- Local Development Strategy and Local Economic Community Development Plans would be more suited to this approach.
- Michael Conlon has already engaged with residents in Cortober area
- RCC are happy to work informally through MD Engineers, a terms of reference needs to be put in place
- Martin Lydon and Joe Gilhooly to work together to draw up terms of reference for future engagement

c) Consumption of Alcohol in Public Spaces

- Leitrim Councillors wished to know if RCC had a policy in place with regard to this matter
- RCC not aware of any such policy being put in place will revert back with definitive answer.

d) Next Meeting Date

Proposal to hold next meeting in Carrick during first quarter of 2016 was agreed by all present, date to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:

Meeting s Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned