

**MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING held in Boyle Area Office on Thursday March 23rd 2017 at 3.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor John Cummins, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** Cllr Valerie Byrne, Cllr Rachel Doherty, Cllr Liam Callaghan.  
Cllr Joe Murphy and Cllr Michael Mulligan.

**OFFICIALS:** Mr. Martin Lydon, Director of Services.  
Mr. Michael Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Ms Eileen Callaghan, Meetings Administrator.  
Ms Nollaig Feeney, Heritage Officer.  
Mr Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Michael Mulligan.

**SECONDED** by Councillor Joe Murphy.

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Meeting held 20.01.2017

**Heritage Plan 2017-2021**

Heritage Officer Ms Nollaig Feeney attended the meeting to notify members that Roscommon County Council and Co Roscommon Heritage Forum is preparing the third County Roscommon Heritage Plan for the years 2017-2021.

Submissions to the plan are invited up until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and should be posted to The Heritage Office, Roscommon County Council, Aras and Chontae, Roscommon, Co. Roscommon.

**Arts Plan 2017-2021**

Roscommon County Council is preparing a new Arts Plan for the years 2017-2021. Submissions to the Arts Plan are invited up until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and should be posted to the Arts Office, Roscommon County Council, Aras and Chontae, Roscommon.

**Town Team Annual Reports 2016.**

The Annual Reports for the Municipal District Town Teams were presented for Boyle Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown.

**3.17 Notice of Motion from Cllr Liam Callaghan –**

**“That RCC investigate the possibility of installing 2 parking spaces designated for disabled drivers at the new Post Office in Ballaghaderreen”**

**Cllr Callaghan** defending his motion circulated a photograph of the scene at the location which indicated the need for spaces to be provided to ensure free movement and safety, especially for the elderly who use the Post Office on pension pay days.

On the **PROPOSAL** of **Cllr. Mulligan** the motion was adopted  
and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. Byrne**.

#### **4.17 Notice of Motion – Cllr R Doherty –**

**“That RCC outline details of the project (to include costings) of the construction of a proposed boardwalk linking Knockvicar and Lough Key Forest Park as part of a new Boyle Greenway.**

**This boardwalk was to be part of the first phase of the overall project and will form a significant part of the greenway, which will e both a cycle way and walkway.”**

#### **Boardwalk at Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle, Co. Roscommon**

Lough Key Cycle Route is outlined in blue. The sections in Red, numbered 6 and 4 are complete. The Section in Green numbered 5 is the area of the Boardwalk identified by Coillte to Roscommon County Council as land in their ownership. The matter of the land ownership is disputed. Roscommon County Council has met with Coillte in an attempt to resolve the issue, remove the structure and relay the section in land registered in the name of Coillte. There is 600m of Boardwalk in the disputed area required to complete the route. There is a court injunction which remains in place ordering that works cease on the site until the land dispute is resolved and Roscommon County Council are not allowed to enter the land. Funding of €400,000 was received from DTTAS. There will be additional expenditure incurred in relocating the structure and other costs.

**Cllr Doherty** welcomed the information that Roscommon County Council and Coillte were endeavouring to resolve the impasse and progress with the project.

#### **Speed Limit Review.**

Eugene Dwyer addressed the meeting with regard to review of speed limits for the entire Municipal District. He presented a set of drawings of proposed speed limits. He also outlined proposals from consultants for TII for changes to speed limits on National Roads. He stated that it was proposed to introduce 30 kph speed limits in all housing estates that have been taken-in-charge by Roscommon County Council. The Councillors agreed with proposals as presented for the following villages:

**Ballaghaderreen**

**Ballinameen**

**Ballyfarnon**

**Breedogue**

**Croghan**

**Dangan**

**Drumsna**

**Hillstreet**

**Keadue**

**Kilmore**

**Knockvicar**

**Scramogue**

**Whitehall**

**Termonbarry**

**Arigna** – Extend the 30kph limit as far as Cnoc an Tobar on the L1001.

**Ballinagare** – TII propose moving speed limit closer to villages on the N5 but the meeting proposed to leave the limits as they are at present.

**Boyle**- TII proposed moving speed signs on the N61 Sligo Road into the junction at Deerpark Road but the meeting proposed to leave the limits as they are at present.

**Cortober** – It was proposed that Liberty Hill would become a 30 kph zone. Also to extend the 50 kph out to the present location of the 60 kph on the R370 Croghan Road and move the 60 kph West to Knockadalteen.

**Cootehall** – Extend 50kph West of the National School on L1017

**Elphin** – Extend the 50kph West of the Housing estate on the R369 to Shankhill.

**Frenchpark** – TII propose moving speed signs closer to the village on the N5 but the meeting proposed to leave the limits as they are at present.

**Rooskey** – Extend 50kph West to Housing estate.

**Tulsk** – TII propose moving speed signs closer to the village on the N5 but the meeting proposed to leave the limits as they are at present.

**Strokestown** – TII propose no changes on the N5 west of the town. On the east side the councillors strongly disagreed with TII proposals to move the limits on the N5 closer to the town. They proposed extending the 50 kph limit to the junction of the N5 and the L60456.

**N61 to Boyle** remains 100 kph.

On the N61 between Clashaganny and Tulsk TII propose an 80 kph limit. The meeting broadly agreed with this proposal to reduce the limit from 100 kph.

TII propose that the limit on the section of the N61 from Knockarush to Boyle be reduced to 80 kph. The councillors proposed that the limit remain at 100 kph.

A periodic speed limit of 60 kph is proposed for Clooneyquinn National School on the N61

## **A O B**

### **Roads Schedule.**

Mr Eugene Dwyer informed the meeting that there were changes to the Roads Schedule but it was available for inspection. Signs would be changed where necessary and new signs would be erected.

### **TIC Report for Carrowmore Road, Hillstreet, Carrick-on-Shannon.**

Mr Eugene Dwyer presented a report on a request RCC had received from the residents and landowners on a private road in Carrowmore, Hillstreet, Carrick-on-Shannon to have the road declared a public road. Having considered the request he recommended that in

accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and Part 2 of the Roads Regulations 1994 the procedure would commence to declare the road a public road. He estimated the cost of necessary works on the road would be in the region of €20,000.00

Accordingly under Schedule 3 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 -

**Cllr Valerie Byrne** proposed that the Carrowmore Road, Hillstreet would be taken in charge by the County Council.

**Cllr Liam Callaghan** seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

Replying to an enquiry from **Cllr Cummins** on behalf of other constituents, living on private roads, who had paid development charges and required maintenance, Mr Eugene Dwyer stated that they could apply in writing to the Council and they would be considered as outlined above.

#### **Report on proposal to make Bye-Laws for Carrick-on-Shannon Train Station, Cortober – for regulation of Parking for Taxis.**

Mr Eugene Dwyer recommended the adoption of Draft Bye Laws which had had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 and put on public display. No objections or representations had been received.

Accordingly, under Schedule 3 of the Local Government Act 2014

**Cllr Valerie Byrne** proposed the adoption of the bye-laws.

**Cllr Joe Murphy** seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

Replying to representations from **Cllr Doherty** to have footpaths extended out to Shannon Gael Estate Mr Michael Conlon responded that he had been in communication with ESB on the matter and they were favourably disposed to the plan.

#### **Casual Traders and Parking spaces.**

**Cllr. Cummins** referred to the serious matter of loss of revenue for businesses in the vicinity of the Crescent, Boyle due to the proliferation of street traders who set up stalls several days a week and commandeer multiple parking spaces. He referred to representations he had received from business people in the vicinity who report reductions in takings of up to 40% because potential customers can not park and ultimately decide to drive on and take their custom elsewhere.

**Cllr Mulligan and Cllr Callaghan** both referred to similar problems in Ballaghaderreen and supported the sentiment that something needed to be done.

**Cllr Byrne** agreed that rate payers deserved support and were entitled to expect that parking facilities should be available for customers.

**Cllr. Murphy** said business people had nothing against the casual traders but had a grievance with the number of parking spaces taken up when they erect stalls.

**Cllr Doherty** supporting the sentiments added that the Crescent area was a critical parking area that should be an attractive space available to customers visiting shops and restaurants in the town.

Mr Martin Lydon in response referred to a 1 hour parking initiative which has been successful in Castlerea and could be replicated as a solution in the other towns along with proper enforcement.

In conclusion **Cllr Cummins** welcomed Mr Lydons undertaking to consider the possibilities and report back at the May meeting of the MDC.

**MDC Funding Grants.**

It was agreed that members would give proposals that they consider would be beneficial to community and economic development to Co-ordinator Michael Conlon for consideration. The minimum payment would be €5,000 and maximum €25,000.

**Annual Road Works Programme 2017.**

The Annual Road Works Programme 2017 was presented and agreed as proposed by **Cllr John Cummins** and seconded by **Cllr Valerie Byrne**.

**Votes of Sympathy.**

Councillors passed a vote of Sympathy with the McGuinness family and Sinn Fein on the death of Martin McGuinness.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**The foregoing Minutes are  
Confirmed and Signed:**

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**Meetings Administrator**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Countersigned**