

**Minutes of the Meeting of Boyle Municipal District Council,**  
**17th of October @14:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor John Cummins Chairperson

**PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** V Byrne R Doherty L Callaghan MP Mulligan J Murphy

**OFFICIALS:** Martin Lydon, Director of Services.  
Derek Caldbeck A/ Head of Finance & Housing  
Michael Conlon Senior Executive Engineer Boyle MD  
Colm Kelly Economic Enterprise Department Meetings Administrator

**1. BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGETARY PLAN**

Derek Caldbeck Director of Service presented the Boyle Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan for 2017. Derek stated that the final budget would be presented to the Councillors at the County Plenary meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November.

Members welcomed the Budget Plan and raised the following issues:

- Why have roads and courthouses been removed from the MD control
- What is the breakdown of Economic & Community Development allocation

Derek Caldbeck responded to all queries raised:

- Economic and Community Development fund includes six Town Team annual allocations
- Roscommon County Council Municipal District responsibilities are extensive when compared with those of other Counties MD'S

Adoption of Budget

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Byrne

**SECONDED** by Councillor Mulligan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Budget for 2017

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Mulligan

**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

### **3. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Members raised the following issues:

- **Municipal District fund should be for capital projects only**
- **Is there a possibility that funding won't be made available next year**
- **Councillors need to be seen to have no involvement in decisions on funding allocations**
- **If Town Teams present poor projects why should villages not receive funding**
- **Can an information session be held targeting villages to explain what funding is available to them and what steps are required to apply**
- **Unsuccessful applicants for Town and Village Renewal scheme unhappy with subcommittee members chosen from LCDC to adjudicate on projects**
- **Can future Town and Village funding be split between Town Teams and Villages before applications are submitted to prevent apparent competition developing between parties**

Martin Lydon and Michael Conlon responded to the queries raised:

- **Municipal District Coordinator to examine what applications had been received from Boyle MD under Town & Village Renewal scheme, list of unsuccessful applications to be kept on file for future funding schemes**
- **Greater value is achieved by focusing funding on larger projects**
- **District Engineer has identified capital projects suitable for funding**
- **Projects need to be ready to go when funding becomes available**
- **LCDC subcommittee chosen for Town and Village Renewal Scheme adjudication was a transparent process**

- Councillors must select what projects are supported with Municipal District Fund
- Future application forms to be adapted accordingly
- Outstanding Diaspora funding applications to be submitted before the end of October
- Martin Lydon to forward on new application form for Boyle Municipal District Fund 2016

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Doherty

**SECONDED** by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** to set aside €25,000 of the Municipal District Fund for taking in charge of roads leading to Arigna Mines and €5,000 of same fund to be allocated to the upgrade of Christmas lights in Elphin.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Byrne

**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy

It was **AGREED** that applications for the remaining €55,000 of Municipal District Funding must exceed €5000 and be no greater than €25,000 to be considered for inclusion.

#### **4. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMAPATIES**

Councillor Valerie Byrne wished to relay her sympathies to the family of Eamon Mulleady Elphin upon his untimely death.

#### **5. AOB**

Councillor Doherty requested information on the CLAR and REDZ funding programmes.

Martin Lydon responded: applications are required to be submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Given the short turn around it was decided not to seek applications from community groups and put forward ready to go projects.

Roscommon County Council will be applying for CLAR funding under the following measures:

1. Roads Safety project being led by Eugene Dwyer
2. Keadue play area

Under the REDZ programme Roscommon County Council will be supporting applications for the following:

- Castlerea Food Hub
- Ballaghaderreen Food Distribution Centre

- The Chief Executive is still examining possibilities for a regional project to potentially support.

Councillor Cummins requested an update on traffic calming for French Park; previous information was that revised proposals were being drawn down.

Michael Conlon informed the meeting that 150 meters of roadway had been upgraded and advanced warning signs had been put in place. The TII have also been approached about putting a traffic speed monitor in place.

Councillor Callaghan queried as to whether anything was being done with the unfinished housing estate in Bellanagare.

Martin Lydon responded that it was being looked at under the unfinished housing estate framework.

Councillor Mulligan requested an update on attempts to clean up the housing estate at Abbey Court French Park.

Martin Lydon responded that the Council were having difficulty engaging with the developer of the estate.

Councillor Byrne informed the meeting that drinking water had been restored in the Ballyleague area.

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

The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:

  
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**Meeting Administrator**

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**Cathairleach**

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**Countersigned**