

**MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
ROSCOMMON ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016 AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Orla Leyden, Cathaoirleach      **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** Cllr. Michael Creaton, Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher,  
Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice, Cllr. Domnick Connolly, Cllr. Nigel Dineen

**OFFICIALS:** Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator  
Mr. Derek Caldbeck, A/Head of Finance, Housing, ICT & Ros MD  
Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District  
Mr. Martin Lydon, A/Director of Services, Planning  
Ms. Mary Grier, Senior Planner  
Ms. Tracy Davis, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Pio Byrnes, Assistant Planner

**47.16. CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON  
THE PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATION OF THE DRAFT CASTLEREA LOCAL AREA PLAN  
2016 -2022**

Martin Lydon, A/Director of Service advised that the purpose of the agenda item was to discuss the *Chief Executive’s Report on the Submissions Received on the Proposed Material Alteration of the Draft Castlerea Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022*, where the report had been previously circulated to Members for consideration on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Martin Lydon outlined that we were now at Stage 7 of the plan making process (as outlined in the introductory section of the Report) and that Members were now required to make or amend the Plan, in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). He set out his intention to go through the submissions received and detailed in the Chief Executive’s Report. He also reminded Members that the Plan had been prepared to be consistent with the Core Strategy as outlined in the *Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 – 2020*, which in turn was consistent with the *Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region*.

Submission No. 1 – Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

All Members **AGREED** to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation as presented.

Submission No. 2 – Sligo County Council

All Members **AGREED** to accept the Chief Executive’s recommendation as presented.

Martin Lydon suggested due to common themes arising in a number of submissions, that it may be beneficial a number of submissions together.

Members **AGREED** to consider the following submissions together:

Submission No. 3 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Submission No. 4 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Submission No. 6 - Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG)

Submission No. 9 – Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) (part of submission no. 9 pertaining to ‘BE’ land use zoning i.e. Business, Enterprise Park / Light Industry and Warehousing, with consideration of remainder of submission later in the meeting);

Submission No. 10 – Ellen and Michael Harte (part of submission no. 10 pertaining to 'BE' land use zoning i.e. Business, Enterprise Park / Light Industry and Warehousing, with consideration of remainder of submission later in the meeting).

Martin Lydon summarised the matters raised in the submissions, including reference to certain stipulations made in the submissions from TII and the DHPCLG in the event that lands on the southern side of the railway were to be zoned as 'BE' lands.

Mr. Lydon advised that the recommendation of the Chief Executive in his report remained consistent with the originally prepared Draft LAP and its development strategy, in that the recommendation was that the lands are excluded from the LAP boundary and are not zoned.

Mr. Lydon advised Members, in the event that they chose to include the lands within the LAP boundary and assign a 'BE' land use zoning, that they should also have regard to various caveats in the submissions from TII and the DHPCLG.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **PROPOSED** to zone the lands on the southern side of the railway as 'BE', with an amendment to one area, to be zoned as Transitional Agriculture (TA) in accordance with the request from the landowners in Submission No. 10.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connolly

It was **PROPOSED** to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation.

This proposal was not seconded.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to include the following Specific Objective (SO2) in Chapter 6, page 34 of the Plan, in relation to the 'BE' lands to the south of the railway line:

<b><u>Specific Objective 2 (SO2):</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indicated on lands zoned for 'Business Enterprise Park/Light Industry &amp; Warehousing' to the south east of the town adjoining the N60.</li><li>• Provides for the provision of a high quality business/enterprise use or uses, to be developed as part of a unitary plan for the overall zoned land, together with an accessibility strategy which reflects its proximity to a major national secondary road and does not unduly undermine the function or operational capacity of the N60 associated infrastructure.</li><li>• The unitary plan shall pertain to the 'SO2' lands in their entirety. Responsibility for the preparation of a unitary plan shall rest with any party / parties intending to develop the lands. The unitary plan shall be subject to consultation with and the final agreement of the Planning Authority, prior to the submission of any planning application. Any development proposal on the lands in advance of the completion of a unitary plan shall be considered premature.</li><li>• Only appropriate developments make a positive contribution to the character, setting and image of the area will be considered.</li></ul>
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Submission No. 5 – Elaine McGorisk

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connolly

**SECONDED** by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

Submission No. 8 – Department of Education and Skills

Councillor Orla Leyden suggested deferring consideration of the submission until all other land use zonings had been decided, as the submission pertained to land area calculations.

All **AGREED** to defer consideration.

Martin Lydon suggested that Members consider the remaining elements of the following submissions together:

Submission No. 9 – Northern and Western Regional Assembly

Submission No. 10 – Ellen and Michael Harte

Martin Lydon explained the approach taken in the plan preparation in assigning land use zonings, including reference to the Core Strategy and the application of the sequential test in relation to residential land use zoning.

In relation to Material Amendment No. 5 (as identified on the 'Zoning Changes – For Information' map in the *Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Castlerea Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022*):

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

In relation to Material Alteration No. 6 (as identified on the 'Zoning Changes – For Information' map in the *Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Castlerea Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022*):

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connolly

It was **PROPOSED** to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **PROPOSED** that the lands which were the subject of Material Alteration No. 6 be zoned as 'Existing Residential' (ER).

Councillor Leyden asked for a show of hands, following which the proposal from Councillor Fitzmaurice was **SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen and **AGREED**.

In relation to Material Alteration No. 11 (as identified on the 'Zoning Changes – For Information' map in the *Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Castlerea Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022*):

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connolly

It was **AGREED** to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

In relation to Material Alteration No. 10 (as identified on the 'Zoning Changes – For Information' map in the *Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Castlerea Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022*):

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to

- (a) Amend all tables and figures to take account of the amendments to land use zonings; and
- (b) Amend the Plan text to reflect the amendments to residential land use zonings in the following sections of the Plan :
  - Section 5.2 : Housing Strategy and Residential Development, where reference is made to 'NR' and 'SRR' hectares on Page 29, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph;
  - Page 30 : reference in 'New Residential' description to refer to 'two Greenfield sites' and associated amendments to hectare size;
  - Chapter 7, Section 7.13.1, page 67, Table 4 to include the following amended text in relation to 'New Residential' lands :

**'New Residential'** lands are identified at two locations in the town, namely:

- To the north at Termon between the L6551 local road and the Termon Manor housing development (530m from town centre).
- To the west of the town centre at Arm between the L6554 local road and N60 to its north (800m from town centre).

And

This equates to X.XX Ha of land with a potential for XXX new residential units<sup>1</sup> (see Maps 13 and 13a).

- Chapter 7, Section 7.13.1, page 67, Table 4 to include the following amended text in relation to 'Strategic Residential Reserve' lands :

**'Strategic Residential Reserve'** lands are identified at three locations in the town, namely:

- Two parcels of land to the south-east of the town accessed towards the end of the L6570 local road (880m from town centre).
- To the west of the town accessed off the L6554 local road (1km from the town centre)

This equates to X.XX Ha of land with a potential for XXX new residential units<sup>2</sup> (see Maps 13 and 13a).

#### Submission No. 8 – Department of Education and Skills

Councillor Orla Leyden asked for clarity on whether or not the agreed proposal from Councillor Fitzmaurice in relation to amending all tables and figures to take account of the amendments to land use zonings also applied to Submission No. 8.

Members **AGREED** that was the case and therefore **AGREED** to the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented in relation to Submission No. 8, subject to the figures being modified to reflect the agreed land use zonings.

#### Miscellaneous

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to include an additional footnote in the Land Use Zoning Matrix in Chapter 6 to state the following:

Creche / childcare facilities may be open to consideration on industrially zoned lands, subject to proper planning practices, and where they are ancillary to the industrial use on site and are for use solely to cater for the childcare requirements of employees of the enterprise.

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<sup>1</sup> @ 20 units per Hectare.

<sup>2</sup> @ 20 units per Hectare.

#### **48.16 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 19.09.2016.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connolly

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Special Meeting held on 26.09.2016.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connolly

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Budget Meeting held on 19.10.2016.

#### **49.16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The members raised the following issues:

Cllr. Shanagher

- Queried when the safety issues at Lisnamult will be addressed

Cllr. Leyden

- Supported Cllr. Shanagher regarding the urgent need to address the safety issues at Lisnamult and stated how dangerous it was. Cllr. Leyden queried if a mini roundabout would be an option. Cllr. Leyden asked when we could expect a decision on the funding and if drawings could be prepared for the January meeting.
- Enquired if Roscommon Leisure Centre responded to our correspondence regarding the bus parking issue

Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator responded to the queries raised:

- An application for funding was submitted under the Low Cost Safety Scheme to enhance road markings and signage in the area. He stated that there would not be enough space for a mini roundabout.

Cllr. Dineen

- Enquired if clarification on staffing levels was sought from the Chief Executive

Mr. Derek Caldbeck responded and explained that we did not seek clarification from the Chief Executive as we have come up with another solution for the grass cutting in 2017 thereby making the €60,000 still available to the members.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to use the €60,000 for the Roscommon Municipal District Fund in 2017

Cllr. Shanagher and Cllr. Leyden

- Enquired if Corporate Services responded to the query on the disabled car parking spaces

John Mockler responded and stated that Corporate Services have no plans to change the location of the disabled car parking spaces in the new car park beside Main Street.

Cllr. Shanagher and Cllr. Leyden expressed their disappointment on this issue and

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that the Roscommon Municipal District write to Corporate Services to seek two disabled car parking spaces in the new car park close to the Main Street entrances in line with the objective of improving disabled car parking as set out in the Roscommon Local Area Plan.

Cllr Leyden:

- Enquired if Roscommon Leisure Centre responded to our correspondence regarding the bus parking issue

John Mockler stated that Roscommon Leisure Centre had not responded to our letter.

Cllr. Leyden expressed her disappointment in not receiving a response from Roscommon Leisure Centre and

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** that the Roscommon Municipal District write again to Roscommon Leisure Centre and request a response before the December meeting

#### **50.16 PROPOSED TAXI RANK AT ROSCOMMON TRAIN STATION:**

John Mockler presented the draft maps for a taxi rank at Roscommon Train Station. He explained that he had been in contact with Irish Rail as they have to dedicate a portion of land for the taxi rank. He sought approval from the members to proceed with the dedication of land by Irish Rail.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connolly

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the dedication of land by Irish Rail to provide a taxi rank at Roscommon Train Station.

All members expressed their enthusiasm for the proposed taxi rank and John Mockler explained that the public will have an opportunity to make submissions on the proposal.

#### **51.16. PRESENTATION BY LOUGH REE NORTH ANGLING HUB**

Lough Ree Angling Hub members outlined:

- Plans to bring fishing competitions to Ballyleague in 2017
- Thanks to Roscommon County Council for their financial contribution of €8,000 towards the 2016 fishing competitions
- Economic spin off from the event
- Details of the food festival
- Interest in developing fishing in all of County Roscommon
- Details of their access for all project which will involve the purchase of a craft specially designed for wheelchair access
- Details of funding requirements for 2017 competitions and request for funding of €7,000 both from Roscommon and Longford County Council

The members welcomed Lough Ree North Angling Hub and complimented them on the success of the project. All members and the management offered their support and emphasised the huge voluntary commitment involved in carrying out a successful project of this nature. They thanked the group for attracting the World Championships to Ballyleague and the fantastic return of €300,000 for County Roscommon from an investment of only €8,000 by Roscommon County Council in 2016.

#### **52.16. SECTION 73 ROADS ACT 1993 (AS AMENDED) – EXTINGUISHMENT OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT LISNACROGHY OR GALLOWSTOWN TOWNLAND, ROSCOMMON**

Eugene Dwyer informed the meeting about the right of way being extinguished. He explained that Mr. Kelly had objected and the extinguishment of the public right of way at Lisnacrogghy or Gallowstown Townland would not proceed until the new road is in place. The I.D.A. has given a commitment to provide the new road.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to extinguish the public right of way at Lisnacrogghy or Gallowstown Townland, Roscommon.

#### **53.16. SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

Mr. Eugene Dwyer updated the members on the current situation with the speed limit review. He explained that the Gardai and Roscommon County Council members will have 31 days to make submissions commencing from the date revised maps are circulated. Following on from this submission will be taken into account and revised maps will be prepared. Approval is required from the TII to agree to proceeding to the stage of public consultation. Maps will then go on public display for one month and following this the speed limit review will go before the Council Meeting for approval. Mr. Dwyer encouraged all the members to carefully examine the maps circulated to them and emphasised the importance of putting forward submissions by writing or by e-mail. He clarified that it would probably be April 2017 before the whole process will be finalised. He highlighted to the members that adopting speed limits is a reserved function and that members will have the final say.

The members raised the following issues:

- Concern regarding the intention of the TII to move in 50km speed limit in places such as Ballyleague and Castlerea especially when the community are looking for traffic calming.
- Request that the recently approved Castlerea Local Area Plan be taken into consideration especially in relation to the speed limits on the N60.

#### **54.16. FEEDBACK FROM TOWN TEAM MEETINGS**

- John Mocker stated that he had no confirmation on funding and date by which money has to be spent.
- Judges will be visiting Roscommon on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December as part of the Bank of Ireland enterprising towns competition for best town in the County.

#### **55.16. CORRESPONDENCE**

The contents of the letter from Carrickmacross Municipal District to An Taoiseach Enda Kenny was read. All members agreed with the contents of the letter.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to write to An Taoiseach Enda Kenny and endorse the contents of the letter regarding the non appointment of a Minister for Brexit.

**56.16. VOTES OF SYMPATHY were extended to:**

The Fallon family, Rahara on the death of Mrs. Fallon

**57.16. A.O.B.**

The members agreed to -

- Hold a Roscommon Municipal District meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 1.45 p.m. to deal with the declaration of a public road within Corraun Village Housing Development.
- Hold a meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. to decide on the allocation of the €85,000 Roscommon Municipal District Funding.
- Enquiry regarding the Clár funding and if Ballinlough Childcare was included in the submission

**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**