

MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE SUITE, ROSCOMMON ON 18th July, 2016 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Councillor Orla Leyden, Cathaoirleach	PRESIDED
MEMBERS:	Cllr. Michael Creaton, Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher, Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice	
OFFICIALS:	Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District	
APOLOGY:	Cllr. Nigel Dineen	
ABSENT:	Cllr. Domnick Connolly	

27.16. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on 17.05.2016.

28.16. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The members raised the following issues:

Councillor Shanagher

- Requested an update on the progress of the plans for the junction at Lisnamult

Councillor Leyden

- Enquired if a mini roundabout would work at the Lisnamult Junction and stated that traffic calming will also be required.

Councillor Leyden

- Looked for an update on the disability car parking in Roscommon Town.

Councillor Leyden

- Enquired about the repair of the footpaths in Roscommon Town.

Councillor Creaton

- Requested an update on the proposed purchase of lands at Castleplunkett.

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

- John Mockler gave an update on the junction at Lisnamult approaching the Gaels pitch. The purchase of land will be required to upgrade the junction.
- John Mockler committed to having an update on the disability car parking in Roscommon Town by the end of next week.
- John Mockler stated that work on the footpaths will commence towards the end of the year and will be funded out of our footpath allocation for 2016.
- John Mockler stated that talks were continuing with landowners on both the north and south side of Castleplunkett.

29.16. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the AGM of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 17.05.2016.

30.16. SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

John Mockler gave an overview to the Councillors on the schedule of Municipal District Works.

- Cllr. Creaton enquired about funding for the work on bridges. He made reference to the list of bridges picked for works in 2015 which included both Peak Bridge and Kiltymaine Bridge.
- John Mockler gave a commitment to check with the Roads Department regarding the bridges selected for works in 2015.
- Cllr. Leyden enquired if the Lisnamult junction could be included in the Low Cost Safety Scheme in 2017.
- John Mockler replied that he would research the Low Cost Safety Scheme and bring his findings to the next meeting.
- On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Creaton
SECONDED by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Roscommon Municipal District.

31.16. SPEED LIMIT PRE-DRAFT CONSULTATION REPORT

John Mockler gave an overview to the Councillors on the Speed Limit Review. He explained the process and informed the meeting that we are on schedule in so far as submissions are currently being reviewed.

- Cllr. Leyden stated that she would prefer if the speed limit review could be completed earlier.
- John Mockler explained that it had to go for public consultation in September and the time frame would have to be adhered to.
- Cllr. Leyden stated that it will be very important that the public are made fully aware of the public consultation process as it will be their opportunity to express any concerns.

32.16. UPDATE ON THE ROADS PROGRAMME

John Mockler updated the Councillors on the progress of the Roads Programme. He stated that Phase 2 of Castle Street may have to be carried over to 2017.

- Cllr. Leyden expressed her disappointment with the delay of Phase 2 of the Castle Street project. She informed the meeting that a pedestrian crossing at Castle Street is included in the Roscommon Town Plan.
- John Mockler stated that we would proceed with the Part 8 process as soon as possible. However he stated again that it is unlikely that works will commence this year.
- On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden
SECONDED by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the Part 8 process for the Castle Street project in two parts. It was agreed that the Part 8 for the pedestrian crossing be kept separate from the Part 8 process for Phase 2 of the Castle Street project in case Phase 2 is delayed.

- Cllr Leyden and Shanagher thanked the staff of the Roscommon Municipal District for the road works carried out in Ballyleague to facilitate the triathlon.

33.16. BUS PARKING AT ROSCOMMON LEISURE CENTRE

John Mockler explained that we explored various options to facilitate buses dropping off children at the Roscommon Leisure Centre. He stated that the immediate option was for the buses to drive in to the facility and reverse into the bus drop off area located adjacent to the pool. The children could then transfer safely to the swimming pool and the buses could go and park elsewhere. He referred to the drawing as presented to the Councillors and informed the meeting that this was the best low cost safety solution. The other options explored were very costly and the children had to transfer too far from the drop off point to the swimming pool which would put them at an increased risk. It is our opinion that Bus Drivers are also in favour of dropping the children as near to the front door of the pool as possible.

- Cllr. Fitzmaurice suggested putting the plan as outlined in place immediately and reviewing it in October.
- Cllr. Shanagher requested clarification that the area will just be a drop off point for the children and that the buses will then go and park. She requested that both the drop off area and parking area for buses are clearly identified and signage be erected accordingly. Cllr. Shanagher agreed with Cllr. Fitzmaurice that a review be carried out after the schools return.
- John Mockler stated that normally only one large bus would be dropping children off at the pool at a particular time.
- Cllr. Leyden would still like the field beside the pool at St. Coman's park be considered for coach parking and a bus stop for the local transport link. Cllr. Leyden requested costing for the other options.
- John Mockler explained the other option would require a part 8 and would require a roadway, fencing, access points and relocation of services.
- Cllr. Shanagher requested we explore other areas in Roscommon town for coach parking
- Cllr. Leyden enquired if one or 2 strips at St. Coman's park could be developed for coach parking as a pilot.
- John Mockler stated that the Town Teams are in the process of compiling a business case/feasibility study for bus parking within Roscommon Town. This study will endeavour to determine the number of bays they feel are necessary and the conditions for site selection. On completion of their study they are welcome to make a presentation at one of the Roscommon Municipal District meetings.

34.16. FEEDBACK FROM TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

There was no formal update from the Town Team Meetings.

35.16. CORRESPONDENCE – TRINITY ARTS CENTRE

Cllr. Fitzmaurice explained that Castlerea Community Arts Group took over Trinity Church, a derelict building and carried out extensive works. Since 2014 the cost to insure the building has increased from €1,400 in 2014 to €3,095 in 2015. The group will not be able to continue with such high costs. Castlerea Community Arts Group Company Ltd. now wishes to apply to have the building removed from the register of Listed Buildings/Protected Structures.

Cllr. Fitzmaurice is in support of their request and would hope to see it on the Agenda for the next Planning SPC meeting.

- Cllr. Leyden commended the group on the work they have carried out in Castlerea. She would like the Planning SPC to thoroughly investigate this request to have the building removed from the register of Listed Buildings/Protected Structures. She also requested that Roscommon County Council send a letter to the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to give him an opportunity to address the financial pressures being put on community groups due to buildings being listed. She supports the request going before the Planning SPC for investigation.
- Cllr. Shanagher, Cllr. Creaton and Cllr. Fitzmaurice all agreed with Cllr. Leyden's proposals.

36.16. A.O.B.

- Cllr. Shanagher mentioned the requirements for wheelchair parking on Abbey Street in particular around St. Coman's Club.
- Cllr. Shanagher enquired about the schedule for the grass cutting around Roscommon Town
- Cllr. Leyden suggested we get a price from a contractor to cut the grass in the park which would free up the outdoor staff to cut the grass in other areas of the town
- Cllr. Fitzmaurice stated that the Ballybane Upper road in Granlahan collapsed earlier today
- Cllr. Fitzmaurice stated that there are a lot of dead fish in two different locations in Castleplunkett and there is a danger that they will contaminate the water supply
- Cllr. Fitzmaurice requested an update on the erection of signs for the Japanese knotweed on the side of the roads.
- Cllr. Fitzmaurice informed the meeting that the Castlerea Festival will commence on Wednesday 27th July and invited all members of the Roscommon Municipal District to attend
- Cllr. Leyden requested an update on the flooding in Curraghroe

John Mockler responded to all the issues raised under A.O.B.

- John Mockler agreed that the schedule for grass cutting within Roscommon town was not ideal and that he was dealing with the issues. He stated his intention to first prioritise the approach roads into the town and Loughnaneane Park. The rain over the last few weeks combined with the high growth rate is not helping the situation. He informed the meeting that a recruitment drive for general operatives and semi skilled operatives has already started.
- John Mockler stated that Ivor Kilcline from our Roads Department called out to inspect the road that had collapsed in Granlahan. The road will be brought down to one lane with traffic lights installed. It will have to be embanked for approximately 90 metres and an extensive survey will be carried out to ascertain what is required.
- John Mockler informed the meeting that he had contacted the Environment Section of Roscommon County Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland regarding the dead fish in Castleplunkett. Both gave a commitment to call to the site.
- John Mockler stated that he would erect signs re. the Japanese knotweed within the next two weeks.
- John Mockler stated that repair works had been carried out in Curraghroe but he will give a full update on the current situation next week.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned