

MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE SUITE, ROSCOMMON ON 20th March, 2017 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

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

OFFICIALS: Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator
Mr. Eugene Dwyer, Head of Roads & Transportation
Ms. Antoinette Robinson, Administrative Office, Roads
Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District

APOLOGY: Cllr. Domnick Connolly

02.17 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Dineen

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 19th December, 2016.

03.17 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 "In Camera" Meeting held on 1st February, 2017.

04.17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The members raised the following items:

- The taking in charge of Corraun Village Housing Development was welcomed and it was mentioned that the planning permission for the second phase of houses there will expire in July 2017.
- The lack of wifi at the swimming pool in Roscommon was noted.
- The members requested an update on the disabled parking in front of the old Irish Permanent building.

John Mockler responded to the issues raised:

- The design is complete for one disabled car parking space in front of the old Irish Permanent building and the work will be carried out later in the summer.

05.17 ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2017

Mr. Eugene Dwyer and Mr. John Mockler presented the Draft Roads Programme for 2017.

The members raised the following issues:

- The bad state of the road at Main Street, Roscommon from Doorly's to Newsround was highlighted and discussed and

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was agreed by all members to switch the budget from the L1806 to the R366 at Main Street, Roscommon Town.

- It was further agreed to switch some of the budget from the LS 7052 Antogher Road to the LP 7040 Lanesborough Street under the Local Roads Surface Restoration and Road Reconstruction.
- Cllr. Leyden enquired if the design was done for L7042, the road from the new Council Headquarters up to the National School and the public car park.
- Cllr. Creaton enquired if there were any plans for the Drinagh Road.
- Cllr. Leyden and Cllr. Shanagher welcomed the budget of €20,000 for road safety works at Lisnamult which will make a big difference.
- Cllr. Dineen complimented Roscommon County Council on work carried out on the road south of Castleplunkett.
- Cllr Fitzmaurice stated that the following stretches of road were in need of repair and were not included in the Draft Roads Programme for 2017
 - Main Street, Castlerea at the Square outside of Tully's Hotel (R377)
 - Corner of Patrick's Street in Castlerea on N60
 - Church Road L6561, road is cracked
 - N60 for 1km out of Castlerea towards Roscommon
 - L1640 Carrowkeel, 50 – 100 metres of road at the sharp bend needs attention
- Cllr. Creaton mentioned that the R326 beyond Cultyboe had an awful dip in the road again despite work being carried out on that road last year. He also stated he was happy to see that works were planned for the R325 Lisacul road.
- Cllr. Leyden requested that the pedestrian crossing at Castle Street, Roscommon be completed this year and
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SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher
It was agreed by all members that the pedestrian crossing at Castle Street would be progressed.
- Cllr. Fitzmaurice stated that Ardragoole Bridge is in need of repair.
- Cllr. Fitzmaurice mentioned that the Brothers of Charity have requested a set down area outside their new premises on Main Street in Castlerea.
- Cllr. Leyden requested information on the Ballinagard Road works.

Mr. Eugene Dwyer and Mr. John Mockler responded to the issues raised:

- In relation to the L7042, we are working on a design to improve the road alignment in the vicinity of the public car park and it was agreed that we will consult with all parties when the design is completed.
- The Drinagh road will not be done as part of the Roads Programme in 2017.
- Eugene Dwyer explained that he was aware of the bad state of repair of the N60 outside Castlerea and he is endeavouring to get work done on it as soon as possible. Ideally we should be looking at acquiring land so that we can build up the verges. He gave his commitment to keep pushing for the TII to carry out work here.
- John Mockler agreed to try and include the section of road outside Tully's Hotel in Castlerea with the job on the R377 Knockroe Road which will be carried out later in the summer.
- John Mockler agreed to look into the condition of the road L1640 at Carrowkeel.
- Eugene Dwyer and John Mockler agreed to start the design and the Part 8 process for the pedestrian crossing at Castle Street, Roscommon but informed the meeting that this work cannot be done with grant money.
- Eugene Dwyer committed to looking at Ardragoole Bridge with Cllr. Fitzmaurice.
- John Mockler explained that the Ballinagard road will be open to two way traffic shortly with a temporary surface.

06.17 ADOPTION OF ROADS PROGRAMME 2017

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

It was agreed to adopt the Draft Road Works Scheme as amended for 2017

07.17 ROADS SCHEDULE

Eugene Dwyer explained that Roscommon County Council has a legal requirement to maintain a schedule and map of all public roads for which it has responsibility. The Roads Schedule is available for public inspection and the road numbers on the schedule will match the road numbers on the maps.

08.17 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

The speed limit review was discussed and the following amendments were agreed:

- Request for the 60km speed limit to be extended past the entrance to Acres Machinery on the Athlone road.
- Request for the 60km speed limit to be extended a bit further outside Ballinlough to the western side of the Srah junction on the Ballyhaunis road.
- Request that the 60km speed limit in Loughglynn be decreased back to the junction R325 where the bend is in the road.
- The proposed 80km speed limit from Ballyboughan Industrial Park to past Oran Graveyard was not accepted by the Members and the following was agreed instead -
 - (1) Extend the 50km speed limit out to the IDA Industrial Estate
 - (2) Bring the 60km speed limit out past the Ballyboughan Industrial Park
 - (3) Then the 100km will apply apart from a short stretch when an 80km speed limit will apply in the vicinity of Cloverhill National School to facilitate a periodic speed limit of 50km at Cloverhill National School. The length of the stretch with the 80km/hr speed limit will be decided by best practice.
- The members agreed that the Roscommon Municipal District will write to the TII regarding the removal of the right turning arrow from the road at Castle Manor housing estate on the Racecourse road.
- Cllr. Dineen requested that a yield sign be placed in Castleplunkett so that traffic coming from Ballintubber would yield to traffic coming from Tulsk as they turn right for Castlerea. Eugene Dwyer agreed to erect a camera to monitor movements at the junction and a decision will then be made regarding the requirement for a yield sign.

It was agreed that the speed limits maps will be changed to reflect the amendments as agreed by the Members and then the TII will be advised of the variations.

09.17 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS

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

It was agreed that the roads located within the housing development at Highfield Road, Knockroe Townland, Castlerea and the Rian Rosán housing development at Arm Townland, Castlerea be declared public roads.

10.17 BALLYLEAGUE/LANESBORO COLLABORATION GROUP

John Mockler explained that he met with Terry Rooney and Barbara Heslin of Longford County Council regarding the need for a combined plan for future development of both areas. It was agreed that a group would be set up consisting of three Councillors from Roscommon and three from Longford and both Local Authorities will procure a facilitator for the group with a view to developing a plan for the Ballyleague and Lanesboro areas which can then be used for applications for funding. The first meeting will be on 4th April, 2017 at 3pm.

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SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was agreed that Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Leyden and Cllr. Shanagher will represent Roscommon County Council on the Ballyleague/Lanesboro Collaboration Group.

11.17 FEEDBACK FROM TOWN TEAMS

The reports from the Castlerea and Roscommon Town Teams were circulated and the contents were noted.

12.17 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

were extended to the Community School in Castlerea on winning the All Ireland League and All Ireland Championship in Basketball and Denis Creaton from Lisacul who won the over 35's All Ireland Handball Singles.

13.17 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

were extended to Bernadette Burke on the passing of her husband Ultan Burke from Pollalaher, Brideswell.

14.17 GET WELL WISHES

were extended to Cllr. Dominick Connolly and he was wished a speedy recovery from everyone in the Roscommon Municipal District

15.17 A.O.B.

Bridge at Mote Park

John Mockler committed to getting a Conservation Engineer from Galway to report on the safety of the bridge to accommodate traffic and the road will remain closed for the moment.

County Roscommon Arts Plan and Heritage Plan 2017 – 2021

Ms. Nollaig Feeney informed the Members of the Consultation process for the proposed new County Roscommon Arts and Heritage Plans. She circulated pre-draft consultation newsletters and submission forms for both plans. Submissions were welcomed and the closing date for submissions for both plans is 31st May, 2017.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned