

MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, BALLINTUBBER ON 18th September, 2017 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Nigel Dineen, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr. Michael Creaton, Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher,
Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice, Cllr. Orla Leyden, Cllr. Domnick Connolly

OFFICIALS: Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator
Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District

41 .17 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 31st July, 2017.

42.17 MATTERS ARISING:

The members raised the following items:

- Update requested regarding the marking of spaces for charging electric cars

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

It was **AGREED** to provide a fast charging facility for electric cars at the Roscommon Civic Offices.

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

It was **AGREED** to provide a fast charging facility for electric cars at the rear of Roscommon County Council offices in Castlerea town.

It was further agreed by the members that signs need to be erected up high in addition to road markings so that the charging points will be highly visible to the public. Members also expressed their wishes that as a County we will take part in an awareness campaign.

- Update requested on the speed limit review in relation to Carrick National School
John Mockler explained that we are still waiting on feedback from the TII regarding the speed limits.

- A discussion took place in relation to the provision of plant for hedge cutting equipment in the Roscommon Municipal District.
- John Mockler confirmed as previously discussed that the opening and closing of graves at St. Coman's Cemetery in Roscommon will be discontinued shortly.

John Mockler gave a commitment to look into the matter in the following days to see what the issues were.

43.17 APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN ROADS PROGRAMME:

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

It was **AGREED** to alter the Roads Programme for the Roscommon Municipal District for 2017 as follows:

In the Roscommon Operational Area- Drop works to the Essex Grove and Kiltreevan road in order to meet the costs of the remaining schemes.

In the Castlerea Operational Area - Reduce works on the Aghadrestan road by 400m to 900m.

It was further agreed by the members that the roads affected would be given priority on the list of roads for inclusion in the Roads Programme for 2018.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to write to the Department to inform them that we are unable to complete works to all the roads as scheduled for 2017 due to an increase in Contractor costs.

44.17 CAR PARK AT ROSCOMMON CHURCH:

John Mockler summarised the recent history in relation to the car park at the Church in Roscommon town. He explained that the issue is complicated due to the number of entrance points to the car park. A revised layout if implemented will involve closing off some of those entrances which will result in the loss of between 15 and 20 car parking spaces.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting with Una Feeley, Principal of St. Coman's Wood National School, so that the matter could be moved forward.

45.17 FEEDBACK FROM TOWN TEAM MEETINGS:

Update from the Roscommon Town Team included details of

- A Fun Outdoor Cinema Event is being organised for Monday 30th October behind the Civic Offices in Roscommon
- The Purple Flag Project is near commencement
- The C.C.T.V. locations have been decided and a group from the Town Team will be visiting business owners to brief them on the project and discuss wayleaves. The tender should be back within six weeks
- The Heritage Walking Trail of the town is now up and running

Update from the Roscommon Town Team included details of

- The Castlerea Town app was launched on 4th August and it was a great success
- The design for the Square is now agreed under the Town & Village Renewal Funding Scheme

46.17 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

were extended to

- the Fox family, Castlerea on the passing of Freda Fox R.I.P.
- the Durney family, Cornafulla on the passing of Mickie Durney R.I.P.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

were extended to

- The Kilbride Ladies on winning the Senior Ladies Football Championship Final

47.17 A.O.B.:

The following items were discussed under A.O.B.

- John Mockler updated the members on the Outdoor Recreation Fund. He informed them that the groups are aware of the rules and the requirement to have a portion of the money spent by the end of October.
- Cllr. Leyden reiterated the need to proceed with the pedestrian crossing at Castle Street. John Mockler agreed to enquire with the Roads Department on her behalf.

- The idea of making Chapel Lane a pedestrian zone was discussed as it would make a fantastic cultural space for the town. However it will require a design to be prepared and may also require a Part 8.
- A pedestrian crossing was requested for Circular Road and the members requested Road Design to prepare a design for it. TII permission will also be required.
- Roscommon Town secured joint third place in the IBAL results and the members acknowledged the work of Roscommon County Council in securing this outcome. One area they highlighted for improvement is the bottle banks at the Tesco car park.
- The members requested traffic lights at the Hell's Kitchen junction in Castlerea town.
- A pedestrian crossing was also requested near Supervalu in Castlerea town.
- Road markings stating SLOW and SCHOOL AHEAD were requested for every school and playschool and members requested that we look for funding to carry out this project. John Mockler stated that a policy was required on the provision of signs at Schools/playschools before any works could be carried out.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned