

**MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, ROSCOMMON ON 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 10.00 A.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. Derek Caldbeck, A/ Head of Finance, Housing, ICT & Roscommon  
Municipal District  
Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator  
Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District  
Mr. Pat Murtagh, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Enterprise  
Mr. Adrian Kielty, Executive Engineer

**51 .17 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

**SECONDED** by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

**52 .17 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connolly

**SECONDED** by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Budget Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

**53.17 PART VIII - ROSCOMMON ARTS CENTRE, BALLYPHEASAN TOWNLAND, ROSCOMMON**

Pat Murtagh outlined to the members the background to the project along with details of the Part VIII process as per the Chief Executive's report (included with the Agenda). The project will include the extension and renovation of Roscommon Arts Centre and other ancillary works. He explained that the project is being funded by a capital grant from the Arts Council. There was one submission regarding the Part VIII process and it related to the detail of the internal design which is outside the scope of the Part VIII process. It is hoped to have the project completed by March 2019.

Councillor Leyden expressed her enthusiasm for the project which will greatly enhance the whole area at Circular road and the additional studio and gallery space will be a welcome addition.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** by all the members that the proposed development should proceed as outlined in the Chief Executives report without any variation or modification.

**54 .17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The members raised the following items:

- Update requested on road works around Roscommon town
- Appreciation expressed for the 1hr car parking spaces and the green e-charging spaces with hopes that the parking spaces will be left for shoppers as envisaged
- Cllr. Leyden stated that she had sent a letter to Deputy Denis Naughten requesting that fast e-charging points be provided at all Civic offices within County Roscommon

- Update requested on speed limit at Carrick National School
- Update requested on making Chapel Lane a pedestrian zone
- Update requested on car park at Roscommon Church
- A discussion took place regarding the flow of traffic around Roscommon Town and ideas were put forward for consideration at a later stage

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to invite Roscommon Chamber of Commerce to attend a future Roscommon Municipal District meeting

John Mockler responded to the issues raised:

- In relation to the road works around Roscommon town, John explained that Irish Water needed to carry out work on Main Street and therefore that work will coincide with the road works. Therefore Kiltewan and Essex Grove will now be completed first.
- John informed the members that we are still waiting on a response from the TII regarding the speed limits.
- John explained that he presented the ideas for Chapel Lane to the Senior Engineer in Roads and they have no major objection to making it a pedestrian zone. However it will require a Part 8 and funding. The members then discussed solutions for the area.
- In relation to the car park at Roscommon Church John informed the members that a meeting took place with Una Feeley and they are considering all the options.

#### **55.17 DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD WITHIN CLUAIN FRAOIGH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connolly

It was **AGREED** that the road located within Cluain Fraoigh Housing Development at Clooneybeirne Townland, Roscommon be declared a public road.

#### **56.17 NOTICE OF MOTION**

##### **Notice of Motion from Councillor's Leyden, Shanagher & Connolly – 1/17**

“That Roscommon Municipal District will advance proposals for Antogher Road by

1. Drawing up a design for the scheme through Roscommon County Councils Road office
2. Allocating funding in 2018 to commence on a phased basis over three years the completion of works (commencing 2018)”.

##### **John Mockler read out the following reply from the Senior Engineer in Roads-**

The Roads and Transportation section of Roscommon County Council will draw up a scheme for Antogher Road, Roscommon in 2018. Funding can be allocated from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) grants to carry out pavement works but footpaths and other works cannot be funded from this source. Monies would need to be allocated from Roscommon County Council's Capital Works Scheme.

The junction at the western end of Antogher Road onto the N63 Galway Road, Roscommon is completely sub-standard but it is used by traffic avoiding the Circular Road, Roscommon. The option of closing the junction needs to be examined. It is the intention of the Roads and Transportation section to survey traffic at this junction and the junction at the eastern end of Antogher Road to aid in the decision-making process.

At the Part 8 Planning stage the views of the residents and others using the road can be addressed during the public consultation phase of the planning process.

All members welcomed the response to the Notice of Motion and indicated that it is a residential area that badly needs to be upgraded and made safer. They agreed that the works

will need to be done on a phased basis and that every any progress will be welcome. The public consultation process will also ensure that the people will have an opportunity to express their views on the matter.

#### **57.17 REVIEW OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNDING SCHEME**

A discussion took place regarding the completion of the works on the road leading up to Roscommon Community Park as footpaths and lights in particular are urgently required. John Mockler agreed with Cllr. Leyden that the agenda item as stated was misleading as Roscommon Community Park as a single group was not looking for funds but instead it is a project on a public road that will enhance that whole area of the town. There was no agreement reached to review the scheme to include projects that related to public roads

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Councillor Connolly

It was agreed to spend €1,000 of the Roscommon MD Fund towards obtaining 30 A4 laminated weatherproof signs indicating that Roscommon MD provided financial support for the project. The signs will then be sent out with the Letter of Offer of grant assistance.

All the members agreed to allow Cloonfad Scenic Walks additional time to drawdown the grant of €3,000 made available from the 2016 Roscommon Municipal District Grant Scheme. They also agreed that the funds granted to Enterprise Kiltullagh under the 2016 Municipal District Grant Scheme be put back into the fund as the group did not submit any application to Leader.

It was agreed to defer the review of the Roscommon Municipal District Funding scheme until the January meeting.

#### **58.17 GRAVE DIGGING AT ST. COMAN'S CEMETERY**

John Mockler outlined the cost of digging graves in St. Coman's cemetery Roscommon and set out the procedure in other counties. He explained that we were not reclaiming the full cost of opening and closing graves and that other work was not being done in the Roscommon Operational Area while grave digging was taking place. It is not an effective use of our resources and Health and Safety concerns have to be considered also. Therefore from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 the opening and closing of graves at St. Coman's cemetery will mirror what is happening in other graveyards within County Roscommon.

All members thanked John for all the information and they all agreed that Roscommon County Council cease this service for the reasons outlined above.

#### **59.17 FEEDBACK FROM THE TOWN TEAMS**

Councillor Fitzmaurice gave an account from the Castlerea Town Team. The Christmas Lights are being erected and the promotion of the town and the new website is going well. He took the opportunity to acknowledge the huge work that was carried out by volunteers during the year.

Councillor Leyden gave an account from the Roscommon Town Team. The event at Halloween was very successful. She would like to see more integration between the town teams and would like for all the town teams to meet up. It would be great if they could come together as one group to work on a project and make an overall application for funding such as the Creative Ireland Funding.

John gave a commitment to check this out with Pat Murtagh in our Community & Enterprise department and hopefully will have an update before our next meeting in January 2018.

It was agreed to purchase some hi-vis vests for helpers at Town Team events.

**60.17 A.O.B.**

Cllr. Shanagher highlighted the problem of illegal dumping in Roscommon town and requested that the Environment department be informed of all instances of dumping. It was agreed by all the members that it is a good idea to review the provision of some of the town bins that are being used for illegal dumping.

John agreed to price solar bin compactors before the next meeting.

**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**