

MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE SUITE, ROSCOMMON ON 15th May, 2017 AT 11.00 A.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. Derek Caldbeck, A/Head of Finance, Housing, ICT & Procurement
Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District

APOLOGY: Cllr. Domnick Connolly

17 .17 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 20th March, 2017.

18.17 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 "In Camera" Meeting held on 26th April, 2017.

19.17 PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY WATER OFFICERS:

Mick Kane introduced himself as the Community Water Officer covering Mayo/North Roscommon and Catherine Seale introduced herself as the Community Water Officer covering Galway/South Roscommon. They are two of the 12 overall national Community Water Officers appointed.

They outlined that their role is to engage with the public, community groups and agencies regarding water. They are in the process of holding public consultation sessions on an MD basis in connection with the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018 – 2021). The Roscommon public engagement sessions are planned for June in Lough Key, Boyle, The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon Town and the Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone.

The members thanked Mick and Catherine for the presentation and are looking forward to working with them. They hope it will lead to better education surrounding water and that they will be able to help groups access funding for future water projects.

20.17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The members raised the following items:

- Update requested on essential works at Derrydonnell Bridge, Mote Park
- Update requested on the Part 8 process for Castle Street
- Update requested on the proposed car park at the Convent National School, Roscommon
- Appreciation expressed for disabled car parking space on Main Street, Roscommon Town and road marking of the loading bay on Main Street
- 3 pilot green parking spaces proposed for Roscommon Town welcomed
- Update requested on the speed limit review in relation to Carrick National School

John Mockler responded to the issues raised:

- The report is back from the Engineer on Derrydonnell bridge and temporary works are recommended to make the bridge secure. We are in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the works and we hope to get it finished in advance of the August event. If we intend to carry out permanent works to the bridge we would have to engage the services of a Conservation Architect and apply for a Heritage Grant.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** by all the members that a Heritage Grant application would be submitted to allow for carrying out permanent works on Derrydonnell Bridge in the future.

- John agreed to get an update on the design for the car park at the Convent National School, Roscommon and respond to the members before the end of the week
- John agreed to get an update from Eugene Dwyer on the part 8 process for the pedestrian crossing at Castle Street and pass this information to the members
- John agreed to ask the Roads Department to change the periodic speed limit at Carrick National School from 60km/hr to 50km/hr in line with the members request for Cloverhill National School.
- John agreed to ask the Roads department to include the reduction of the speed limit to 60km/hr out past the Greenfields Estate on the Lanesboro Road.

21.17 SCHEDULE OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS FOR 2017

John Mockler gave an overview of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2017.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Dineen

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was agreed by all the members to adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Roscommon Municipal District for 2017.

22.17 FEEDBACK FROM TOWN TEAMS

Councillors Dineen and Fitzmaurice updated the meeting on the work being carried out by the Castlerea Town Team. They are currently painting derelict buildings in the town and hope to get all work under the 2016 Town and Village Renewal Scheme completed on time so as to allow an application to be submitted for 2017. Alan O'Connell, Planner is currently preparing a scheme for the Square in Castlerea. Cllr. Fitzmaurice confirmed that he cannot support any plan for the Square if it results in a loss of car parking spaces.

Councillors Shanagher and Leyden updated the meeting on the work being carried out by the Roscommon Town Team. They thanked the other members for funding granted for two projects by the Roscommon Town Team. They requested an update on the CCTV project. They are disappointed with the Department's insistence on having the 2016 Town & Village Renewal Projects completed before an application for 2017 can be submitted. The deadline is too tight and is putting severe pressure on groups.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Dineen

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was agreed by all the members to request an extension of the deadline for completion of works on the 2016 Town & Village Renewal to 31/12/2017.

John Mockler gave an update on the CCTV project

- Preliminary report presently being prepared by Consultants
- The next stage is to prepare a detailed design

- Prices will then be sought
- Approval from the Garda Commissioner will be required as they will be the Data Protection Officers over the CCTV Project Scheme

23.17 CIVIC RECEPTION REQUEST

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was agreed by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour at the next civic reception, The Solstice Choir, who won the People's Choice Award at the Epic Awards 2017.

24.17 CORRESPONDENCE

John Mockler read the contents of a letter from the TII dated 30th March, 2017 which was in response to a letter we sent on 24th March, 2017.

25.17 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

were extended to

- the Comiskey family, Roscommon town on the passing of Mary Comiskey
- O'Toole family, Ballintubber on the passing of Fintan O'Toole
- Dunne family, Lisacul on the passing of Mary Dunne

26.17 A.O.B.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, 2017

John Mockler gave a brief outline of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, 2017 and explained that we are allowed submit 3 applications per Municipal District area. The closing date is the end of May and the money needs to be spent by the end of this year. John asked for submissions from the members by Friday 19th May.

Points for charging electric cars

Cllr. Shanagher requested that the 3 areas for charging electric cars in Roscommon Town be marked out as people are using them as parking spaces.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was agreed by all the members that the 3 charging points in Roscommon Town and the 2 points in Castlerea be marked out in a light green colour.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned