

MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE HUB, CASTLEREA ON 31st July, 2017 AT 11.00 A.M.

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

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

OFFICIALS: Mr. John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator
Ms. Breeda Burke, Staff Officer, Roscommon Municipal District
Mr. Martin Lydon, A/Director of Services, Planning
Ms. Mary Grier, Senior Planner
Ms. Tracy Davis, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Pio Byrnes, Assistant Planner

APOLOGY: Cllr. Domnick Connolly

30 .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 15th May, 2017.

31.17 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 AGM Meeting held on 15th May, 2017.

32.17 PRESENTATION BY PORTRUN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Ciaran Heneghan introduced himself and his colleagues Susan Kelly Townsend, John Devaney and Eoghan Brennan. Ciaran Heneghan then gave a presentation outlining

- The purpose of the group and their vision for Portrun
- The amenities, community spirit and heritage on offer in Portrun
- The launch of their new website, www.portrun.ie
- Details of the future projects and initiatives planned for Portrun

The members welcomed the Portrun Development Association and complimented them on their great presentation. They mentioned in particular the great teamwork and community involvement which is so evident in Portrun. The members praised the new website and the commitment of the group. All the members offered their full support to the group going forward.

33.17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The members raised the following items:

- Update requested on the one hour parking spaces planned for Roscommon Town
- Update requested on the speed limit review in relation to Carrick National School

John Mockler responded to the issues raised:

- John explained that the work on the parking spaces will be done in conjunction with the other works planned for Main Street and this work is currently gone out to tender

- John informed the members that we have conveyed our position on the speed limit at Carrick National School to our Roads Department.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** by all the members that the following meeting dates for 2018 be changed

- The meeting of the Roscommon Municipal District originally planned for Monday 19th March, 2018 is now changed to Tuesday 20th March, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. in the Old School House, Ballintubber
- The AGM meeting of the Roscommon Municipal District originally planned for 21st May, 2018 is now changed to Tuesday 26th June, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Áras an Chontae, Roscommon

34.17 CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT VARIATION NO. 1 OF CASTLEREA LOCAL AREA PLAN 2016 – 2022

Martin Lydon, A/Director of Services outlined the background that required the variation to give expression to changes required as part of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

Section 10(2)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, by the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, requires that the development plan and, by extension, LAPs should include a development objective for:

“the development and renewal of areas, identified having regard to the core strategy, that are in need of regeneration, in order to prevent-

- (i) Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land,
- (ii) Urban blight and decay,
- (iii) Anti-social behaviour, or
- (iv) A shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses”

Martin Lydon suggested to group a number of submissions together as follows as the Chief Executive recommended no change to the Draft Variation No. 1

Submission No. 1 - Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government

Submission No. 2 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Submission No. 3 - Environmental Health Service, Health Service Executive, Roscommon

Submission No. 5 - Irish Water

Submission No. 6 - Forward Planning Section, Department of Education and Skills, Tullamore

Submission No. 7 - Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA), Ballaghaderreen

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was agreed by all the members to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

Submission No. 4 – Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Inspectorate, Cork

Some grammatical errors in Policy 102 was highlighted and the Chief Executive recommended that Policy 102 be amended accordingly to read -

“To provide for the renewal of areas in need of regeneration in order to prevent...”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was agreed by all the members to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

35.17 CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON DRAFT VARIATION NO. 1 OF ROSCOMMON TOWN LOCAL AREA PLAN 2014 – 2020

Martin Lydon suggested again to group a number of submissions together as no change was recommended to the Draft Variation No. 1

Submission No. 1 - Health & Safety Authority, Head Office

Submission No. 2 - Officer for the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation

Submission No. 3 - Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government

Submission No. 6 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Submission No. 7 - Environmental Health Service, Health Service Executive, Roscommon

Submission No. 8 - Irish Water

Submission No. 9 - Forward Planning Section, Department of Education and Skills, Tullamore

Submission No. 10 -Northern and Western Regional Assembly, Ballaghaderreen

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was agreed by all the members to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

Submission No. 4 - Roscommon County Childcare Committee, Castlerea

The Chief Executive in his report noted their submission that related to zoning which is not relevant to the current variation to the Roscommon Town Local Area Plan and therefore no change was recommended to the variation.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was agreed by all the members to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

Submission No. 5 – Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Inspectorate, Cork

The Chief Executive in his report noted their submission and proposed that the SEA Environmental Report be updated as follows:

- Figure 4.2 – Corine Land Cover Data will be updated with the CORINE 2012 dataset.
- Information will be added on the other reasonable alternatives considered as part of the Roscommon LAP 2014 – 2020 SEA/Plan preparation process. This information will be taken from the 2014 SEA Environmental Report and will include a description of the alternatives and details of their environmental effects.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was agreed by all the members to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation as presented.

36.17 COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT SCHEME – LCDC RECOMMENDATIONS

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was agreed by all the members to approve the recommendations made by the LCDC under the Community Facilities Grant Scheme.

37.17 FEEDBACK FROM TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

Councillors Leyden and Shanagher gave an update from the Roscommon Town Team

- An application for funding has been submitted to screen an outdoor Halloween thriller on the grounds of Edenville House.
- The app for the Heritage walking tour project is progressing
- The Roscommon Town Team are supporting plans for the revitalisation of Chapel Lane
- Great progress has been made with the CCTV project for Roscommon Town and documents are ready to present to the Chief Superintendent for approval and then it will go to tender. The Gardai will be the data officers.

Councillors Fitzmaurice, Dineen and Creaton gave an update from the Castlerea Town Team

- A group from Kells visited to acquire information about setting up a Town Team
- The painting of derelict buildings is still taking place in Castlerea
- The town team met with Murray & Associates and the design is nearly complete for Castlerea Town Square

38.17 APPROVAL OF 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, Megan Healy Cribben, Lee Donoghue and Kevin Glynn from the Shannon Academy of Dance who are World Open Irish Dance Champions 2017.

39.17 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

were extended to

-the Brennan family, Cloonfad on the passing of Mary Brennan R.I.P.

40.17 A.O.B.

Ballintubber Heritage Festival

The members expressed congratulations to the people of Ballintubber on the amazing events they hosted during the month of July to entertain the American visitors working with the Castle & Communities Project. They also thanked Piers O'Conor Nash and his family for opening up Ballintubber Castle to the whole community. The members praised Roscommon County Council for funding the production of a dvd by Mimar Media.

Unveiling of Monument – Loughglynn

The members expressed great compliments to Cllr. Creaton and all the committee and the whole community of Loughglynn on the excellent event they hosted on Friday 28th July to unveil the monument in honour of Garda Henry Byrne R.I.P. and Detective John Morley R.I.P. who were shot dead while on duty in July 1980.

Roscommon Abbey

Councillor Shanagher informed the meeting that damage was caused to Roscommon Abbey. The OPW are aware of it and are currently looking at security options to protect the Abbey from further harm.

Ballinlough Playschool

John Mockler informed the meeting that the safety speed signs in Ballinlough will be erected before the school term commences in September

Hedgecutting

John Mockler informed the meeting that hedge cutting on a considerable amount of the national roads and regional roads were completed and that the next priority is junctions on local roads to improve safety.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned