



MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON Municipal District MEETING HELD IN THE CASTLE Suite, Áras an Chontae, ON MONDAY, 14th October, 2019 AT 10.00 am

PRESENT: Councillor Orla Leyden **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr M. McDermott, Cllr A. Waldron, Cllr N. Dineen, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice and Cllr K. Shanagher.

OFFICIALS: Breeda Burke, Staff Officer
John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-Ordinator
Conor Fallon, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Martin Lydon, Director of Services
Sean Mullarkey, Officer

APOLOGIES:

53.19 SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENTS UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - BALLYCLARE TOWNLAND, BALLYLEAGUE

Proposed Residential Development at Meadowbrook, Ballyclare Townland, Ballyleague, Co Roscommon. The Proposed Development will comprise of a) 18 No. residential units as follows: (i) 10 No. 2 storey 3-Bed Semi-Detached Houses with storage sheds to rear, (ii) 8 No. single storey 2-Bed semi-detached residential units with storage sheds to rear (iii), (b) all associated site works including construction of footpath, roads, car parking area, street lighting, ducting for utilities, formation of new connections to existing foul and surface water drainage, and existing utilities at Ballyclare Townland, Ballyleague, Co. Roscommon.

Conor Fallon outlined to the member's details of the project including the Part V111 procedure as outlined in the Chief Executive's report (included with the Agenda). The project will hopefully go to tender before the end of this year with a view to commencing construction in early 2020 subject to Department approval. It is expected that the contract is likely to run for 15 to 18 months.

The members welcomed the development.

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

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

54.19 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

Martin Lydon informed the members as follows:

The Local Government Act 2001 Section 102, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides the legislative basis for the revised budget process. It states that "In the case of a county or city council, the Chief Executive shall consult the Municipal District Members for each Municipal District in the Local Authority's functional area in the preparation of a Draft Local Authority Budget and, for that purpose,

a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and submitted for consideration by the Municipal District Members for each Municipal District in the manner and in the format that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.”

The purpose of a Draft Budgetary Plan is to provide each Municipal District an opportunity to allocate its proportion of the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) according to its priorities. The draft budget shows an overall increase of 29% in the GMA compared to 2019. This would not have been possible without the increase for 2020 in the Local Property Tax of 15%.

Martin clarified that this draft budget has to be either accepted or rejected today.

Schedule of Municipal District Works and Service Delivery Plans

Section 103(A) (1) provides that, following the adoption of the Local Authority Budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repairs to be carried out during 2020 in each Municipal District shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive, having regard to the availability of resources.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works shall be considered by the Municipal District Members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment. In making an amendment, the Municipal District Members shall have due regard to the Local Authority Budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).

The Draft Budgetary Plan refers to discretionary funding only.

In producing the Draft Budgetary Plan, the following was considered:

1. The needs and resources available or likely to be made available to the Local Authority
2. The resource needs of each Municipal District, including where appropriate condition survey, population, location of facilities, etc.

The Corporate Policy Group considered the basis for apportionment of Roads expenditure and decided on 23rd September, 2019 to change the criteria for apportionment in 2020. It will be based on a model of 33.3% population, 33.3% km of road and 33.3% road condition.

The Roscommon GMA for 2020 is €961,307. The following will be included in the budget for 2020 -

- €85,000 Municipal District Fund for each MD is reinstated for 2020. A new governance model and scheme for allocating the funds will be produced.
- €150,000 has been included overall for street cleaning with Roscommon MD receiving €51,373
- An overall figure of €120,000 has been allocated to roads at the request of the members
- €22,000 additional funding has been allocated across the 3 areas to assist in the Tidy Towns Programme and combat illegal dumping
- €25,000 funding has been assigned to maintain services in Roscommon Town Park

There is one adjustment to be made to the draft budget –

€83,700 under Local Spaces should be €85,700 to include €2,000 funding for Lough Errit. This adjustment will increase the overall GMA for the Roscommon Municipal District to €963,307.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Roscommon Municipal District Budget as presented subject to the amendment

of €2,000 as discussed.

The members commented on the draft budget as follows –

- The draft budget was welcomed by all the members.
- The return of the Roscommon Municipal District Fund for 2020 was welcomed as it should help groups avail of additional funding for substantial projects.
- The requirement to source additional money to fund services was highlighted at the CPG and that is why the members approved an increase of 15% in the Local Property Tax for 2020.
- The importance of maintaining essential services was discussed along with the requirement to grow our towns and villages.
- The additional funding for Tidy Town's was welcomed and the enormous work carried out by the volunteers was commended.

55.19 APPROVAL OF CIVIC RECEPTION - CHELSEA PHILIPS

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Waldron

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** to hold a Civic Reception to honour Chelsea Philips who won a Gold Medal at the World Special Olympics Swimming Championship in Dubai.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned