

MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES,, ON TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2019 2.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Joe Murphy **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr L. Callaghan, Cllr T. Crosby, Cllr J. Cummins and Cllr M. Mulligan.

OFFICIALS: Shane Tiernan, Director of Services
Michael Conlon, Boyle Municipal District Co-ordinator
Martin Lydon, Director of Services

Apologies: .

34.18 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Boyle Municipal District Budget Meeting for 2020.

Martin Lydon, Head of Finance presented the Chief Executive Report regarding the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) and Draft Budgetary Plans for Boyle Municipal District for 2020. He outlined that the total proposed General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for 2020 for the Boyle MD area was €941,072.

This LPT increase at the last Council Plenary meeting on the 23rd September allowed for an increase of €597,000 (29%) in funding from 2019 across all MD areas. This is largely funded by the increase in the LPT of 15%.

Mr. Lydon detailed that the decision taken to vary the LPT basic rate upwards by 15% allowed for the following additional items to be included in the GMA for 2020:

- Community & Enterprise MD Fund (Boyle area €85,000) for distribution by members has been reinstated to 2018 levels. A new governance model and scheme for allocating funds will be produced.
- New funding to be included for street cleaning. Due to recent changes in Road Grant rules costs such as street cleaning previously charged to grants now have to be supported from increased LPT funding.
- Additional funding has been allocated to Local Roads at the request of the members.
- Funding has been granted to assist Tidy Town programmes and combat illegal dumping. These services are no longer funded from grant allocations.

Discussion took place amongst the members with regard to the need for Central Government funding to be reinstated for rural counties such as Roscommon and the dissatisfaction of members with the onus being put on smaller Local Authorities to come up with funding locally.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Michael Mulligan

SECONDED by Cllr. Valerie Byrne.

It was **AGREED** to send a letter to the Oireachtas members seeking additional funding from Central Government to properly meet service and resource demands of Roscommon County Council.

Mr. Lydon also outlined that the Corporate Policy Group considered the apportionment basis for roads expenditure and opted for the option which is based on 33.3% Population, 33.3% Km Road, 33.3% Condition. The members discussed the need for local roads funding across the Boyle MD area and the need for additional funding for a number of local road's projects. Shane Tiernan, Director of Services detailed that Local Authorities have limited capacity in relation to discretionary type expenditure with the majority of costs being non-discretionary in nature and being reflected in the Plenary Council Budget as opposed to the municipal districts' draft budget plans. He outlined that when the Plenary Council budget has been formally adopted a schedule of municipal district works will be prepared and submitted to each municipal district for consideration with regard to the allocation of funding for the roads network. Cllr Tom Crosby stressed the concern of residents and the community with regards to speeding and traffic movement through Tarmonbarry. He sought traffic calming measures including a pedestrian crossing. Shane Tiernan Director of Services stated that as this is a national primary route the TII would have to consider and approve such measures and this would involve various stages but if approved and funded Roscommon County Council would lead on the implementation of such measures.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Tom Crosby
SECONDED by Cllr Joe Murphy

It was **PROPOSED** that Roscommon County Council liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to examine traffic volumes and speeds in Tarmonbarry and to provide traffic calming measures including a pedestrian crossing for the increased volume of pedestrians in the village and increased traffic volumes.

Overall the members welcomed the additional funding being proposed in the draft budget and in particular the reinstatement of the MD Community & Enterprise funding.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Murphy
SECONDED by Cllr Cummins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan for Boyle Municipal District t for 2020 as presented.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Friday, 22nd November, 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:



Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Joe Murphy

Cathaoirleach

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Countersigned