

DRAFT MINUTES OF ATHLONE Municipal District HELD IN THE ATHLONE MD Area Office, Monksland, Athlone, ON TUESDAY, 21st January, 2020 AT 11.00 am

PRESENT: Councillor Tony Ward **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr L. Fallon, Cllr D. Kilduff, Cllr I. Connaughton and Cllr J. Naughten.

OFFICIALS: Liam Bergin, Director of Services
Diarmuid MacDonnacha, Athlone Municipal District Co-ordinator
Ann McHugh, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Regeneration Team
Brian Farragher, A/Senior Executive Planner, Regeneration Team
Shelia Glennon, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr J. Keogh

1.20 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** OF Cllr. Connaughton

SECONDED by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Athlone Municipal District Meeting held on 12th November, 2019.

2.20 MATTERS ARISING

Update on the Part 8 for New Tuam Rd to Cloonakilla NS

Cllr. John Naughten raised this issue at the last meeting, regarding timeframe for part 8 for upgrading of services from New Tuam Road to Cloonakilla NS. Are the Council in a position yet to move forward as this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed, clarification on time frame needs a response from the Minister.

On the Proposal of: Cllr. Naughten

Seconded by: Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to move forward on Part 8 and be in a position to go ahead when funding is approved.

In reply Liam Bergin, Director of Service stated that funding must be secured first before going ahead with Part 8.

Update on Litter Warden/Barcoding Letter to Minister

Cllr. Connaughton enquired about the progress on increasing the number of Litter wardens in the area.

Liam Bergin, Director of Services, replied that this issue was designated to the Environment Section, to do a feasibility study for going forward in connection to issues and duties of Litter Wardens. When it is concluded it will bring its proposal to the Councils Strategic Policy Committee.

Also Cllr. Laurence Fallon enquired, had a reply been received yet from the proposed letter that was agreed at last meeting to be sent to the Minister in relation to Bar-coding packaging on food outlets in Roscommon.

The letter to the Minister in regard to the Bar-coding has been sent, no reply received yet.

3.20 NOTICE OF MOTION

There were two Notice of Motion for discussion.

3.20a CLLR. WARD (1.20) - ROAD AT CORBOLEY, KNOCKCROGHERY

"I am calling on Roscommon County Council to take in charge of 80 metres of road at Corboley, Knockcroghery. This road is situated off L7614-0. There is one dwelling house situated along this road and one farmer who uses this road to access his land".

REPLY:

As the road is unpaved and undrained, Roscommon County Council recommend that the householder applies for the next round of LIS grants to fund these works, when same are completed Roscommon County Council can consider taking the road in charge.

On the Proposal of: Cllr. T Ward

Seconded By: Cllr. L Fallon

It was unanimously AGREED by all members that the above road be taken in charge by Roscommon County Council.

Diarmuid MacDonncha SEE, relayed that there is no funding secured for the repair or taking in charge of this road, but that Roscommon County Council would look at Drainage issue and if there was a simple solution to rectify the problem using current allocation for Budgets for 2020. They would carry out works.

3.20b CLLR. NAUGHTEN (2.20) - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN AT COLAISTE CHAIRAIN

"That Roscommon County Council present the Traffic Management Plan for the roads serving Colaiste Chairain from Pedestrian, Cyclist and Road Vehicle point of view".

As part of the Planning Process (PD 18/321) the school have submitted a School Travel Plan. In addition, Condition 19 of the Grant of Planning requires the school to appoint a Travel Manager to implement said plan.

Roscommon County Council are currently preparing a survey and design to enable safety improvements at the entrance to the school as per Condition 22 of the Grant of Planning

On the Proposal of: Cllr. J Naughten

Seconded By: Cllr. T Ward.

It was unanimously **AGREED** by all members to support the motion.

4.20 QUESTIONS

1.20 There were four questions for noting.

4.20a CLLR. WARD (1.20) - DRAINAGE WORKS AT LOUGH FUNSHINAGH

“Re Lough Funshinagh- can the director of Services please inform the meeting if Roscommon County Council has made application to the OPW for funding to carry out necessary drainage works in Lough Funshinagh has been approved? If yes, then when will the funding be made available? Lough Funshinagh was one of the areas in Co. Roscommon that was very badly flooded in 2015/16. The flood is higher in 2019/20 than it was in 2015/16”

REPLY:

Following flooding in 2015/16 Roscommon County Council applied to the OPW for funding to carry out at Lough Funshinagh. The OPW provided funding for a pre-feasibility report.

M. Walsh & Partners prepared the Report which was presented to the October 2019 Council meeting.

Following a review of said Report the OPW have requested further information including Site Investigation in order to provide a more detailed cost estimate. They have also requested an overview of the potential scheme by an Environmental Consultant.

The answer to the question being asked is therefore No, the OPW have not approved funding for any drainage works scheme at this location.

In relation to water levels the current level is 1.42m lower than the April 2016 level and is similar to levels experienced in 2017 and 2018 but higher than 2019.

4.20b CLLR. WARD (2.20) - WORKS AT CLOONAKILLA NATIONAL SCHOOL

“Can the Director of Services please inform the meeting if the funding is in place to carry out the necessary works at Cloonakilla NS? The road needs to be resurfaced and the footpaths and a Pedestrian Crossing and Roundabout needs to be installed at this location. Will these works be completed in the first half of 2020?”

REPLY:

Roscommon County Council await the decision regarding their application to the Department of Transport. It is unlikely that the works will be completed in the first half of 2020.

4.20c CLLR. NAUGHTEN (3.20) - LANDSCAPE PLAN AT DANESHILL, MONKSLAND, ATHLONE

“Can Roscommon County Council present a Landscape Plan for the Daneshill Depo Site, Monksland, Athlone.”

REPLY:

The MD Co-Ordinator is advised by a competent Landscape Contractor that the elevation facing the N6 Exit 13 link road cannot be efficiently screened until the remainder of the land adjacent is filled to road level. When that is complete a landscape plan can be prepared to complement its intended use as a Green Area.

4.20d CLLR. NAUGHTEN (4.20) - CPO AT NEW TUAM ROAD & TAUGHMACONNELL ROAD JUNCTION

“Can Roscommon County Council detail when the CPO process will commence to purchase land for the provision of a roundabout at the New Tuam Road and Taughmaconnell Road Junction.”

REPLY:

The C.P.O. process has commenced as set out in section 84 of the 1966 Housing Act and Amendments.

5.20 PART 8 - DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY PARK IN MONKSLAND

Brian Farragher and Ann McHugh from Community & Enterprise section discussed Part 8 for the Development of Community Park in Monksland. There was one submission with regards to the location of park and surrounding lands by Donal Kenny.

On the Proposal of: Cllr. T Ward

Seconded By: Cllr. J Naughten

It was unanimously **AGREED** by all members to approve the Part 8 for the Community Park. As this was a positive development for the Area which lacks facilities. This will help put heart back into the area.

Cllr. Tony Ward expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to all involved with this development.

6.20 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

7.20 CIVIC RECEPTION REQUEST

There was no request for nomination for Civic Reception

8.20 A.O.B

There was a number of items discussed under Any Other Business.

8.20a GRAVEYARD WALLS - NEEDING REPAIR / LITTERING ISSUE

Cllr. Tony Ward raised issue of 10 trees in Kiltoom Cemetery need to be removed further to his discussion with Graveyard Committee. Wall is falling down in some sections and needs to be replaced. Also funding for same needs to be applied for. Also Taughboy Cemetery trees have damaged and knocked the Wall.

Cllr. John Naughten also added that Drum Cemetery on outer boundary wall is starting to crumble and needs to be addressed.

Diarmuid MacDonncha SEE, stated that the allocation for Graveyard maintenance each year is not enough to fund the works mentioned above.

Cllr. Laurence Fallon mentioned that an individual had gone down through Athleague Cemetery and dumped rubbish over the wall.

He proposed looking at putting up cameras for the future to prevent littering.

On the Proposal of: Cllr L Fallon

Seconded By: Cllr T Ward.

It was unanimously **AGREED** by all members to support the proposal.

8.20b BUS STOP AT PARKWAY SITE, MONKSLAND, ATHLONE, COUNTY ROSCOMMON

Cllr. Laurence Fallon raised the issue of no lighting at the Bus Stop at Parkway site, Monksland and would it be possible to get a light installed there.

Cllr. John Naughten welcomed the CPO process of land at Cloonakilla NS, Bealnamulla.

On the Proposal of: Cllr J Naughten

Seconded By: Cllr. T Ward

It was unanimously **AGREED** by all members to support the proposal.
To Commence Part 8.

9.20 MAINTENANCE OF ROUNDABOUTS IN MONKSLAND, ATHLONE, COUNTY ROSCOMMON

Cllr. John Naughten also raised the issue about the upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Roundabouts in Monksland.

On the Proposal of: Cllr J Naughten

Seconded By: Cllr. T Ward

It was proposed to write to TII in connection with the 2 roundabouts at Exit 12 and 13 to ensure that maintenance is carried out 5/6 times during Summer to keep the appearance up to the high standard they are at at present.

It was unanimously **AGREED** by all members to support the proposal.

10.20 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / SYMPATHY

There were no votes of Congratulations or Sympathy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:



Meetings Administrator

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Countersigned