

**DRAFT MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, BOYLE  
ON FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT 2.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Liam Callaghan      **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** Cllr T. Crosby, Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr J. Cummins, Cllr M. Mulligan and Cllr J. Murphy.

**OFFICIALS:** Shane Tieman, Director of Services  
Michael Conlon, Boyle Municipal District Co-ordinator  
Majella Hunt, Director of Services  
Nollaig Whyte, Acting SEO  
Adrian Kielty, Executive Engineer  
Brian Farragher, A/Senior Executive Planner – Regeneration Team  
Olive Feely, Asst. Staff Officer

**Apologies:** .

**87.20 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Murphy

SECONDED by Cllr J. Cummins

It was AGREED to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr T. Crosby

SECONDED by Cllr V. Byrne

It was AGREED to adopt the Minutes of Boyle Municipal District “In Camera” Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr J. Cummins

SECONDED by Cllr. V. Byrne

It was AGREED to adopt the Minutes of Boyle Municipal District Budget Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

**88.20 MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr T. Crosby queried whether there was any update in relation to traffic measures at The Maples and Lisaree Residential Housing Estate. Mr. Michael Conlon, Municipal District Co-Ordinator stated that double white lines had been installed and signage is on order. Consultation is ongoing with the TII regarding the installation of warning lights.

**89.20 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED), PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (2001) (AS AMENDED). SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT PART 8 - PROVISION OF A TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME IN BOYLE**

Cathaoirleach Liam Callaghan welcomed Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services, Adrian Kielty, Executive Engineer, Brian Farragher, A/Senior Executive Planner, and Nollaig Whyte, Administrative Officer to the Boyle Municipal District Meeting. This group made a presentation on the Part 8 Boyle Enhancement Scheme.

The specified development as proposed is for the development of a public realm enhancement project,

including the provision of a new layout to the Crescent in the town centre and new car parking layout in the existing car park in Shop Street in Boyle, Co. Roscommon. The scheme also includes the provision of redesigned paving, lighting, soft and hardscaping in the Bridge Street and Shop Street area of the town centre.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), consultation responses were received from the TII and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. An internal response was received from the Planning Department. The Chief Executives report has noted these.

A total of seven submissions in respect of the proposed development were received. Each submission in its entirety has been fully considered in preparation of this Chief Executives Report. Having regard to the issues raised in the submissions in respect of proposals relating to the Crescent area, regarding traffic movement and car parking provision, it is the opinion of the Chief Executive that further consideration of the proposed layout for this area is required. It is considered that any proposed amendments to this area would not be of a minor nature which could be facilitated under the current Part 8 process, in line with Part XI (Development by Local and State Authorities etc.), Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

It is therefore recommended that the proposed Crescent phase of works be postponed and subject to a separate Part 8 proposal in the future. It is further recommended that the remaining works as set out in the development description be proceeded with under this current Part 8 Development proposal.

It is recommended that the development hereby presented, inclusive of amendments as set out in Appendix E and in line with the recommendations (reflected in plan detail in Appendix F (Revised Plan detail of Extent of works proposed under this Part 8 of this report be proceeded with.

CLlr Liam Callaghan thanked Mr. Brian Farragher, Acting Executive Planner, for his presentation stating the Members must now decide.

CLlr J Cummins noted the difficulty presented by the short time frame between the Members decision today and the date for the lodgment of the application (1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020) for funding. He stated that the people of Boyle want to see the town improved but that greater consultation is needed in respect of the Crescent. He stated it is prudent to postpone the decision for the Part 8 in respect of the Crescent and proposed that the remainder of the Part 8 should go ahead.

CLlr T. Crosby agreed that the time frame was short between the Members decision and the final date for lodging the application for funding. He stated that rate payers need to be acknowledged and that we must also respect the need for a location for casual trading.

CLlr Byrne stated that it is great to be able to proceed with a section of the Part 8 Project and to be able to revisit the remaining section, dealing with the Crescent, at a later date.

CLlr M. Mulligan noted that the most obvious issue in relation to the Crescent was the reduction of parking spaces. CLlr Mulligan queried what the Chief Executive meant by the postponement of the section of the Part 8 dealing with the Crescent.

CLlr J. Murphy stated he supported the plan with amendments adding this is an opportunity which cannot be lost.

Cllr L. Callaghan complimented the staff of the Community and Enterprise Section for their hard work. He stated that the hill on the Crescent is a big factor in the scheme and that ample parking will be need to be provided.

Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services stated that submissions relating to the Crescent could not be deemed minor and a new Part 8 would be required to deal with the changes. Ms. Hunt, Director of Services, stated that rather than miss an opportunity with this Part 8, the application will go forward inclusive of amendments as set out in Appendix E and in line with recommendations (reflected in plan detail in Appendix F). Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services, stated that a new Part 8 in respect of the Crescent will be drafted sometime next year. Cllr. V. Byrne queried the possibility of looking at off street parking in the future.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr J. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr T. Crosby

It was **AGREED** that the Elected Members of Boyle Municipal District in accordance with Part XI of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended and Part 8 (Article 81) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), having considered the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendation, proceed with the Boyle Town Centre Public Realm Enhancement Scheme.

Cllr Liam Callaghan queried the current position regarding the Royal Hotel. Ms Majella Hunt, Director of Services, stated that the Council are awaiting full clearance from the Department and there is no definite time given for this decision. Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services stated work due to take place in the Pleasure Grounds is going through the tender process.

**90.20 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED), PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (2001) (AS AMENDED). SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT PART 8 - PROVISION OF A TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER COURTHOUSE IN ELPHIN**

Mr. Brian Farragher, A/Senior Executive Planner introduced the Part 8. The project was published on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 and an E.I.A. was carried out. The Chief Executive's report was prepared. A response was received from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. An internal response was received from the Planning Department. An observation was received from the Chief Fire Officer. All of these have been considered in the Chief Executive's Report. No submissions were received.

The proposed scheme for Chapel Street and Main Street aims to develop new shared spaces, which will become safe outdoor social destinations within the town centre. A key motivation for this project is the creation of a strong sense of place, focusing on the key congregation points within the heart of the town. The proposed redevelopment of the former courthouse will see a complete refurbishment of this town centre focal landmark, providing a repurposed building with a multifunctional range of cultural and community services.

All of the Elected Members welcomed the Part 8 proposal. Cllr V. Byrne stated that small towns need this type of investment and it will help make smaller towns more attractive to live in and conduct business. Cllr. V Byrne thanked Roscommon County Council for all the hard work involved. Cllr J. Cummins stated that

every town needs a focal point. Cllr T. Crosby stated that the fact that there are no submissions shows the communities endorsement of the project. Cllr Crosby queried when money would be spent on enhancing Tarmonbarry village.

Cllr M. Mulligan, Cllr J. Murphy and Cllr Liam Callaghan welcomed the project for Elphin stating it would give a great boost to the area.

Cllr L. Callaghan queried when the application would be lodged and when would work commence. Ms. Majella Hunt stated that the applications for Strokestown, Boyle and Elphin would be submitted on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. It is a competitive process and there is no guarantee of success. No result is expected until next year.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Valerie Byrne

**SECONDED** Cllr J. Cummins.

It was **AGREED** that the Elected Members of Boyle Municipal District in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 (Article 81) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), having considered the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendation, proceed with the Provision of a Town Centre Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and Redevelopment of the Former Courthouse in Elphin

#### **91.20 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY**

All of the Elected Members wished to be associated with wishing Gerry Connellan, retiring Mart Manager in Elphin, well for the future. Cllr Byrne stated that as a Manager he could bring the farmer and the buyer together.

Cllr V. Byrne wished Cyril McDermott a speedy recovery.

#### **92.20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr J. Cummins noted that this is the last meeting of a difficult year for everyone. Cllr J Cummins wished to compliment indoor and outdoor staff on the work being done in the areas. Cllr V Byrne wished to be associated with these sentiments.

#### **92.20a N4 COOTEHALL JUNCTION**

Cllr L. Callaghan and Cllr Valerie Byrne queried whether there has been any indication from the TII in relation to work on this stretch of road. Mr. Shane Tiernan, Director of Services stated that significant progress had been made with landowners. Roscommon County Council has to reach agreement on a departure standard. A dedicated Senior Executive Engineer has been assigned to the project.

#### **92.20b N61 TULSK**

Cllr V Byrne queried whether improvement work could be carried out on this stretch road. Mr. Michael Conlon, Boyle Municipal District Co-Ordinator stated that the TII are working on barrier design and the pavement will be contingent on the type of barrier installed. It is proposed to carry out minor works on the bridge outside Tusk village

#### **92.20c PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CARRICK ON SHANNON**

Cllr V Byrne queried the current situation in relation to the pedestrian crossing going into Carrick-on-Shannon. Mr. Michael Conlon, Municipal District Co-Ordinator stated that the work is complete other than to erect the hardware.

**92.20d ROOSKEY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

CLlr Crosby queried the current status of the pedestrian crossing. Mr. Michael Conlon, Boyle Municipal District Co-Ordinator stated work is progressing as quickly as possible.

**92.20e R368 – NEAR THATCH PUB**

CLlr V. Byrne queried whether the road could be widened. CLlr Byrne asked if it would be possible to purchase land to facilitate this. Mr. Michael Conlon, Boyle Municipal District Co-Ordinator stated that funding is for road reconstruction and pavement works. Mr. Shane Tiernan, Director of Services, stated that it may be possible to make an application under the Low Cost Safety and Improvement Scheme in 2021.

**92.20f TRANSITION YEAR PROJECT – SCOIL MHUIRE STROKESTOWN**

CLlr J Murphy urged support for a project undertaken by 3 Transition Year students from Scoil Mhuire, Strokestown to raise money for Childhood Cancer Foundation Ireland

The meeting ended with Cathaoirleach Liam Callaghan wishing everyone well and urging people to support local business.

***NEXT MEETING***

**The next meeting will be on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are  
Confirmed and Signed:



Meetings Administrator

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Countersigned