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To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Roscommon County Council

Date: Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Re: Notice of Monthly Meeting

Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that the Monthly Meeting of Roscommon County Council will be **held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon on Monday, 24th May, 2021 at 2.15 pm** to discuss the agenda set out below.

The meeting will be held in accordance with Covid-19 Health and Safety Regulations and will be strictly limited to 2 hours duration.

The Register of Chief Executive Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Bohan

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Meetings Administrator

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of Minutes
 - Minutes of Plenary Meeting 26.04.2021
 - Minutes of Special Meeting 11.05.2021
2. Matters Arising

3. Management Report
 - Monthly Report April 2021
4. Lease of Lands - Assets
 - Unit 2, Monksland Civic Centre, Monksland, Athlone, Co Roscommon
5. Presentation by Eirgrid - Shaping our Electricity Future
6. UNESCO World Heritage Bid for the Royal Sites of Ireland (including Rathcroghan)
7. Chief Executive Business
8. Notices of Motion Submitted

8.1 8.21 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ward

Clarification of PPN Handbook and the Elected Members:

On foot of correspondence received by Elected Members from the PPN regarding the new PPN Handbook launched last November and with particular reference to Municipal District PPN- Managing the Member database/PPN Points of Contact, I am calling on Roscommon County Council to seek clarification from the Department of Rural and Community Development whether Members must remove themselves as points of Contact from Community Groups or is this is a guideline only. I further seek clarification on what basis Elected Representatives can be instructed not to participate at Community Level with their groups and the PPN as points of contact.

8.2 9.21 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Naughten

Derelict Sites Act:

"That Roscommon County Council take immediate action under the Derelict Sites Act against owners of large commercial sites throughout County Roscommon that are left unsecured. These sites are havens for anti-social behaviour and are a serious health and safety concern."

8.3 10.21 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Crosby

Post Office Network:

"That Roscommon County Council write to the Minister of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners to supply the Post Office Network with hardcopy Forms 12, Forms 12S for 2020 and future years and Forms Med 1& Med 2 for medical expenses. Many of our senior citizens are unable to make their applications online and due to data protection get little help to do so. We also request that our post office network be used for all essential services such as basic banking facilities which will be critical to small towns and communities due to the Banking Monopoly closing down so many of their branches in our smaller towns."

8.4 11.21 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Waldron

Decentralisation of Property Registration:

"I am calling on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to initiate a process whereby the decentralisation of the Property Registration Authority to Roscommon Town be completed. The Minister should make a statement on the issue as a matter of urgency."

8.5 12.21 Notice of Motion from Cllrs. Leyden, Byrne, McDermott and Shanagher

Archaeology Discovery on N61:

"That Roscommon County Council recognises the major archaeological discovery on the N61 as

part of the Coolteigue Road's Project with the erection of a sculpture of sufficient scale and magnificence (possibly symbolising a Viking woman discovered as part of the DNA analysis during the Ranelagh Osteoarchaeology Project) and the mounting of information boards outlining this significant archaeological site used for over 1400 years which also included the extraordinary discovery that the settlement developed into a cemetery with 664 human burials. The sculpture and viewing area information point on a height off the road would commemorate these Roscommon people long gone (but not forgotten through this important action of Roscommon County Council). It would also act as an important heritage tourism marker"

8.6 13.21 Notice of Motion from Cllr. Murphy

Proposed Presentation from IDA:

"I propose the motion that Roscommon county council write to the IDA requesting they attend our next Plenary meeting to discuss their plans for Roscommon in the context of their present strategy"

9. Correspondence

10. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy

11. Any Other Business

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To the Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Roscommon County Council

Date: 20th May 2021

Royal Sites of Ireland World Heritage Tentative List Application.

The Royal Sites of Ireland are a group of six unique collectives of largely prehistoric monuments and sites associated as early medieval sites that were the principal ancient sites of royal inauguration in Ireland. Four of the sites represent the ancient Kingdoms of Ireland and were located in the current provinces of North (Emain Macha), South (Rock of Cashel), East (Dún Ailline) and West (Rathcroghan). Tara was the seat of the High Kings of Ireland which was situated in the ancient 'fifth' province of Meath (Midhe) while the Hill of Uisneach the 'omphalos' or centre was where the 5 kingdoms met located in Westmeath..

The respective Local Authorities of Kildare, Meath, Westmeath, Roscommon and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon, with Tipperary as lead authority have been working together during the lifetime of the last World Heritage Tentative List to develop the case for 'outstanding universal value' the key attribute for world heritage sites.

The current World Heritage Tentative List is scheduled for renewal. Royal Sites must reapply to remain on the Tentative List in order to progress further.

Engagement with communities in the six counties has been challenging during the Covid 19 restrictions. Consultation has been organised by establishing a website www.royalsites.ie to update communities and to input into the process. The website includes a survey which communities may complete during May.

The application for the World Heritage Tentative List requires the support of the Cathaoirleach & Elected Members of Roscommon County Council.


Majella Hunt
Director of Services

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