



MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON Municipal District HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE Suite - Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, ON THURSDAY, 19th January, 2023 AT 2.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Marty McDermott **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr K. Shanagher, Cllr A. Waldron, Cllr N. Dineen, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice and Cllr O. Leyden.

OFFICIALS: Majella Hunt, Director of Services
Breeda Burke, Staff Officer
Neal Geraghty, Roscommon Municipal District Co-Ordinator

APOLOGIES:

1.23 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (SECTION 177 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AS AMENDED)

There were no declarations of interest from the Members.

2.23 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher
SECONDED by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting of 24th November, 2022.

3.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- An update was requested on the design for Main Street in Castlerea town along with a request to have it prioritised for 2023
- An enquiry as to when the bins will be replaced in Roscommon town
- A request to have the low cost safety scheme for the Walk prioritised for 2023

Neal Geraghty, A/Municipal District Co-ordinator responded to the issues raised-

- The design for the Castlerea project is currently being prepared by the Road Design Office and an update will be given on this at the next meeting
- The bins will be installed in Roscommon and Castlerea next week
- A low cost safety application for the Walk has been submitted to the department for approval.

A discussion followed concerning the design for Castlerea town and the members requested traffic survey data for the Hell's Kitchen and Delaney's corner junctions in addition to asking for auto tracking to be carried out. Modelling is critical to having a good design that will work well in the long term and the members felt that a mini roundabout would be the best option at the Hell's Kitchen junction. Additional parking will need to be considered at the rear of buildings if car parking spaces are lost on Main Street.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Dineen and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Waldron that a mini roundabout be considered as the first option at the Hell's Kitchen junction.

4.23 NOTICE OF MOTION - 1.23 CLLR. WALDRON

"That Roscommon Municipal District introduce radar sensor speed limit signs on all approach roads leading

into Castlerea”.

It has been brought to my attention the rise in number of RTAs locally. I am becoming increasingly concerned about the speed of traffic, especially articulated lorries and HGVs, on the approach roads (both directions) into Castlerea. Urgent measures are required to calm traffic and prevent the event of serious accident, in particular on the Knock Road.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply as prepared by the Roads Department: -

The regulation of speed limits within the County lies with An Garda Síochána and we shall notify the local station of the Councillors concerns. The provision of Vehicle Actuated Speed Signs within County Roscommon is on a case by case basis and not following general concerns around driver behaviour. The provision of these signs across the road network leading into Castlerea Town will not lead to the desired effect on driver behaviour. If Councillor Waldron has specific high collision sites that he wishes to have investigated, then the Roscommon Municipal District will be glad to investigate them further.

Cllr. Waldron spoke about the seriousness of the situation on the approach roads to Castlerea and would like radar speed limit signs introduced especially at Knockroe and the Knock road. He indicated that the radar signs do slow traffic down and it would be a good safety measure to initiate.

Neal Geraghty, A/Municipal District Co-ordinator responded that the TII based their response on the available data relating to matters such as high collision sites. He indicated that he will ask the Guards to increase their presence at those particular locations.

5.23 NAMING OF PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT ARDNANAGH, LISNAMULT, ROSCOMMON

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** that the proposed housing development at Ardnanagh, Lisnamult, Roscommon will be named “Elm Court”.

6.23 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROAD WITHIN THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT UNNAMED, COMMONS TOWNLAND, BALLINLOUGH

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** that the road within the housing development at Unnamed, Commons Townland, Ballinlough be declared a public road.

7.23 APPROVAL OF CIVIC RECEPTION REQUEST

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council honour at the next civic reception, Rory Carthy from St. Coman’s Handball Club on winning a gold medal in the US Junior National Handball Championships held in San Francisco”.

8.23 FEEDBACK FROM THE TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

Cllr. Shanagher gave an update from the Roscommon Town Team:

- The town team were involved in helping to organise the Christmas Market which was a great success with very positive feedback received from the stall traders

Cllr. Dineen gave an update from the Castlerea Town Team:

- The town team supported the businesses with the Christmas lights
- The Castlerea weekly roundup is very popular and going from strength to strength
- The town team ran a kids disco before Christmas which worked well and brought parents into Castlerea town
- The energy master plan for Castlerea was completed and the town team engaged with other town teams on this matter

Majella Hunt, Director of Services reminded members to compile their programme of works for 2023 which will have to be submitted in February. She also hopes to be in a better position staff wise in 2023 and intends to put more support in place for town teams going forward. Majella also advised the members to decide on their policy every year as regards what percentage of their funding will go as contributions to other groups.

9.23 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

There were no votes of congratulations or sympathies.

10.23 A.O.B.

The following items was raised under AOB –

- A request was made to firm up dates for launching the Roscommon Municipal District Fund for 2023
- The condition of the public car parks in Roscommon town was discussed and the need for upgrade works to include relining and additional lighting if required
- The lights at the pedestrian crossing between the council buildings and the new car park is not working
- The IBAL results for Roscommon town was good and well done to everyone involved
- An update was requested on the proposed footpaths and lighting on the stretch from Hannon's Hotel to the Golf Course
- The members requested a map with all the road numbers in a digital platform
- A request was made to identify sites throughout the Roscommon MD area for charging points so that this type of infrastructure can be put in place
- The prospect of providing Council forms and information at our public libraries should be progressed and

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** that a post box for Roscommon County Council will be set up in the local libraries where people could leave their messages and report items that need to be followed up on

Neal Geraghty, A/Municipal District Co-ordinator responded to the issues raised –

- The design for the stretch at from Hannon's Hotel is prepared and gone to the NTA for approval. We are expecting approval soon and then it will progress to a Part 8 application

11.23 DATE OF NEXT ROSCOMMON MD MEETING

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Roscommon MD will take place on 9th February, 2023 at 2 pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:



Meetings Administrator



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Countersigned