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To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Boyle Municipal District

Date: Monday, 17 July 2023

Re: Notice of Boyle Municipal District Meeting

Dear Cathaoirleach & Members,

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **Boyle Municipal District** will be held in the **Boyle Municipal District Office** on **Friday, 21st July, 2023 at 2.30 pm** to discuss the agenda set out below.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Ivor Kilcline

Ivor Kilcline
Boyle Municipal District CoOrdinator

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AGENDA

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended)
2. Adoption of the Minutes
 - Minutes of Boyle MD meeting on 19th May, 2023
 - Minutes of Boyle MD Annual General Meeting on 19th June, 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. N4 (Carrick bypass) update
5. Boyle MD Fund: Revised Project Proposal Strokestown Tidy Towns
6. Notices Of Motion
 - 2.23: Cllr. Joe Murphy: I propose the motion that Rocommon Co. Council engage with the community and parish council in Kilglass to provide parking spaces at the church in Kilglass
7. Questions
 - 5.23 Due to speeding concerns in Keadue, can Roscommon County Council look at measures to make the village safer, maybe something as simple as pedestrian crossing.
 - 6.23 Following the removal of timber from Kilgarve/ Mullaghmacormac Rooskey area when will the road be done also the drainage needs to be checked along this road as houses were flooded there in the last two years and with the removal of the trees there would be greater

volumes of water.

8. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

9. Civic Reception Proposals

Proposed by Cllr. Liam Callaghan

I am calling on Roscommon Co. Council to honour Roscommon County Ladies Minor Camogie winners of the All Ireland Final 2023 at the next Civic Reception.

Proposed by Cllr. Valerie Byrne

I wish to propose the following group for recognition at the next Civic Reception "I am calling on Roscommon County Council to honour the Elphin Junk Couture who have won a place in the final in London.

10. Correspondence

Response to Councillor Liam Callaghan's query raised at meeting on 19th May 2023 under Matters Arising from David Meade, NRDO <dmeade@roscommonnrdo.ie>

11. A O B



**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Boyle Municipal District Office, Boyle
ON Friday, 19th May, 2023 AT 2.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor John Cummins **PRESIDED**

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

OFFICIALS: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co Ordinator
Colm Kelly, Acting Executive Engineer
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr J. Murphy.

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

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

27.23 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- **Boyle MD Meeting – 24th May, 2023**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Tom Crosby

SECONDED by Councillor Liam Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District meeting of 24th May, 2023

- **Boyle MD In-Camera Meeting – Boyle MD Fund 4th May, 2023**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne

SECONDED by Councillor Michael Mulligan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Boyle MD Fund on 4th May, 2023.

28.23 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor John Cummins asked for an update on the N5 Tender

Mr. Greg O'Donnell informed meeting that one tender was received. Tender is being reviewed by the NRO at the moment and further detail regarding tender review, etc. will be available at the next Municipal District meeting.

Councillor Liam Callaghan raised the issue regarding the standard of fencing along the proposed route, stating that fencing is in poor condition and local farmers are concerned with regard to safety of livestock and access to lands. Could an interim measure be put in place so alleviate farmers' concerns?

Councillor Valerie Byrne stated that while one tender was disappointing, it's a positive step towards progressing the N5 by-pass and hopefully contract in place before end of year.

Councillor Michael Mulligan asked for update on the CPO stating that one individual's case is still outstanding with no discussions or decisions entered into.

Councillor Tom Crosby welcomed tender stating that issue with N5 has been on-going for some time. He asked that a marketing plan be put in place for those towns that will be by-passed, including proper signage to advertise tourism sites in these towns, etc.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell responded stating that the fencing along this route comes under TII and not Roscommon Co. Council. Installing a temporary fence in the interim while CPO process ongoing would not be feasible and may not be to standards set by TII. The Project Liaison Officer will raise these issues to be resolved by NRO.

In response to CPO query, Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that the road alignment is set and cannot be changed. CPO is generous with regard to compensation. He asked that Councillor give him the name of the individual to pass to NRO for follow up.

29.23 PART 8 PLANNING APPLICATION - HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT STATION ROAD, CORTOBER, CO ROSCOMMON

Mr. Patrick Flynn, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Housing, read out the CE report for Councillors' information.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Tom Crosby

It was **AGREED** to approve the Part 8 Planning Application – Housing Development at Station Road, Cortober, Co. Roscommon.

Councillors welcomed proposal especially 1 & 2 bed apartments with no public concerns raised.

Cllr. Tom Crosby queried target of 250 over 5 years and asked if villages like Tarmonbarry and Rooskey could be considered.

Cllr. Michael Mulligan asked who is going to get these houses.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that there is high demand for 1 & 2-bed accommodation. Demographics has changed. Average household size in Co. Roscommon is 2.7 people. Roscommon Co. Council has adopted an "own door" policy so these are not apartments in the traditional sense. The units will be assigned to people on the Social Housing list in the County and will be prioritised according to standards and criteria. Currently people with refugee or asylum-seeker status do not qualify for social housing but this may change over the coming years.

30.23 BOYLE MD FUNDING SCHEME 2023

The allocation of funding of €73,000 under the Boyle Municipal District Fund was reviewed and considered in detail. The members had already been circulated with details of applications, their compliance with the Scheme and funding previously allocated to the applicants if applicable through preceding MD Grant Fund or other funding schemes of the Council.

Any member with a conflict of interest declared this matter prior to the formal proposal of the amounts to be awarded to the applicants.

The elected members proceeded to formally agree and approve the allocations as detailed below:

BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUND 2023						
INTERNAL REF NO.	Case Id	Operational Area	Applicant Group	BOYLE MD FUND 2023 AWARDED €75,000(NOTE 1)	Proposed by	Seconded by
BMD23/01	MD503203656	Boyle	Aughanagh Parish Pastoral Council	5,000.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Joe Murphy
BMD23/02	MD507038677	Boyle	Aughrim Kilmore Development Association CLG	1,500.00	Cllr. Joe Murphy	Cllr. Valerie Byrne
BMD23/03	MD508793107	Ballaghaderreen	Ballinagare Community Centre & Ballinagare Community Development Association	3,500.00	Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Cllr. Tom Crosby
BMD23/04	MD508544904	Boyle	Ballinameen GAA	6,500.00		
BMD23/05	MD508510650	Boyle	Boyle Community Tennis Club	3,000.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Liam Callaghan
BMD23/06	MD508563708	Boyle	Castlerea Rose Festival	3,000.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Joe Murphy
BMD23/07	MD508712590	Castlerea	Coirle Cruachan (Amount requested updated 27/04/2023 to less than proposed of €3,294)	2,320.00	Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Cllr. Valerie Byrne
BMD23/08	MD504613967	Strokestown	Elphin Area Community enterprise Ltd	2,000.00	Cllr. Valerie Byrne	Cllr. Joe Murphy
BMD23/09	MD506800761	Strokestown	Elphin Community Centre CLG	2,000.00	Cllr. Valerie Byrne	Cllr. Tom Crosby
BMD23/10	MD502980287	Strokestown	Farming Rathcroghan	3,000.00	Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Cllr. Joe Murphy
BMD23/11	MD506903606	Boyle	Keadue Development Association	2,178.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Valerie Byrne
BMD23/12	MD505831262	Boyle	Mo Chairde - Keadue Social Services (Roscommon Leader Partnership)	6,300.00	Cllr. Joe Murphy	Cllr. Liam Callaghan
BMD23/13	MD502644319	Boyle	Plunkett avenue famine burial ground	1,500.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Liam Callaghan
BMD23/14	MD508418472	Boyle	Roscommon Rapid Response	5,000.00	Cllr. Joe Murphy	Cllr. Liam Callaghan
BMD23/15	MD505325796	Boyle	St Joseph's Hall, Boyle	5,000.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Valerie Byrne
BMD23/16	MD508563166	Boyle	St Michaels GAA club *	6,260.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Liam Callaghan
BMD23/17	MD506068107	Boyle	St Ronans Hall Community Company Ltd	2,848.00	Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Tom Crosby
BMD23/18	MD508212434	Strokestown	Strokestown Golf Club	2,102.00	Cllr. Tom Crosby	Cllr. Joe Murphy
BMD23/19	MD508539496	Strokestown	Tulsk History Society	5,000.00	Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Cllr. Valerie Byrne
BMD23/20	MD506498979	Boyle	Tulsk Macra Hall	3,825.00	Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Cllr. Valerie Byrne
BMD23/21	MD508557221	Ballaghaderreen	Tulsk Social Initiative	1,500.00	Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Cllr. Tom Crosby
				73,333.00		
				(Note 1)		
Note 1:	Total Value of Fund reduced by €1,667 to €73,333, as agreed at Council Budget Meeting 2022, to be allocated to Council Business Networks.					
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31.23 NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion for this meeting.

32.23 QUESTIONS

3.23 Question 1: Tarmonbarry Village to Corraun National School – Councillor Tom Crosby

What is the update on the progress with the design works for the new footpaths and public

lighting project from Tarmonbarry Village to the local National school in Corraun and connecting the three new housing Estates along the Ballytoohey Road to the School and Village? €80,000 was allocated in 2022 through the active travel funding programme and a top up of €20,000 in the 2023 fund.

Reply:

Roscommon County Council has engaged Consultants with a view to developing an Active Travel scheme consisting of new footpaths and public lighting from Tarmonbarry Village to the local National School at Corraun on the L1416. Funding of €20,000 was received in the 2023 Active Travel allocation to progress the design of the scheme. The project is currently at Stage I: Scheme Assessment, Concept Development, Options Selection and Preliminary Design.

The Options selection and preliminary design reports are due to be completed by the middle of May 2023 for submission to the National Transport Authority for Stage I approval. Once approved, this will allow the scheme to progress to Stage II. (Statutory Process and detailed design).

Mr. Greg O'Donnell gave an update stating that at the under Active Travel, allocation capped at €2m and this will be largely go for the Ballaghaderreen Regeneration Project.

Two options were presented as follows:

Option 1: Footpath & cycle path on both sides of road €5m towards consultation, €4m for CPO, giving a total of **€8.7m**.

Option 2: Shared pedestrian path 3m wide with 1.5m verge on one side, grass verge on opposite side €3.6m consolation, €491,000 CPO giving a total of **€4m**.

Councillor Tom Crosby welcomed that the scheme is at this stage and asked if other funding could be obtained to subsidise the short fall or from the Transition Fund.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell clarified that this walk/cycle way scheme comes under Active Travel but will investigate if any other funding is available from Transition Fund.

Councillor Tom Crosby stated that Tarmonbarry School is approx. 3kms from village with four housing estates along route. Development charges were to be towards footpaths, etc. This is a very busy road and scheme would allow children to walk or cycle safely. He asked could scheme be done over two phases.

Councillor Valerie Byrne agreed costs are very high and concurred with Councillor Tom Crosby that the development charges money could be for phase 1 footpaths.

Councillor John Cummins asked why criteria for footpaths changed from 2m wide.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that NTA has developed guidelines for cycle and walk-ways giving very descriptive details. Pathways are generally wider than before as they incorporate cycle ways. He clarified that Option 2 above is for both footpath and cycle way with the CPO cost being mainly towards the purchase of old farm buildings along route.

Councillor Valerie Byrne stated that when Active Travel was first introduced, it was aimed at bringing towns up to standard. For example, in Elphin footpaths cannot accommodate cycle ways, but are “shovel” ready.

4.23 Question - Tarmonbarry Village Centre – Councillor Tom Crosby

What is the current progress for the macadam overlay in Tarmonbarry Village Centre where the existing surface is carved up with road crossings and broken surfaces causing a major noise nuisance from the heavy traffic and safety concerns for the residents and visitors to the village?

Reply:

There are currently no plans to carry out resurfacing works in Tarmonbarry as the Council has no allocation from TII under any of the road improvement funding mechanisms to carry out works.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline informed meeting that an application has been made to TII for Cat B funding which this project would come under. There was no allocation in 2023 but will be resubmitted for 2024 funding. Denis Whyte will apply again. In the meantime, patching unit will carry out any necessary repairs.

33.23 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

The Councillors expressed sympathy to Gerry Higgins, Water GSS, on the death of his brother Jody on 1st May 2023. Sympathy was also extended to Joy’s wife Dolores and their family

The Councillors expressed sympathy to the family of Gerry Waldron Water GSS in Ballaghaderreen who passed away on 5th April, 2023.

34.23 CIVIC RECEPTION NOMINATIONS

Councillor Liam Callaghan called on Roscommon County Council to honour **Roscommon County Ladies Minor Camogie** winners of the All Ireland Final at the next Civic Reception.

Councillor Valerie Byrne called on Roscommon County Council to honour the **Elphin Junk Couture** who have won a place in the final in London.

35.23 AOB

35.23 Any Other Business

35.23 (a) (i) Ballaghaderreen Regeneration Plan

(ii) Ballaghaderreen Library

Cllr. Liam Callaghan requested an update on the Regeneration Plan for Ballaghaderreen and for Ballaghaderreen Library. He understood there was an issue with heating in the current library building and asked if alternative premises were available.

- (i) Ballaghaderreen Regeneration Plan: Mr. Greg O’Donnell informed meeting that this project came under the Adaptive Travel and the NTA reviewed the final design. Design has been accepted.

Classed as a High Priority Scheme – will take bulk of Adaptive Travel Budget of €2m. Council are negotiating with NTA how to fund this and keep the other projects which were earmarked for completion. Plans are ready to go to tender.

- (ii) Ballaghaderreen Library: Development of the Library building comes under the Library Services. Plan includes energy and heating upgrades. Scope of project has increased. Revised specification is being finalized for tender in June 2023. Expect contract in place August 2023. Works will take approximately 28 weeks so mid 2024 likely completion target. Weekly Mobile Library Service in place for town and schools. Assets & Energy Section with the legal team are looking at locations for temporary library in the town.

Cllr. Liam Callaghan welcomed the response and in particular plans for the library as the library would be a central facility in the town.

Cllr. Michael Mulligan asked for clarification regarding temporary premises for library.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell confirmed that the Legal Team are looking at leasing a suitable building.

35.23 (b) Strokestown Exit to Elphin Road

Cllr. Tom Crosby raised the issue of large stones/rocks falling onto this road coming from ditch which appears to have been undermined following water repair works and stated that road bank would need to be rebuilt.

Cllr. Valerie Byrne supported Cllr. Tom Crosby and stated that road banks were becoming compromised due to a higher volume of large lorries on narrow roads and repair of same falling to the landowner. She asked if Council could assist and help fix the problem in conjunction with the landowner.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline stated that the ditch is the responsibility of the land/house owner but that he would follow up.

35.23 (c) 2023 Roads Programme

Cllr. John Cummins complimented the staff of the Boyle MD for their work on the current roads programme.

35.23 (d) Staffing Strokestown AO

Cllr. Tom Crosby asked for update on the appointment of Area Engineer for the Strokestown Area.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell confirmed that there was no update at present.

35.23 (e) King House Lane Programme

Mr. Ivor Kilcline informed the meeting that the Tourism Project for King House Lane started on 5th June and works are expected to be completed by 9th July in time for the Boyle Arts Festival but no later than 20th July. King House Lane is closed to the public until 20th July 2023. Painting and stone work repair will continue

until early August but this does not require closure of the lane.

Before Close of Meeting, Mr. Greg O'Donnell informed the meeting that this was Cllr. John Cummins' last meeting as Cathaoirleach of the Boyle MD. He stated that Cllr. Cummins was a very fair, calm and democratic Chair and managed meetings in a timely and efficient manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Friday, 21st July, 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOYLE Municipal District Annual Meeting **HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE** Suite - Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, **ON MONDAY, 19th June, 2023 AT**

PRESENT: Councillor John Cummins **PRESIDED**

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

OFFICIALS: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co Ordinator
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies: .

36.23 ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. John Cummins welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting of Boyle Municipal District. He thanked the members for their co-operation and assistance during his tenure as Cathaoirleach and commended the projects undertaken by the Council during the course of the year. He commended all the Council staff for their support and assistance throughout his term of office and Ms. Olive Feeley who was secretary to the Committee up to November 2022. He wished her well in her new post

Cllr. Tom Crosby complimented Cllr. John Cummins on the dignified and fair manner in which he carried out his duties as Cathaoirleach over the past year. All of the elected members complimented Cllr. Cummins on his work over the past year.

Cllr. John Cummins then invited proposals for the position of Cathaoirleach of the Boyle MD.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Tom Crosby

SECONDED by Councillor Joe Murphy

That Councillor Liam Callaghan be elected Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.

Cllr. John Cummins then called for any further nominations for Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Michael Mulligan proposed Cllr. Valerie Byrne, but as there was no Secunder, the proposal was deemed to have failed.

Cllr. Michael Mulligan expressed his disappointment as he stated that the position of Cathaoirleach should be in rotation.

Cllr. John Cummins declared **that Councillor Liam Callaghan be elected Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.**

Councillor Liam Callaghan thanked his proposer and seconder and stated that he looked forward to working with his fellow elected members to progress the Boyle Municipal Area. He also thanked Cllr. John Cummins stating he was a leading example as Chair and was always fair. Cllr. Callaghan informed meeting that Cllr. Cummins was not going forward in the next election and he wished him good fortune and health.

All of the elected members congratulated Councillor Callaghan on his election as Cathaoirleach of Boyle Municipal District for the coming year.

37.23 ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor John Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Joe Murphy

That Councillor Tom Crosby be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Boyle Municipal District.

Cllr. John Cummins called for further proposals for Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Valerie Byrne proposed Cllr. Michael Mulligan as Leas Cathaoirleach. As there was no seconder, Cllr. John Cummins declared Cllr. Tom Crosby as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Boyle Municipal District.

Cllr. Tom Crosby thanked his proposer and seconder for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach. He stated he was looking forward to the year and the challenges ahead.

Members congratulated **Councillors Callaghan and Crosby** on their election as Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach respectively for the coming year and stated that all will work together for the benefit of the Boyle MD.

38.23 FIX DATES FOR 2023-2024

The dates for meetings for the coming year were agreed as follows:

- Friday 21st July, 2023
- Friday 22nd September, 2023
- Friday 24th November, 2023
- Friday 19th January, 2024
- Friday 22nd March, 2024
- Friday 17th May, 2024

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

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BOYLE MD FUND 2022 –PROJECT REVISION

STROKESTOWN TIDY TOWN GROUP

Strokestown Tidy Town Group was, in 2022, awarded a Municipal District Fund grant of €1,800 (ref: MD427200374).

This funding was requested to enable us to complete a feasibility study on the former Strokestown fire station, situated on Church Street, with a view to this building being renovated and repurposed as a shared space to meet the needs of a number of community groups.

Unfortunately, subsequent to this grant being awarded, the planning department of Roscommon County Council has stated that this site, and adjoining land, now forms part of wider housing plans for Strokestown.

Given this external change of site plans Strokestown Tidy Towns Group is requesting that we be permitted to use the allocated grant to benefit the Strokestown community via an alternative project.

Currently Strokestown Tidy Towns Group is struggling to maintain a watering programme for flowers and shrubs planted across our community. We are having to manually extract water from the Bumlin River using buckets. This is physically difficult and risks the health of those completing this.

We have researched ways of making this task easier and have concluded that the most appropriate way would be to purchase a solar extraction pump, which would be securely positioned in Strokestown Grotto, immediately adjacent to the Bumlin River.

Use of the proposed Solar Pump will be accessible to all community groups, and will enhance ongoing Tidy Towns work to increase the level of integrative coordination of all community groups.

I have attached details of the solar pump recommended to us as appropriate for our requirements and a related quote for supply of this.

We have spoken with Tom Crosby, current Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council, who is supportive of our plans and has advised that we contact you in writing.

We hope that you will consider our request positively and would welcome receiving your confirmation that project revision is approved.

I would appreciate receiving your confirmation that you have successfully received this email.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Mark Chilvers
Treasurer: Strokestown Tidy Towns Group

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Response to Councillor Liam Callaghan's query raised at meeting on 19th May 2023 under Matters Arising from from: David Meade <dmeade@roscommonrdo.ie>

Permanent boundary fencing was erected in accordance with all applicable TII Standards and Specifications over the vast majority of the N5 project during 2019 & 2020 as part of an advance fencing contract.

Localised sections of temporary boundary fencing will be replaced with the permanent boundary fence as part of the main construction contract.

In addition to regular targeted inspections, a full walkthrough condition survey of the boundary fence was carried out during the Summer of 2022. The condition survey found the boundary fence to be in a good condition save for a small number of discrete locations where short sections of the boundary fence had been damaged. All damaged sections of the boundary fence identified were subsequently repaired.

A drone survey of the entire boundary fence was also carried out during February of this year. No further damage to the boundary fence was identified from this survey.

Notwithstanding the above, a dedicated land & property team set up for the N5 project continues to liaise with all affected landowners, therefore, if Councillor Callaghan could provide specific locations in respect to the issue raised the land and property team would be happy to investigate.

It is noted that responsibility for maintenance of the permanent boundary fence is clearly set out in each landowner agreement and is entirely consistent with the current IFA Agreement.

Regards,

David

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