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Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Roscommon County Council

Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

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, 26th February, 2024 at 2.15 pm** to discuss the agenda set out below.

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

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia Bohan'.

Patricia Bohan
Meetings Administrator

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AGENDA

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended)
2. Adoption of Minutes
 - Minutes of Plenary Meeting 22.01.2024
 - Minutes of Special Meeting 01.02.2024
3. Matters Arising
4. Management Report

- Management Report for January 2024
5. Disposal of Lands
 - Lands comprising of 0.029 Ha at Sralea, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon to Chris Tuohy and Josephine Kilmartin
 6. Presentation on Bullys Acre Famine Graveyard, Roscommon Town - Fr. Beirne
 7. Presentation on NWRA - Mr. Denis Kelly
 8. Raising of a Loan for granting of House Purchase Loans under the LAHL Scheme, in the sum of €2m in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended
 9. Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31st December 2023
 10. Appointment to Local Community and Development Committee
 - Appointment of Mr. Pat Leonard as nominated by the IFA -Farming Pillar, following the resignation of Mr. Jim O'Connor.
 11. Correspondence
 12. Notice of Motion
 - 12.1 03.24 - Incentive for House Building in County Roscommon - Cllr. Crosby
'That Roscommon County Council call on the Minister's for Finance and Housing to introduce an incentive for housebuilding in Co. Roscommon like the Section 23 introduced in 2002 which had a huge beneficial impact when thousands of new homes were built in this County as a result of the incentive. Recent figures by the CSO have shown that new housing start in Co Roscommon are the lowest in the entire Country only one residential unit started for every 650 people living in this County compared to one start-up for every 80 people living in other areas, which is over 8 times greater.'
 - 12.2 04.24 - THRIVE Funding application- Cllr. Leyden
'That Roscommon County Council applies for THRIVE funding, Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme to bring Edenville House / Roscommon Military Barracks, Roscommon Town, a landmark heritage building (built c.1702) back into public use for the benefit of the community. THRIVE is 100% funded by the Government of Ireland and co-funded by the European Union.'
 13. Chief Executive Business
 14. Councillors Conferences and Training
 - Approval of attendance at Training and Conferences.
 15. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy
 - 15.1 Tributes to the late Mr. John Connor (1944 - 2024)
 - Former Cathaoirleach and Elected Member of Roscommon County Council, Teachta Dála and Senator
 16. Any Other Business

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To each Member of Roscommon County Council

9th February 2024

Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st December 2023

Section 26(1) of the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations states that a report is provided to Members outlining the level of Rate arrears at the end of each financial year.

Arrears of Rates at 31st December 2023 amounted to €1.46M, a decrease of €213,911 on the figure reported for 2022. The total rate demand for 2023 was €12.4M with an amount of €11.2M collected.

In 2022 we received notification of support from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in the sum of €337,421, in respect of loss of commercial rates income following conclusion of valuation appeals by Global Utility Companies. This support was received in early 2023.

Adjustments for vacant premises, business closures, exemptions, uncollectable amounts and liquidated companies equated to €1.45M for the year.

The collection percentage for 2023 was 88% and details will be provided when the Annual Financial Statement for 2023 is presented.

The table below breaks down the invoices, receipts, adjustments and level of arrears by Collector Area:

Collector Area	Opening Balance	Invoices	Receipts	Write Offs	Closing Balance
Area 1 Athlone	167,724	1,827,520	1,605,106	181,552	208,586
Area 2 Roscommon	324,220	2,720,013	2,334,526	419,352	290,355
Area 3 Castlerea/Strokestown	107,609	2,100,357	1,845,306	221,194	141,466
Area 4 Ballaghaderreen	198,103	1,058,830	715,061	301,450	240,422
Area 5 Boyle	225,454	1,862,842	1,504,943	331,939	251,414
Globals	320,740	2,896,658	2,882,282		335,116
Dept Funding	337,421		337,421		
	€ 1,681,271	€ 12,466,220	€ 11,224,645	€ 1,455,487	€ 1,467,360

*As part of the 2022 AFS process the Opening Balance figure was reported as €1,793,767; this was corrected to €1,681,271 as part of the audit process.

Sean Mullarkey
Head of Finance, Procurement, Enterprise, Building Control and Emergency Services

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