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

Date: Monday, 20 January 2025

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 Office - Boyle MD Offices** on **Friday, 24th January, 2025 at 2.30 pm** to discuss the agenda set out below.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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 22nd November, 2024
 - Minutes of Special Boyle MD Special JLAP Meeting 9th December 2024

3. Matters Arising

4. Boyle MD Fund 2025

5. Boyle MD Fund 2024 Cootehall Village Enhancement Group Proposal Amendment

6. Notices Of Motion 1.25 Cllr M Frain

1.25 That the members of this Municipal District, will oppose any further expansion or addition to any International Protection programs in towns such as Ballaghaderreen until essential services such as Health, Education and Garda number are brought to a satisfactory level. A recent Socio-Economic report on this area showed the enormous challenges facing this community. Additional resources that were promised on the Opening of the EROC in 2017, have yet to be delivered and local healthcare and education resources have at this stage surpassed capacity.

7. Questions
8. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy
9. A O B



**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Boyle Municipal Office - Boyle MD Offices
ON Friday, 22nd November, 2024 AT 2.30 PM**

PRESENT:

PRESIDED

MEMBERS:

Cllr L. Cull, Cllr S. Moylan, Cllr M. Frain, Cllr L. Callaghan, Cllr T. Crosby and Cllr V. Byrne.

OFFICIALS:

Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Coordinator
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies:

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

There was no conflict of interest.

67.24 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Michéal Frain

SECONDED by Councillor Liam Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District meeting of 20th September, 2024.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Michéal Frain

SECONDED by Councillor Leah Cull

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Budget meeting of 15th October, 2024.

68.24 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

69.24 NOTICES OF MOTION

There was no Notice of Motion.

70.24 QUESTIONS 10.24 & 11.24 CLLR TOM CROSBY

10.24 Cllr. Tom Crosby:

Can the Director of Services inform the meeting what is the status update on the newly installed pedestrian traffic lights in Tarmonbarry Village? The traffic lights have been non-functional for a significant portion of the time following their installation about 18 months ago and are currently out of order for the past three or four months. There is a local view that they were erected too close to the kerb on the main carriageway the N5 and are being damaged by passing heavy goods vehicles. What accountability lies with the suppliers/contractors who provided and installed the new pedestrian traffic lights?

Response:

Roscommon County Council are currently waiting on the Contractor to repair the pedestrian traffic lights. The delay in the repair is down to sourcing a control panel to operate the system.

The traffic signals were installed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and no issues were raised with them at Road Safety Audit Stage 3.

11.24 Question Cllr Tom Crosby

Can the Director of Services inform the meeting what is the current progress with the installation of the new public lighting for Rooskey Village?

Response:

Assets and Energy Management are working towards upgrading all public lighting in the county. Proposed works in Rooskey have not yet been scheduled by Roscommon County Council's public lighting contractor. This excludes all those public lighting assets which must first be unbundled from the ESB network, the extent of which has not yet been determined for Rooskey. Assets and Energy Management will provide further updates on this matter as it progresses.

71.24 SPECIAL MEETING OF CARRICK-ON-SHANNON AND BOYLE MDS FOR JLAP - UPDATE

Mr. Greg O'Donnell informed members that a Special Meeting of Carrick and Boyle MDs to agree the Joint Local Area Plan would be held on 9th December 2024. In preparation for that meeting, a Teams workshop has been organised by Leitrim Co. Council to be held on Tuesday 26th November at 10.30am to inform members of the process of the meetings. Notice of Motions have to be submitted to Leitrim Co Council by Friday 29th November, 2024. There will be a joint meeting of Boyle and Carrick-on-Shannon MD on Tuesday 9th December at 10.30am in Leitrim Co. Council offices, followed by a meeting of Boyle MD at 2.30pm at the Boyle Offices.

Submissions received reviewed. Members to agree or reject the recommendations in the Chief Executive Report on Submissions received on the Carrick-on-Shannon Draft Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031. Agreed Plan will be submitted to the Office of Planning Regulator for approval.

Members raised the following issues:

- The role of the OPR
- Powers with Local Councillors relating to planning issues
- Issues of zoning limits in Cortober
- Lack of consultation with local areas/towns in designing roads, footpaths, etc.
- Obligations of Councillors to prepare the JLAP without delay
- Route of Carrick-on-Shannon by-pass is confirmed – no changes possible
- Designation of flood plains – scientific approach mapped by OPW – findings are absolute and the challenges that poses for future development of Cortober area and to local businesses located within this area
- Focus has to be on proper use of core areas of the town

72.24 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

A vote of congratulations was proposed by Cllr. Valerie Byrne and supported by all members for winners of the following

- Tarmonbarry County final
- Pearses Senior Connacht Final
- Elphin Intermediate Connaught Final
- Jean Byrne Cup

A vote of congratulations was proposed by Cllr. Valerie Byrne and supported by all members for the Boyle Musical Society and their successful showing of the Sound of Music. Hall, stage and production a credit to all.

73.24 AOB

The following issues were raised:

- Exterior walls of An Rioga need to be maintained.
- Councillors should be acknowledged for their stance on preventing parking charges in Co. Roscommon.
- Encourage events on Boyle Crescent and Ballaghaderreen Square that are accessible to all.
- Street lighting – longer times between reporting and replacement of lighting from previously 10-15 days to 2 months.
- Update on Boyle and Ballaghaderreen libraries requested.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell will follow-up with Cllr. Callaghan with update on libraries.

Works in Boyle Town

- Works ongoing in Boyle Town and challenges for traders there leading up to Christmas. Would night work be possible?
- Communication with businesses where works on-going, e.g. in Boyle and Ballaghaderreen, essential. Meeting with Town Teams, Regeneration Unit and contractors should take place.
- Accessibility for disabled, infirm, etc. should be a priority while works on-going.
- When are the works in Boyle completed?

Mr. Greg O'Donnell informed meeting that the works were managed by the Regeneration Section. Closing date depends on contractual arrangement. Mr. Ivor Kilcline will follow up with Regen. Team.

Parking Spaces in Boyle

- Lack of parking spaces in Boyle causing difficulties for older people, especially close to shops, etc. Plans must take local needs into consideration.
- Problem with parking in Boyle during roadworks for deliveries – drop down areas should be provided. Business employees should park off the main street.

Disabled Parking Spaces Boyle

- Additional disabled parking places needs on The Crescent in Boyle.
- Disabled Parking: design of parking spaces too restrictive.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that all disabled parking spaces are designed in accordance with legal national guidelines and go through a planning process. He stated that spaces are on a case-by-case basis. Number of disabled spaces is based on a percentage of overall parking available

Age Friendly Parking

- Increase in number of age-friendly parking spaces is required or dual purpose disabled/age friendly spaces should be considered.

Tarring in to private wall during Roads Programme

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne

SECONDED by Cllr. Michéal Frain

That Roscommon Co Council amend policy and tar to private wall when roads programme is being carried out.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell informed meeting that area outside private wall is private property created for site lines and cannot be treated as part of carriageway. There would be concerns about road foundations, potential flooding issues, damage to private property, and it would take from the Roads Programme. Should a PL claim arise, private house would be 3rd party to claim.

Department of Transport funding towards roads programme does not cover these works as not part of the running carriageway.

Maintenance of this area is the responsibility of the property owner including repair of pot holes, etc.

Traffic Lights Tarmonbarry

- Replacement of component in Tarmonbarry Traffic lights – follow up should be with the supplier of the traffic lights.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline informed meeting that the replacement panel for the traffic lights is proving difficult to obtain and would be the responsibility of the contractor. Mr. Kilcline will follow up with the Regen. Team. Applications for Low Cost Safety Schemes have already been submitted for 2025 but further applications can be made for 2026 funding approval. Requested that application for Rooskey-Tarmonbarry road be made in 2025 for 2026 funding.

Commitments

- G. O'Donnell to follow up with Cllr. Callaghan re Ballaghaderreen and Boyle Library works
- I. Kilcline to confirm completion date of works in Boyle with Regeneration Team and report back.
- I. Kilcline to follow up Regeneration Team re replacement traffic lights panel in Tarmonbarry

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, 9th December, 2024.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Boyle MD Office, Boyle
ON Monday, 9th December, 2024 AT 2.30 PM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Tom Crosby **PRESIDED**
- MEMBERS:** Cllr S. Moylan, Cllr M. Frain, Cllr L. Callaghan and Cllr V. Byrne.
- OFFICIALS:** Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Coordinator
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer
Brian Farragher, Senior Executive Planner
Mary Grier, Senior Planner
- Apologies:** Cllr L. Cull.

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

There was no conflict of interest.

75.24 CONSIDERATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT CARRICK-ON-SHANNON JOINT LOCAL AREA PLAN, (AS CIRCULATED) AND TO AMEND THE DRAFT CARRICK-ON-SHANNON JOINT LOCAL AREA PLAN AS RECOMMENDED IN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT OR TO RESOLVE TO AMEND THE DRAFT CARRICK-ON-SHANNON JOINT LOCAL AREA PLAN OTHERWISE THAN AS RECOMMENDED IN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 20(3) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED).

Mr. Greg O'Donnell gave a background to the CE report, the joint meeting held earlier today and the discussions with Leitrim Co. Council. He stated that members were asked to agree/not agree the CE recommendations in the CE Report on Submissions Received on the Carrick-on-Shannon Draft Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031. Some CE recommendations call for a text change and some do not relate specifically to Cortober.

CE Recommendation No.	Decision
CE Rec 1 -17	Agreed
CE Rec 18-19	Agreed
Prescribed Bodies	
CE Rec 20-35	Agreed
CE Rec 36	Not Agreed – in support of Leitrim Co. Council
CE Rec 37-45	Agreed
CE Rec 46	Members did not reach a consensus and issue went to vote as follows: 4 Agreed, 1 absent, 1 abstained. Recommendation was agreed.

CE Rec 47-50	Agreed
Specific Submissions – Cortober Area	
JLAP D SUB9 Lands located at Drishoge	Agreed following discussion under Notice of Motion
JLAP D SUB19	Agreed
JLAP D SUB21	Agreed
JLAP D SUB26 Carparking At Train Station	Agreed
JLAP D SUB28	Agreed following discussion under Notice of Motion 10.24

76.24 NOTICE OF MOTION 09.24 & 10.24

09.24 Notice of Motion Cllr Sean Moylan:

In light of the main N4 moving more southerly in Cortober (post Bypass/ realignment), I would like to request that the moving of the town limits an equal distance south,{ to give more space for the expansion of Cortober along the Elphin Road (R368) and Croghan Road (R370)} be considered, Housing , commercial and Industrial zoning would follow this. This I feel would make Cortober side of the Shannon a vibrant and thriving town.

Roscommon County Council CE Response:

The Draft JLAP has been prepared having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development for both Carrick-on-Shannon and Cortober and is consistent with the hierarchical planning framework provided at national, regional and local level. In regards to this motion, which references the expansion of Cortober, it should be noted that the proposed JLAP boundary as set out in the Draft Plan, facilitates a level of growth that is consistent with the Core Strategy set out in the Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028. The Core Strategy serves to provide a focused strategy for growth in Cortober that is appropriate, sustainable and deliverable over the lifetime of the plan. In the context of the overall zoning strategy for Cortober, as part of the larger settlement of Carrick-on-Shannon, the appropriate quantum of lands have been identified to facilitate opportunities for residential, commercial and industrial growth. The further expansion of the Plan boundary and any subsequent additional zoning of lands in Cortober for the above referenced uses would be contrary to the Core Strategy and as such contrary to the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

Further to consideration of the N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod designed strategic road corridor, as shown on the land use zoning maps accompanying the Draft JLAP, in lieu of the potential loss of 'Industrial and Enterprise' zoned lands in Cortober (underlying the designed N4 route), the Chief Executive's Report in response to submissions received on the Draft JLAP has recommended that the Plan boundary be extended to facilitate the zoning of c.1.4 ha of contiguous lands for 'Industrial and Enterprise' use. This ensures that the quantum of lands zoned to facilitate such economic growth has not been compromised to facilitate the N4 project. It is not deemed necessary to zone additional lands, above and beyond the proposed lands identified for 'Industrial and Enterprise' uses. Roscommon County Council is committed to ensuring that the appropriate zoning framework exists to facilitate the strategic growth in Cortober as part of the larger Carrick-on-Shannon settlement. As

such, once the Plan comes into effect, it will be subject to ongoing monitoring and review to ensure there is sufficient capacity on all zoned lands to meet the needs of the Cortober area. Having regard to this and the foregoing assessment, it is not deemed necessary nor appropriate at this juncture to expand the JLAP boundary to zone additional lands.

Members supported Cllr.Moylan on his Motion.

Ms. Mary Grier informed members that the Plan had to be agreed or not agreed today. No amendments at this stage were possible. Current Plan should go forward as is, however, this location to be reviewed for the next Plan period in six years,

Cllr. Sean Moyle withdrew his Motion.

10.24 Notice of Motion No. 2 - Cllrs: Liam Callaghan, Leah Cull, Sean Moylan, Tom Crosby, Michael Frain & Valerie Byrne.

“On land in relation to submission number 9 and submission number 28 on the Draft Carrick-on-Shannon joint local area plan 2023-2031. We the Councillors in the Boyle Municipal District request a change of status of Flood Zone B areas which represent a moderate risk with a 0.1% over a 1000 years. Development here is permissible under the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines if justified by strategic importance and accompanied by site-specific flood risk mitigation. These lands are of higher gradient than most lands in Cortober and we ask that you please examine this specific location again. This Joint Local Area Plan (JLAP) will be the first joint Plan for the town and will have a strong focus on the development of both the Carrick-on-Shannon and Cortober areas of the town. A Local Area Plan is a statutory document that sets out the land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of an area.”

Roscommon County Council CE Response:

It should be noted that this matter has been addressed in the Chief Executive’s Report in response to submissions received (Submission No’s 9&28) on the Draft Carrick-on-Shannon JLAP. The Draft JLAP has been informed by a suite of comprehensive environmental reports, including a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), which has been prepared in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities – 2009. This SFRA was carried out by CAAS, a professional company focused on delivering planning and environmental consultancy services to public sector authorities. CAAS have specialist expertise in environmental and flood studies which has served to inform the Plan making process. The SFRA flood zones for the Plan area have been identified, taking into account the best available and most sophisticated predictive flood risk indicators from the Office of Public Works, including the emerging findings of the Carrick-on-Shannon Flood Relief Scheme Project, 2024 and the Flood Extent Mapping from the OPW’s Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme, 2016. In response to the submissions associated with the subject lands, Roscommon County Council engaged directly with CAAS in order to address the issues and queries raised regarding flooding. Roscommon County Council is obliged to adhere to the findings presented in the SFRA, which, as outlined above, has been prepared taking account of the most up to date information and in accordance with the above referenced Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities –

2009. Therefore the Council cannot facilitate changes to the flood zone data and associated maps provided in the SFRA.

There followed discussion and input from CAAS consultant, Mr. Greg O'Donnell clarified that the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is for the Plan and informs planning application approval. Areas classed as Zone A & B have to be considered. Substantial portion of site concerned is in the Outer Core which allows residential development. Development may be possible through the normal planning application process.

Members agreed Submission 9 and 28 of the JPLAN.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Friday, 24th January, 2025.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

Cootehall Village Enhancement Group

3rd December, 2024

Re: Municipal District Fund - Ref: MD588214388

To whom it may concern,

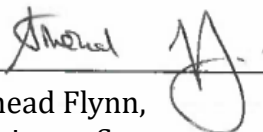
I refer to the above and to the application submitted on behalf of the Cootehall Village Enhancement Group under the 2024 Municipal District Fund. The Group were delighted with the allocation of €2,000 which will be used to further enhance the village particularly with regard to the presentation of the village for the national Tidy Town's Competition.

The Group are seeking the approval of Boyle Municipal District Members to approve the use of the grant to purchase additional planting equipment. The Committee have agreed that given the current condition of the existing planters in the village many of which have reached their 'end of life' that the use of the grant to purchase new equipment represents the best use of the funds. It is proposed to purchase two large three-tier planters and to plant them in a location to create a focal point in the village. The initial grant application estimated the total cost of the works proposed to be in the region of €4,884, as a newly established Community Group we do not have the financial resources to provide the shortfall of €2,884. In this regard, it is necessary to scale back the extent of the project works as outlined in the original project submission.

Subject to the consent of the Municipal District Members to proceed as outlined, the Group will proceed to purchase the planting equipment and submit the receipts of the expenditure to claim down the grant amount approved at €2,000.

If you require any additional information or clarification in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Sinead Flynn,
Assistant Secretary,
Cootehall Village Enhancement Group.

Municipal District Fund - Decision Summary

Reference	MD588214388
Name Applicant Group	Cootehall Village Enhancement Association
Contact Person	Sinead Flynn
Contact No.	0872407680
Project Description	Upgrade/maintenance of existing fencing, planters, our boat planter & purchase of plants for these & our hanging baskets. Install of rainwater harvesting system & pump/tank to water plants in village.
Amount of Funding Requested	€4884.00
Decision	Successful
Amount of Funding Awarded	€2000.00
Comments	



