MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON Municipal District **MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL** Chamber - Áras an Chontae**, ON MONDAY**, 14th September, 2026 **AT 9.30** am

PRESENT:	Councillor Marty McDermott **PRESIDED**
MEMBERS:	Cllr M.Holland, Cllr R. Conboy, Cllr L. Brennan and Cllr P. Fitzmaurice.
OFFICIALS:	Chris Flynn, Director of Services Breeda Burke, Staff Officer Tom McDermott, Roscommon Municipal District Co-ordinator
APOLOGIES:	Cllr N. Dineen

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

There were no declarations of interest from the Members.

54.26 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Cllr. Holland

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting of 20th July, 2026.

55.26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr. Fitzmaurice requested an update on verge trimming, particularly on the N60, noting that the works were not carried out until August this year rather than June, which he considered too late in the season.

Tom McDermott advised that the Roads Department of Roscommon County Council engaged the same verge-trimming contractor in 2026 as in 2025. However, the contractor commenced works later than scheduled and was subsequently off-site for a number of weeks, resulting in delays to the overall programme of works. The Council has been in contact with the contractor regarding these delays and will be carrying out a full review of the matter.

In addition, two hedge-cutting units are currently operating within the Castlerea and Roscommon operational areas and will continue working through to the end of the year.

56.26 FEEDBACK FROM THE TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

ROSCOMMON

Cllr. Brennan and Cllr. Conboy provided an update on the activities of the Roscommon Town Team, advising that a meeting is scheduled for next month. They noted that a recent online meeting primarily focused on the proposed variation to the County Development Plan. The Roscommon Town Team also intends to support the Halloween events planned for the town.

CASTLEREA

Cllr. Fitzmaurice and Cllr. Conboy updated members on the work of the Castlerea Town Team and advised that a meeting is scheduled for the end of September. They highlighted the Town Team's involvement in supporting the Heritage Council's walk around Castlerea during Heritage Week, an important initiative informing the development of a Heritage-Led Regeneration Plan for the town.

57.26 APPROVAL OF CIVIC RECEPTION REQUESTS

Request from Cllr. Fitzmaurice and Cllr. Holland

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Holland

SECONDED by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour Roscommon LGFA Intermediate team who won the All-Ireland Final.

Request from Cllr. Fitzmaurice

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Cllr. Holland

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour Roscommon U14 camogie team who won the All-Ireland Final.

58.26 CORRESPONDENCE

Tom McDermott read one item of correspondence as circulated - Email from TII re. 33.26 and 50.26 (N60 at Oran)

Members voiced their disappointment with the response from TII and suggested extending an invitation to Senior Engineer, Martin Curley from the Roscommon Design Office to the next Municipal District Meeting to help progress the matter.

59.26 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were extended to the Garvey family, Ballintubber on the sad passing of John Garvey in Los Angeles and the McNamara family, Roscommon town on the passing of Padraig McNamara (Husband of former Councillor, Paula McNamara).

60.26 A.O.B.

The following issues were raised –

Cllr. Fitzmaurice raised concerns regarding the deterioration of a number of roads following the exceptionally hot weather experienced this summer. Issues were highlighted on the L1602 at Granlahan Hill, the L1327 at Carrowbehy, the R361 to Boyle, which has developed extensive cracking, and the R293, where sections of the roadway have subsided.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Cllr. Holland

It was agreed to write to Minister Darragh O Brien seeking additional funding to undertake the necessary remedial works on these roads.

Tom McDermott, Municipal District Co-ordinator, informed members that efforts are ongoing to secure funding through Climate Action programmes to undertake the necessary improvement works on these roads.

Cllr. Fitzmaurice also raised concerns about the urgent need for a pedestrian crossing between the pub and the crossroads in Cloonfad and the need to keep pressure on TII to conduct these works.

Tom McDermott, Municipal District Co-ordinator, advised that the Roads Department are in the process of developing a feasibility and options report for this location.

CIVIC RECEPTIONS

Request from Cllr. Brennan

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour the TY Drama Group of Roscommon Community School following their All-Ireland success with "Eclipised" achieving first place overall, best director, best actor, best supporting actor, best set and best stage crew.

Request from Cllr. Brennan

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. Holland

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour George and Isaac Naughton of Roscommon Community School following their national success with Beo go Deo at the Student Enterprise Programme National Final, where they received a special achievement award.

Request from Cllr. Brennan

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. Conboy

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour the TY students at Roscommon Community College following their success at the GLOBE Ireland Student Sharing and Awards Ceremony in TU Dublin where they received five national awards, best GLOBE Project Overall, best presenters, outstanding scientific inquiry, best community engagement, best rainfall and flooding project.

Request from Cllr. Brennan

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour Gemma Casey, St. Dominics G.A.A. Club, All Ireland Champion at the Scór na nÓg solo singing competition.

Request from Cllr. Brennan

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. Conboy

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour Vincent Pierce, Ballymurray, All Ireland Champion at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil story telling competition.

Request from Cllr. Brennan

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Brennan

SECONDED by Cllr. Holland

It was **AGREED** by all the members that Roscommon County Council honour Thomas Higgins, Roscommon Golf Club, All Ireland champion at the AIG Irish Men's Amateur Close Golf Championships.

Cllr. Holland raised concerns regarding the length of time being taken to process Vacant Property Grant applications, citing reports of delays of up to twelve weeks for engineering inspections and sign-off, together with additional waiting periods for the completion of legal procedures by the Department before applications are returned to the Housing Section for final processing.

Mr. Chris Flynn, Director of Services, acknowledged these concerns and undertook to review the overall process and associated timeframes. He noted that a significant volume of applications is currently being managed by a small team within the Housing Section.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:



Meetings Administrator



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Countersigned