

**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:

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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

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Countersigned