

**MINUTES OF ATHLONE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE SUITE,  
ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, ROSCOMMON, ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2016 11.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ivan Connaughton, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** Cllr L. Fallon, Cllr P. Kilduff, Cllr J. Naughten, Cllr T. Ward, Cllr J. Keogh

**OFFICIALS:** Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services  
Mr. Diarmuid MacDonncha, Senior Executive Engineer

**36.16. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Cllr Naughten referred to Item No. 35.16 and requested the following amendment to his proposal relating to Unfinished Estates:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Connaughton

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council report back to members outlining what measures have been taken to date to secure the Parkway Site at Monksland.

Cllr Fallon requested that the final sentence of the paragraph on CENSUS under Section 35.16 be deleted.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Keogh  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Fallon

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Athlone Municipal District held on 19.07.2016

**37.16. KILBEGLEY CEMETERY**

A report on Kilbegley Cemetery Extension was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Director of Services, Majella Hunt outlined to members that it has been a long process and all the required steps have been taken. On the basis of Archaeological Report there is very limited potential for the development of the site due to the archaeological issues and that there would be significant costs. The report suggested another site in the Kilbegley Townland which is already in the ownership of Roscommon County Council and would provide an estimated 260 spaces.

Majella Hunt advised the meeting that she received an email from Paddy Kelly, Secretary of Kilbegley Graveyard Action Group regarding an update on the process.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh

It was **AGREED** that the six Members and Director of Services, Majella Hunt meet with Kilbegley Graveyard Action Group to discuss the report.

**38.16. ATHLONE MD FUNDING SCHEME 2016**

Majella Hunt, Director of Services circulated the draft guidelines and application form to members. The members agreed on the following:

- Minimum 5% local contribution from the group towards the total cost of the project.
- Minimum amount of funding that a group can apply for is €5,000, with no maximum.
- Clarity needed in relation to Council Projects.
- Any group applying for funding must only provide evidence of Legal Structure and Registration with the PPN.

Majella Hunt advised members that she would make the relevant changes and the scheme would be advertised in the local papers and social media in the coming week.

### **39.16. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) was read out. This was a direct response to resolution by Athlone MD regarding maintenance on the M6 Athlone-Ballinasloe motorway. The letter states that the maintenance of drainage within the contract boundary area is being executed in accordance with the contract and issues outside of this are a matter for Roscommon County Council.

Members rejected the findings of this letter and expressed the following concerns:

- While inspections are carried out inspections little or no maintenance is carried out.
- Ignored advice of farmers.
- Culverts left too high, not suitable and causing flash flooding.

Diarmuid MacDonncha informed members that Roscommon County Council commissioned a report by Jennings & O'Donovan, which was forwarded to TII.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten

**SECONDED** by Councillor Fallon

It was **AGREED** to reject the contents of letter and to seek a meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

### **40.16. QUESTIONS**

**Question No. 1 – Councillor Naughten:**

Can Roscommon County Council carry out line marking in Clonown Village as there are a number of junctions meeting at this location?

**The Meetings Administrator circulated the following reply:**

This junction will be marked as soon as the Line Marking Contractor returns to complete works generated by the Annual Roads Programme.

### **41.16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Notice of Motion from Councillor Naughten 07/16**

“That Roscommon County Council immediately commence pavement works at Cloonakilla N.S to ensure road safety levels are significantly improved at this location, as the new primary school is presently under construction.”

**The Meetings Administrator read out the following reply:-**

"Please refer to previous replies re development of scheme to upgrade the R 362 road between Monksfield Estate and Bellanamullia to include installation of 10m. wide road, footpaths on both sides, public lighting and traffic calming subject to funding and confirmation re status of Monksland/Bellanmullia area.

Safety during the construction period is the responsibility of the Project Supervisor (Construction Stage) for the school project."

Members raised the following concerns in relation to response:

- Disappointed with response, it is the responsibility of RCC that safety is maintained to a high standard.
- Very poor infrastructure linking school.
- Requirement for timeline for implementation of scheme.
- When new school opens need to address this as matter of urgency.
- Address the section of road that has no public lighting.
- Priority is a pedestrian crossing to be put in place.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Keogh  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Naughten

It was **AGREED** that a pedestrian crossing be installed at Cloonakilla N.S in the interest of safety.

#### **42.16. APPROVAL OF CIVIC RECEPTION RECIPIENTS**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Keogh

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council honour at the next Civic Reception Laura Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Judy Brennan and Aileen Ward of Drum/Clonown who won gold in the U/16 Girls Medley Relay at the Community Games Final in Athlone recently.

#### **43.16. A.O.B.**

The members raised the following issues:

- Funding for new footpath and widening of road at Creagh.
- Footpath from Taughmaconnell Pound to Community Centre
- Speed of traffic on old Tuam road.
- Trees blocking lights in Clonbroc require cutting.
- Completion of flooding works at Lispheilm and Ballagh.
- Line marking at the following locations:
  - Welcome line marking at Clonown village.
  - Consider marking junction at River Village.
  - Monksfield road beside depot
  - Drum road at church by old cemetery
- Closure of Derryneile road and expected date of road completions.
- Glanduff Carna River – RCC always maintained this river and when was it taken off the works programme.
- Surface water and blocked gullies in Athleague Village.
- Upgrading and resurfacing of main road from Athleague to Mount Talbot.
- Serious issue at Parkway estate – report required in relation to this estate.
- Date for Dysart road to be re-opened.

Diarmuid MacDonncha, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the issues raised as follows:

- Works at Creagh are to be undertaken this year.
- River in Taughmaconnell will be considered for next year's programme of works.
- Road at Lispheilm will be open for traffic in approx 1 week.
- Propose to install some embankments as emergency prevention at Ballagh.
- Line marking will commence in October.
- Glanduff Carna river – budget for year is 25.6k for all nominated watercourses only.
- Athleague village is subject to funding from TII.
- Parkway Estate is with planning enforcement at moment. Majella Hunt to discuss with Planning.
- Dysart road scheduled to open on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and report will be presented at next meeting.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

The foregoing Minutes are  
Confirmed and Signed:

*Diarmuid Mac Donncha,*

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**Meetings Administrator**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Countersigned**