

MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING held in Boyle Area Office on Wednesday 27th July 2016 at 2.15 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor John Cummins, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr Valerie Byrne, Cllr Liam Callaghan, Cllr Rachel Doherty, Cllr Joe Murphy, Cllr Michael Mulligan.

OFFICIALS: Mr. Martin Lydon, Director of Services.
Mr. Mick Conlon, Municipal District Co-ordinator.
Ms Eileen Callaghan, Meetings Administrator.
Mr Pat Murtagh, Roscommon County Council.
Ms Breata Coyle, Roscommon County Council.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Mulligan
SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Meeting held 03 06.2016

BOYLE AGE FRIENDLY TOWN INITIATIVE

Members welcomed the announcement from Mr Pat Murtagh of Roscommon County Council that Boyle had been selected as a pilot town for the Age Friendly Town initiative.

He outlined the details of the scheme and its objectives which were intended to enhance the quality of life for older citizens. He stated that walkability surveys had been carried out and there would be further public consultation in order to develop an action plan.

On the **PROPOSAL** OF Councillor Doherty
SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

It was **AGREED** that further information would be attained by including questions in the surveys on attitudes towards e.g. the reduced opening hours for Boyle Garda Station, Community Alert and Youth Volunteerism.

Cllr Byrne referred to the obvious benefits that could be derived e.g. social inclusion and involvement of the elderly in community based activities.

Cllr Callaghan said youth groups could also be encouraged to get involved and assist older visitors with e.g. parking.

Cllr Murphy said the younger generations should be encouraged to get involved and help make the initiative a success for all the community.

Cllr Mulligan said Boyle could be promoted as an alternative attraction for the older generation as opposed to other towns that cater for the younger generation.

Cllr Doherty commended the visionary approach of the County Council on the matter.

Mr Martin Lydon added that there would be benefits to be derived for not only older citizens but also for the business community and the town team, should they embrace the initiative and work towards enhancing the town as a tourist destination especially given its close proximity to Lough Key Forest Park.

In conclusion Mr Murtagh stated that the hope would be to improve the spirit of volunteerism and get a co-ordinated approach by all the various stakeholders in the community which would ensure benefits for all concerned.

Cllr Cummins thanked Pat Murtagh and Breata Coyle for their presentation and requested that the MDC would be kept informed on developments.

2:16 Notice of Motion from Cllr Valerie Byrne

“ That Roscommon County Council accommodates people applying for planning permission by introducing that an inspection that can be carried out in relation to septic tank and percolation area before that applicant applies for planning permission saving the cost to the applicant and the Councils time”

The meetings administrator read the following reply:-

-The Planning Authority or the Environment Section of RCC cannot carry out inspections in advance of the submission of a formal planning application. Such an action would be outside the formal remit and statutory functions of the Authority, would divert staff resources from other mandatory work, and would give rise to the Authority incurring significant additional costs. Prior to any party proceeding to submit a planning application for a dwelling in an unserved rural area, they will require site tests to be carried out, by a competent person. It is the responsibility of the competent person to ensure that such tests are carried out properly and strictly in accordance with the EPA Code of Practice. The competent person will also be in a position to establish, based on accurate and credible test results, whether or not the site is capable of accommodating a private wastewater treatment system in accordance with EPA requirements. In the event that it is not, parties should not proceed to make a planning application.

Martin Lydon informed members that this was not a role for the County Council and that there were competent persons available to carry out such inspections.

Cllr. Cummins added that it was possible to arrange pre planning meetings with staff from the planning department.

3:16 Notice of Motion from Cllr Michael Mulligan

Road Signs, Maintenance and Foul Sewer Cortober Area.

“That Roscommon County Council erects “STOP” sign or “YIELD” sign at junction in Cortober where two roads meet the R-368 road in the interest of safety. That they raise the road known as Beirnes Lane which was subject to severe flooding this year and 2009/10, smell from sewer and pumping station also beside Beirnes lane has to be fixed.”

The Meetings Administrator read out the following reply:-

Roscommon County Council will arrange to have stop signs erected at all public roads interfacing with R368 in Cortober.

Our investigations show that one house was flooded on Beirne Lane – the floor levels of this house and the level of the abutting public road are very similar and thus the raising of the road would only serve to exacerbate the problem.

We will however investigate the feasibility of obtaining a drainage solution. It is quite possible that the high water level of the Shannon is a key factor and if this is the case a solution will not be easy but we will report back following investigations.

The issue of the Sewer at Beirne's Lane has been referred to the Public Representatives support section of IW for their attention.

It was **AGREED** that the area engineer would inspect the signs at the junction and arrange to rectify where necessary.

Cllr Doherty requested that traffic calming measures would be put in place in Cortober in the vicinity of Mulligan's shop and the bus stop, before the new school term commences.

4:16 Notice of Motion from Cllr Rachel Doherty

"That Roscommon County Council outlines its current policy and budgetary allocation with regard to the provision of public lighting in villages and populated residential areas within the environs of villages. Roadworks are taking place in Keadue village at the moment and traffic is being diverted up past the church in Keadue. Residents would welcome additional public lighting in the vicinity of the church area."

The Meetings Administrator read out the following reply:-

There is no budget available for the provision on any new lights; the current budget allocation for Public Lights is entirely for the maintenance of, and power supply to, existing lights.

Cllr Doherty referred to requests she had received for public lighting while canvassing for local elections. She stated that footpaths and lighting were viewed as public infrastructure and as such were regarded as necessary requirements.

Following discussion on the matter of lighting Mr Lydon suggested that each Councillor would list the locations requiring lighting and the matter could be given further consideration at the September meeting.

5:16 Notice of Motion from Cllr Rachel Doherty 5/16

"That Roscommon County Council outlines the current status of taking in charge in relation to Esker Grove in Cootehall and the current position in relation to Quay West in Cootehall. Roadworks commenced on the week of July 11th in the village to reinstate the public roads following installation of the public sewer back in 2008. The L1015 is an important local link road from Cootehall to Derreenargon/Keadue/Drumboylan and Quay West is located just off this road. The public road outside this estate has been in very poor condition for years."

The Meetings Administrator read out the following reply:

Esker Grove

The developer with responsibility for the first phase of the development has been in recent contact with the Council stating that he is in the process of dealing with all the outstanding

items notified to him by the Council in 2012 originally. He has sent in a CCTV Survey of the surface water sewers and this has been referred to the Roads Department for report.

A schedule of outstanding works has been issued to the developer with responsibility for the second phase of the development.

Quay West

Roscommon County Council is in discussions with developer in relation to undertaking the outstanding works in this development.

Clr Doherty thanked Roscommon County Council for the re surfacing done to date in the vicinity and requested that this would be extended and a footpath provided as she had received representations from concerned residents on the matter.

Clr Cummins suggested that road markings similar to those provided for pedestrian use on Abbeytown Bridge in Boyle could help until such time as funding was available to provide footpaths.

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The following matters were also raised:

Clr Mulligan – Winter gritting on the old N5 Ballaghaderreen.

Clr Callaghan - Warning lights at Rathcroghan School and possible move to Scott's Pub.

Clr Cummins – Warning lights for Kingsland School.

Clr Byrne – Warning lights for Killina School.

Clr Doherty – Naming of Cortober Bridge.

Clr Doherty – Drainage at Srabraggan School and lining of car park at Arigna Church.

Clr Murphy –Attention needed for Signs at Scramogue Cross – not visible for drivers in high vehicles like tractors and lorries.

Clr Callaghan – Condition of the road at Kanepark, Ballinagare especially in wet conditions - high volume of accidents recorded by local resident.

Clr Byrne – N61 Tulsk - Funding sought from NRA.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:**

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned