

MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON WEDNESDAY THE 2ND DECEMBER, 2015 AT 2.30P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Rachel Doherty, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: V. Byrne. J. Cummins, E. Murphy, M. Hopkins, M. Mulligan

OFFICIALS: Martin Lydon, Head of Finance and Planning
Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator
Austin Beirne, Executive Engineer

42.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Hopkins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District Meeting held on 19.10.2015.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Hopkins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Municipal District Budget Meeting held on 09.11.2015.

43.15. HOUSING MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION

Mr. Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning explained the expenditure in the Housing Maintenance Allocation to members. He continued that there are a large number of invoices outstanding at the end of the year and this would not be unique to Boyle. He highlighted that accounts are usually cleared by February of the following year and that another report would issue in March when the accounts are finalised.

Members were circulated with the allocation of €266,000 for 2015 which related to maintenance of occupied local authority dwellings in Boyle Municipal District based on valid repair requests and includes the following:

Labour Costs	40,000
Materials	19,000
Plant transport, machinery & equipment	6,830
Specialist Contractors e.g. electricians, plumbers, etc.	82,625
Utilities	14,290
Vehicle & Store costs	<u>2,155</u>
Total	<u>164,900</u>

Members raised the following issues:

- Issue of the allocation of €266,000 should be left over until the plenary meeting as it relates solely to Housing
- Two issues outstanding - the allocation of funding to town teams should be divided into 6 and be allocated to the relevant town teams – this was agreed
- Query on whether the budget should have been adopted without clarification on the loss of €22,000 based on the breakdown of 75/25
- This is the first year of the 75/25 breakdown of the budget – why was it not introduced last year?
- Once the Corporate Policy Group make a decision on it, it seems to be cast iron

- Boyle has 41% of the road network and is losing out on funding
- CPG should be requested to report back to Municipal Districts on decisions made
- CPG should be working together for the betterment of the county
- Specialist contractors seem to be using a large bulk of the funding
- If Roscommon County Council receive further funding can we build properties
- Query on whether the NAMA properties will be available to Roscommon County Council
- Members highlighted the waiting list in Roscommon is 5/6 years
- The new Tenant Purchase Scheme will put added pressure on our compliment of houses
- Concern about the use of RAS funding for deposits on properties and queried the specifics of the agreement
- Raised the issue as to whether relations of previous homeowners that are now void could be considered to buy the properties

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

That the breakdown of 75/25 would remain in place for the lifetime of this council.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Doherty

SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** that a report on the refurbishment of vacant dwellings would be presented at the next Municipal District meeting.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

That an update on the maintenance allocation would be provided in March

44.15. NOMINATION OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEMBER TO THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mr. Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning referred the members to Section 48 of the Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2014 extract which had been circulated to the members, which refers to representation from each Municipal District on the Corporate Policy Group.

He stated that currently there is no member from the Boyle Municipal District on the Corporate Policy Group and this matter needs to be rectified. It is a requirement that a member from the Boyle Municipal District sit on the CPG as long as there is no other representation on the CPG from the Boyle Municipal District.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Doherty

SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** that Councillor John Cummins would represent the Boyle Municipal District at the Corporate Policy Group Meetings and this would be reviewed should the membership of the CPG change going forward.

45.15. A.O.B.

Councillor John Cummins raised the following issues:

- Need to concentrate on drainage and opening of water tables in all areas
- Compliment the capital works on the Frenchpark Road
- Request when the installation of footpaths will be completed at cottages on Mockmoyne Road to connect with the new footpath at the garage
- Investigation required on section of road above the Four Provinces

Councillor Doherty raised the following issues:

- Complimented the work of the council and welcomed the resurfacing on the Keadue to Kilronan road. She queried if there will be an additional surface of tar and chip put on this road.
- Welcomed works at Alderford, Ballyfarnon

Councillor Byrne raised the following issues:

- Thanked Roscommon County Council for all their hard work and hoped the situation with regard to Engineers in the Boyle Municipal District would be sorted vis-a-vis Strokestown and Elphin.
- A special thanks to Finbar Quinn and Natasha Kelly for their work.
- Query the closing of a road in the area for 12 months – length of time is an issue

Councillor Hopkins raised the following issues:

- Received a number of calls from residents with regards to the Four Provinces road
- Stated that Greg O'Donnell is looking into meeting the residents in the area

Mr. Austin Beirne, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the queries raised:

- All staff have been diverted on drainage issues in recent times
- No question of surface dressing on Keadue to Kilronan road – it is on a salting route so there should be no issue
- Footpath extension will be subject to funding

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned