

MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON MONDAY THE 23rd FEBRUARY, 2015. AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Eugene Murphy, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: V. Byrne. J. Cummins, R. Doherty, M. Hopkins & M. Mulligan.

OFFICIALS: Martin Lydon, Head of Finance and Planning.
Fiona ni Chuinn, Meetings Administrator.

01.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins
SECONDED by Councillor Hopkins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on 8.12.2014.

02.15. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET PLAN 2015:

Eugene Dwyer Senior Engineer highlighted to the members the Municipal Districts Budget Plan including the Draft Works scheme 2015 for the Boyle area. He referred in particular to previous meetings held with the Councillors and the area engineers at which stage all requests had been discussed at length and agreement in principle had been reached regarding the document before them today.

Members queried the public lighting bill which appears very high. Eugene Dwyer responded that the E.S.B. only have two tariffs which can account for high bills, lights are on all night and the initial capital outlay for LED lighting would be excessive.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins
SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Municipal District Budget Plan 2015 presented

03.15. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

Councillor Doherty addressed the meeting and enquired what level of power the local authority had to deal with anti social behaviour and does the legislation provide us with enough power. The Anti social behaviour policy is not working. How many complaints have Roscommon County Council received year on year and what action has been taken. How many people have been evicted as a result of anti social behaviour. Guidelines needed are to control estates. She continued that it breaks down at Courts level as there is free legal aid is too freely available to offenders. Text alert works very well in areas where it is in operation.

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

It was **AGREED** that this item be placed on the Agenda for the March Plenary meeting of the Council.

04.15. CIVIC RECEPTION:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Hopkins

SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the List of participants for a Civic Reception as circulated.

05.15. A.O.B.

Queries raised at meeting of the 8th December 2014

Boyle Town Council Funding:

Martin Lydon informed the members that funding from the Boyle Town Council has been used to refurbish eleven houses and the balance will be used within the Boyle town area.

Lisnaree and The Maples:

Martin Lydon informed the members that the Council had met with the developer and a call had been made to Danske Bank who is agreeable to paying over the Bond to the County Council so that works in these two estates can be completed.

Councillor Byrne welcomed this information as residents in those two estates have battled for the past number of years to have the estates properly finished.

Councillor Cummins queried if it would be possible to have a Quarterly Report issued to the members outlining the amounts collected in rates and developments contributions and outlining how much is outstanding and how much has been spent.

Martin Lydon responded that he would give this request consideration and see what can be done.

Ballaghaderreen By Pass:

The N5 Ballaghaderreen Bypass road project has been designed and constructed in accordance with the current NRA standards and has been certified as such by the Designer. Elements of the design have also been subject to an independent third party check. In addition the Design has been reviewed by the Employer's Representative.

The project has also undergone a rigorous road safety auditing process from preliminary design through to detailed design, and critically, immediately prior to the opening of the road to the general public. All issues of concern raised by the Independent Road Safety Audit team have been fully closed out with the exception of some minor snagging items on access roads. There are no residual issues remaining at the locations specifically identified in Councillor Hopkins queries.

Roscommon County Council continues to monitor the operation of the bypass including access into and out of Ballaghaderreen via the old N5 and the new compact grade separated junction. Appropriate measures may be considered based on the monitoring results and funding constraints.

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

It was **AGREED** that the old N5 in Ballaghaderreen be upgraded to a regional road as the traffic count has shown equal amounts of usage.

Members raised the further following issues:

- Need to take in charge the Carroemore-Hill street road
- No lights at the junction of Derrynacantha and Tibohine
- Request an update on the cycle way
- Request an update on the water situation in Ballaghaderreen
- Reference made to dangerous locations of telegraph poles-location to be sent to Eugene Dwyer
- Need to question the Government on what their policy is for Rural transport
- Rathcroghan light not working
- Update on Sliabh Ban requested

Martin Lydon responded to the queries raised:

The felling/Thinning of trees is exempted development. A licence is required from the Department of Agriculture. No work on the wind farm has commenced yet. He confirmed that discussions are on –going with Coillte and The Sliabh Ban action group.

Labour Relations Commission:

Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning informed the members that at the request of SIPTU/SIPTU LAPO, the Council has agreed to revert to the LRC to clarify issues raised by the union. A further LRC conciliation meeting has been arranged to progress the implementation of the new structure. It would not be appropriate to make any further comment while this process is ongoing.

Councillors Doherty and Byrne expressed concern that Area Engineers were not attending the Municipal District meetings as they were to attend the meetings from January onwards.

Martin Lydon responded that until the situation is resolved and the revised structures are in place the Area Engineers will not be in attendance at the Municipal District meetings. He continued that their role will be enhanced under the new structure and they will be leading the town teams .

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned