

**MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON MONDAY THE 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015 AT 2.00P.M.**

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** M. Mulligan

**OFFICIALS:** Martin Lydon, Head of Finance and Planning  
Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator  
Bernard Murray, Senior Executive Engineer

**23.15. 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 and A.G.M. held on 18.6.2015.

**24.15. ADDITIONAL FUNDING UNDER ROADS RESTORATION /IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

A letter from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport was circulated to members informing them of an additional allocation of €967,750 in funding under the Restoration Improvement Grant giving a total allocation of €6,935,561 for 2015.

Bernard Murray, Senior Executive Engineer presented to the meeting a breakdown of how the additional allocation will be spent in the Boyle Municipal District.

Road No.	Road Name/Townland	Operational Area	Work Type	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work (sq,m)	Estimated Cost of work (Euro)	Cumulative Cost of Work (Euro)	Notes
R367	Carrownaskeagh	Strokestown	RR	2,020	11110	70,000	70,000	Extra layer
R368	Bealragh	Strokestown	RR	500	2750	49,800	119,800	
LP-1045	Faus	Boyle	RR	1,000	3500	38,500	158,300	
LP-1037	Jamestown-Drumsna	Boyle	RR	150	1050	11,600	169,900	
LP-1040	Cloonnavery – Corralara	Boyle	RR	300	1500	16,500	186,400	
LP-1038	Liscolvan – Cloonsillagh	Boyle	RR	700	3500	38,500	224,900	
LP-1038	Cloonsillagh – Fearagh	Boyle	RR	300	1500	16,500	241,400	
LT-50245	Cornagee – Cartronavalley	Boyle	RR	1,000	3000	32,500	273,900	
LS-5548	Tonroe	Ballaghaderreen	RR	800	2800	30,800	304,700	
LS-5601	Bella	Ballaghaderreen	RR	1100	3850	30,350	335,050	
LS5650	Caranlea	Ballaghaderreen	RR	1000	3500	38,500	373,550	
LS5650	Caranlea/Carrown togher	Ballaghaderreen	RR	200	700	7,700	381,250	
LS-6027	Raheen	Ballaghaderreen	RR	400	1400	15,350	396,600	

He informed the meeting that the funding was divided out based on the road mileage in each Municipal District. The allocation for the Boyle Municipal District was then sub divided between the three operational districts of Boyle, Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown. The list of roads for works was based on a condition survey carried out with the local Engineer. He confirmed that there will be a special attempt made to carry out maintenance works on additional roads not included in the list before the end of the year.

The members raised the following issues:

- Will any of this additional funding be allocated to LIS Schemes as previously agreed?
- Many cul-de-sac roads have not received funding for many years
- Are the people on LIS list still interested in the scheme?
- Are the LIS roads on the waiting list still feasible
- Welcome the additional funding
- Must ensure that funding is spent on the worst roads in the area
- Plan for private roads needs to be done in an equitable and fair manner
- Need to initiate a plan to ensure LIS roads are included
- Could a Phase 2 list of roads be prepared for 2016 should additional funding come available during the year
- Residents living on private roads are entitled to works as they have paid their development contribution

Bernard Murray responded to the issues as follows:

- The LIS Scheme is separate to the Roads Scheme and has a separate funding allocation. Funding was withdrawn from the Department for LIS Schemes and in the absence of this funding from the Department it is difficult for the County Council to spend money on LIS roads if public roads are in need of repair.
- Need to be cognisant of multi annual programme when allocating funds.
- There are new allocation guidelines linked to funding for the improvement of public roads in next year's program.

It was **PROPOSED** by of Councillor Byrne

**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy

That funding be allocated to LIS Schemes from this additional funding

Martin Lydon responded to the issues as follows:

- Funding for local roads can be allocated accordingly
- Systemic and collaborative approach required to deal with LIS
- Update on existing LIS Schemes will be added to the Agenda for the Special Meeting in Boyle on 20<sup>th</sup> August

Martin Lydon, Head of Finance informed the members that this additional allocation under the Roads Restoration programme must be spent by the end of November otherwise it goes back to the Department. Roscommon County Council must submit a list of works to the Department by 14<sup>th</sup> August outlining how the additional funding will be spent. The timeframe involved in the implementation of an LIS Scheme is a lengthy process and not feasible to allocate this additional funding to same.

Martin Lydon suggested that when the general municipal allocations are being discussed in September/October that members decide at this time if they wish to allocate some funding to LIS Schemes for the coming year. However, he stressed that there will be a consequent reduction in funding for public roads as a result.

Bernard Murray, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that there are a number of people in the area on a waiting list from the previous LIS Scheme.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Byrne  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Cummins  
to allocate a percentage of next year's roads budget to LIS & CIS Schemes

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins  
**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy  
It was **AGREED** to adopt the list of works as outlined.

#### **25.15. HOUSING UPDATE**

A housing report specific to the Boyle Municipal District was circulated to the meeting outlining the following:

- (a) Information on Housing Adaptation Grants
- (b) Number of people on housing list
- (c) Update on the refurbishment of local authority housing
- (d) Refurbishments of voids in Boyle MD
- (e) Number of people on rent allowance offered housing and did not accept offer

Martin Lydon informed the meeting that due to annual leave Housing staff were unable to attend the meeting but if required will attend at a future date.

Councillor Rachel Doherty conveyed her disappointment at the absence of a representative from Housing at the meeting. She stated that some of the data requested was missing from the report such as:

1. No reference to allocations made
2. Number of transfers requested as a result of anti-social behaviour
3. Number of casual vacancies
4. Number of refurbishments
5. Number of houses awaiting pre-letting repairs
6. Breakdown of housing application
7. Better management of representations – explanation for lengthy response times
8. How many years people are on housing waiting list
9. Waiting time for refurbishments especially in Boyle Town

Martin Lydon stated that in order for members to ensure a more productive meeting, it is more beneficial for members to compile the information request by means of a question or notice of motion in advance of meeting. This method will give the relevant staff adequate time to compile a comprehensive reply and ensure that the relevant staff are in attendance at the meeting.

The members raised the following issues:

- How many people from Boyle Municipal District have turned down housing and the reason for same
- Is rural or one-off housing completely gone?
- Reason for delay in housing repairs
- Reason for delays in allocations
- Lack of housing personnel
- Lack of resources to carry out minor housing repairs
- Lack of trades people employed as outdoor staff in Boyle Municipal District
- No additional local authority housing purchased in number of years
- If no funding available to purchase or build local authority houses then the waiting lists will remain unchanged

Martin Lydon informed the meeting that the issue of housing repairs in the Boyle area is currently being investigated and confirmed that he would email the requested information to the members.

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

It was **AGREED** that the issue of housing is on the Agenda for the October meeting and an official from Housing is present to answer any questions.

Martin Lydon requested Councillor Doherty to email him by 31<sup>st</sup> of July the exact information requested in the report.

#### **26.15. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from an Garda Síochána re: Boyle Garda Station
2. Letter from Western Alzheimers re: request to make a presentation at the September plenary meeting

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

It was **AGREED** that Western Alzheimers will make a presentation to the plenary meeting in September

#### **27.15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### ***Safety Audit Ballaghaderreen Bypass***

Councillor Maura Hopkins thanked Martin Lydon for the information of the Safety Audit for the Ballaghaderreen Bypass. She highlighted that a number of problems were identified and queried when the recommendations will be implemented.

##### ***Community Alert, Frenchpark***

Councillor Maura Hopkins sought an update in relation to the review of the dangerous junction in Frenchpark

***Old N5 Frenchpark to Tulsk***

Councillor Maura Hopkins acknowledged the work done by the Ballaghaderreen Area Office in increase the safety on the Frenchpark to Tulsk road. A further review needs to be conducted to improve safety measures.

Councillor Eugene Murphy also confirmed that the Frenchpark to Tulsk road is very dangerous and complimented the Council on the erection of a flashing sign in an attempt to reduce speed on the road.

***Scramogue Cross***

Councillor Eugene Murphy stated that the junction at Scramogue Cross is very dangerous with additional heavy traffic due to site access for the Coillte works located on the Scramogue to Lanesboro road. Need for additional road signage and road markings. Lack of lighting is also a problem at this junction.

***Footpath Allocation***

Councillor John Cummins sought a report outlining where funds were spent for 2015 and 2014

***R361 Silver Roe Housing Estate***

Councillor John Cummins stated that the grass verge between the kerb and roadside is very unsightly at the entrance to this estate.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy

That Roscommon County Council resurface the strip between the kerb and roadside at Silver Roe Housing Estate to eliminate the unsightly grass verge

***L5120-13***

Councillor John Cummins queried when repair works will commence on a bridge on the L5120-13 where the wall of the bridge had fallen due to a collision and is now in a bad state of repair and dangerous to the public.

***Broadband***

Cllr. Doherty raised the issue of job creation, the economic role of Roscommon County Council and the lack of internet access in the County. She highlighted the need for facilitated discussion on broad band and whether Eircom should be invited to a meeting to make a presentation on the subject. It was agreed that Cllr. Doherty would email the details on exactly what she is looking for in the presentation to Fiona ní Chuinn and that the item be listed for the Plenary meeting agenda in September

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Doherty

**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy

It was agreed that a presentation be given on broadband to next plenary meeting

***Windmill Road & Carrick Road, Elphin***

Councillor Valerie Byrne stated that both roads are in need of resurfacing. She confirmed that water mains are being installed on both roads in September.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Byrne

**SECONDED** by Councillor Murphy

That Roscommon County Council are ready to carry out works on both roads once the water works are complete.

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

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

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**Meetings Administrator**

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**Cathairleach**

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**Countersigned**