

MINUTES OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON MONDAY THE 23rd MARCH, 2015. AT 11.00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS: J. Cummins, M. Hopkins & M. Mulligan.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors Byrne & Doherty

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

06.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins
SECONDED by Councillor Mulligan
It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on 23.2.2015.

07.15. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 179 OF PART XI OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AND PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED.

- **Replacement of Float Bridge on the L1210 at the intersection of the townlands of Creggan and Keelbanada, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon**

The Chief Executive's Report had been circulated to the members.

I have considered the various reports in relation to the Specified Development set out hereunder:-

| Nature and extent of development | Location of development |
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| Replacement of Float Bridge on the L1210. | Intersections of the townlands of Creggan & Keelbanada, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. |

As referred to in Part XI of Section 179, Sub-section 3(a) and 3(b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 the Council has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in respect of the proposed development and a necessary public notice was published in accordance with the requirement of the Regulations. It is proposed to proceed with the works as listed.

Eugene Dwyer informed the meeting that Roscommon County Council are ready to go to tender immediately on the works and that a Bat survey must be carried out. He continued that the closure of this Bridge has been a big hold up for the people of the area and that Roscommon County Council are anxious to get on site as soon as possible.

Members raised the following issues:-

- Will half a million euro be adequate to finish the works.
- What about the road either side of the Bridge?
- Will the Bat survey hold up the construction works?
- Need for weight restriction on the Bridge.
- How will the shortfall in funding be met.

Eugene Dwyer responded to all the queries raised. He confirmed that a complete concrete structure with two beams in the river is being provided. It is a two way Bridge and there will be weight restrictions in place.

He continued that the Bridge Survey carried out had five categories (five being the worst) and the Float Bridge was in the number five category. Works can be slow to get started due to the necessity for OPW consent. Roscommon County Council will do a programme of works over a number of years to upgrade Bridges with category five prioritised.

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

It was **AGREED** That Roscommon County Council proceed with the works in accordance with the approved plans.

08.15. A.O.B.,

April, Municipal District Meeting:

Martin Lydon referred to the next Municipal District Meeting which is proposed to be held on the 27th April. He outlined to members that it had been previously agreed that this meeting would be held in the Boyle area and confirmed that this would be the case for this meeting and referred in particular to a Joint Area Plan meeting with Carrick-on-Shannon with regard to Cortober and informed the members that this meeting will take place after the Municipal Districts meeting. Councillor Murphy requested that a meeting would be held in Strokestown before the year is up.

Local Area Plans:

Martin Lydon informed the members that he would like to meet them on an informal basis regarding the Boyle Local Area Plan and the Lough Key Local Area Plan preferably the week commencing the 13th April. He continued that it is anticipated that there may be a Municipal District meeting in August on the matter. It was agreed that this meeting would be held on Monday the 13th April in the Boyle Area Office at 10.30 a.m.

Irish Water:

Members raised the following issues with regard to Irish Water –

- Need for better communication with regard to the upgrading of the pipe network.
- Who is paying for the reinstatement of the roads where pipe networks have been laid.
- Roads have been severely damaged by the trench works.

- Power needs to be given to the local authorities with regard to reinstatements.
- The depth of water metres in the ground is still an issue as heavy frost may cause them to burst.

Eugene Dwyer confirmed that Irish Water have proposed a road opening policy nationally. He stated that Dublin seems to be the lead authority in this matter and they are looking at the Policy document for all local authorities.

Hedge Cutting:

Councillor Cummins complimented Roscommon County Council on the amount of hedges that have been cut recently.

Members Miscellaneous issues:

- Road from Strokestown to Roscommon all the overhanging trees are gone and hopefully there will be surface dressing in the Summer.
- N5 road at Carnaskeagh junction – a lot of accidents have occurred there and action required immediately at this location.
- Road between Frenchpark and Tulsk at Scotts pub has a lot of soft verges – an allocation from the NRA is required to finish the work – can any temporary works be carried out?
- Queried when traffic calming will be carried out at the junction in Frenchpark.

Eugene Dwyer confirmed that the junction in Frenchpark has now been surveyed and Greg O'Donnell is looking at proposals.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned