

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON, ON MONDAY THE 28th SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 2.15 P.M.

PRESENT Councillor Paddy Kilduff, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS:

V. Byrne	I. Connaughton	M. Creaton	D. Connolly
N. Dineen	R. Doherty	L. Fallon	P. Fitzmaurice
M. Hopkins	J. Cummins	J. Keogh	O. Leyden
M. Mulligan	E. Murphy	J. Naughten	K. Shanagher
T. Ward.			

OFFICIALS:

Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive
Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning
John O'Rourke, A/ Director of Services
Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer
Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator

75.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Murphy

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the monthly plenary meeting held on 22.6.2015

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Hopkins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the AGM held on 22.6.2015

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fallon

SECONDED by Councillor Ward

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22.6.2015

76.15. STANDING ORDERS

A letter was circulated to the members and read by Cathaoirleach Paddy Kilduff outlining a decision made by the Corporate Policy Group with regard to standing order no. 134 in relation to the process for agreeing proposals during meetings.

Cathaoirleach Kilduff confirmed that once a motion is proposed and seconded, he will put the question to the floor as to whether the motion is agreed or not.

Councillor Valerie Byrne voiced her disagreement with the amendment to SO 134 and requested time to seek legal advice on same. She stated that a proposal should be automatically agreed unless a counter proposal is put in place.

Cathaoirleach Kilduff confirmed that this letter was clarifying the situation going forward. He confirmed that it would be the same procedure for agreeing proposals at municipal district level.

Ms. Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive stated the matter was discussed at length by the Corporate Policy Group and the correspondence in relation to SO 134 provides clarity and ensures that each motion that is proposed and seconded is also formally agreed.

77.15. CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT SUBJECT TO SECTION 51, SUB-SECTIONS (3) & (4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT, 2014:

• **June, July and August 2015**

Members noted the Monthly Management Report for the months of June, July and August, 2015.

78.15. LOCAL PROPOERTY TAX (LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR) 2016

Mr. Martin Lydon, Head of Finance and Planning presented to the members the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) 2016 Report as circulated to the members.

He informed the members that in making their decision to either vary or maintain the current level of LPT must take account of the following factors:

- An estimation of income Roscommon County Council will receive and the expenditure it will incur for the financial year 2016
- The financial position of Roscommon County Council
- The financial effect of the varied rate (if any)
- Feedback from consultation

He outlined the following to the members:

- Once the local adjustment factor is set, the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government must be informed by 30th September.
- The potential budget for 2016
- Financial position of Roscommon County Council – one of the few local authorities in the country to be in a surplus position
- The financial effect of variation
- Public consultation
- Chief Executive's Recommendation

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice

That the LPT remain at the 2015 level and the Executive of Roscommon County Council allocate €30,000 per municipal district for verge trimming in 2016

The members raised the following issues: -

- Verge trimming should continue up until Christmas on local and rural roads.
- No choice but to leave local property tax as is to maintain services in Co. Roscommon.
- Commend the work of Martin Lydon and his staff on the good management of funds in Co. Roscommon.
- Realistically unable to reduce local property tax as Roscommon is relying on it.
- Aspirational idea to reduce local property tax – this would result in cutting services in Co. Roscommon.
- Some of the funding given to Irish Water by the Government should be allocated to the Local Authority.
- TÚS workers and community groups along with Roscommon County Council outdoor staff doing great work in the county.
- Easier for Dublin and larger counties to reduce local property tax as they have a wider rates base.
- Public get best value for money from their local property tax by means of verge trimming.
- Great to see Roscommon is one of the few local authorities in surplus.
- 5% reduction not as beneficial to the public as the provision of services.

- What would an increase of 10% from the equalisation fund equate to?
- Common sense has to prevail – outdoor staff are stretched to the limit.
- Proposals were made to reduce the local property tax by 15% and 5%

Mr. Martin Lydon, Head of Finance and Planning responded to the issues raised as follows:

- An increase from the equalisation fund may not result in a change to the dynamics of the fund and Roscommon may still only receive €9.1m for 2016.
- 5% reduction in local property tax would equate to 0.10c per week and 15% reduction would equate to 0.26c reduction per week which is not beneficial to the public.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Keogh

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice

That the meeting be adjourned to consider the proposals.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** not to cut the Local Property Tax for 2016 and to make an allocation of €30,000 to each Municipal District for verge trimming

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten

SECONDED by Councillor Fallon

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council write to the Minister to review the equalisation fund and seek an increase from 20% to 30% of funding as €9.1m of an allocation for 2016 is not adequate.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** to recruit more outdoor staff

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connaughton

SECONDED by Councillor Murphy

It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister/Revenue to seek clarification that if Roscommon County Council receives more in local property tax will the amount from the equalisation fund be amended to give a net result of €9.1m.

Ms. Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive thanked all the members for their contribution. She acknowledged the current restraints of Roscommon County Council. She confirmed that the workforce plan for Roscommon County Council is still awaiting approval by the Department and Roscommon is currently restricted by the embargo regarding the recruitment of staff to the Local Authority. She explained that while Irish Water are providing the finance for a service, Roscommon County Council are the deliverers of this service. She concluded by commending the work of community and TÚS workers.

79.15. FIXING A DATE FOR THE BUDGET MEETING

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** that the date for the Budget Meeting would be set as the 26th November, 2015 and the date for the Municipal District Draft Budget Plans would be set at 9th November 2015.

80.15. OVERDRAFT APPROVAL 2016

Correspondence from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners was circulated to the meeting seeking approval from the members in relation to an overdraft facility for Roscommon County Council for 2016.

Mr. Martin Lydon, Head of Finance and Planning informed the members that a resolution of the Council must be submitted to the Local Government Finance Section of the Department with the overdraft application no later than Friday 6th November 2015. He continued that Roscommon County Council are seeking an overdraft limit of €6 million, which is the same as the 2015 overdraft, however there are no costs incurred if the facility is not used.

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

It was **AGREED** to approve the application for an overdraft facility of €6million for Roscommon County Council for the year ending 31.12.2016.

81.15 SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL – LANDSCAPING WORKS AT SUCKFIELD ROUNDABOUT, BALLINASLOE

Mr. Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer informed the meeting that Galway County Council had approached Roscommon County Council requesting them to enter into a Section 85 Agreement for the landscaping of the Suckfield Roundabout, located at Junction 14 off the M6 motorway as previously circulated to the members. He stated that Galway County Council want to enhance the approach to roundabouts from Co. Galway onto the M6.

The members raised the following issues:

- Will Beagh roundabout be included in the landscaping works?
- What is Roscommon County Council's contribution?

Mr. Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer responded to the issues as follows:

- Galway County Council are only interested in landscaping the 2 exits off the M6 from Galway. Roscommon County Council would have to fund the landscaping of Beagh roundabout themselves.
- Roscommon County Council are contributing €20,000 towards the works. The total cost of the works is €53,000.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten
SECONDED by Councillor Ward

It was **AGREED** to write to Galway County Council to include Beagh roundabout in their proposal.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Naughten
SECONDED by Councillor Ward

It was **AGREED** to carry out the proposed landscaping works at Suckfield Roundabout, Ballinasloe.

82.15 SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL – REHABILITATION WORKS TO DERRYCAHILL BRIDGE

Mr. Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer informed the members that Roscommon County Council and Galway County Council wish to enter into a Section 85 agreement for the upgrade of Derrycahill Bridge. He confirmed that Roscommon County Council will act as the Lead Authority

for the works. The works will be jointly funded with Roscommon County Council funding 2/3 of the works and Galway County Council funding 1/3 of the works.

Mr. Eugene Dwyer stated that the total cost of the works will be approximately €90,000 + VAT. He continued that Roscommon County Council is currently waiting on tender prices for the works. Once works are due to commence, he will inform all the local Councillors.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward
SECONDED by Councillor Keogh

It was **AGREED** to carry out the proposed works on Derrycahill Bridge.

83.15. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2014

The Annual Report was circulated to the members.

The members raised the following issues:

- Requested printed or email version of document in future.
- Update on Tenant Purchase Scheme – needs to be re-introduced.
- Difficulty in relation to housing waiting lists in Roscommon.
- Issue with refurbishments of voids.
- Vacant houses are an under-utilised asset.
- Roscommon County Council needs to be more innovative.
- Need more support from Department for housing in Co. Roscommon.

John O'Rourke, A/Director of Services responded to the issues as follows:

- No Tenant Purchase Scheme in place at present.
- Number of housing voids includes houses under offer.
- 18 units of traveller accommodation vacant – specifically for travellers.

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

It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister to seek funding to upgrade the vacant housing stock in the county.

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the annual report as circulated.

84.15. REVIEW OF CIVIC RECEPTIONS POLICY

Mr. John O'Rourke, A/Director of Services outlined the draft policy on civic receptions as circulated to the members, which highlighted amendments as recommended by the Corporate Policy Group. He confirmed that a resolution will be required at Municipal District level to honour teams/individuals at civic receptions.

The members raised the following issues:

- Teams that go forward to represent Co. Roscommon at All-Ireland level and do not win are not recognised.
- Should include Connacht Championship level.
- Suggest a letter of recognition to teams that are not eligible for a civic honour.
- What happens to proposals previously submitted?
- Community people are the unsung heroes.

- Each submission should be looked at on their own merit.
- Not possible to cope with large group attending – suggest maybe limiting to 2/3 per team.
- Unfair to limit groups as all involved should receive the honour.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Keogh
SECONDED by Councillor Murphy
 To adopt the Civic Receptions Policy

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Fallon
SECONDED by Councillor Naughton
 To amend the policy to include Connacht level winners

The Meetings Administrator was requested to call a vote on Councillor Fallon’s proposal which resulted as follows:

A vote was taken on the Councillor Fallon’s proposal to amend the policy as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR OF AMENDING THE POLICY:

Councillors Connolly, Fallon and Naughten (3)

VOTING AGAINST THE AMENDMENT OF THE POLICY:

Councillors Byrne, Connaughton, Creaton, Cummins, Dineen, Doherty, Fitzmaurice, Hopkins, Keogh, Kilduff, Leyden, Mulligan, Murphy, Shanagher and Ward (15)

The Cathaoirleach declared the motion as follows:

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Civic Receptions Policy as presented.

85.15. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE

A list of proposed members for appointment to the Joint Policing Committee was circulated to the members.

Nominating Body	Nominee
Muintir na Tíre	Bernard Kearney, Fourmilehouse, Roscommon
Comhairle na nÓg	Conor Casey, Carrownageelogue, Oran, Co. Roscommon
Business Community	Brian Nerney, Carrick Road, Boyle, Co. Roscommon

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

It was **AGREED** to approve the appointment of the members to the Joint Policing Committee as circulated.

86.15. GALWAY 2020 BID

A letter from Galway County Council was circulated to the members requesting support for their bid to host the European Capital of Culture event in 2020.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Keogh
SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to support the Galway 2020 Bid.

87.15. PRESENTATION BY PATRICK MCCANN, PRESIDENT OF THE POSTMASTERS UNION OF IRELAND

Mr. Patrick McCann, President of the Postmasters Union of Ireland presented to the members the Six Point Plan. He outlined the following:

- Recognise post office network as a national asset
- Secure role of post offices in delivering Department of Social Protection (DSP) payment
- Provide the funding for a standard bank account through the Post Office Network
- Quantify the social role which Post Offices provide
- Instruct An Post to immediately cease any action, in relation to Post & Pay
- Carry out a comprehensive commercial review of the network

The members raised the following issues:

- Commend presentation from Patrick McCann.
- Fully support the six point plan.
- Technology has destroyed the post office network.
- Important to allow for the payment of more bills in the post office.
- If social welfare payments are taken away it will result in the collapse of the post office.
- If post offices don't get banking status they will close down.
- Public need to support the post office alot more.
- Post offices provide key local services in Co. Roscommon.
- Government could divert more services to the post offices in rural communities.
- Onus on everybody to ensure local post offices do not close.

Mr. Patrick McCann, President of Postmasters Union of Ireland responded to the issues raised as follows:

- Thanked the members for their contribution.
- No structure or facilities in place to attract young people.
- Currently in negotiations with An Post to introduce a debit card/smart card – currently in developmental stages.
- An Post Regulations has financial implications for postmasters.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Councillor Murphy

It was **AGREED** to support the six point plan of the post office network and seek support from other counties for same.

Ms. Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive thanked Patrick for his presentation and gave her support to their six point plan. She said that the post office network has a vital role to play in the preservation of rural Ireland and the delivery of services to rural areas.

88.15. EXTENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Murphy

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to extend Standing Orders to the close of business.

89.15. VERGE TRIMMING

Cathaoirleach, Paddy Kilduff referred to Councillor Naughten's Motion 9/15 which had been discussed at the recent Athlone Municipal District meeting and agreed to put forward for discussion at the next plenary meeting.

Notice of Motion from Councillor Naughten – 9/15.

“That Roscommon County Council immediately carry out trimming of roadside verges where grass and noxious weeds are currently overgrown and are a hazard to road users.”

The Meetings Administrator read out the following reply:-

Verge trimming will be carried out over the coming months subject to the availability of resources.

Mr. Eugene Dwyer, Senior Engineer provided an update to the members:

- Roscommon County Council currently has seven hedge cutting units on the road at present.
- Hedge cutting is not the responsibility of Roscommon County Council – it is the responsibility of the land owner.
- Roscommon County Council is only responsible for verge trimming on roads.
- IFA submission to the Minister requested an extension to the hedge cutting period.
- Practise needs to be examined.

The members raised the following issues:

- Roscommon County Council should be cutting verges continuously during summer period.
- No work on verge trimming all summer.
- Road safety is a priority for the public.
- Need to raise awareness of farmers responsibility in terms of hedge cutting.
- Need to work together with farming community.
- Should be hedge cutting all year round especially at junctions.
- Cut tall trees and hedging on south sides of roads to help clearing of frost from roads.
- Community groups willing to carry out verge trimming to help tidy towns.
- Community groups to take ownership of their own areas to alleviate the pressure on the council for verge trimming.
- Verge trimming has uncovered rubbish on the roadsides.
- Weeds and long grass an issue on the Fuerty road.
- Why has the Department not approved the workforce plan for Roscommon County Council?

Ms. Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive informed the members that Roscommon County Council are working with the Department on issues raised in relation to the workforce plan and is hopeful that approval is very imminent.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** to increase the allocation for amenity grants from €25,000 to €50,000 in 2016 Budget, allocating a minimum of €200 per group.

90.15. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Kathleen Lynch's office re: Sacred Heart Hospital
2. Letter from Leo Varadkar's office re: Sacred Heart Hospital
3. Letter from Tipperary County Council re: lobbying the Department of Education to introduce suicide awareness into secondary school curriculum.

4. Letter from Sligo County Council re: new regulations of sections of the 2012 Credit Union Act
5. Email from Leo Varadkar's office re: Sacred Heart Hospital
6. Letter from Limerick City & County Council re: sale of designated lands
7. Letter from Clare County Council re: restricted access of members to housing information
8. Letter from Donegal County Council re: request An Taoiseach to formally ask the US Ambassador to Ireland to include Ireland in the next round of visa waivers for the undocumented Irish
9. Letter from Leitrim County Council re: Single Farm Payment Cuts
10. Letter from Leitrim County Council re: fencing of farms
11. Email from Cork County Council re: state job activation measures
12. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach re: Sacred Heart Hospital
13. Letter from HIQA re: Sacred Heart Hospital
14. Letter from Joan Burton, TD's Office re: Sacred Heart Hospital
15. Letter from Department of Health re: Rosalie Unit, Castlerea
16. Letter from Department of Finance re: write down of mortgages
17. Letter from HSE re: Rosalie Unit, Castlerea
18. Letter from Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government re: LEADER funding
19. Letter from HSE re: Roscommon Mental Health Services
20. Letter from Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government re: moratorium on recruitment
21. Letter from Central Bank of Ireland re: acknowledge receipt of letter

91.15. NOTICES OF MOTION

21.15. ATHLONE BOUNDARY

Notice of Motion from Councillor Ward – 21/15

"I am calling on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., to extend the Roscommon County Boundary back to the Athlone Town Bridge, which is the natural boundary between Connacht and Leinster."

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This Notice of Motion requires a Resolution of the Council.

Councillor Ward read a submission he had prepared to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee outlining:

- The natural boundary is the Athlone Town Bridge which was the original boundary until 1899.
- During the past three decades, all of the state and semi-state bodies have transferred over to the east side of Athlone.
- Many private businesses have transferred to the east side of Athlone.
- No industrial estate on west side of Athlone.
- The extension of Athlone UDC out to Monksland, Bealnamullia and Hodson Bay areas would have dire consequences to finances of Roscommon County Council.
- Roscommon County Council would lose significant income from household charge, car tax, department grants, roads funding, etc.
- A change to the boundary would result in a loss of 50% of the people in the South Roscommon area.
- Roscommon County Council has invested a great deal in development of Monksland, Bealnamullia and Hodson Bay areas in recent years.

The members raised the following issues:

- Update on submission being prepared by working group.
- Issue should be supported by all of Co. Roscommon.
- Every confidence in Roscommon County Council to rejuvenate the Roscommon side of Athlone.
- Bishop Kevin Doran wished to make a submission, when possible on behalf of the Church.

Ms. Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive responded to the issues raised as follows:

- A Boundary Committee consisting of three members was set up and has met twice. Two committee members have since resigned.
- Westmeath County Council is the leading authority dealing with the boundary review.
- Roscommon County Council is awaiting direction after the arrival of the new Chief Executive.
- No advertisement yet inviting submissions.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

It was **AGREED** to that Roscommon County Council write to Minister Alan Kelly to meet a deputation of Councillors to highlight the importance of the Athlone area to Co. Roscommon.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Connaughton

It was **AGREED** to send Councillor Ward's submission to the Boundary Review Committee once application for submissions commence.

22.15. COMMUNICATION OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice of Motion from Councillor Leyden – 22/15

“That Roscommon County Council carries out a number of measures to improve communication with the public and thus strengthen the relationship between the Council and local community including:

- Uploading of documentation relating to Council meetings (both Plenary and Municipal) in Appendices format to Minutes on Roscommon County Council website;
- Uploading of Council Agendas (both Plenary and Municipal) in advance of Council meetings on website;
- Live web-streaming of Council meetings from new Civic Office Chamber on Council website.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

Roscommon County Council is currently updating its website and are examining systems for uploading of documentation relating to the Council meetings. It is hoped to roll this out when the website is updated.

- **Council Agendas are now posted in advance of meetings**
- **Live web-streaming will be carried out in the new Civic HQ**

Councillor Leyden welcomed the proposed initiatives. She outlined how important it is to support public participation and communication. She welcomed the provision of thirty public spaces in the gallery of the new Civic Offices. She queried the timeframe for the updating of the Roscommon County Council website and stated that at present it is not very user friendly or accessible.

The members raised the following issues:

- Timely motion in advance of move to new HQ.
- Difficult to navigate website for forms, etc.
- JPC minutes and details should be available on website also.
- Communication with public very importance.
- Roscommon County Council should create their own facebook page to highlight and promote events and alerts in the county.
- Castlerea Swimming Pool facebook page very successful this summer.
- Local Enterprise Office facebook page very successful.

Mr. Martin Lydon, Head of Finance & Planning responded to the issues as follows:

- Revamp of the Roscommon County Council website currently taking place and is expected to be complete by end of 2015.
- New communications policy coming into effect in 2016.
- Customer Relations Management (CRM) system being rolled out in 2016.
- Move to paperless communication to elected members.

92.15 COUNCILLORS CONFERENCES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

It was **AGREED** to adopt the list of Conferences as circulated to the members.

Cllr. J. Keogh	Reserved and Executive Functions at local Government Level, White's Hotel Wexford. The New Companies Act 2014, Horse and Jockey Hotel, Horse and Jockey, Co. Tipperary. The Councillors 'Development Plan 'A Reserved Function?', White's Hotel, Wexford.
Cllr. L. Fallon	AILG Training (Module 3), Local Community Development and LCDC, Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo. Irish National Radon Forum, EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford. Govt's Construction 2020 Strategy Local Govt. Housing Supply, White's Hotel, Wexford.
Cllr. N.Dineen	AILG Training (Module 4), Local Authority Finance & Housing, Hudson Bay, Athlone. The Councillor's Development Plan, "A Reserved Function?", White's Hotel, Wexford.
Cllr. O. Leyden	AILG Training (Module 4), Local Authority Finance & Housing, Hudson Bay, Athlone. AILG Training (Module 1), Welcome Inn, Castlebar.
Cllr. P. Kilduff	AILG Training (Module 4), Local Authority Finance & Housing, Hudson Bay, Athlone. Planning & Development (No.2) Bill 2014, Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Govt. Re-think? On Districts Municipal/Borough/Metropolitan ,Whites Hotel, Wexford.

Cllr. J. Cummins	AILG Training (Module 4), Local Authority Finance & Housing, Hudson Bay, Athlone. Govt. Re-think? On Districts Municipal/Borough/Metropolitan ,Whites Hotel, Wexford.
Cllr. M. Mulligan	Govt. Re-think? On Districts Municipal/Borough/Metropolitan ,Whites Hotel, Wexford. The Councillors' Development Plan 'A Reserved Function?', White's Hotel, Wexford.
Cllr. I. Connaughton	Cross Border Tourism Conference, Crown Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth. AILG Training (Module 2), Clayton Hotel, Galway. AILG Training (Module 3), Local Community Development and LCDC, Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo. AILG Training (Module 4), Local Authority Finance & Housing, Hudson Bay, Athlone. The Councillor's Development Plan, "A Reserved Function?" ¹¹¹ , White's Hotel, Wexford. Planning & Development Building Regulations. The Connacht Hotel, Galway. Changes to Community Development, The Connacht Hotel, Galway. Planning & Development (No.2) Bill 2014, Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Govt. Re-think? On Districts Municipal/Borough/Metropolitan, Whites Hotel, Wexford.

93.15. VOTES OF SYMPATHY were extended to:

The Callaghan family, Boho, Ballintubber on the death of Austin Callaghan

94.15. AOB

LAMA

Councillor Tony Ward read a motion from Cork City Council "That this council would adopt this resolution in support of Cork City Council in its actions against the proposed merger of Cork City and County Councils, and further supports its challenge to the Local Government Reform programme, which undermines the European principal of subsidiarity."

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Mulligan

It was **AGREED** to support the motion from Cork City Council.

Industrial Land in Monksland Area

Councillor John Naughten queried if Roscommon County Council would consider purchasing some industrial lands in the Monksland area to keep in their land bank and make available for significant development to attract industry into the area.

Majella Hunt, T/Chief Executive stated that Roscommon County Council presently has industrial land remaining at the Jazz Pharmaceutical Plant and an additional 3-4 acres on the Oyster Homes Road.

Roscommon Mental Health Services

Councillor Rachel Doherty referred to the current review of the mental health services being carried out in Co. Roscommon, in particular in Knockroe House. She said that Roscommon County Council should show their support to the psychiatric nurses in the county.

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

It was **AGREED** to write to John Meehan requesting the following information:

- (a) Who is carrying out the external enquiry on behalf of the HSE
- (b) Timeframe for the enquiry
- (c) Terms of reference

Tidy Towns

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher congratulated the Tidy Towns groups who had won an award at today's Tidy Towns Awards.

They are:

- Keadue- gold
- Castlecoote - gold
- Roscommon Town – silver
- Mote Park – heritage award
- Ballintubber
- Dysart
- Cloontuskert

She acknowledged the hard work of the community groups, Roscommon County Council staff, TÚS workers and Gateway staff.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned