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MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON Municipal District **MEETING HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE** Suite - Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, **ON WEDNESDAY**, 20th March, 2019 **AT 2.30 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor Orla Leyden, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr N. Dineen, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice, Cllr M. Creaton and Cllr K. Shanagher.

OFFICIALS: Breeda Burke, Staff Officer
John Mockler, Roscommon Municipal District Co-Ordinator
Conor Fallon, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Martin Lydon, Director of Services
Eugene Dwyer, Head of Roads & Transportation

APOLOGIES: Cllr D. Connolly

11. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Roscommon Municipal District Meeting held on 21st January, 2019.

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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The following matters were raised –

Cllr. Shanagher stated that the streets in Roscommon Town were in an awful state after the recent Bank Holiday weekend. The amount of rubbish, bottles and glasses on the streets was a disgrace. People need to take more responsibility and the bye laws in relation to drinking on the streets need to be enforced. Cllr. Shanagher asked that the local business people and publicans become more involved in ensuring that the town is maintained as it is not feasible to expect council staff to be available at the weekends to clean up the mess. She also suggested a meeting between the Litter Warden, Roscommon County Council's Environment Office, and the Local Chamber of Commerce so that they can decide on the best approach to tackle this problem going forward.

The members requested an update on the planning application for the proposed new Hospice.

Martin Lydon stated that the planning department are still waiting receipt of further information from Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

The members all agreed to facilitate another MD Meeting if required.

13. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENTS UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 19 (AS AMENDED) AND ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - CLUAIN FRAOIGH

Conor Fallon outlined to members the project along with the details of the Part V111 process as outlined in the Chief Executive's report (included with the Agenda). The proposed residential development at Cluain Fraoigh, Cloonybeirne, Roscommon will comprise of a) 7 No. residential units as follows: (i) 4 No. Semi Detached 2-Bed Single Storey Houses, (ii) 2 No. Detached 2-Bed Single Storey Houses, (iii) 1 No. Detached

3-Bed Single Storey House

(b) all associated site works including construction of footpath, roads, car parking area, bin store area, street lighting, ducting for utilities, formation of new connections to existing foul and surface water drainage, and existing utilities.

The members welcomed the construction of social housing in Roscommon town and praised the design of the project in addition to the A3 energy rating of the project.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** by all the members that the proposed development should proceed as outlined in the Chief Executive's report without any variation or modification.

**14. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENTS UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
19 (AS AMENDED) AND ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
2001 (AS AMENDED) - CLOONFAD**

Conor Fallon outlined to members the project along with the details of the Part V111 process as outlined in the Chief Executive's report (included with the Agenda). The proposed residential development at Cloonfad, Co. Roscommon will comprise of (a) demolition of existing building (b) construction of 3 No. terraced 2-bed two-storey residential units (c) all associated site works including construction of footpath, car parking, ducting for utilities, formation of new connections to existing foul and surface water drainage, and existing utilities.

The members welcomed the development and enquired why the units were not designed to suit people with a disability. Conor Fallon explained that the site constraints would not allow for it and that a terraced design will suit better in this location.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** by all the members that the proposed development should proceed as outlined in the Chief Executive's report without any variation or modification.

**15. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS INCLUDING ROADS PROGRAMME FOR
19 ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FOR 2019**

John Mockler introduced the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2019 and outlined the work that the Municipal District carries out.

The members queried as to why we are now contracting out housing repairs. Martin Lydon explained that by contracting out the work we are able to respond quicker to customers and it is working well. He agreed to look for information from the Housing department to assess how many calls we are contracting out and if value for money is being met. This will provide the rationale for a change in direction regarding who carries out housing repairs in the long term.

Eugene Dwyer presented the National Roads section of the Draft Roads Programme for the Roscommon Municipal District for 2019.

The members raised the following matters

- Timing of work due to be carried out at Church Road and Patrick Street in Castlerea town and a

- request that work be held off until June and carried out in the evening time if possible
- Request for ducting at Patrick's Street junction in Castlerea, Williamstown and Loughglynn junctions to allow for traffic lights in the future
- Update requested on the Oran job
- Update requested on urgent works required on the N60 Ballymoe to Castlerea road

Eugene Dwyer responded to the issues raised

- As both junctions are on national roads the Safety Department of the TII will need to be consulted before any works can take place.
- We need to agree with Irish Water the amount of money they will contribute towards the final reinstatement of the road in Castlerea after the water main is laid.
- We are assessing tenders at the moment for the Oran job and we are close to awarding a contract with work hopefully starting in April providing the Board of the TII gives approval.
- We applied at the end of January for €200,000 to repair the worst section of the road from Ballymoe to Castlerea. We have this project prioritised as the most urgent. We hope to get funding for the full scheme for 2020.

John Mockler presented the Regional and Local roads section of the Draft Roads Programme for the Roscommon Municipal District for 2019.

Eugene Dwyer expressed his concern at spending €350,000 in Cloontuskert and that in his professional capacity advised that the job should be phased.

Cllr. Leyden stated that extensive discussion took place on this issue at the January meeting. A decision was made at that meeting not to phase the job as it would end up much more expensive in the long run and that is why the total job is included in the Draft Roads Programme for 2019.

A general discussion regarding the Draft Roads Programme took place and following that;

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** by all the members that if any other low cost safety scheme does not go ahead that the Oran/Killinratty scheme be included instead as a priority.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Dineen

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** by all the members to adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works including the Roads Programme for the Roscommon Municipal District for 2019.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION 2.19 - CLLR. LEYDEN

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"That Roscommon County Council facilitate the development of allotments / a community garden in Roscommon Town through the provision of land to support sustainability and biodiversity (this could be developed with a Community Group)"

REPLY

Roscommon County Council is prepared to consider submissions from Community Groups in relation to proposals for Community Gardens in the context of availability of suitable lands and the proposed

management of the garden.

Cllr. Leyden spoke about her Notice of Motion and how community gardens are good for people's mental health, promoting social inclusion, cross community development and promoting bio diversity. Cloontuskert are leading the way within the Municipal District and already have a very good polytunnell.

The other members all supported the motion and agreed it was a very good idea subject to suitable land being available. It is also a goal of the Castlerea Town Team to develop a community garden.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** by all the members to support the Notice of Motion.

17. FEEDBACK FROM THE TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

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The Castlerea Town Team are

- Working on a number of different projects
- Most of the route for the O'Sullivan Beara walk is mapped out and stiles are in place
- Trying to get more parking signs around Castlerea Town
- Very good town team committee and they are working very well together

The Roscommon Town Team are

- sad to have lost Michael Kenny R.I.P. as he was a valuable member of the town team
- currently working on the flower project in Roscommon Town with the aim of scaling back on the number of hanging pots up high
- currently working on a 1km walk/run project for Loughnaneane Park
- carrying out a survey regarding the operation of a bus service around Roscommon town
- the coffee morning for the friends of Edenville House was a great success and they are looking at setting up a working group and arranging a visit to Edenville House

18. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

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VOTES OF SYMPATHY were extended to

- The Kelly family, Knockcroghery on the death of Michael Kelly R.I.P.

19. A.O.B.

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The following additional items were raised-

- Roscommon Tidy Towns intend to use the additional funding from Minister Michael Ring towards a landscaping project at the Supervalu car park in Roscommon town
- Request for the laneway connecting the Supervalu car park to Main Street to be enhanced as the road markings and pedestrian crossing lines have faded and drainage problems need to be addressed there also
- The upgrading of the Supervalu car park and surrounding area is required in order to bring it more in line with the new public car park.

20.19 PROVISIONAL DATE OF NEXT ROSCOMMON MD MEETING IS WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2019 AT 11.00 A.M.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned