

DRAFT MINUTES OF ATHLONE Municipal District **HELD IN THE COUNCIL** Chamber - Áras an Chontae, **ON TUESDAY, 22nd November, 2022 AT 10.00 am**

PRESENT: Councillor John Naughten **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr J. Keogh, Cllr D. Kilduff and Cllr L. Fallon.

OFFICIALS: Caitlín Conneely, A/Director of Services
Paul Browne, Acting Municipal District Coordinator
Shelia Glennon, Assistant Staff Officer
John Mockler, Senior Engineer
John Freeman, Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies: Cllr E. Kelly and Cllr T. Ward

80.22 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (SECTION 177 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AS AMENDED)

No disclosures.

81.22 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. J Naughten welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On the **Proposal of:** Cllr. J Keogh

Seconded by: Cllr. L Fallon

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of Athlone Municipal District meeting held on 27th September, 2022.

On the **Proposal of:** Cllr. L Fallon

Seconded by: Cllr. J Keogh

It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of Athlone Municipal District Budget meeting held on 20th October, 2022.

82.22 BRIEFING NOTE (SPEED LIMITS ON NATIONAL ROADS)

A Briefing on the Speed Limits on National Roads was presented to the Members by John Mockler Senior Engineer and John Freeman, Senior Executive Engineer from Roads Department.

Following the briefing, Members expressed their disappointment and safety concerns in relation to the N61 and N63 proposals.

In the absence of two Members of the Athlone MD council, it was agreed to defer a decision on the proposal until all Members were briefed.

83.22 SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000

AND ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)- ROAD SAFETY SCHEME ADJACENT TO CLOONAKILLE NATIONAL SCHOOL, ATHLONE

Specified Development under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Article 81 of Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001(amended)- Road Safety Scheme adjacent to Cloonakille National School, Bealnamulla, Athlone was presented to the Members by John Mockler Senior Engineer.

The Members discussed the scheme in general and requested that egress from the school be limited to left turn only.

On the **Proposal of:** Cllr. J Naughten

Seconded by: Cllr. J Keogh

It was **AGREED** by all members to adopt the Part 8 for Cloonakille National School.

84.22 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. J Naughten inquired if the costing to raise the Clonown road was completed.

Paul Browne A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator informed the Members that he had the costing completed with details available after meeting. Estimated costing of €7 million.

On the **Proposal of:** Cllr. J Naughten

Seconded by: Cllr. J Keogh

A request to be submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure and Finance to fund this project.

85.22 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences for discussion

86.22 NOTICE OF MOTION

There was one Notice of Motion for discussion

87.22 10.22 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SPEED TABLES ON THE OLD TUAM ROAD - CLLR J NAUGHTEN

“That Roscommon County Council provide a minimum of three additional speed tables on the Old Tuam Road to help address the ongoing issues with speed on what is primarily a residential road. The speed tables previously installed have contributed to a reduction in speed where they are located.”

Reply:

A number of traffic calming measures have been provided along public road LP 2047 including driver feedback signs, speed stamps, speed tables and ancillary warning signs and road markings. The A2 Bus Service operates on the half hour along this public road; technical advice documents in relation to bus routes recommend that there should not be a series of closely spaced speed tables.

This stretch of road was highlighted to the Gardai for increased observation and enforcement on those who do not comply with the speed limits.

The Council reminds all drivers to only drive within the necessary speed limits, but also at speeds that are appropriate to the conditions. Drivers should always be aware that speed limits are not a target! Drivers who ignore speed limits put themselves and others at great risk.

On the **Proposal of:** Cllr J Naughten

Seconded by: Cllr. J Keogh

It was **AGREED** by the Members that a review be done in twelve months to review the situation and look at the possibility of another speed table along this stretch of road. Paul Browne A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator agreed to do a review and carry out a speed survey over the coming year

88.22 CIVIC RECEPTION REQUEST

No civic reception requested

89.22 QUESTIONS

One question for noting.

90.22 10.22 TRAFFIC COUNT TO BE DONE AT EARLSPARK ROAD L2032-0 JUNCTION OFF THE R446.- CLLR J NAUGHTEN

Can Roscommon County Council undertake a traffic count at the Earlsparck road L2032-0 Junction off the R446 with a view to providing a right turning lane at this location, as there are significant safety issues for motorists turning right at this location ?.

Response

RCC will arrange a traffic count at the above junction, to be completed by the end of Q1 2023

91.22 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / SYMPATHY

No votes of congratulations/sympathy

92.22 A.O.B

No AOB for discussion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:



Acting Athlone MD Co-Ordinator.

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned