

**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District
HELD IN THE Boyle Municipal District Office, Boyle
ON Friday, 24th March, 2023 AT 2.30 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor John Cummins **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr L. Callaghan, Cllr T. Crosby, Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr M. Mulligan and Cllr J. Murphy.

OFFICIALS: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co Ordinator
Colm Kelly, Acting Executive Engineer
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies: .

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

There were no disclosure statements from members.

17.23 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Michael Mulligan
SECONDED by Councillor Liam Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District meeting of 20th January, 2023.

18.23 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

19.23 DRAFT BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ROAD WORKS SCHEME 2023 AS PART OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

The Councillors commended the roads programme team for their excellent presentation in respect of the Roads Programme.

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

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Boyle Municipal District Road Works Scheme 2023 as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works

Cllr. Liam Callaghan queried allocation to N5 under National Primary Roads – Minor Schemes – Active Travel and asked when projects are to be finalised in particular the allocation of €80,000 for Frenchpark and €230,000 for N5 Tulsk to Rathcroghan

Mr. I. Kilcline confirmed that €80,000 for N5 Frenchpark is towards the Frenchpark Junction and €230,000 Tulsk to Rathcroghan is for the development of cycling and walking locations under Active Travel and tourism to develop link to the Neolithic site.

Cllr. Tom Crosby queried funding under National Primary Roads Ordinary Maintenance N5 section at

Tarmonbarry

Mr. I. Kilcline stated that this is through TII for Upgrade of pavemets. Mr. I. Kilcline will follow up with TII for list of projects for Cllr. Crosby.

Compliments were expressed to the Engineers for the satisfactory completion of the Strokestown/Tarmonbarry project.

20.23 MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNDING SCHEME 2023

Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Cummins informed meeting that the 2023 Boyle Municipal District Fund was to be advertised in the Roscommon Herald on Tuesday 28th March next and asked members to agree the deadline date for submission of proposals.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Tom Crosby
SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** that proposals should be submitted by **Tuesday 18th April, 2023** being three weeks from date of advertisement.

21.23 NOTICE OF MOTION 01.23 - CLLR. MURPHY CALLING ON TII TO UPGRADE SCHOOL SIGNAGE ON CHURCH STREET, STROKESTOWN SERVICING ST. MARY'S NS AND SCHOOL MHUIRE POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL TO FLASHING SPEED SIGNS SIMILAR TO THE ONES AT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, ELPHIN STREET

RESPONSE

The Roads & Transportation Section are currently working on the design of a Safety Scheme with TII along the N5 route through Strokestown, a review of the school signage can be looked at as part of this scheme.

Cllr. Joe Murphy stated that the flashing signs at Elphin Street were a good example of what is required. He welcomed work on design, etc. with TII and stated that something can easily be done.

Cllr. Tom Crosby supported Cllr. Joe Murphy on the Notice of Motion. He stated that these style of signs are very effective and can be solar powered so cost of installation more economical.

Cllr. Valerie Byrne fully supported Cllr. Joe Murphy. She said that as it impacts on two schools that safety on the main road west and control of speed of traffic must be a priority and that the flashing lights helped to remind drivers.

Cllr. Liam Callaghan stated that such signage was for control of traffic at schools and also for two housing estates. He said that this is a very active and exceptionally dangerous area for residents. He suggested that there is a need for speed calming flashing lights/camera.

Cllr. Michael Mulligan supported Cllr. Joe Murphy's motion and agreed it was needed soon and was a very worthwhile project.

Cllr. John Cummins queried statement in response "currently working" and asked how long it was likely to take.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline responded saying that he had met with John Freeman regarding the Safety Scheme for the roundabout in town heading west. The Scheme will incorporate other works including the lights and other schemes under Regeneration - all through TII Safety Section.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that yellow flashing school lights similar to those used at all rural schools and schools on the edge of towns and villages are already in place at this location. The flashing school lights that also show driver approach speed being proposed by Cllr Murphy are newer and worthy of consideration given the stated problem of excessive vehicular speeds on Church Street. Other generic flashing lights not specifically for school times could also be considered. Mr. O'Donnell stated that a range of measures are needed and hoped that these would be provided in TII's broader plan. Mr. Ivor Kilcline will discuss further and give feedback to Cllr. Joe Murphy.

22.23 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

There were no votes of congratulations or sympathy.

23.23 AOB

23.23 (a) Cloonfower School – Safety Measures

Mr. Ivor Kilcline informed meeting that funding for the safety measures is being reviewed – possibly from Discretionary Fund. Scheme includes replacing lights and putting in road markings. Newly appointed Technician to look at design.

23.23 (b) Signage at Elphin Secondary School

Cllr. V. Byrne asked about signage at Secondary School in Elphin. Mr. Ivor Kilcline agreed to look at this with Area Engineer.

23.23 (c) Speed on N61 Section at Shankhill

Cllr. V. Byrne also raised issue of speeding on N61 section at Shankhill. Private residents cannot get onto the main road. Mr. Ivor Kilcline to follow up on this.

23.23 (d) Provision for people who have received eviction notices

Cllr. M. Mulligan asked what provisions are being made for private tenants who have received eviction notices.

He was informed that this will be raised at the Council Meeting next Monday 27th March with the Housing Department.

23.23 (e) Carpark at Cortober Railway Station

Cllr. V. Byrne asked for update on this and what can be done to progress this further.

Mr. I. Kilcline informed meeting that this was discussed with the Irish Rail Area Manager who informed him that Irish Rail cannot obtain additional land for car park extension. There is ground owned by ESB but discussions are proving difficult.

Mr. I. Kilcline has agreed to arrange a meeting with ESB and Irish Rail and will report back at next Boyle MD meeting in May 2023.

23.23 (f) Lugnashammer, Croghan– bad bend 5-6 houses affected

Cllr. V. Byrne stated that residents here would be agreeable to contributing to costs associated with solving

this problem.

Mr. I. Kilcline outlined the issues with this section of road, the main one being that residents don't have a sightline to see on-coming traffic. This is due in part to the mature hedging and shrubbery in neighbours' gardens.

Cllr. V. Byrne asked if speed could be reduced on this section.

Mr. G. O'Donnell stated that this is not feasible as the issue is with the sight line. An option to set bend back and increase sight line would require the co-operation of the land owner. Signs, etc. to be reinstated.

Cllr. V. Byrne asked if meeting could be had with residents.

Mr. I. Kilcline informed meeting that a meeting with some residents had taken place. The solution to this problem would require cooperation from landowner on west side along with each resident taking responsibility for cutting back their hedging and shrubbery to facilitate their neighbour's sight line. Funding would be available if landowner agreed to give ground at bend but neighbours would have to agree to maintain their hedging and shrubbery going forward and to maintaining same. Any intervention by RCC would require a legal agreement with residents for sight line maintenance.

Cllr. J Cummins asked if owners were willing to agree and cooperate with the above, would funding be available.

Mr. G. O'Donnell stated that such funding would be made available to solve this issue.

23.23 (g) Update on Tenders for N5

Cllr. J. Cummins asked for update on N5 tender.

Mr. G. O'Donnell informed meeting that today at 4.00 p.m. was the closing date for tenders. Tenders will be assessed by the NRDO and will take a several weeks.

23.23 (h) Road Margins on N5

Cllr. J. Cummins highlighted issue with road margins on N5. A number of lorries have gone off the road due to the fact that the national road is built higher than the edges of the road.

Mr. G. O'Donnell informed meeting that €1.6m has been allocated under National Primary Roads Pavement Renewal Scheme 2023 for the N5 Frenchpark to Bellanagare section.

Cllr. J. Cummins asked if a temporary measure could be put in place while N5 is being built, especially section where lorries are going in.

Mr. G. O'Donnell stated that TII do not usually carry out temporary works. He added that regional roads are also experiencing accelerated wear and tear due to diversions and the volume and speed of HGVs.

Cllr. M. Mulligan agreed with Cllr. J. Cummins regarding state of road edges and mentioned Peg Bridge, outside Loughglynn.

Cllr. V. Byrne stated her concern regarding N61 Shankhill and that the overlay would not be too high that would lead to similar problems as with N5.

Cllr. T. Crosby supported Cllr. J. Cummins regarding Road Margins and added that R371 at Kilglass also very bad with lorries jack-knifing on this stretch.

23.23 (i) Active Travel allocation and top up for footpath Tarmonbarry to Whitehall School

Cllr. T. Crosby asked for progress on this. €80,000 has been allocated in 2022 and €21,000 allocated in 2023 under Local Roads Surface Dressing.

Mr. G. O'Donnell informed meeting that this was raised with T. McDermott who is awaiting the consultant's final design report. Initial costings appear to be high and may affect project feasibility.

Cllr. T. Crosby stated that there are 4 housing estates on route to school - could it be done in phases?

Mr. G. O'Donnell stated that design consultants looked at costs, boundaries, old buildings that back onto road, etc. and costs are very high. Mr. G. O'Donnell will share details with meeting as soon as are available.

23.23 (j) Boyle MD Staff Departures

Cllr. J. Cummins informed meeting that Adrian Kielty who managed the Regeneration Project in Boyle is moving to Longford Co Council and wished his well in his new post.

Cllr. V. Byrne stated that Adrian did great work on the N61 and wished him well in his new post and expressed the hope that he would be back sometime in the future.

Cllr. V. Byrne informed meeting the Andrew Ganley, Strokestown Area Engineer, was moving to Leitrim County Council and wish to express her thanks for all the work Andres had done.

Cllr. J. Murphy added his good wishes to Andrew and stated that he did immense work and was very approachable and always followed up on issues.

Cllr. T. Crosby wished Andrew well in his new post. He added the number changes in Area Engineers was concerning.

23.23a CLOONFLOWER SCHOOL - SAFETY MEASURES

23.23b SIGNAGE AT ELPHIN SECONDARY SCHOOL

23.23c SPEED ON N61 SECTION AT SHANKHILL

23.23d PROVISION FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED EVICTION NOTICES

23.23e CARPARK AT CORTOBER RAILWAY STATION

23.23f LUGNASHAMMER, CROGHA - BAD BEND 5-6 HOUSES AFFECTED

23.23g UPDATE ON TENDERS FOR N5

23.23h ROAD MARGINS ON N5

23.23i ACTIVE TRAVEL ALLOCATION AND TOP UP FOR FOOTPATH TARMONBARRY TO WHITEHALL SCHOOL

23.23j BOYLE MD STAFF DEPARTURES

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th May, 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:
Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned