



**MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON Municipal District HELD IN THE LOUGHNANEANE Suite, ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd February, 2023 AT 2.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Marty McDermott **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** Cllr K. Shanagher, Cllr A. Waldron, Cllr N. Dineen, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice and Cllr O. Leyden.

**OFFICIALS:** Majella Hunt, Director of Services  
Breeda Burke, Staff Officer  
Neal Geraghty, Roscommon Municipal District Co-Ordinator  
Ciaran McAlary

**APOLOGIES:**

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

There were no declarations of interest from the Members.

**13.23 SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT PART 8 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED), PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (2001) (AS AMENDED). PROVISION OF PUBLIC REALM WORKS AS PART OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL URDF SCHEME "PUTTING THE SPOKES BACK IN THE WHEEL PROJECT".**

Majella Hunt outlined that the public realm improvement works will be carried out as part of the Roscommon County Council "Putting the Spokes Back in the Wheel Project" and will include the following;

- A new linear park and cycle ways along Circular Road /N61 from the Lanesboro Street roundabout to the Athlone Road roundabout with additional controlled and uncontrolled crossing points
- Demolition of the existing Library store building off Circular Road and redevelopment of the parking area adjacent to Roscommon Arts Centre
- Public Realm Improvement Works on the L70421 and improved pedestrian connectivity from the N61 through the car park at Tesco to Main Street
- Public realm and cycleway improvement works on Athlone Road and Brogans Lane
- Public realm and cycleway improvement works on Goff Street from Church Street to the N63 Junction
- Public realm improvement works on Church St from the junction with Goff Street to Abbey Street
- Public Realm improvement works on Henry Street
- And all other ancillary site works

Majella Hunt outlined the Part 8 procedure as outlined in the Chief Executive's report (included with the Agenda. The closing date for submissions was 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023. Majella Hunt and Ciaran McAlary read into the record all valid submissions and responses as set out in the Chief Executive's report and presented the maps to the members.

A detailed discussion took place and the following issues were raised

- Car parking spaces
- Emergency access
- Height and width of footpaths

- One-way traffic
- Manoeuvring at junctions for lorries
- Drop kerbs at Junctions
- Height of rise on ramps at junctions
- Resurfacing and remarking of Brogans Lane
- New car park and one-way entry and exit system
- Cycle lanes & cycle racks
- Signage
- Lighting
- Materials and surfaces for the project
- Bus & coach parking
- Pedestrian crossings
- Casual Traders
- Ducting for future charging points
- Trees and landscaping
- Future maintenance of the scheme and funding for it

The following amendments to the Part 8 were agreed and refer to marked up drawings included as Appendix E to the CE Report.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED**

#### **DRAWING 1- Church Street**

- Omit tree and island
- Omit tree and extend car park
- No parking division lines to maximize parking

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED**

#### **DRAWING 2 – Goff Street (Upper)**

- Extend parking bay as far as archway entrance

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED -**

#### **DRAWING 3 - Goff St (Upper)**

- Remove tree and extend parking
- Remove parking divisions on both sides
- Extend parking bay

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** -

**DRAWING 3 - Goff St (Lower)**

- Remove parking divisions
- New wheelchair/disability parking

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** -

**DRAWING 3 - Athlone Rd**

- Remove parking divisions
- Remove tree
- Extend parking bay
- New loading bay/parking

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** -

**DRAWING 3 - Brogans Lane**

- Relocate disability space on Brogans Lane and omit trees
- Change disability bay to standard bay
- Adjustment to Brogans Lane junction for HGV reversing
- Retain existing parking outside residences

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** –

**DRAWING 4 - Athlone road**

- New Loading bay/parking

**DRAWING 4 - Brogans Lane**

- Relocate disability space on Brogans Lane and omit trees
- Adjustment to Brogans Lane junction for HGV reversing

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** –

**DRAWING 5 – N61**

- Extend tree spacing's/omits trees
- Reduce median kerb height to 60mm for emergency vehicles

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** –

**DRAWING 6 – N61**

- Omit trees/extend tree spacing
- Reduce median kerb height to 60mm for emergency vehicles

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** –

**DRAWING 7 - N61**

- Extend tree spacing's
- Median kerb height max 60mm

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On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** –

**DRAWING 8 – N61**

- Extend tree spacing's
- Median kerb height 60mm to allow emergency vehicle mounting kerb

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** –

**DRAWING 9 – N61**

- Extend tree spacing's
- Median kerb height 60mm to allow emergency vehicle mounting median

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

The following amendments to the Part 8 were **AGREED** -

**DRAWING 10 - Trailer & HGV Adjustments**

- Entry radius enlarged
- Exit median adjustment
- Exit radius enlarged

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that the flare length approaching the roundabouts will be reviewed as necessary in the detailed design to minimize impact on traffic flows

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that junction entrances will be designed in accordance with DMURS

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that all junction designs will be auto tracked

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that final tree locations will take account of required sight lines

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that a Construction Management Plan will be developed to manage issues including disruption, traffic congestion and noise.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that the detailed design proposals will include for omission of sub-division line markings between parking spaces, thus accommodating additional vehicles parked closer together on Goff St, Athlone Rd, Church St & Henry St. The omission of build-outs for trees in some areas will also create additional space for parking.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that detailed design will include for emergency access along N61 as follows: - Previous consultation with Fire Services resulted in the accommodation of right and left turns onto the N61 within the current design. As projects of this nature do not make provision for separate lanes for emergency vehicles, these vehicles are permitted to climb kerbs in cases of emergencies. Areas adjacent to the carriageway will be designed to carry vehicle loads in case of emergencies. In particular, the detailed design will include for a reduction in the number of trees along the central reservation, creating off-road space between the trees for vehicles to access. Kerb heights will be designed to be easily mountable. Note these provisions are to be used in emergency situations only.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that all utility providers will be contacted during the detailed design process and a plan will be put in place to have any necessary works completed either separately or as part of the construction works contract for this project.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that 94 standard car parking spaces are being provided in the new carpark at the Arts Centre. In addition, the proposed provision of 2 No disabled parking spaces will be increased to 5No. 53 No spaces are also being provided for larger vehicles to park.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that all junctions to be assessed and designed in accordance with current standards as part of the detailed design process

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that a new pedestrian access gate will be installed along the rear boundary at the arts Center to provide access to/from Sean Doyle's premises to this carpark.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Waldron

It was **AGREED** that a disabled parking space will be incorporated on Goff St near Athlone Rd junction.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that specification of trees will be appropriate to the locations.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that as part of the detailed design process, the Brogans lane/Athlone Rd junction will be auto tracked and modified if required to accommodate larger delivery vehicles.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that the carpark at Brogans lane will be modified at detailed design stage to include relocation of disabled parking space to Brogans lane side, and inclusion of loading bay. Loading bay will also serve the purpose of creating additional parking spaces.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that all new entrance and egress points along N61 to be auto tracked and any modifications required will be incorporated in the detailed design.

### **13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that additional road markings to be incorporated along hard shoulder / left turn lane on Mart Rd to clarify access to Mart

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On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that material specification, surface treatment, line markings etc. will be designed to address safety at vehicular/ Pedestrian/Cycleway conflict points and will comply with Road Safety Audit requirements.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that the cycle route designed to run through linear park - visibility considerations will be taken into account at detailed design stage.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that two (1hr) parking spaces will be provided outside Classic Cleaners on Church Street

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On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that the remainder of the car parking spaces on Church Street will be two hourly

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On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** that a one-hour parking space will be provided outside Roadside Barbers on Upper Goff Street and that one-hour parking spaces will be provided in front of commercial premises from Finn's Electrical down to Ward's excluding all residential premises where there will be no markings

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** that two (1hr) parking spaces will be provided adjacent to existing businesses on Lower Goff Street

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Dineen

It was **AGREED** that ducting will be installed for future electric car charging points in the new car park behind the Arts Centre allowing space for a future mini substation cabinet subject to liaison with the design team in the ESB.

**13.23 AMENDMENT TO PART 8 – ROSCOMMON TOWN PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to relocate the existing charging point in Brogan’s Lane carpark to a more central location

**13.23 APPROVAL OF SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT – PROVISION OF PUBLIC REALM WORKS AS PART OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL’S URDF SCHEME “PUTTING THE SPOKES BACK IN THE WHEEL PROJECT”**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the specified development subject to the amendments as agreed above.

Majella Hunt Director of Services explained that the proposals will now go back to the Department for Gateway approval before going to detailed design stage. She explained that approval of the Department is required at various stages throughout the project, however she expects construction to commence in quarter one of next year and it will probably involve an 18-month contract.

The members thanked everyone involved in bringing the project to this stage and expect this work to future-proof Roscommon town. They thanked Roscommon County Council for the excellent consultation with the members and the general public adding that the funding for this phase of the project will be around 10 million euros with a further 5 million euros expected for completion of the remaining phases of the project.

Majella Hunt, Director of Services thanked the members and the general public for their input to the project and paid special tribute to Ciaran McAlary and Kenny Lyons Consultants for their commitment to the Part 8 process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are  
Confirmed and Signed:



Meetings Administrator



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Countersigned