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To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Boyle Municipal District

Date: Monday, 18 September 2023

Re: Notice of Boyle Municipal District Meeting

Dear Cathaoirleach & Members,

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **Boyle Municipal District** will be held in the **Boyle Municipal District, Boyle** on **Friday, 22nd September, 2023 at 2.30 pm** to discuss the agenda set out below.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Ivor Kilcline

Ivor Kilcline
Boyle Municipal District CoOrdinator

PAIDIR

AGENDA

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended)
2. Adoption of the Minutes
 - Minutes of Boyle MD meeting on Friday 21st July, 2023
 - Minutes of Special Boyle MD Meeting on Thursday 31st August, 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. Boyle MD Fund 2023 - Coircal Chruachain Project Revision Approval €2,320
5. Notices Of Motion

That Roscommon County Council make funds available to put a Pedestrian Crossing in Croghan in the interest of safety by slowing traffic and leaving it safe to cross the road. Cllr. V. Byrne
6. Questions

Please provide an update on the work that was to take place between Jamestown and Drumsna. Money allocated some years back to get a design done and, as yet, that has not happened. Is this money still available for the design and will some of it be allocated to get the works started? - Cllr. V. Byrne
7. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy
8. A O B

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Boyle Municipal District Office
ON Friday, 21st July, 2023 AT 2.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Liam Callaghan **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr J. Cummins, Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr M. Mulligan and Cllr J. Murphy.

OFFICIALS: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Colm Kelly, Executive Engineer
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr T. Crosby.

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

There was no Conflict of Interest stated.

37.23 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- **Boyle MD Meeting – 19th May, 2023**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor John Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Michael Mulligan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District meeting of 19th May 2023

- **Boyle MD AGM Meeting 19th June, 2023**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor John Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Joe Murphy

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District AGM meeting on 19th June, 2023.

38.23 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

39.23 N4 (CARRICK BYPASS) UPDATE

Notification of commencement of Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) of N4 Carrick - on - Shannon to Dromod Road Project - Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Roscommon County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport was issued to all members.

For further information, see website www.carrickdromod.ie or contact the design team by email at carrickdromod@arup.com

Members welcomed update on N4 by-pass and asked how does this project link with the Carrick-on-Shannon Flood Relief Scheme. Members had attended a Public Consultation on the FRS on 20/07/2023 which included impact of flooding in the Carrick-on Shannon and Cortober areas and sediment management.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that both schemes will overlap, however by-pass is more straightforward.

Members asked to be kept informed of preferred option for by-pass.

40.23 BOYLE MD FUND: REVISED PROJECT PROPOSAL STROKESTOWN TIDY TOWNS

Strokestown Tidy Towns submitted a revised proposal for the Boyle MD Fund changing to the purchase of a solar powered water pump.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Joe Murphy

SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** to approve Strokestown Tidy Towns revised proposal and award €1,800 as previously granted under the MD Fund 2022.

41.23 NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion: I propose the motion that Roscommon County Council engage with the community and parish council in Kilglass to provide parking spaces at the church in Kilglass. Cllr. Joe Murphy

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Joe Murphy

SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** to adopt the motion that Roscommon County Council engage with the community and parish council in Kilglass to provide parking spaces at the church in Kilglass

In response, Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that Roscommon Co Council cannot purchase land and create a carpark for what is essentially a private facility. Council will work with Group to look at alternatives.

Similar situation in Ballinlough. Group bought land at back of Church which was very successful.

42.23 QUESTIONS

42.23 (a) Question 1: Due to speeding concerns in Keadue, can Roscommon County Council look at measures to make the village safer, maybe something as simple as pedestrian crossing. (Cllr. Joe Murphy)

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that Mr Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co-Ordinator, will draft a response to this question. Options will be reviewed, e.g. low cost safety schemes and Mr. Colm Kelly, Area Engineer, will look at potential locations for pedestrian crossing. However, Mr. O'Donnell stated that the speeding concerns could be down to enforcement.

On **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne,

SECONDED by Councillor John Cummins

And **AGREED** that a survey of speed tests would be carried out on the Ballinameen/4Ps Road.

42.23 (b) Question 2: Following the removal of timber from Kilgarve/ Mullaghmacormac Rooskey area, when will the road be done. Also the drainage needs to be checked along this road as houses were flooded there in the last two years and with the removal of the trees there would be greater volumes of

water. (Cllr. Joe Murphy)

Mr. Colm Kelly, Area Engineer, stated that he will meet with representatives from the Forestry Co along with GSS, to discuss road reinstatement, costs, etc.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell added that such roads are not designed to take logging traffic. Roscommon Co. Council has to facilitate road access and then deal with damage to roads and recoupment of road repair costs.

Members queried if tree felling licence could have a condition added to ensure roads are returned to their previous condition and new entrances are to standard.

Mr. Colm Kelly, Area Engineer, stated that these conditions are included in licence and that felling companies must return road to good condition and if new entrances created, these must be to standard. Roads, drains and entrances are inspected on completion of felling and removal.

43.23 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

43.23 (a) Opening of An Rioga, Boyle 19/07/2023

Members praised funding from Dept of Community Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs and Minister Humphries for their support to Roscommon Co. Council. Successful project like An Rioga is a good example for other towns and villages and this will bring new life and potential to Boyle and the whole community. Members paid tribute to Roscommon Co Council's initiative in purchasing the Royal Hotel and working with the local community in the development of An Rioga.

The commitment of the Boyle Town Team and volunteers involved in this project was noted and their work in preparing for the upcoming Boyle Arts Festival was commended.

Members look forward to further developments of King House and Lough Key.

43.23 (b) Council Retirees

3 staff retired: Kathleen Hegarty, Mary Dolan & Majella Hunt

Members wished them well in their retirement and complimented them on their varying roles during their career and their lifetime of service to Roscommon Co Council. They all were very approachable and helpful and were involved in key areas like Clar Funding, Planning and in projects such as An Rioga and the Ballaghaderreen Regeneration Project.

43.23 (c) Sympathies

Sympathy was expressed by all to the family of John Flynn, Ballaghaderreen Area Office on his sudden passing.

44.23 CIVIC RECEPTION PROPOSALS

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** to call on Roscommon Co. Council to honour Roscommon County Ladies Minor Camogie winners of the All Ireland Final 2023 at the next Civic Reception.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne

SECONDED by Councillor Joe Murphy

It was **AGREED** to honour the Elphin Junk Couture who have won a place in the final in London.

45.23 CORRESPONDENCE

Response to Councillor Liam Callaghan's query regarding permanent boundary fencing along the proposed N5 route raised at meeting on 19th May 2023 was circulated to members for their information.

Cllr. Mulligan raised an individual case regarding CPO on this route. Mr. Greg O'Donnell will meet this person with Mr. David Meade, NRDO to discuss directly.

46.23 NOMINATION OF BOYLE MD REPRESENTATIVE ON CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Joe Murphy

SECONDED by Councillor John Cummins

It was **AGREED** to nominate Cathaoirleach Councillor Liam Callaghan to the Corporate Policy Group.

First meeting of CPG is Monday 24th July at 11.30am in the Loughnaneane Suite.

47.23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised under Any Other Business:

1. Update on N5 tender

N5 – no update since Plenary Meeting. Recommendation has gone to TII seeking Department approval on expenditure. Process is short. Expect to award tender in Q3/Q4 2023.

2. Boyle Area Plan Update requested update at next Boyle MD meeting on 22nd September, 2023.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that the priority is the Roscommon Urban Plan and Boyle Area Plan comes after that. Joint Area plan for Athlone and the Carrick/Cortober Plan – updates with shared MD meeting – will be facilitated through group.

3. Doonshore – Public Toilet – The Boyle Tidy Town Committee were complimented on the clean-up work done at Doonshore and Council thanked for supply of materials, etc. Mr. Colm Kelly, Area Engineer, stated that the Public Toilets were now open from 8.00am to 8.00pm daily.

4. Need for 2nd GP in Stroketown – Cllr Joe Murphy asked that a letter would issue to HSE West to advertise for replacement of GP in the Stroketown Area or that Cllr. John Cummins propose it at the next HSE Forum However it was confirmed that this post was advertised in July 2023 but that filling such a post has proved challenging for the HSE.

Post meeting update: Confirmed that Post of GP for Stroketown was advertised in early July 2023.

5. Flooding Stroketown – 3 business and 1 residence flooded during recent heavy rain.

An update will be given at next meeting regarding upgrade of drainage and cleaning of Stroketown River.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that access to river is on private ground and will look into ownership,

etc. Mr. Colm Kelly will follow up regarding flooding, etc. at next meeting.

6. Rooskey Bridge Canal upgrade plus seat/bench at factory

An update on this will be given at the next meeting in September 2023.

7. Hedge trimming

Overgrown hedges and verges causing obstruction to sightlines at junctions.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell informed members that at recent plenary meeting, it was agreed that main junctions in all MDs need to be maintained. Municipal Coordinator to address these issues. Issues with safety outweighs all else.

8. Columbarium Walls

Are there plans by Roscommon Co Council to install columbarium walls in cemeteries? Members were fully supportive of this and it was felt that ideally there should be such a wall in all cemeteries.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that this issue should be discussed at a SPC meeting

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 31st August, 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

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ON Thursday, 31st August, 2023 AT 11.00 AM**

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MEMBERS: Cllr J. Cummins, Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr M. Mulligan and Cllr J. Murphy.

OFFICIALS: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co Ordinator
Thomas Sheridan, Executive Engineer
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer
John Freeman, Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies: Cllr T. Crosby.

48.23 PRESENTATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON PART 8 INTERIM SAFETY SCHEME FRENCHPARK

John Freeman, Senior Executive Engineer, read out summary of Chief Executive's report on the Interim Safety Scheme Frenchpark – document was circulated at the meeting along with various maps designed by Tobin Consulting represented at meeting by John O'Flaherty.

The following issues were raised:

- Plan for on-street parking in Frenchpark Village
 - John Freeman indicated on map location of car park spaces throughout the village and at proposed traffic light junction. Scheme will not take away from existing parking, likewise parking at football pitch remains the same. Options of 1-hour/2-hour car park spaces reviewed as well as parking for users of the bus service.
- Relocation of Bus Stop
 - John Freeman stated bus stop location was looked at as part of scheme and will make recommendations to TII. However, as part of this scheme, the bus stop will remain as is.
- Large Haulage Vehicles Turning capacity/ Left Turn onto N5 from Boyle
 - Meeting was informed that truck turning movements were assessed at the junctions using Autocad's vehicle tracking tool. Traffic counts were also carried out prior to design. Stop lines at the regional road/N5 junction will be pushed back as part of scheme to give more room to turn; however, HGVs travelling southbound on the regional road that intend to travel eastbound on the N5 are directed to take the left turn before regional road/N5 junction.
- Traffic Lights/Bollards
 - The need for the bollards that are currently in place will be reviewed when road is redesignated following completion of N5 by-pass. Traffic lights will afford pedestrian priority at junction
- Mitchell's Premises parking for customers
 - Discussions took place with business owner and there is a plan in place to line out 6-7 car park spaces in ball alley near entrance at back of shop. However, this is subject to ownership/community agreement, etc.
- Speed control through village

- John Freeman confirmed that new traffic lights will default to red on the Ballaghaderreen side and will change to green on approach of traffic ensuring that all traffic will have to slow down. Design of new junction and changes to layouts, etc. have been discussed with the relevant people in village.
- Members welcomed TII's agreement to the traffic lights and hoped similar traffic-slowing schemes could be put in place for other rural towns.
- Traffic Lights at School
 - John Freeman confirmed that these lights are to remain but will be reviewed following installation of new traffic lights at junction.

John Freeman summed up by saying the Scheme is specifically for the safety of the junction and that other issues identified can be reviewed following installation of traffic lights.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Michael Mulligan

SECONDED by Councillor Liam Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to approve Part 8 Interim Safety Scheme Frenchpark.

Two further separate issues were raised:

Part 8 – Boyle: John Freeman confirmed that designs have gone to TII and hopefully will be presented to the Committee before Christmas.

N5 By-pass Update: Greg O'Donnell will update at next meeting on 22nd September, 2023.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Friday, 22nd September, 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

Proposed project: Coircal Chruacháin

What is the primary purpose of the funding?

Tourism

Project Description

To create awareness of Coircal Chruacháin's community initiative; encourage the use of the Irish language within the community; create a sense of connection and belonging between our language and our unique landscape socially, culturally, economically and environmentally.

Details of Proposed Project

Phase 1:

To instil confidence in using Irish within the community. This has commenced already with our Coircal Chruacháin coffee meetups at "pop up" locations - connecting people and places including Corlea Trackway, The Gaff Castlerea, Kilbride Community Centre and finally at RVC where the most meetups are hosted. Through these meetups it was identified that there is a need for Irish classes for people who learned Irish at school but have forgotten most of it. 'The concept of a 'refreshers course' was born. Therese Hanley organised a series of Irish classes which will be held in Rathcroghan Visitor Centre and The Gaff, Castlerea. A list of people interested in taking part has been gathered.

Phase 2: Bring attendees of the courses plus members of Coircal Chruacháin and/or others with an interest in Irish/ Tourism, on a day trip to Tuar Mhic Eadaigh (Tourmakeady). Tourmakeady is part of the Mayo Gaeltacht where the local Irish dialect is spoken and nurtured. The preferred date for the day trip is during Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024. The school in Tourmakeady, Colaiste Chonnacht, was founded in 1905 as the first summer school by Conradh na Gaeilge, under the direction of Douglas Hyde, and was christened Cliabhán Chonnradh na Gaeilge' by Douglas Hyde. Our mutual connection with Douglas

Technological University (SETU) on hand to assist with the delivery of classes.

For our day trip to Tourmakeady, Geraghty travel will pick passengers up in Castlerea. On arrival in Tourmakeady we will be met with a local tour guide who will give us a short history and tour of the area. We will be having lunch in Tourmakeady with native speakers and others and there will follow an exchange of ideas on tourism, the language, and ways to build on what we have established.

Expected timescale of project:

Our RCV at Tulsk course is due to commence on 12th September and will conclude the 31st October (Tuesday nights at 8pm).

Our Castlerea course is due to commence on 6th October, for 8 weeks also, on a Friday night, to conclude on 24th November.

Our day trip to Tourmakeady will take place in March 2024 (during Seachtain na Gaeilge).

Is planning permission required

NO

How will this project benefit your area?

Rathcroghan Visitor Centre is already becoming popular as a venue that celebrates the Irish (example it offers tours via Irish and has a wide range of Irish language books in its shop). Coircal Chruacháin augments RVC by offering Irish classes. Members of Coircal Chruacháin have been instrumental in promoting Tourism by ; presenting through Irish on 'Fresh Approaches to Rural Tourism' at the first Roscommon & Galway Munipal District Meeting in Ballinasloe in May 2023 led by Cllr.Dr. Evelyne Parsons Members of Ciorcal Cruachain : Therese Hanley and Jacinta Greene Beatty contributed to this meeting discussing the opportunity of a Tourism Network connecting operators along the Slí Gleanna na tSúca. At the National Conference ' Inspiring Rural Creativity' in Roscommon Town in April 2023 which was led by Cllr. Anthony Waldron and sponsored by Roscommon County Council and

where the beautiful Stained Glass window of Rathcroghan is depicted on the cover of Roscommon's Tourism brochure-"Exploring Roscommon" ,

Project Co ordinator: Therese Hanley and founder of Ciorcal Cruachan is a director at RCV -is Local to Rathcroghan and assisted with the organisation of the Inaugual Tourism Conference in Roscommon 2022 – and 2023 'Inspiring Rural Creativity. Therese hosts a show on Ros FM which provides endless opportunities to help develop and promote Roscommon through Irish Language Tourism.

Other members of the group with strong heritage and language connections include Kitty Carberry, a former adjudicator at the national 'Oireachtas' competitions and who was involved in the establishment and development of the Corlea Trackway heritage centre in Keenagh. Kitty's father, the renowned piper, the late Peter Carberry was the musician who provided the soundtrack music to the film on Douglas Hyde's 'Love Songs of Connacht'.

Freda Gavigan, Emeritus NT Principal of Derrane Primary School, Four Mile House, not only has connections through her participation in other 'comhra' groups within the county but also has a great interest in the heritage of Irish song through her participation as a singer in a network of singing circles.

17th August 2023

Quote

Ref: Coircal Chruachàin

Hire of d’Gaff Community Space, Castlerea for Irish Language Classes - 2 hours per week for 8 weeks.

Total €160.00

Kind regards

Susan Gaynor

Chairperson, Castlerea Town Team

To: Ciorral Chruachain
c/o Rathcroghan Visitor Centre
Tulsk
Co Roscommon

8 x Irish classes @ THE GAFF, Castlebar

Cost: €640

Signed: Tomás P. Ó Mearáin.

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**Response from Active Travel in relation to Question from Cllr Valerie Byrne – Boyle MD
meeting 22nd September, 2023**

Roscommon County Council has engaged Consultants with a view to developing an Inter Urban Greyway Pilot connection between Drumsna and Jamestown Villages on the L 1037.

Funding of €25,000 was received in the 2023 allocations to progress the scheme.

The project is currently at Stage I: Scheme Assessment, Concept Development, Options Selection and Preliminary Design.

Roscommon County Council hope to have the Options selection and preliminary design report by the end of September 2023 for submission to the NTA for approval.

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