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**To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Roscommon County Council**

**Date: Wednesday, 23 July 2025**

**Re: Notice of Monthly Meeting**

Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that the Monthly Meeting of Roscommon County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon on Monday, 28th July, 2025 at 2.15 pm to discuss the agenda set out below.

The Register of Chief Executive Orders will be available for inspection at the meeting.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Hanley'.

Karen Hanley  
Meetings Administrator

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## AGENDA

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended)
2. Adoption of Minutes
  - Minutes of Annual Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025
  - Minutes of Plenary Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025
3. Matters Arising
4. Management Report

- Report for Q2 2025
5. Disposal of Lands - Demise of Office Space - Assets
    - Lease of 142m2 – Ground Floor Arás an Chontae to Uisce Éireann
  6. Disposal of Lands - Regularisation of Lands - Assets
    - 0.04Ha at 69 Knockroe, Castlerea to Michael and Elizabeth Healy
  7. Draft Roscommon Heritage Strategy 2025-2029
    - Adoption of Draft Roscommon Heritage Strategy
  8. Local Community Safety Partnership
    - To elect seven (7) members to the Local Community Safety Partnership.
  9. Lough Key Greenway - Section 85 Agreement
    - Consideration and approval of Section 85 Agreement between Roscommon County Council and Leitrim County Council in respect of the Lough Key Greenway Scheme.
  10. Correspondence
  11. Notices of Motion
    - 11.1 Cllr. McDermott - M15:25 - Closure of Sacred Heart Church  
That Roscommon County Council writes to the Minister for Health in relation to the closure of the Sacred Heart Hospital Church.  
  
The closure of the church has caused untold upset to those residing in the Sacred Heart Hospital and to their families. This is a massive loss to the staff working there and the wider community that also used the Church for prayer.
    - 11.2 Cllrs. Kelly and Connolly - M16:25 - Coarse and Pike Fishing Fees  
We are calling on Roscommon County Council to write to Inland Fisheries and the relevant minister, to remove the remove coarse fishing and pike fishing fees for County Roscommon from the Midlands fishing permits. The fishing sector has seen a significant drop in interest in the county due to the above mentioned fees and it is having detrimental impact on tourism in the county.
    - 11.3 Cllr. Keogh - M17:25 - Flood Defence Mitigation Measures  
That Roscommon County Council invite Minister Kevin Boxer Moran and staff from his Department to an in-camera meeting with the elected members and relevant officials of Roscommon County Council, to provide an update on all flood defence mitigation measures taking place in County Roscommon and in particular in relation to flood defence mitigation measures at Bogganfin, Athlone.
    - 11.4 Cllrs. Crosby and Byrne - M18:25 - Wind Turbines  
I wish to formally call upon Roscommon County Council to suspend all planning applications for wind turbine developments within the county until the forthcoming legislation is fully enacted. In May 2025, the Dáil introduced Stage 1 of the Wind Turbine Regulation Bill 2025, which proposes vital reforms to address long-standing concerns relating to wind energy infrastructure. The Bill includes provisions for:  
Mandatory setback distances between turbines and residential properties,

- Strict noise regulation standards
- Stronger requirements for community engagement.

This temporary suspension will ensure that all future wind energy proposals in the county align with best practices, protect local communities.

#### 11.5 Cllr. Frain - M19:25 - Rise in Cocaine/Alcohol Use

That Roscommon County Council write to the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan and request that his department establish a high-level expert group on a pilot basis for County Roscommon, to look at the alarming rise in Cocaine/Alcohol use. Recently the Coroner for County Roscommon, stated that his court had dealt with three Cocaine/Alcohol related deaths in the space of a month. I understand that this is regrettably part of a national trend but, evidence based raw data by toxicology reports presented to the County Roscommon Coroner is extremely worrying for this county.

### 12. Questions

#### 12.1 Cllr. Crosby - Q3:25 - Dumping and Littering Offences

That the Director of Services be requested to provide a report to the meeting detailing the following information for the past twelve (12) months in respect of indiscriminate dumping and littering offences within the administrative area of Roscommon County Council:

1. The total number of litter fines issued;
2. The number of fines paid to the Council;
3. The number of cases prosecuted and determined by the courts; and
4. The total net income received by Roscommon County Council from such fines.

#### 12.2 Cllr. Crosby - Q4:25 - Costs in relation to Dumping and Littering

That the Director of Services be requested to provide a report to the Council meeting detailing the total current annual cost incurred by Roscommon County Council in relation to the management, control, and remediation of indiscriminate littering and illegal dumping across the county. This report shall specifically include the costs associated with the policing, collection, transportation, and disposal of illegally dumped waste by the Council and any other associated cost to the Rate Payer of the County for litter management.

### 13. Chief Executive Business

### 14. Councillors Conferences - Payment/Attendance

### 15. Votes of Congratulations and Sympathy

### 16. Any Other Business

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