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MINUTES OF MONTHLY Meeting OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon
MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 2026 AT 2.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Liam Callaghan **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr L. Brennan, Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr R. Conboy, Cllr D. Connolly, Cllr T. Crosby, Cllr L. Cull, Cllr N. Dineen, Cllr V. Duffy, Cllr L. Fallon, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice, Cllr M. Frain, Cllr M.Holland, Cllr E. Kelly, Cllr J. Keogh, Cllr S. Moylan and Cllr M. McDermott.

OFFICIALS: Shane Tiernan, Chief Executive
Caitlín Conneely, Director of Services
Chris Flynn, Director of Services
Mark Keaveney, Director of Services
Sean Mullarkey, Director of Finance
Karen Hanley, Meetings Administrator
Claudette Collins, Staff Officer
Michaela Finneran, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr T. Ward.

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

There were no Disclosures of Conflict of Interest declared by Members.

60.26 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Crosby
SECONDED by Cllr. Brennan
It was **AGREED** to adopt the minutes of the Plenary Meeting of 27.04.2026.

61.26 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Fitzmaurice sought an update on his previous query whether provision could be made for a mix of Affordable Housing and Cost Rental Schemes within the Tarmon Manor housing project.

Director of Services, Mr. Chris Flynn, advised that conversations with the Department are ongoing but no confirmation has been received as of yet.

Cllr. Crosby sought an update on the National County Museum feasibility study discussed at the April Plenary.

Director of Services, Mr. Mark Keaveney, advised that although the commitment was given to seek funding for the feasibility study, no appropriate scheme is available at this time, and that the Council would continue to seek funding should it become available.

62.26 MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Management Report for April 2026 noted.

63.26 CORRESPONDENCE

Noted as circulated in advance of the meeting.

Cllr. Crosby expressed support for the correspondence received from Longford County Council outlining a resolution to write to the Minister regarding the extension of the Just Transition Tourism Activators initiative. He requested that Roscommon County Council also write to the Minister seeking an extension of the Just Transition Fund. He further noted that a BNM project aimed at linking the north and south Greenways has stalled and expressed concern that the project may be lost entirely if action is not taken.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Crosby
SECONDED by Cllr. Byrne
It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister requesting that the duration of the Just Transition Fund be extended by a minimum of one year, in order to provide sufficient time for the submission of significant and large scale projects seeking support under the Fund.

Cllr. Fallon expressed disappointment with the response from the SEAI in relation to its grant scheme, particularly with regard to the 24-month waiting period.

64.26 ABOVE THE SHOP GRANT PRESENTATION

Assistant Engineer, Mr. Brian Finneran, delivered a presentation on the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (VPRG) as well as the newly introduced Vacant Above the Shop Grant and Expert Advice Grant.

During the presentation, Mr. Finneran outlined the following:

- An overview of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (VPRG) introduced in 2022, supporting the refurbishment of vacant/derelict properties, and its subsequent expansion.
- Its success in Roscommon, with 522 applications, 380 approvals, and 149 homes brought back into use, with over €8.7 million paid to date.
- The 2026 scheme expansion, including the Above the Shop Grant and the Expert Advice Grant, aimed at increasing housing supply and regenerating vacant properties.
- The Above the Shop Grant, which supports the conversion of vacant space above commercial premises into residential units, providing up to €95,000 for one unit, with additional €20,000 top-ups for each additional unit. Conditions include that the commercial element must remain in place and the space must be vacant for at least two years.
- Expansion of the VPRG to include former commercial/public use properties, with top-ups of €20,000 for two units and a further €20,000 for three or more units (maximum €40,000).
- The requirement for planning permission or exempted development status, and compliance with building regulations, fire safety regulations, and building control regulations where applicable.
- The Expert Advice Grant, which provides up to €5,000 (maximum 67% of costs) for professional advice (e.g. architect/engineer) in relation to Above the Shop projects and the

conversion of former commercial/public buildings into two or more residential units.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Callaghan commended the scheme and its uptake throughout the county and encouraged Members to continue to promote it.

Members thanked Mr. Finneran for his comprehensive presentation and raised the following points:

- The success of the scheme and its impact in addressing vacancy and dereliction in Roscommon, noting that it has contributed to additional housing and rejuvenation of towns and villages.
- Concern regarding the length of time required to obtain a Declaration of Exempted Development (DED) and/or planning permission.
- Calls for the Above the Shop Grant to be expanded to allow limited companies to apply.
- Concern as to whether sufficient staffing resources are in place to manage the expanded scheme.
- Queries as to whether inspections and reporting could be outsourced to assist with resourcing.
- Praise for the team and their helpfulness to applicants.
- The expansion of the scheme was welcomed, particularly in light of increased costs and the potential to attract additional applicants.
- Queries regarding whether there is a limit on the number of applications an individual may submit.
- Queries regarding time limits relating to how long a commercial unit must be vacant.

Mr. Finneran thanked the Members for their comments and clarified the following:

- Planning requirements are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Since October, a DED is no longer required at application stage; inspections and approvals in principle are carried out, however compliance must be demonstrated prior to drawdown of funding.
- There is no limit on the number of applications an individual may submit.
- The Expert Advice Grant applies strictly to works that have not yet commenced. Commercial units must have been rate-paying or rate-exempt; however, there is no specific time limit.

Director of Services, Mr. Sean Mullarkey, added that there are no current resource issues in relation to fire certification, which is being adequately managed. He noted that overall staffing requirements will become clearer as uptake of the scheme develops.

65.26 TIDY TOWNS AND AMENITY GRANT 2026

Director of Services, Mr. Chris Flynn, sought approval for the allocations under the Tidy Towns and Amenity Grant Scheme 2026, as circulated at the meeting. He advised that 58 eligible applications had been received from community groups and voluntary organisations, and that funding was being provided to support the delivery of small-scale amenity projects in their local areas. A total budget of €75,000 has been allocated to the scheme. The recommended allocations are as follows:

Group Name	Group Type	MD	2026

			Allocation Recommendation
Ard Aoibhinn Residents Association	Residents Association	Roscommon	€850
Athleague Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Athlone	€2,000
Aughrim Kilmore Development Association	Development Association	Boyle	€1,850
Ballinaheglish Tidy Towns & Village Enhancement Group	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€1,575
Ballintubber Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€1,625
Ballyfarnon Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€1,100
Ballyforan Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Athlone	€1,125
Ballyleague Village Renewal – Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€637
Boyle Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€2,000
Castlerea Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€1,312
Castlerea Town Trust	Trust	Roscommon	€750
Cathedral View Committee	Residents Association	Boyle	€900
Cavetown Residents Development Co. Ltd	Limited Company	Boyle	€750
Clonown Community Centre Committee	Community Centre	Athlone	€900
Cloonbonniffe Community Council Committee Ltd	Limited Company	Roscommon	€750
Clontuskert Development & Tidy Towns	Company Limited by Guarantee	Roscommon	€450
Cootehall Village Enhancement Group	Charity	Boyle	€1,200
Cortober Residents Association	Residents Association	Boyle	€1,018
Creeve Community Centre	Committee	Roscommon	€1,125
Curraghboy Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Athlone	€1,725
Dangan Community Group	Development Association	Boyle	€1,348
Drinane Lake Development Association	Adhoc Development Association	Boyle	€750
Drum Heritage Group	Community/Heritage	Athlone	€600
Dysart Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Athlone	€980
Elphin Area Community Enterprise CLG	Limited Company	Boyle	€1,965
Elphin Community Centre CLG	Limited Company	Boyle	€900
Elphin Social Services	Charity	Boyle	€525
Elphin Tidy Towns Committee	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€1,875
Enterprise Kiltullagh CLG	Limited Company	Roscommon	€2,000

Frenchpark Tidy Towns Team	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€1,100
Gorthaganny Community Development Company Limited	Development Association	Roscommon	€2,000
Hawthorn Drive Association	Residents Association	Roscommon	€1,700
Karol Avenue Upkeep Committee	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€650
Keadue Development / Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€1,725
Kilbegnet Development Association	Development Association	Athlone	€2,000
Kilbride Community Centre	Limited Company	Roscommon	€1,125
Kildallogue Heights Residents Association	Residents Association	Boyle	€1,000
Kilmore Village Committee	Residents Association	Boyle	€1,500
Kilmurry Hall Committee	Community Centre	Roscommon	€1,350
Lisacul Community Development Company	Limited Company	Roscommon	€1,125
Lisnamult Resident's Association	Committee	Roscommon	€2,000
Loughglynn Tidy Towns Committee	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€1,000
Moore Community Council	Community Council	Athlone	€2,000
Mount Talbot Village Enhancement Group	Community/Heritage	Athlone	€1,312
Portrun Development Association CLG	Charity	Roscommon	€1,650
Rahara Tidy Towns and Development	Tidy Towns Committee	Athlone	€1,500
Rooskey Development & Social Inclusion Group Ltd	Limited Company	Boyle	€825
Roscommon Community Games	Community	Roscommon	€1,000
Roscommon Tidy Towns Association	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€1,500
Roscommon Underwater Search and Recovery	Limited Company	Roscommon	€1,350
Scramogue Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€838
Shannonbridge Tidy Towns	Tidy Towns Committee	Roscommon	€1,300
Strokestown Co-Op Community Centre Ltd	Community Centre	Boyle	€600
Strokestown Tidy Towns Group	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€1,344
Tarmon Manor Residents Association	Residents Association	Roscommon	€784
Tarmonbarry Development and Tidy Towns Association	Tidy Towns Committee	Boyle	€2,000
Taughmaconnell Community Council	Limited Company	Athlone	€750
The Walk Road and Blackstick	Residents Association	Roscommon	€400

Road Residents Association			

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Callaghan welcomed the allocations and commended the work being carried out by community volunteers.

Members also welcomed the funding and raised the following points:

- The increased need to encourage and recruit additional volunteers.
- The scheme was described as highly worthwhile, enabling valuable work to be undertaken.
- The scheme was noted as complementing the work of Tidy Towns groups.
- Concerns were raised regarding rising costs impacting community groups.
- Issues relating to dog fouling and measures to address it were highlighted.
- It was noted there were significantly lower number of applications from the Athlone MD.
- Calls were made for additional bins and street sweeping machinery in towns.
- Members expressed praise for litter wardens and their effectiveness in dealing with illegal dumping.

Mr. Flynn confirmed that the scheme had been promoted through strong communication channels, including email and social media.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne
SECONDED by Cllr. Crosby
It was **AGREED** to approve the recommended allocations under the Tidy Town and Amenity Grant Scheme 2026.

66.26 UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

Director of Finance, Mr. Sean Mullarkey, presented the Unaudited Annual Financial Statements for 2025 in detail, in particular the Income and Expenditure Account and the Transfers between the Revenue Account and the Capital Account.

Members raised the following points:

- Queries regarding the reported over expenditure of €10 million.
- Queries on the number of outdoor staff to be recruited following recent advertisements.
- Acknowledgement that the Council's overall financial position remains healthy.
- The increase to €250,000 for Unfinished Housing Estates was welcomed, with queries as to whether costs could be recouped.
- Concerns regarding rising costs, particularly in the Roads section, and the impact on delivery of the Roads Programme.
- Queries regarding the percentage of uncollected rates.

Director of Services, Ms. Caitlín Conneely, advised that outdoor staff recruitment will be dependent on vacancies as they arise.

Mr. Mullarkey clarified that the overspend reflects spend of additional funding allocations in certain areas rather than overspending of the Council's own resources. He noted that staffing levels, particularly in outdoor staff, remain a challenge, with further clarity expected following completion of the Uisce Éireann staffing programme. He further advised that approximately €1 million in rates is written off annually in respect of vacant units, with a collection rate of approximately 92% from a total of €12 million deemed collectable.

In relation to Unfinished Housing Estates, Mr. Mullarkey advised that cost assessments have been carried out for approximately 50 outstanding estates, noting that some will be particularly challenging to complete, and may be beyond the Council's current financial capacity. Expenditure incurred cannot be recouped. He noted that the majority of such estates are located in the Boyle Municipal District and are not "ghost estates" but require taking in charge. Annual funding has increased from €150,000 to €250,000, and progress is ongoing. He also indicated that borrowing for such works would be difficult, given the nature of the projects and existing loan commitments for regeneration, while bonds for new developments fall under planning.

Chief Executive, Mr. Shane Tiernan, added that Unfinished Housing Estates represent a significant cost to the Council with complex infrastructure connections required. He encouraged Members to make representations to central Government seeking additional funding.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice
SECONDED by Cllr. Keogh
It was **AGREED** to adopt the Unaudited Annual Financial statement for 2025 and approve the over expenditure and transfers between the revenue and capital accounts as circulated.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice
SECONDED by Cllr. Keogh
It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister to request for the provision of the recoupment of costs incurred by the by Local Authority in taking in charge unfinished housing estates.
Roscommon County Council, like most other Local Authorities, now has a list of housing developments, including unfinished housing developments, where the residents have requested, in accordance with the relevant legislation, that their housing estate be taken in charge by the LA. In many cases, the development bond is either not available or is insufficient to meet the current cost of carrying out the extent of works required. This has left LAs with a significant financial burden, of the order of several million euro in Roscommon's case, through no fault of the LA or the residents. The members of Roscommon County Council are calling on the Minister to provide a funding scheme to allow Local Authorities to recoup expenditure, over and above the recoverable bonds, involved in the construction works (both LA and Usice Eireann) required to bring housing developments to an acceptable "taking-in-charge" standard.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh
SECONDED by Cllr. Fitzmaurice
It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister to express concern regarding the lack of progress with the taking in charge of unfinished housing developments due to issues with Developer provided Infrastructure (DPI). This is exasperated by the length of time that resolution is taking, meaning that many developments have DPI that are now at or nearing end of life stage. This has many potential implications, not least of which is on the existing residents and property owners in the estates.

DPI developments include the following:

- housing estates in towns where the solution is likely to be to connect directly to the Uisce Éireann network and decommission the DPI;
- housing estates located in smaller rural settlements, outside the Irish Water network agglomerations, served by small Package Treatment Plants; and
- small housing estates in rural townlands or hinterlands relying primarily on private systems or septic tanks which may never be able to connect directly to the Irish Water network i.e.

are too remote to do so due to their geographical location.

The members were disappointed that DPI developments in Roscommon were not prioritised or included, to any significant extent, in the Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme to date.

The members noted that, since 1 January 2024, Uisce Éireann, as the national water authority, is responsible for the progressive remediation and resolution of DPI infrastructure nationally. In this regard, the members are calling for a significant step up in the pace of delivery of the remediations and resolutions in County Roscommon, and the provision of the associated funding requirements, as a matter of priority and urgency.

67.26 AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice
SECONDED by Cllr. Brennan
It was **AGREED** to adopt the Audit Committee Annual Report 2025.

68.26 AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER 2026

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Holland
SECONDED by Cllr. Frain
It was **AGREED** to adopt the Audit Committee Charter 2026.

69.26 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (SID) APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 37E OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

Senior Planner, Ms. Mary Grier, delivered a presentation on the proposed Carrigeen Renewable Energy Development, which is a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application submitted directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Ms. Grier outlined the SID process, noting that Roscommon County Council, as a prescribed body, acts as a consultee in the process and An Coimisiún Pleanála will determine the application. While Members may, by resolution, contribute comments to the Chief Executive's recommendation, the Council is not the decision making authority.

The proposed development is comprised of 11 wind turbines and associated infrastructure, including a 110kV onsite substation, access roads and grid connection works across a number of townlands between the Bellanagare, Frenchpark and Mantua areas.

The rationale for the proposed site selection was noted as including consistent wind speeds, low population density, a 'Moderate Value' landscape character classification, limited potential for impacts on national and European designated sites, proximity to the national electricity grid, and the availability of sufficient unconstrained land to accommodate the number and spacing of turbines. Potentially affected designated sites include Cloonshanville Bog SAC, Bellanagare Bog SPA, Lough Gara SPA, and the River Moy SAC.

Ms. Grier outlined the key issues and conclusions, having regard to the County Development Plan 2022-2028 and its associated Renewable Energy Strategy, the regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the National Planning Framework. She noted that the site is located within an area designated as 'Less Favoured' for wind energy development. She further indicated that the Chief Executive's recommendation would find that there is insufficient justification for locating the

proposed development in a 'Less Favoured' area, as opposed to a 'Most Favoured' area, and that the potential impact on the Rathcroghan Archaeological Complex appears to have been underestimated.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Callaghan thanked Ms. Grier for the presentation. He referred to a recent public meeting held in Bellanagare in relation to the proposed development, at which significant concerns were raised regarding the impact on surrounding boglands, the ongoing N5 project, and the surrounding landscape. He stated that any potential threat to the Rathcroghan Archaeological Complex would be detrimental. He also referenced historical difficulties experienced by local residents in obtaining planning permission and highlighted the presence of nearby heritage sites, including local graveyards, O'Connor's Castle, Mount Druid, and other significant areas.

Members discussed the proposal and raised the following points:

- General agreement that the proposal is not justified, having regard to its scale and location.
- The need for a review by Government of current guidelines and regulations relating to wind energy developments.
- Concerns that the development could adversely affect Rathcroghan's bid for UNESCO World Heritage status.
- A query regarding a similar development in Laois that was overturned by the Supreme Court, and whether a refusal on the basis of zoning designations would be upheld in similar instances.
- Observations that residents in the Rathcroghan area have been subject to strict planning controls in recent years for housing and agricultural developments, and that a development of this scale should have to face the same level of scrutiny.
- Concerns regarding the use of former boglands for large-scale wind turbine development and the potential impact on wildlife and the natural environment.
- A query regarding the next stage in the process following submission of the Chief Executive's report.

Ms. Grier thanked the Members for their comments. She advised that the report will now be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála, which will determine the application, typically within an 18-week period, although delays may arise. She noted that the Board may issue a decision, seek further information, or request a revised Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). She clarified that the Chief Executive's report does not constitute a definitive refusal but rather highlights concerns that have not been adequately addressed in the application. Ms. Grier also stated that it would not be appropriate for her to comment on a case determined by the Supreme Court.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh
SECONDED by Cllr. Byrne
It was **AGREED** to highlight that Rathcroghan is an area of national importance from a heritage and tourism development point of view**.** This proposed development could be injurious to the site and the promoted objectives in relation to the development of Rathcroghan from a tourism point of view and also the protection of our heritage. It should also be noted that the area is 'Less Favoured' as outlined in the County Development Plan's Renewable Energy Strategy.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Callaghan
SECONDED by Cllr. Kelly
It was **AGREED** to highlight the ecological importance of the Breedogue River as a significant habitat for freshwater fish, and to highlight that any interference could have a detrimental impact on

fish and wildlife.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne
SECONDED by Cllr. Callaghan
It was **AGREED** to highlight concerns that former boglands, previously taken out of use, are now being considered for wind turbine development requiring significant works. These bogs were originally withdrawn from use as turf cutting was no longer permitted, and that this context should be taken into account.

70.26 APPROVAL OF DATES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice
SECONDED by Cllr. Fallon
It was **AGREED** to aprove the following dates of the Municipal Disctrict Annual Meetings:

- Athlone Municipal District Annual Meeting 16th June 3.00pm
- Boyle Municipal District Annual Meeting 23rd June 10.30am
- Roscommon Municipal District Annual Meeting 25th June 9.30am

71.26 RATIFICATION OF GRETB REPRESENTATIVE ONTO THE LCDC

Director of Services, Mr. Chris Flynn, stated that approval is sought for the appointment of a sectoral representative to the LCDC committee as circulated.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh
SECONDED by Cllr. Fallon
It was **AGREED** to approve the following sectoral nominee for the LCDC committee.

Committee	**Pillar**	**Nominee**
LCDC	Social Inclusion	Ms. Rachel Clancy

72.26 S85 AGREEMENT EIRGRID NORTH CONNACHT 110KV

Director of Services, Mr. Mark Keaveney, provided an overview of the project and outlined Roscommon County Council's proposal that Mayo County Council would act as the lead authority for the duration of the project.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Frain
SECONDED by Cllr. Keogh
It was **AGREED** to approve the Section 85 Agreement between Roscommon County Council and Mayo County Council for the EirGrid North Connacht 110kV project.

73.26 NOTICE OF MOTION

73.26a CLLR. CROSBY - M8:26 - HERITAGE DESIGN SPECIALIST

Roscommon County Council should introduce a policy and provide funding to engage a qualified heritage and colour design specialist to prepare coordinated colour schemes for towns and villages benefiting from Public Realm enhancement works. This would improve the visual appearance, heritage character and overall presentation of these areas while complementing public investment

in regeneration projects. Strokestown, where major upgrade works are underway on Church Street and Bawn Street, is an ideal example. Funding should support the preparation and implementation of suitable colour schemes for affected properties to create a more cohesive, attractive and heritage sensitive streetscape for residents, businesses and visitors.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:
Roscommon County Council has, over the years, availed of a number of Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht supported funding schemes to provide streetscape enhancement (including painting) scheme in our towns and villages. This has generally been well received and supported by communities. We would encourage owners, where possible, to continue investing in the upkeep and painting of their own properties.

Roscommon County Council will seek funding for the preparation of heritage informed colour coordination scheme for some of our Towns and Villages, and particularly those that have completed significant public realm works with a view to seeking further funding to assist in implementing painting schemes. It should be noted that, like previous schemes, any future scheme would need to strike an appropriate balance between public investment and private commitment.

Cllr. Crosby welcomed the response, noting that Strokestown, as a heritage and planned town, is undergoing significant improvement works. He commended the level of investment being made, despite initial public reservations. He suggested that initiatives such as a coordinated painting scheme, restrictions on inappropriate signage, and roof cleaning would further enhance local towns.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Callaghan expressed support for the motion, noting recent signage improvements in Castleplunket and welcoming initiatives that enhance towns and villages.

Members supported the motion and raised the following points:

- The need to review signage in towns and villages, particularly in areas of historical or heritage significance.
- Consideration of such measures as part of larger projects or grant schemes.
- Reference to previous colour scheme analyses undertaken by paint companies, which could be utilised.
- Positive outcomes of similar painting schemes implemented elsewhere.
- The importance of securing community buy-in for such initiatives.
- The complementary role such measures would play alongside Tidy Towns groups.
- The positive impact of improved streetscapes on tourism and social media visibility.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Crosby
SECONDED by Cllr. Callaghan,
It was **AGREED** to support the motion.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Crosby
SECONDED by Cllr. Keogh,
It was **AGREED** to support the review of signage specifications in towns and villages.

74.26 CHIEF EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

None.

75.26 COUNCILLORS CONFERENCES - PAYMENT/ATTENDANCE

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh
SECONDED by Cllr. Brennan
It was **AGREED** to adopt the list of payments for training and conferences as circulated.

76.26 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS AND SYMPATHY

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Callaghan, extended congratulations to the family of Detective Sergeant Michael Egan, Fairymount, who was posthumously awarded the Scott Medal for his actions during an infamous 1975 siege.

Members expressed their sympathies on the recent passing of former long-serving Roscommon County Council employee Frank Mullen, with the Chief Executive, Mr. Shane Tiernan, also conveying condolences on behalf of the Management Team and staff.

Sympathies were also extended to the family of Mick Brehony, Roscommon Town.

Members congratulated the Roscommon senior football team on their Connacht title, as well as the successful U20 and minor teams.

Members further extended their sympathies to the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Callaghan, and the Callaghan family on the passing of his brother, Ollie Callaghan, with the Chief Executive also expressing condolences on behalf of the Management Team and staff.
The Cathaoirleach thanked the Members and staff for their support to his family during this time.

77.26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Fitzmaurice raised concerns regarding the 3-tonne weight limit signage currently in place on certain roads. He proposed that these restrictions be reviewed and removed, noting that the majority of vehicles now exceed this limit. He further highlighted that the existing restrictions are causing difficulties for minibuses transporting children to school, as these vehicles are legally prohibited from using the affected roads. Cllr. Moylan seconded the proposal.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be on Monday, 22nd June, 2026.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Karen Harley

Meetings Administrator

Countersigned

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