

**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Castle Suite, Áras an Chontae
ON Thursday, 31st August, 2023 AT 11.00 AM**

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
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