

MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2015 AT 11.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Kathleen Shanagher, Cathaoirleach **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: M. Creaton, D. Connolly, N. Dineen, O. Leyden

APOLOGIES: Cllr. P. Fitzmaurice

OFFICIALS: John O'Rourke, A/Director of Services
Fiona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator
Michael Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer
Richie Farrell, County Librarian

47.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Creaton

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on 27.7.2015.

48.15. APPROVAL OF CIVIC RECEPTION RECIPIENTS

A list of the proposed recipients to receive a civic honour from Roscommon County Council was circulated to the members:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to award a civic honour to Convent of Mercy Secondary School, Roscommon Junior Girls soccer team in winning the Bank of Ireland FAI Schools Junior Girls All Ireland Cup Final.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Shanagher

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** to award a civic honour to Niall Shanagher, Kilbride who won a gold medal in the Community Games 2015 Gymnastics U13 & O11 Boys.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillors Shanagher & Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Dineen & Creaton

It was **AGREED** to award a civic honour to:

- Fiona Tully who won gold in Ladies A Singles World Handball Championship Title held in Calgary.
- Siobhan Tully & Linda Connolly who won gold in the Ladies C Double World Handball Championship Title held in Calgary.
- Ricki O'Gara & Joe McCann who won silver in the men's World Handball Championship A Double Final held in Calgary.

49.15. PRESENTATION BY RICHIE FARRELL, COUNTY LIBRARIAN ON ROSCOMMON IRELAND 2016 LOCAL PROGRAMME

Mr. Richie Farrell, County Librarian presented to the members a draft of the local programme of events organised throughout 2016 to commemorate the 1916 Rising.

He outlined that a numbers of events will take place under various headings such as:

- Ceremonial/Local Commemorative
- Historical Reflection
- An Teanga Bheo

- Youth & Imagination
- Cultural Expression
- Community Participation
- Global and Diaspora

The members raised the following issues:

- Complimented Mr. Farrell and his staff on presenting such a huge and varied schedule of events to encompass the entire county of Roscommon.
- Queried if local groups can still be included in the programme.
- Important to make local groups aware of the short timeframe for inclusion in the programme.
- Queried the possibility of including mass in Roscommon Church to honour the people involved in the Rising.
- Important that the staff of the Tourist Office in Roscommon are informed of all events.

Mr. Richie Farrell, County Librarian responded to the issues raised as follows:

- 2 week deadline for finalising the programme.
- Try to include as many groups as possible.
- All forms of P.R. and marketing will come into play coming up to the launch of the programme in November.
- Programmes will be printed and distributed throughout the county.

50.15 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS were extended to:

Four Roads Senior Hurlers on winning their 8th Championship in a row
 Michael Glavey's on winning Intermediate Football
 Clann na Gael Senior Footballers on winning the Senior Football Championship
 Oran Minor Footballers on winning Division 2 Championship

51.15. VOTES OF SYMPATHY were extended to:

The Lavin family, Fairymount on the death of Tony Lavin
 The Bowens family, Cloonfad on the death of Mary Bowens
 The Flanagan family, Loughglynn on the death of Nellie Flanagan
 The Neary family, Ballintubber on the death of Florence Neary

52.15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Road Restoration Scheme

Councillor Orla Leyden queried when works will be complete under the road restoration scheme. She queried the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at Castle Street as she was aware of a submission submitted by an advocacy group on behalf of the Brothers of Charity. She also requested the possibility of providing a disabled parking space in Main Street.

Mr. Mick Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that plans for Castle Street are at an advanced stage and works will commence in 2016. He said that an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is planned for Castle Street. He will make the plan available for Councillor Leyden to view next week if she wishes to do so.

Mr. Mick Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer also confirmed that he will organise the provision of a disabled parking space on Main Street.

Convent Primary School

Councillor Orla Leyden sought an update on the proposed works at Convent Primary School.

Mr. Mick Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that the plan for works at the Convent Primary school is ongoing and Mr. Greg O'Donnell, Senior Executive Engineer is dealing with same. He hopes to have an update for the next Municipal District meeting.

Parking at Roscommon Hospital

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher thanked the area staff for their work in providing temporary parking measures at the County Hospital.

Open Drain at Ballyleague

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher thanked Mick Conlon and his staff for rectifying the problem with the open drain in Ballyleague.

Moher Road, Ballyleague

Councillor Domnick Connolly raised the issue of flooding at Moher Road, Ballyleague and he queried how it will be addressed.

Mick Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that this issue is in hand.

Harristown Bridge, Castlerea

Councillor Nigel Dineen sought an update on the required works at Harristown Bridge in Castlerea.

Councillor Michael Creaton stated that the Harristown Bridge needs to be rectified as soon as possible.

Car Park at Civic Offices

Councillor Michael Creaton queried when the new town car park being constructed as part of the Civic HQ development will be opened.

John O'Rourke confirmed that the car park will be included in the overall project handover which is scheduled for November 6th

Link Road from Antogher Road to Golf Links Road

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher stated that the road linking Antogher Road to Golf Links Road is very dangerous especially for pedestrians and queried the possibility for provision of footpaths and lighting.

Mick Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that he will investigate and try to source funding for works.

Traffic Calming in Ballinlough

Councillor Nigel Dineen stated that traffic calming measures are needed as a matter of urgency in Ballinlough as high volumes of traffic travel from Roscommon to Castlebar along this road. He confirmed that he was in contact with Greg O'Donnell on the matter who confirmed the onus is on the NRA.

Councillor Michael Creaton requested that a traffic count be carried out in the town of Ballinlough. He stated that the kerbing installed around the signage is causing cyclists to cycle in front of passing traffic and is a road safety issue.

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher stated that the signage in Ballinlough erected by the NRA is very low for road users. She queried the possibility of arranging a meeting with Engineer and Councillors along with community representatives to discuss issues in Ballinlough.

Councillors Michael Creaton & Nigel Dineen agreed to organise the meeting.

Blackstick Road

Councillor Domnick Connolly queried the provision of lights at Blackstick Road for traffic coming out onto Lanesboro Road. He stated that the previous Area Engineer had previously drawn up a plan for the installation of lights at this junction.

Ballyleague to Strokestown Road

Councillor Orla Leyden requested if it is possible to have the overlay works complete on the Ballyleague to Strokestown Road in early 2016 as there is a triathlon planned for 2016.

Slí na Sláinte

Councillor Orla Leyden requested if funding is available for the provision of footpaths along the Slí na Sláinte route.

Castleplunkett to Castlerea Road

Councillor Nigel Dineen complimented Mick Conlon and his staff for the work on the Castleplunkett to Castlerea road.

Work at Arm, Castlerea

Councillor Nigel Dineen complimented the area staff for the works completed at Arm, Castlerea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned