

**MINUTES OF ROSCOMMON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON MONDAY,
27TH OF JULY, 2015 AT 9.30 A.M.**

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

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

OFFICIALS: John O'Rourke, A/Director of Services
Fíona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator
Michael Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer
Deirdre Fallon, Executive Engineer

40.15. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting and A.G.M.
Meeting held on 16.6.2015.

Michael Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer updated the members on the issues arising from the previous meeting as follows:

- Works will commence in the next few weeks on the open drain in Ballyleague
- The Ballyleague to Strokestown road will be included in next year's works programme.
- It is proposed to remove the shrubbery along the road adjacent to the Church and provide a footpath to the Convent School
- Baslick Bridge will open next weekend. Works completed this week

The members raised the following issues:

- Welcomed the pro-active approach of Engineering staff to the issues in the area
- Issue with parking at Convent Primary School – need to take traffic away from the school in addition to pedestrian required in the middle of the car park.
- Additional pedestrian crossing required at McNeill's side of school
- Bad bump at old hotel in Ballyleague
- Interim measures required on Ballyleague to Strokestown road
- Road markings at McNeill's roundabout
- Final date for completion of works to open drain at Ballyleague
- Welcomed the opening of Baslick Bridge and thanked the Municipal District staff for their co-operation

Michael Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the issues:

- Works to the open drain in Ballyleague should be complete in approximately 2-3 weeks
- Patching will be done on the Ballyleague to Strokestown road as an interim measure this year
- The bad bump at the old hotel in Ballyleague will be addressed this year

41.15. ADDITIONAL FUNDING UNDER ROADS RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A letter from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport was circulated to members informing them of an additional allocation of €967,750 in funding under the Restoration Improvement Grant giving a total allocation of €6,935,561 for 2015.

Michael Conlon presented to the meeting a breakdown of how the additional allocation will be spent

Road No.	Road Name/Townland	Operational Area	Work Type	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost of work (Euro)	Cumulative Cost of Work (Euro)	Notes
R366	Cloonbrackna	Roscommon	RR	738	5886	235,430	235,430	Pavement Overlay
LS-7042	Ardnanagh	Roscommon	RR	160	1720	66,820	302,250	Pavement Overlay
LS-7043	Ardnanagh	Roscommon	RR	55	800	20,000	322,250	Pavement Overlay
LS-7045	Athlone Rd. Brogans Lane Jn – Roundabout to Fox's	Roscommon	RR	80	450	20,000	342,250	Pavement Overlay

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden
SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice
It was **AGREED** to adopt the list of works as outlined.

The members raised the following issues:

- Welcomed the works outlined
- Hope Irish Water will provide some funding
- Other areas of the Roscommon Municipal District in need of work and repair
- Ballinlough to Loughglynn road in need of attention
- Works required in Ballintubber
- Approach roads to Ballagherreen need work
- Welcome that the works to the county town were prioritised
- Imbalance of areas for works and repairs
- Pavements in Roscommon and Castlerea are in poor condition

42.15. PRESENTATION FROM THE LOUGH REE NORTH ANGLING HUB

Mr, Ciaran Mullooly, PRO, Mr. Hugh Keane, Chairman and Mr. Philip Gordan, Secretary of the Lough Ree Angling Hub together with Mr. Martin McEnroe, Angling Council of Ireland presented to the meeting an overview of the 9th World Championship Predator Fishing with Lures which is taking place in October 2016.

They outlined the following:

- Lough Ree North Angling Hub in conjunction with the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland (NCFI) are hosting the competition in October 2016
- 17 – 20 countries are expected to take part with each team consisting of 20 – 30 people
- Great opportunity for Ballyleague and surrounding areas in terms of tourism and accommodation

- Ideal opportunity for County Roscommon to be showcased to a worldwide audience
- Sky Sports and Irish TV will be broadcasting the event to the UK and international audience
- Hope to run an International Food Festival in conjunction with the Angling Competition
- The committee are looking for support from Leader and Roscommon County Council
- It costs approximately €30,000 to run the event
- Seeking a contribution of €8,000 from Roscommon County Council

The members raised the following issues:

- Complimented the work of the committee for creating a positive plan for the area
- Questioned will there be an issue with suitable accommodation in the area for the event
- Great opportunity to advertise County Roscommon on an international level
- Suggested the creation of an interactive angling map of County Roscommon
- Excellent opportunity to attract repeat visitors to the county
- Fully support the request for funding of €8,000 from Roscommon County Council

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to provide an allocation of €8,000 in the Budget for 2016 for the event

The Committee responded to the issues as follows:

- Under competition rules, accommodation can be sourced within 20km of the event. The Committee have been in contact with hotels and guest houses in Longford, Strokestown, Hodson Bay and many more in relation to the event
- It is hoped to create 2 additional angling hubs in County Roscommon – one on the Lower River Suck and another in South Roscommon
- Coaching and training will be provided

43.15. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from NRA re: open drain in Ballyleague
2. Letter from Western Alzheimers re: request to make a presentation at the September plenary meeting

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connolly

SECONDED by Councillor Creaton

It was **AGREED** that Western Alzheimers will make a presentation at the next available plenary meeting.

44.15. NOTICE OF MOTION

LIGHTING IN ABBEYVILLE ESTATE

Notice of Motion from Councillor Leyden – 1/15.

“That funding would be provided from the Roscommon Municipal Area lights budget to cover the cost of lighting the Abbeyville Estate, Galway Road, Roscommon Town.”

The Meetings Administrator read out the following reply:-

The estate referred to in the Notice of Motion is the subject of a Site Resolution Plan agreed between the Council's Planning Department and the Developer and his agent. The Council understands that a number of street lights were recently repaired by the Developer. A recent inspection of the development by the Council confirmed that all the street lighting within the estate is now fully operational.

Councillor Leyden informed the meeting that residents in the Abbeyville Estate, Roscommon had received a letter from an E.S.B. company stating that lights will be turned off if bills are not paid. Further clarification was sought to ensure that the public lighting will not be turned off in the estate should the site resolution plan not be implemented.

Members raised the issue of other estates throughout the Municipal District where public lighting is an issue. Abbeyville Estate cannot be dealt with in isolation to the other estates. All estates must be examined as this will be a serious issue coming into the winter months and the allocated spend of €20,000 on bulbs.

John O'Rourke, A/Director of Services responded that if the Council is liable for the lighting bill, it will be paid, however the developers must be responsible also.

45.15. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS were extended to:

Castlerea Golf Club on winning the Connacht Mixed Competition

46.15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bridge at Harristown, Castlerea

Councillor Paschal Fitzmaurice confirmed that the NRA had recently carried out works to the bridge at Harristown, Castlerea but both sides of the bridge were left in a dangerous state.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Fitzmaurice

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** to write to the NRA to seek funding to complete works on the bridge

Michael Conlon, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that Eugene Dwyer is currently preparing a submission for funding for the bridge at Harristown.

Workforce Plan

Councillor Orla Leyden queried if Roscommon County Council's Workforce Plan has been approved by the Department. She stated that some other local authorities are recruiting externally and queried when Roscommon will be in a position to do the same.

Councillor Paschal Fitzmaurice sought clarification on the number of local authorities that have their workforce plan approved by the Department and the number that are awaiting approval.

John O'Rourke, A/Director of Services confirmed that the Workforce Plan is currently with the Department awaiting approval.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden
SECONDED by Councillor Dineen

It was **AGREED** to write to the Department requesting an update on Roscommon County Council's workforce plan

Castlerea Rose Festival

Councillor Paschal Fitzmaurice invited the members and Executive to the opening parade of the Castlerea Rose Festival taking place on Wednesday, 29th July at 8pm

Pride of Place

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher informed the meeting that the Pride of Place Awards are taking place on 18th & 19th August. Roscommon Groups include The Lions Club, Cavetown, Kiltewan

Rosalie Unit, Castlerea

Councillor Nigel Dineen welcomed the news that the Rosalie Unit in Castlerea will remain open. He thanked all involved including the media for highlighting the issue in the press.

American Ambassador

Councillor Kathleen Shanagher informed the meeting that the American Ambassador was visiting Ballintubber at 11am on Monday 27th July and all were welcome to attend

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed:

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned