

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, ROSCOMMON ON MONDAY THE 24th OCTOBER, 2005 AT 2.15 P.M.

PRESENT **Councillor Tom Crosby, Cathaoirleach** **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: S. Beirne V. Byrne M Connaughton D. Connolly
 J. Connor M. Creaton J. Cummins R. Doherty
 T. Finneran L. Flanagan G. Garvey C. Hopkins
 E. Keenan J. Kelly P. Kilduff O. Leyden
 M. McGreal P. McNamara M. Mulligan E. Murphy
 J. Naughten T. Waldron T. Ward.

OFFICIALS: John Tiernan, County Manager.
 Larry Doyle, Head of Finance.
 Majella Hunt, Director of Services.
 Rita McNulty, Director of Services.
 Tommy Ryan, Director of Services.
 Fíona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillor Moore.

148.05. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Finneran
 SECONDED by Councillor Keenan
 It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 26th September, 2005.

149.05. DISPOSAL OF LAND:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Kilduff
 SECONDED by Councillor Leyden
 It was **AGREED** that the Council consented to the disposal of lands pursuant to the provision of Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Particulars of the land, the property of the County Council which it is proposed to dispose of:-

The land: 1.242 acres in the townland of Galey.
The person from whom the land was acquired: Elphin Diocesan Trustees.,
The person to whom the land is to be disposed: Pdraig Treacy.
Consideration: Transfer of 0.162 acres in the townland of Knockcroghery.

150.05. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 179 OF PART XI OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2000 AND PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 –

- **Provision of a One-Way Traffic System in Boyle Town.**

The County Manager’s Report was circulated to the members.
 I have considered the various reports in relation to the Specified Development set out hereunder:-

Nature and extent of development	Location of development
Provision of a One-Way Traffic System.	Boyle Town.

As referred to in Part XI of Section 179, Sub-section 3(a) and 3(b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 the Council has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in respect of the proposed development and a necessary public notice was published in accordance with the requirement of the Regulations. It is proposed to proceed with the works listed as soon as possible.

Councillor Charlie Hopkins addressed the meeting and stated that a very worthwhile meeting had taken place with the County Manager, the Boyle Area Councillors and Boyle Town Council in relation to Boyle's One-Way system and that a general agreement had been reached.

Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Service, informed members that notices regarding the One-Way system had been published and drawings were displayed. Submissions were received in relation to –

- Car parking along the route
- Provision for a two-way system over Bridge Street.
- The Carrick Road junction.
- Signage and pedestrian crossings.

Ms. Hunt confirmed that the modified system will create over 30 extra car parking spaces in the town. In addition the one way system will include four pedestrian crossings, relocation of directional signs and the reclassification of Military road and Main Street as a National Secondary Route.

Members raised the following points:-

- Morning meeting went a long way towards allaying fears of people of Boyle.
- Need to commence work on Green Street car park.
- The necessity to place the modified one-way system on public display.

The County Manager responded to all queries raised and informed the members that changes made to the plans arose out of submissions made by local traders and residents and confirmed that the changes did not warrant further display under the Part 8 process.

The County Manager said that it was hoped that work would commence on the new traffic plan within the next couple of weeks and it was envisaged that works would be complete by March 2006.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Hopkins
SECONDED by Councillor Doherty

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the works in accordance with the approved plans.

151.05. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 179 OF PART XI OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2000 AND PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 –

- **Rooskey Bridge Refurbishment Project.**

The County Manager's Report had been circulated to the members.

I have considered the various reports in relation to the Specified Development set out hereunder:-

Nature and extent of development	Location of development
Rooskey Bridge Refurbishment Project.	Rooskey, Co. Roscommon.

As referred to in Part XI of Section 179, Sub-section 3(a) and 3(b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 the Council has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in respect of the

proposed development and a necessary public notice was published in accordance with the requirement of the Regulations. It is proposed to proceed with the works listed as soon as possible.

Members welcomed the proposal and raised the following issues:-

- Proposed width of new bridge.
- Availability of funding for project.
- Financial role of the N.R.A. in the project.
- Timeframe for the proposed works.

Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services informed the members that the project will be funded through an EU Co-financing Scheme. Documents have been prepared by Consultants which will now be sent to the DoEH&LG.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Crosby
SECONDED by Councillor Byrne

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the works in accordance with the approved plans.

152.05. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 179 OF PART XI OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2000 AND PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 –

- **Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant at Knocknacarrow Td, Cootehall.**

The County Manager's Report had been circulated to the members.

I have considered the various reports in relation to the Specified Development set out hereunder:-

Nature and extent of development	Location of development
Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant comprising above and below structures and other ancillary works.	Knocknacarrow Townland, Cootehall, Co. Roscommon.

As referred to in Part XI of Section 179, Sub-section 3(a) and 3(b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 the Council has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in respect of the proposed development and a necessary public notice was published in accordance with the requirement of the Regulations. It is proposed to proceed with the works listed as soon as possible.

Mr. John Cunningham, Director of Services informed the members that due to a huge increase in planning and development in the Cootehall area it was necessary to carry out the stated works. He confirmed that the site chosen would have minimal impact on the river. Members welcomed the Scheme and enquired when construction will commence

Mr. Cunningham confirmed that contract documents had been prepared and the approval of the DoEH&LG has been sought. He anticipated that the project would have a time scale of 6 – 8 months.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Beirne
SECONDED by Councillor Murphy

That a letter issue to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government expressing dissatisfaction at the delay in receiving funding for the 16 Village Sewerage Scheme.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Doherty
SECONDED by Councillor Hopkins

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the works in accordance with the approved plans.

153.05. SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 179 OF PART XI OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2000 AND PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 –

- **Construction of a Wastewater Pumping Station at Drishoge, Cortober, Co. Roscommon.**

The County Manager's Report had been circulated to the members.

I have considered the various reports in relation to the Specified Development set out hereunder:-

Nature and extent of development	Location of development
Construction of a Wastewater Pumping Station comprising above ground control kiosk, fencing including raising of ground levels and other ancillary works.	Drishoge, Cortober, Co. Roscommon.

As referred to in Part XI of Section 179, Sub-section 3(a) and 3(b) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 the Council has complied with the requirements of the Regulations in respect of the proposed development and a necessary public notice was published in accordance with the requirement of the Regulations. It is proposed to proceed with the works listed as soon as possible.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Garvey

SECONDED by Councillor Doherty

It was **AGREED** to proceed with the works in accordance with the approved plans.

154.05. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2002 – 2004 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE STROKESTOWN LOCAL AREA PLAN 2004 – 2009 IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT AT LISROYNE Td, STROKESTOWN, CO. ROSCOMMON – MATT BRENNAN:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Crosby

SECONDED by Councillor Beirne

It was **RESOLVED** that a decision be made to grant permission for 4 No. dwellings (only) entrances, service roads, landscaping, connection to public services and associated works at Lisroyne Townland, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Senior Planner dated 19th October, 2005.

The passing of such resolution requires that three quarters of the members of the Council vote for the resolution. The Cathaoirleach requested the Meetings Administrator to call a vote.

VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION:

Councillors Beirne, Byrne, Connaughton, Connolly, Crosby, Cummins, Doherty, Finneran, Garvey, Geraghty, Hopkins, Keenan, Kelly, Kilduff, Leyden, McGreal, McNamara, Mulligan, Murphy and Naughten (20)

ABSENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS CALLED:

Councillors Connor, Creaton, Flanagan, Moore, Waldron and Ward (6)

The Cathaoirleach declared the Resolution carried.

155.05. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2002 – 2004 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF LOUGH KEY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2002 - NEWFOUND CONSORTIUM:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Hopkins

It was **RESOLVED** that a decision be made to grant permission for the construction of an Eco-Tourism Development comprising 193 no. 2 storey holiday cottages (29,032 sqm) (only) as commercial development for letting purposes including car parking consisting of 226 spaces, 18 hole, 72 par Championship golf course and 2 storey clubhouse over lower ground floor level (1755 sqm), including car parking consisting of 138 spaces, Golf Maintenance Shed (600 sqm) and waste transfer area (600 sqm), reconstruction of 2 no. existing bridges and ancillary site works, E.S.B. substation, pump house, tennis court and childrens play area including new access roads and access to public roads, the removal and replanting of existing landscaping and trees, site signage, site lighting and associated site and service development works on a 268 area site approximately within the vicinity of recorded protected structure RPS-00600311056 – Farmyard, Rockingham Demesne, located within a Strategic Development Area and a Landscape Conservation Area in the vicinity of a registered monument RO 006-091, a cashel and RO 006-092, a house site, within the setting of Rockingham Demesne, in the Rockingham Electoral District known as Deerpark Wood/Knocknagapple Wood at Lough Key, Forest Park, Boyle, Co. Roscommon in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Senior Planner dated 19th October, 2005.

The passing of such resolution requires that three quarters of the members of the Council vote for the resolution. The Cathaoirleach requested the Meetings Administrator to call a vote.

Members welcomed the development and pointed out that it has a huge tourism potential and will provide employment in the Boyle area.

VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION:

Councillors Byrne, Connaughton, Connolly, Creaton, Crosby, Cummins, Doherty, Finneran, Garvey, Geraghty, Hopkins, Keenan, Kelly, Kilduff, Leyden, McGreal, McNamara, Mulligan, Murphy, Naughten, Waldron and Ward (22)

VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION:

Councillor Beirne (1).

ABSENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS CALLED:

Councillors Connor, Flanagan and Moore (3)

The Cathaoirleach declared the Resolution carried.

156.05. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2002 – 2004 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF ATHLONE ENVIRONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT AT MONKSLAND Td, ATHLONE, CO. ROSCOMMON - OYSTER HOMES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Geraghty

SECONDED by Councillor Finneran

It was **RESOLVED** that a decision be made to grant Planning Permission for a mixed use commercial/industrial/community development at a site of area 4.3 hectares on lands south of the New Tuam Road, Monksland Townland, Athlone, Co. Roscommon. The development will consist

of a gross floor area of 11,986 sq.m arranged into 6 no. detached blocks (A-F) including, Block A-3 no. 2 storey own door offices (total floor area 608 sq.m), Block B – a single storey crèche (234 sq.m), Block C – 4 no. retail units arranged over 1 and part 2 floors (total floor area 1,810 sq.m), with a medical centre (area 294 sq.m) located at first floor level over retail unit number 3, and 2 no. offices over retail units number 1 and retail unit number 2 (a pharmacy – 186 sq.m), Block D (total floor area 4,783 sq.m) consists of a part one & half storey, two storey & three storey interlinked hotel/bar/restaurant and leisure building complex – 63 bedroom hotel, with bar/restaurant, conference rooms, kitchen stores and ancillary areas and a leisure facility including a swimming pool, gymnasium, changing rooms, roof terrace and ancillary areas, Blocks E and F – with 5 no. single and part two storey light industrial units (total area 4,550 sq.m) and for all car parking (350 no. of spaces) service yards, new access road, new linkage with neighbouring residential scheme, refuse stores, bicycle parking, boundary walls, 2 no. ESB sub-stations and switch rooms, signage, signage totem pole, flag poles, landscaping and all other development on and under the lands at this site bounded to the north-west by previously approved developments (under Reg. Refs: PD/03/1577, PD/03/657 + PD/03/601, currently under construction), bounded to the south-west and east by undeveloped zoned land and bounded by a local road to the south at Monksland Townland, Athlone, Co. Roscommon in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Planner dated 27th October, 2005.

The passing of such resolution requires that three quarters of the members of the Council vote for the resolution.

Members welcomed the development and raised the following issues:-

- Traffic calming measures required by residents in river village.
- Concern over junction at Tuam road.
- Concern that construction traffic would not come through existing development and would have a separate entrance.
- Development will be good for the area long term.

The County Manager confirmed that the developers had submitted a letter confirming revised entrance arrangements that would satisfy the objectors/residents requirements.

VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION:

Councillors Beirne, Byrne, Connaughton, Connolly, Creaton, Crosby, Cummins, Doherty, Finneran, Garvey, Geraghty, Hopkins, Keenan, Kelly, Kilduff, Leyden, McGreal, McNamara, Mulligan, Murphy, Naughten, Waldron and Ward (23)

ABSENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS CALLED:

Councillors Connor, Flanagan and Moore (3)

The Cathaoirleach declared the Resolution carried.

157.05. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 2002 – 2004 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF LOUGH KEY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2002 IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT AT TAWNYTASKIN & DOON Td, CO. ROSCOMMON - DALGATE COURT LTD:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins

SECONDED by Councillor Doherty

It was **RESOLVED** that a decision be made to grant Planning Permission for the demolition of 8 no. Holiday Homes; The construction of 50 No. Holiday Homes (*only*) (*Application made for 72*

no. Holiday Homes). Construction of a 2-storey over basement split level commercial building (1,359 sq.m) to accommodate:- Equipment Hire Area (c.42 sq.m), Public Toilets (c.48 sq.m) and ancillary staff facilities, storage, plant area and circulation space (total 243 sq.m) at basement level; 1 No. bar (c.421 sq.m), 1 No. restaurant (95 sq.m), 1 No. shop (c.43 sq.m) and ancillary toilets, kitchen and circulation space (Total c. 113 sq.m) at ground floor level; 1 No. bar (199 sq.m), 1 No. restaurant (73 sq.m) and ancillary toilets, kitchen and circulation space (total 124 sq.m) at first Floor Level. Construction of a single storey leisure centre building comprising class room, gym, changing facilities, juice bar and reception (total c. 222 sq.m). Construction of a single storey conference house comprising 2 No. conference rooms and ancillary bar, toilets, kitchen and reception (total 115 sq.m). Provision of 2 No. tennis courts and an activity area (290 sq.m). Decommissioning of existing septic tanks serving the 8 No. Holiday Homes and provision of a new foul drainage system to serve the proposed scheme (incorporating 2 No. pumping stations) which will connect to the existing Deerpark Group Sewerage Scheme adjacent to the subject site at the N4.

Replacement of the existing water supply system serving the site with a new supply taken from the existing public water main running adjacent to the site at the N4. Provision of a new surface water drainage system to serve the proposed scheme. Modifications to the existing vehicular access points off the County Road to Ballyfarnon (LR 96) and associated realignment of c.195 metres of the County Road (LR96). Provision of new internal vehicular access roads and pedestrian walkways to service the proposed new development at the application site. Upgrading of the existing Minor Road which connects the County Road (LR96) with the lake shore. Provision of 190 No. surface level car parking spaces to service the commercial elements of the proposed scheme. Provision of 2 No. ESB Sub Stations. Diversion of existing electricity lines traversing the site. All associated landscaping and site development works. The total gross floor area of the proposed scheme amounts to c. 13,356.1 sq.m. An Environmental Impact Statement accompanies this application at Doon and Tawnytaskin Townlands, Boyle, Co. Roscommon in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Planner dated 19th October, 2005.

The passing of such resolution requires that three quarters of the members of the Council vote for the resolution

Mr. John Cunningham, Director of Services informed the members that the development was in keeping with the Council's policy of providing tourist related developments in the area.

VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION:

Councillors Beirne, Byrne, Connaughton, Connolly, Connor, Creaton, Crosby, Cummins, Doherty, Finneran, Garvey, Geraghty, Hopkins, Keenan, Kelly, Kilduff, Leyden, McGreal, McNamara, Mulligan, Murphy, Naughten, Waldron and Ward (24)

ABSENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS CALLED:

Councillors Flanagan and Moore (2)

The Cathaoirleach declared the Resolution carried.

158.05. DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS:

Members welcomed the take over of the public roads and raised the following issues:-

- "Children at Play" signage required.
- Traffic hazard on the N6 junction at the Tuam road.

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

It was **AGREED** to declare the road at Oaklawn Drive, Carrownabrickna, Roscommon, to be a public road.

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

It was **AGREED** to declare the road at Lenabane Avenue, Carrownabrickna, Roscommon, to be a public road.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor McNamara
SECONDED by Councillor Connaughton

It was **AGREED** to declare the road at the Housing Development at Ballinagard Td, Roscommon, to be a public road.

159.05. DRAFT ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Councillor Anthony Geraghty, Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee introduced the draft Estate Management Plan to the members.

Mr. Tommy Ryan, Director of Services outlined the background to the Draft Estate Management Plan which sets out the policy of the Housing Authority under the headings of Housing policy; Assessment of Housing Need; Allocation of Dwellings; Maintenance of dwellings and their surroundings; Determination and collection of rents and control of arrears; Tenant Involvement in the running of estates; Anti-social behaviour and Traveller accommodation. The Draft Estate Management Plan has been adopted by the Strategic Policy Committee.

Members welcomed the Draft Estate Management Plan and raised the following issues:-

- Gardaí need to do more about anti-social behaviour.
- What resources are there to carry out objectives of the Draft Estate Management Plan.
- What type of repairs are tenants responsible for – problems with septic tank percolation areas should be rectified by the local authority.
- Tenant purchasers should benefit from the Central Heating Programme.
- If eviction from a Council house takes place for anti-social behaviour is the tenant prohibited from inclusion on the housing list?
- Clarification requested on site value of rural houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- Tenants over the age of 55 experiencing difficulties in securing mortgage protection when buying out their own homes.
- What is the position on pets in housing estates.
- When are the tenancies of the houses in Elphin being handed out.
- Official opening of Council Housing Estates.
- Housing Estate names should come from heritage of the area.

Mr. Tommy Ryan, Director of Services responded to all the queries raised.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward
SECONDED by Councillor Kelly

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Draft Estate Management Plan as circulated to the members.

160.05. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Hopkins
SECONDED by Councillor Connor
It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to complete the Agenda.

161.05. NOMINATION TO THE WATER SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Hopkins
SECONDED by Councillor Keenan
It was **AGREED** that Aidan Farrell be nominated to the Water Services & Environment Strategic Policy Committee on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

162.05. NOMINATIONS TO THE SHANNON RIVER BASIN DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connor
SECONDED by Councillor Beirne
It was **AGREED** that Councillors John Naughten and Tom Crosby be nominated to the Shannon River Basin District Advisory Council.

163.05. NOMINATIONS TO THE WESTERN RIVER BASIN DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connor
SECONDED by Councillor Naughten
It was **AGREED** that Councillor Michael McGreal be nominated to the Western River Basin District Advisory Council.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Cummins
SECONDED by Councillor Connaughton
It was **AGREED** that Councillor Eugene Murphy be nominated to the Western River Basin District Advisory Council.

164.05. ATHLONE FAMILIES TOGETHER COMMITTEE – DEPORTATION OF TWO NIGERIAN FAMILIES:

Cathaoirleach Councillor Crosby addressed the members and sought their support in relation to the case of the two Nigerian Mothers who had been separated from their families by a deportation order.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Connor
SECONDED by Councillor Geraghty
It was **AGREED** “That Roscommon County Council write to the Minister for Justice requesting him to review the case of the two Nigerian Mothers Elizabeth Odunsi and Lyabo Nwanze who were deported to Nigeria and arrange for them to be returned to Ireland immediately.”

165.05. PRESENTATION UPDATE ON THE BREIFNE PROJECT:

Mr. Terry Egan from the Breifne Project made a presentation to the meeting on the Project and informed members that this is a tourism marketing initiative which includes the areas of North

Roscommon, West Cavan, South Fermanagh, North Leitrim and North West Sligo. The budget for the Project is €2.5m. and has the overall aim of promoting sustainable economic development within the region and particularly within the tourism sector. The Project is aimed at bringing business and tourism to those parts of the country involved in Breifne.

Members complimented Mr. Egan on the presentation and felt they would like to see a launch of the Project in Roscommon and links developed with other heritage sites. An application has been made in relation to the O'Sullivan Beara walk from Beara to Roscommon and North Leitrim and the Breifne project should support such co-operation.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Egan for his excellent presentation to the Meeting and assured him of the Council's full support for the Project.

166.05. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 135.

Ms. Fíona ní Chuinn, Meetings Administrator read the replies to the Questions submitted by members (see schedule).

167.05. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter dated 7.10.2005 from Longford County Council seeking support for a Motion re the new Regulations regarding prescriptions for all animal medicines.
2. Letter dated 5.10.2005 from Clonmel Borough Council seeking support for a Motion re planning legislation.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Beirne
SECONDED by Councillor Ward

It was **AGREED** that this Motion be referred to the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government seeking an amendment of this legislation.

3. E-mail from Offaly County Council seeking support for a Motion re Phone Masts and Pylons.

168.05. COUNCILLORS CONFERENCES:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Keenan
SECONDED by Councillor McGreal

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted. The Report provided for the attendance of members at the following Conferences:-

Councillor Connolly	MacGill Summer School, Glenties, Co. Donegal
Cllrs Connor, Doherty, Finneran, Geraghty, Naughten, Mulligan, Creaton & Kelly	LAMA Conference, Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny
Cllrs Hopkins, Garvey & Keenan	Preserving our Heritage Conference, Kilkenny Inn Hotel, Kilkenny
Cllrs Naughten & Finneran	Community Safety Conference, Fairways Hotel, Dunalk
Councillor Keenan	21 st Century Library Conference, Imperial Hotel, Cork

Cllrs Connolly, Creaton & Cummins	The Great Blasket Commemoration, Dún Chaoin, Co. Kerry
Cllrs Connolly, Geraghty Naughten, Creaton & Finneran	Education and Local Government, Carraig Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir.
Councillor Connor	The Future of Europe Conference, Croke Park, Dublin
Councillor Mulligan	Social Inclusion of Older People at Local Level Conference, Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore
Councillor Ward	Stone Wall Workshop, Athenry, Co. Galway
Cllrs Kelly	Gaeltacht Weekend, Glencolumcille, Co. Donegal (Travel Only)
Councillor Byrne	Merriman Summer School, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare
Councillor Byrne	Wm. Carleton Summer School, Clogher, Co. Tyrone

169.05. NOTICES OF MOTION

232. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – ELPHIN TOWN:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Byrne & McNamara – 232/05.

“That Roscommon County Council erect a pedestrian crossing in Elphin from the car park to the Church in the interest of safety.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

A count will be carried out to establish if there is a warrant for a pedestrian crossing in Elphin.

It was agreed to proceed as outlined.

233. SPEED LIMIT:

Notice of Motion from Councillor McGreal – 233/05.

“That Roscommon County Council immediately put in place reduced speed limit arrangements at Carrick National School on the N60.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

The provision of speed limits requires the making of bye-laws and also requires the consent of the National Roads Authority for speed limit alterations on national roads. Guidelines are awaited from the Department of Transport for the type of signage to be provided at selected restricted times at specific locations, such as approaches to schools.

The speed limit review is currently being finalised.

It was agreed that the speed limit review be finalised and that the issue of Guidelines relative to School signage and civil works from the Department of Transport be expedited.

234. PUBLIC LIGHTING:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Murphy – 234/05.

“That Roscommon County Council provide three public lights outside the G.A.A. complex of Kilglass Gaels on the main Rooskey/Scramogue road R371.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This is a matter for the Committee of the G.A.A. concerned.

It was agreed to proceed as outlined.

235. PLANNING ACTS:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Cummins – 235/05.

“That Roscommon County Council use the Planning Act to regularise the ever increasing situation where all types of vehicles are parked on road sides and in other public places with “For Sale Signs” displayed on them. The location of these vehicles is leading and developing into dangerous traffic hazards and needs to be addressed immediately.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

Roscommon County Council will examine the most appropriate options to deal with this issue through various legislation available to the local authority such as Planning and Roads Acts.

It was agreed that a report should issue on the various legislative options.

236. BOTTLE BANK – BALLINAGARE:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Kelly – 236/05.

“That Roscommon County Council provide a Bottle Bank in Ballinagare as a matter of urgency”.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

A suitable and agreed site is currently being sought. Bottle Banks should be in place by the end of November 2005.

It was agreed to proceed as outlined.

237. BYE-LAWS – SIGNAGE:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Kelly – 237/05.

“That Roscommon County Council introduce Bye-Laws to deal with the proliferation of “For Sale” signs and their locations given that they cause a hindrance to drivers and also they are environmentally unsightly. Furthermore the Bye-Laws should make provision for a €20 charge per sign erected.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

A voluntary code of practice was agreed with representatives of Auctioneers in 2002. In recent times the full terms of the agreement have not been complied with and if follow up action is not successful, it is considered that draft Bye-Laws should be developed by the Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

It was agreed that consideration be given to the implementation of Bye-Laws through the Strategic Policy Committee.

238. KILRONAN ESTATE HOLDINGS LTD:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Hopkins – 238/05.

“That Roscommon County Council calls on An Bord Pleanála to uphold the decision of Roscommon County Council to grant planning permission to Kilronan Estate Holdings Ltd, Laragan, Elphin, to renovate and extend Kilronan Castle into a five star hotel. This development has the full support of the Parish of Kilronan and North Roscommon as it is crucial to the development of tourism in the region.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

A resolution of the County Council is required to proceed with this motion.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Hopkins

SECONDED by Councillor Garvey

It was **AGREED** “that Roscommon County Council call on An Bord Pleanála to uphold the decision of Roscommon County Council to grant planning permission to Kilronan Estate Holdings

Ltd, Laragan, Elphin, to renovate and extend Kilronan Castle into a five star hotel. This development has the full support of the Parish of Kilronan and North Roscommon as it is crucial to the development of tourism in the region.”

239. LOW COST ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Hopkins – 239/05.

“That Roscommon County Council seek the necessary funding under the low cost road safety improvements Scheme from the Department of the Environment to pipe the roadside drain on regional road 285 at Keadue East.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

The Council has made application to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for funding under the low cost accident remedial scheme to improve sight distance at the junction of the R284 and R285 West of Keadue.

The piping of the drain adjacent to this location is not included in the above application and a request will be submitted to the Department for this funding.

It was agreed to proceed as outlined.

241. DANGEROUS BENDS:

Notice of Motion from Councillors Naughten & Moore – 241/05.

“That Roscommon County Council provide funding from the 2006 Roads Budget to remove the dangerous bends on the Newtown/Ballygill road, Creagh, Ballinasloe. This road is being used by a large volume of traffic every day and there has already been a number of serious accidents same.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

The Council is considering the introduction of a scheme in 2006 for minor realignment works on non-national roads. The funding for this scheme will be limited. Locations should be agreed and prioritised at the Electoral Area Meetings when the Roadworks Scheme for 2006 is being considered. The location referred to in the Notice of Motion can be considered at that stage.

It was agreed to proceed as outlined.

242. PUBLIC LIGHTING:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Naughten – 242/05.

“That Roscommon County Council write to the N.R.A. requesting them to immediately erect lighting on the main road outside Kiltoom Church as it is very dangerous for people entering or leaving the Church especially during the winter months.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

Roscommon County Council has already submitted a proposal to the N.R.A. to this effect. On foot of this Motion a follow up letter will issue to the N.R.A.

It was agreed that a further letter be issued to the N.R.A.

243. CYCLE LANES – ROSCOMMON TOWN:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Leyden – 243/05

“That Roscommon County Council develop cycle lanes in Roscommon Town to encourage more active citizens and make it safer to children to cycle to school and for adults to get to the shops and work etc by bicycle. This Council would recommend and support a national campaign to make motorists drive with extra care in the hour before and after primary and post-primary schools paying attention to the possibility of children walking or cycling to school”.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

A Traffic and Transportation Study is currently being carried out for Roscommon Town. The Consultants have been requested to identify the potential for increased walking and cycling facilities.

The request for a national campaign requires a resolution of the Council.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor Cummins

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council would forward the following resolution to the Department of Transport and also to other County Councils for recommendation and support –
“That this Council would recommend and support a national campaign to make motorists drive with extra care in the hour before and after primary and post-primary schools paying attention to the possibility of children walking or cycling to school”.

244. ELPHIN STREET, STROKESTOWN:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Beirne – 244/05.

“That Roscommon County Council immediately carry out works to bring Elphin Street, Strokestown up to a proper standard thoroughfare.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This scheme will be included in the 2006 applications to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for EU co-finance. Because of the extent of works required, it will be necessary to deliver it on a phased basis.

It was agreed that the proposal form part of the submission for the EU Co-Finance Scheme 2006.

245. CLOONTUSKERT ESTATE:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Beirne – 245/05.

“That Roscommon County Council carry out the following works in Cloontuskert Estate –

- Overlay the roads through the estate.
- Repair and upgrade the footpaths.
- Upgrade and equip the children’s play area.
- Replace the sign for “Strokestown” at the junction with the Ballyleague/Roscommon road.
- Resurface the road from Ballyleague junction beyond Cloontuskert National School.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

- **The roads in the estate were surface dressed in 2004 and there are no plans at this stage to carry out further resurfacing work.**
- **This request will be considered at the Electoral Area Roads Meeting when the 2006 Roadworks Scheme is being considered.**
- **This request will be examined to establish the precise work required.**
- **Arrangements will be made to have a new sign erected.**
- **It is proposed to have a section of this road resurfaced, commencing at Cloontuskert before the end of November 2005.**

It was agreed to proceed as outlined.

246. FOOTPATH UPGRADE – ELPHIN STREET, STROKESTOWN:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Crosby – 246/05.

“That Roscommon County Council upgrade the footpaths and surface on Elphin Street and Upper Elphin Street, Strokestown. The footpaths and surface on Elphin Street are in a very bad state of repair and are a danger to pedestrians and all road users and creates a very bad image for the town”.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This scheme will be included in the 2006 applications to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for EU co-finance. Because of the

extent of works required, it will be necessary to deliver it on a phased basis.

It was agreed that the proposal form part of the submission for the EU Co-Finance Scheme 2006.

247. JUNCTION ON CLOONMORE/NORTHYARD ROAD:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Crosby – 247/05.

“That Roscommon County Council make safe a junction on the Cloonmore to Northyard road (L1416) where the exit of the road at Cloonmore (L14164) emerges. This junction is extremely dangerous as the site lines on the Tarmonbarry side are blocked by a hedge and there is a hill on the main road only twenty or so yards back which blinds the junction. Vehicles emerging on to the main road (Speed limit 80km) do so at high risk. Replacing the Hedge with a wire fence would make this junction safe.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

The scheme will be included in the 2006 applications to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for EU co-financed first phase funding.

It was agreed that the proposal form part of the submission for the EU Co-Finance Scheme 2006.

248. PRE PLANNING MEETINGS:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Ward – 248/05.

“That Planners would meet with County Councillors for pre planning discussions on one day per month”.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

Subject to work loads and time constraints staff are available to meet with applicants, agents and local representatives on a case by case basis.

The County Manager responded that the staff in the Planning Department all work very hard and meet with Councillors on a regular basis. The system currently in place while it may not be totally satisfactory it works well.

249. CIVIC RECEPTION:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Leyden – 249/05.

“That Roscommon County Council recognise the great achievement of the Roscommon Women’s Intermediate football team that won the All-Ireland Intermediate Football Champions in September, 2005 by honouring them with a civic reception”.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This Notice of Motion requires a Resolution of the Council.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leyden

SECONDED by Councillor McNamara

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council recognise the great achievement of the Roscommon Women’s Intermediate football team that won the All-Ireland Intermediate Football Champions in September, 2005 by honouring them with a civic reception.

250. CIVIC RECEPTION:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Kilduff – 250/05.

“That Roscommon County Council honour the following achievers at the next Civic Reception –

- Rachel Garvey, Kiltewan, All-Ireland Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann winner.
- The Knockcroghery set dancers (All Ireland winners).
- U15 and Over 15 National Community Games Gold Medal winners in Projects.

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This Notice of Motion requires a Resolution of the Council.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Leyden

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council honour the following achievers at the next Civic Reception –

- Rachel Garvey, Kiltewan, All-Ireland Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann winner.
- The Knockcroghery set dancers (All Ireland winners).
- U15 and Over 15 National Community Games Gold Medal winners in Projects.

251. CIVIC RECEPTION:

Notice of Motion from Councillor Ward – 251/05.

“That Roscommon County Council honour John Cormican of Dysart on his success representing the Irish Kidney Association in winning a bronze medal for Badminton at the World Games in Canada.”

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply:-

This Notice of Motion requires a Resolution of the Council.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Ward

SECONDED by Councillor Kilduff

It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council honour John Cormican of Dysart on his success representing the Irish Kidney Association in winning a bronze medal for Badminton at the World Games in Canada.

170.05. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS were extended to:

Four Roads Senior & Junior Hurling Teams on winning their respective county finals.

Four Roads Senior Camoige team on winning the county final.

Raymond Mulry, from Four Roads Senior Hurling team on being selected to play for Connaught in the Railway Cup.

Boyle Intermediate Football team on winning the Intermediate County title.

Mervyn Connaughton, Athleague for winning the hurler of the year award in the county and also on being selected to play for Connaught in the Railway Cup.

Kathleen Hegarty-Thorne on the production of her book “They put the Flag a Flyin.”

Councillor Orla Leyden on her recent engagement.

Lisacul Handball Club – Sean Jennings & Denis Creaton on achieving an All Ireland title.

Ann McCormack & Michelle Meeley from the Convent of Mercy for attending the Council Meeting.

St.Brigids Ladies Senior and Minor Football team on winning the Roscommon County Championship.

The Kilcommins family on winning the Connaught title in the Viking Irish Garden Awards.

171.05. VOTES OF SYMPATHY were extended to:

The Clogher family, Carrentarriff, Dysart, on the death of Stella Clogher.

The O’Grady family on the death of Tommy O’Grady.

172.05. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cutting of Turf:

Councillor Kilduff wished to refer to an item which had been raised at the September meeting regarding the new legislation surrounding the cutting of turf when he had made a statement that this was an initiative which had originally brought in by Fine Gael and Michael D. Higgins while they were in power at which point Councillor Connor refuted this fact. Councillor Kilduff wished to put it on record that it has actually been confirmed to be the case and wished same to be noted.

Funds for Sewerage Schemes in County Roscommon:

Councillor Kilduff referred to Councillor Beirne's comment that "no money had been received to date for Sewerage Schemes in County Roscommon" and informed the meeting that money had been ringfenced in the DoEH&LG and same is available for drawdown when the Schemes commence.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are
Confirmed and Signed

Meetings Administrator.

Mayor

Countersigned

