

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Ballinasloe Area Committee held at the Civic Offices, Ballinasloe on Tuesday, 13th May, 2008.

I Láthair:

Báill: Cllr. D. Connolly Chairman
Cllr. M. Finnerty
Cllr. M. Mullins
Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. M. Kelly, Mayor Ballinasloe Town Council

Cllr. J. Joyce apologies

Oifigigh: Mr. K. Kelly, Director of Services
Mr. A. Farrell, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. U. Finn, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. A. Headd, Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Mulryan, Executive Engineer
Ms. M. Carty, Assistant Staff Officer

The Chairman, Cllr. D. Connolly and the members welcomed Cllr. Finnerty, who joined the Committee as a result of his co-option onto Galway County Council on the resignation of Cllr. Tierney.

Deputation – Ballinasloe Active Retirement Association

Cllr. Connolly said that a deputation from Ballinasloe Active Retirement Association will be received by the Committee at a later date. In response to a query from Mr. Kelly, Cllr. Connolly said that he has asked the Association for a document outlining the issues that are of concern to them.

1. Minutes of Meeting of 10th April, 2008.

Minutes of Meeting held on 10th April, 2008 were proposed by Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Mannion.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Dunneda & Cleaghmore quarry

Mr. Kelly stated that a detailed survey is being carried out in consultation with the enforcement section of Galway County Council. He stated that some matters had been identified and that further action would be taken based on the reports by the enforcement staff.

Eglish National School

Cllr. Connolly proposed that the committee write to Department of Education in support of the efforts of Eglish National School to seek better accommodation for the school. The members of the committee while supporting the proposal felt that this was outside the remit of the committee.

2. Roadworks Programme 2008 Update

Mr. E. Mulryan and Mr. A. Headd updated the members on progress to date on the Roadworks Programme 2008.

3. Any Other Business

Ballinasloe Regional Water Scheme

It was agreed that an update on the progress of the Ballinasloe Regional Water Scheme would be put on the agenda for the next area committee meeting.

Nutfield Cross/Cahir Cross

Cllr. Finnerty raised the works outstanding regarding the completion of road widening at Nutfield Cross. Cllr. Finnerty stated that the previous problem with flooding was addressed but that there are still outstanding issues.

Road lining at Kilclooney junction on the Deerpark Road

In response to a query from Cllr. Mullins Mr. Headd stated that the road lining at the Kilclooney junction on the Deerpark road would be done subject to agreement with the Garda Siochana.

Kilconnell Road

Cllr. Finnerty stated that he was aware that there is an allocation to improve sight visibility on lands owned by Mr. Kelly on the Kilconnell Road. Mr. Headd said that he had met with the landowner, that a Notice of Motion allocation was made and that the Council are awaiting Mr. Kelly's consent.

Somerset Road

Cllr. Finnerty asked that Mark Bleahene be contacted in relation to road improvement works on the Somerset Road.

Kilnahown, Aughrim

Cllr. Finnerty said that there are some houses in the Kilnahown area of Aughrim that are not connected to any water supply. Cllr. Connolly said that this issue has been raised with the Water Services Department and that these houses can form a group scheme and access a water supply from Cappataggle.

Achuan Bridge

Cllr. Connolly queried whether the Achuan Bridge could be classified as a bridge. Mr. Headd said that a survey of bridges has been carried out in the county and that the Achuan Bridge comes within the terms of reference of this survey. Mr. Finn brought to the Committee's attention that no funding has been received in the Ballinasloe Area for bridge improvement work.

Cloonabricka Bridge

Cllr. Mullins asked if safety measures are being carried out on the Cloonabricka Bridge. Mr. Headd said that a submission had been made regarding the carrying out of improvement works at this bridge.

Aughrim

Cllr. Connolly asked that the Council investigate whether a plot of ground in Aughrim, currently in the ownership of Galway County Council, could be levelled and seeded so that the residents could maintain it.

Bus stop at Cappataggle

Cllr. Connolly said that land would be made available to provide a bus stop at Cappataggle and he asked if the Council could explore this and include provision for a shelter.

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