

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Ballinasloe Area Committee held at the Civic Offices, Ballinasloe on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

## **I Láthair:**

**Báill:** Cllr. D. Connolly Chairman  
Cllr. J. Joyce  
Cllr. M. Mullins  
Cllr. M. Kelly, Mayor Ballinasloe Town Council

**Oifigigh:** Mr. K. Kelly, Director of Services, Corporate & Cultural Affairs Unit  
Mr. M. Dolly, Senior Engineer  
Mr. A. Headd, Executive Engineer  
Mr. E. Mulryan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. M. Gilchrist, Staff Officer

**Apologies** Cllr. T. Mannion  
Cllr. J. Tierney  
Mr. U. Finn, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. A. Farrell, Senior Executive Officer

## **Deputations:**

### **Cleaghmore and Duneeda Residents Association**

The Deputation consisting of Messrs. G. Cleary and S. Kiely expressed frustration at alleged breaches of planning conditions by Whyte's Quarries over a number of years. They outlined in particular the following items:

- Failure to use specified access route
- High level of dust (photographs presented)
- Lack of remediation of site

Members concurred with the sentiments expressed and Cllr. Mullins stated that the residents may try to have the operation shut down by a Court Injunction. Mr. Kelly agreed to examine the matter and report back to the Committee.

## **1. Minutes of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008.**

Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2008 were proposed by Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

## **Matters Arising from Minutes**

### Draft County Development Plan

Cllr. Joyce stated that it would be desirable to have specific plans for the areas adjacent to the train stations in the Ballinasloe Electoral Area i.e. Attymon, Woodlawn and Ballinasloe to take account of parking facilities etc.

### **2. Draft Roads Programme – 2008.**

Mr. Dolly outlined details of the Draft Roadworks Programme for 2008. Members expressed disappointment at the level of funding available but agreed the programme on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

### **3. Any Other Business**

#### Deputations

Cllr. Connolly proposed that Deputations wishing to present supporting documentation should circulate same to the secretary or to the member arranging the Deputation in advance of the meeting to ensure more efficient time management at meetings. He requested that a letter issue to members of the Committee in this regard.

#### Notice of Motion Funding – Public Lighting

Mr. Dolly requested members to allocate funding for Public Lighting as soon as possible. Cllr. Connolly requested that a letter issue on this regard to members absent from the meeting.

#### Kilconnell Road

The condition of the newly surfaced road from Kilconnell towards the landfill site was raised by members of the Landfill Liaison Committee at their meeting previously. Mr. Headd undertook to examine the matter.

#### Road at Brackernagh

In reply to Cllr. Joyce, Mr. Dolly stated that the section of road from Portiuncula Hospital to Garbally Gates was submitted for funding by Area Engineering Staff but unfortunately the N.R.A. are not currently funding works for the old N.6.

#### Achuan Bridge

In reply to Cllr. Connolly Mr. Headd stated that a submission was made to Road Design to have this bridge considered under the Low Cost Remedial Scheme but funding has not been approved.

#### Road at Gurteenaveela

Cllr. Mullins stated that this road needs to be considered for widening at a future date. In relation to damage to this road following the recent car rally, Mr. Headd stated that an application for funding for damages caused has been submitted.

### Footpaths

Mr. Dolly stated that funding for footpaths under the Development Contribution Scheme may not be available in the current year.

### Community Involvement Schemes

Mr. Dolly stated that the requirement of a 50/50 contribution for C.I.S. schemes may be deterring the public from applying and he confirmed that any costs incurred by applicants e.g. land, drainage, fencing etc. can be considered as their contribution.

### Accident Statistics

Cllr. Connolly stated that some Road Traffic Accidents are not notified to the Gardai and consequently accident statistics (which may form the basis for adjudication for funding) are not entirely accurate. It was proposed by Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Kelly that this situation be examined.

### Deerpark Road

In reply to Cllr. Mullins Mr. Headd stated that the provision of a continuous white line at this location will be examined in consultation with the Gardai.

### Clár Funding

Cllr. Joyce outlined the desirability of Clár funding for repairs to local tertiary roads in the Ballinasloe Electoral Area and proposed that a written submission be made to the Minister for an increased allocation. This was seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

### Construction of new N.6

Cllr. Connolly stated that a new drainage pipe is required under the new N.6 at Poolboy to alleviate flooding in the area.

### Árdscoil Mhuire

Cllr. Connolly recorded appreciation to Mr. Kieran Coyne, Community & Enterprise Unit for his assistance in securing improved sports facilities at Árdscoil Mhuire.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Ballinasloe Area Committee was scheduled for **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 at 12.00 noon.**

**Criochnaigh an Chrinniu ansin**