

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Ballinasloe Area Committee held at the Civic Offices, Ballinasloe on Tuesday 2nd March 2009.

I Láthair:

Báill: Cllr. M. Finnerty, Chairman
Cllr. D. Connolly
Cllr. J. Joyce
Cllr T. Mannion
Cllr. M. Mullins
Cllr. P. O’Sullivan, Mayor Ballinasloe Town Council

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

Kilnahown - Drainage

In the absence of the Deputation from Kilnahown, Cllr. Joyce informed the meeting of problems with flooding experienced by Mr. Tony Carr at this location due to deposits of debris from the river during heavy rainfall. Mr. Finn agreed to examine the position and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

1. Consideration and adoption of minutes of Meeting held on 11th December, 2008.

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th December 2008 were proposed by Cllr. Mullins and seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Caltra N.S. Car Park

Mr. Kelly informed the meeting that the Roads & Transportation Dept. requires further clarification in order to consider the matter further. He will write to the school requesting same.

Bus Stop at Cappataggle

In reply to Cllr. Connolly Mr. Headd stated that further investigation of the location is required due to guidelines on sightlines on National Routes etc. Mr. Kelly stated that letters were issued to bus companies in an effort to determine the level of interest in the

project and one reply was received to date. Cllr. Mullins stated that Bus Éireann may not wish to increase the number of stops on the route.

Meeting with Mr. F. Gilmore Director of Services

Cllr. Finnerty stated that Councillors and T.D's from the Electoral Area met with Mr. F. Gilmore Director of Services held on 23rd February in connection with anti-social behaviour at the Council's housing estate in Eyrecourt.

2. Roadworks Programme 2009 – Early Starts

Ballinasloe East

Mr Headd circulated details of the proposed Roadworks Programme 2009 for Ballinasloe East with accompanying maps. He stated that the programme may need adjustment to take account of roads not previously included in the 2008 to 2010 Programme that have deteriorated significantly. It was proposed by Cllr. Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Mannion and agreed to substitute the R356 at Kilnaborris (€216,000) with the following additional roads:

• L7258	Cloonabricka	€44,100
• R348	Cleaghmore	€106,272
• L7413	Gowla to Castlefrench	€30,000
• L8730	Rooaun to Meelick	€35,628
		Total €216,000

It was proposed by Cllr. Joyce seconded by Cllr. Mullins and agreed to have the following schemes set up as “Early Starts” for Ballinasloe East:

- LS 7265-0 Shanballymore
- LS 8710 Kiltormer West to Kiltormer East
- LT 43052 Lisbeg
- LS 8724 Clonfert

Ballinasloe West

Mr. Mulryan circulated details of the proposed Roadworks Programme 2009 for Ballinasloe West with accompanying maps. It was proposed by Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr Mullins and agreed to have the following schemes set up as “Early Starts” for Ballinasloe West:

- LP 3402 Fohenagh to Clonbrock
- LS 7445 Carra to Ashbrook
- LS 7444 Killaan to Cloonahinch
- LT 34025 Clonbrock - Carrolls

Roads General

Cllr. Mannion requested an estimate of cost of works on the Derreen Road for possible N.O.M. allocation. He also highlighted the condition of the Ahascragh to Ballyforan road

from McHugh's house to Mockler's Garage and requested additional sign posting at the Junction of the L3412 and the N6 at Caher Cross.

Cllr. Joyce again proposed that the short distance of road at Kilmacshane to Turley's Gate be declared a public road. He stated that road improvements are required at River Street, Eyrecourt and that the road at Gurteenaveela is in poor repair. He also requested further line marking at Lismany Cross.

Cllr. Joyce raised the issue of taking-in-charge a short distance of road at Poolboy known locally as Fursey Whyte's for the convenience of framers conveying animals to Ballinasloe Mart who may be inconvenienced by the new N6. Mr. Finn stated that a bridge over the Motorway will facilitate traffic from the R355 into Ballinasloe. It was decided to discuss the matter with maps at the next meeting of the Committee.

Cllr. Connolly highlighted the condition of roads at Clooneena, Gurteenaveela, Craughwell, and road to Killooney Cemetery.

Cllr. Mullins stated that all roads impacted by construction works on the new N6 should be properly reinstated prior to the opening of the new road.

Cllr. Finnerty requested that the Council investigate the reason why 6 street lights at Árd Schoil Mhuire & Garbally are not in operation. He also stated that the road surface in that general area was particularly hazardous during the most recent frosty spell.

3. Any Other Business

Sympathy

Cllr. Mullins proposed a vote of sympathy to the Casey family on the death of Mrs. Rosaleen Casey. This was endorsed by all members and officials present.

Cllr. Mullins proposed a vote of sympathy to the Costello family on the death of Marie Costello, Scoil Croi Naofa, Ballinasloe. This was endorsed by all members and officials present.

Lights at Eyrecourt – Village Renewal Scheme

In reply to Cllr. Joyce Mr. Headd stated that following discussion with the E.S.B. he envisages the completion of this project shortly.

Council Workforce

In reply to Cllr. Connolly Mr. Kelly stated that no vacant positions have been filled in the past few months and this is likely to continue for the remainder of 2009. Discussions with SIPTU are ongoing. It is the Council's objective to maintain the workforce but savings must be achieved in order to do so.

Revised Area Boundaries

In reply to Cllr. Joyce, Mr. Kelly stated that it will be some months before a proposal is agreed on the new boundaries.

Kilnahown/Liskelly Group Water Scheme

Members were dissatisfied at the omission of this scheme from the latest list approved for funding. It was proposed by Cllr. Connolly, seconded by Cllr. Joyce and agreed to appeal to the Minister to reconsider the decision.

Achievement

Cllr. Connolly wished to record the Committee's appreciation of the recent achievements of Mr. Danny Boyle.

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