

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee held at the Civic Offices, Ballinasloe on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

## **I Láthair:**

**Báil:** Cllr. T. Broderick  
Cllr. D. Connolly  
Cllr. T. Mannion  
Cllr. M. Finnerty  
Cllr. K. Ryan

**Oifigigh:** Mr. K. Kelly, Director of Services  
Mr. E. Molloy, Senior Engineer  
Mr. U. Finn, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. A. Headd, Executive Engineer  
Ms. O. Finnerty, Asst. Engineer  
Ms. M. Gilchrist, Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. M. Kelly – Mayor Ballinasloe Town Council  
Mr. M. O'Donnell, A.O. & Acting Town Clerk

## **1. Deputation: Residents Castlegar/Ahascragh**

The Deputation consisting of Messrs. B. Donlon, A. Kelly, P. Fitzgerald, P. Connelly & N. Murray outlined concerns relating to the condition of the road at Castlegar and towards St. Cuan's well as follows:

- Ridge on the road allegedly resulting from works on a culvert last year
- Reduced margin causing concern for children availing of school bus
- Double bend past Mr. Fitzgerald's house which is allegedly the scene of numerous accidents
- Water lodging outside the house occupied by Mr. Connelly's daughter

Mr. Finn outlined the procedure relating to Deputations and stated that a Roads Programme has been agreed for the current year. He stated that funding has been severely reduced since 2008 and the Council is endeavouring to achieve a balance in its programme of work between roads carrying a lot of traffic and maintenance of the local roads. He said he will examine the location and revert to Cllr. Mannion on the matter.

## 2. Consideration and Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Mannion seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

### Matters Arising

#### Road at Ballyeighter/Ballinue

In reply to Cllr. Connolly Mr. Headd stated that following receipt of information from local residents a submission for funding under the Low Cost Remedial Scheme was made to John Moloney, Roads & Transportation Unit. Cllr. Connolly proposed, seconded by Cllr. Mannion that the Roads Dept. be requested to expedite a decision on the matter. Mr. Molloy stated that the proposal will have to be assessed and is subject to inspection by the NRA.

## 3. Roads Programme and Additional Funding for 2011

Mr. Molloy stated that an additional allocation of funding of €3.3M was received for Restoration Improvement on Regional and Local Roads. It is proposed to allocate this funding on the basis of the original 2011 - 2013 Programme of Works. It is also proposed to allocate up to 20% of the new allocation towards localised repairs. On the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty seconded by Cllr. Mannion it was agreed to carry out works as outlined:

### Ballinasloe North:

Road No	Name	Work Type	Length	Estimated Cost
R364	Annaghmore East	RR	1650	€189,240
LP3408	Killure More	SR	1800	€89,280
R339	Menlough Village	RR	1000	€150,000
Localised Repair	Regional Road			€69,600
Localised Repair	Local Road			€22,360

### Ballinasloe South:

Road No	Name	Work Type	Length	Estimated Cost
LS 8731	Lisfinny	RR	1480	€103,600
LS8740	Derry (Longford By)	RR	1480	€103,600
R446	Lissahavaun	RR	7680	€201,445.60
Localised Repair	Local Road			€50,000
Localised Repairs				€38,000

#### **4. Selection of Representative on the Greenstar Landfill Liaison Committee**

Cllr. Ryan was selected as a representative on the Greenstar Landfill Liaison Committee to replace Cllr. M. Mullins on the proposal of Cllr. Finnerty, seconded by Cllr. Mannion. Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Eugene Cummins, Director of Services plans to hold a meeting of the Liaison Committee in the next few weeks.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

##### Maintenance Funding

Mr. Molloy informed the meeting that funding for Road Maintenance is extremely tight across the County and unfortunately as a result the Council will not be in a position to deliver on all requests. He stated this stems from the adverse winter conditions and restrictions on what we are entitled to charge to the Grants.

##### Map

Mr. Finn stated he will organise to have a map of the Ballinasloe Electoral Area prepared and forwarded to Cllr. Ryan.

##### Skycur Road

In reply to Cllr. Finnerty Mr. Headd stated that the pot-hole repair crew will continue to carry out essential maintenance on the Scycur and Garrison roads.

##### Ballymoneen Road – Caltra

Cllr. Ryan stated that the Ballymoneen Road is in a poor state with subsidence at the edges and asked if it could be included in the next Roads Programme.

##### Mountbellew Roads

In reply to Cllr. Mannion, Mr. Finn stated that funding was granted under the National Roads Grant 2011 for works on the N63 at the Square and out by the Garda Station.

##### Drainage Works

Cllr. Connolly stated that drainage works in the Marless (Cross) area may be inadequate and asked if the matter can be investigated.

##### Depot at Ballygar

Cllr. Finnerty asked if the Depot at Ballygar was being down-sized/down-graded. Mr. Finn stated that the Ballinasloe North Crew work from the depot in Waterloo mainly and we may use Ballygar to store chips occasionally. The Tuam East Crew operate from Ballygar.

In reply to Cllrs. Ryan and Broderick Mr. Molloy stated that reorganisation of the depots is necessary to ensure efficiency of time, travel arrangements etc. and Kilkerrin is the more central location to the Tuam East Area. He said the only additional costs involved would be for Health & Safety.

### Bottle Banks at Ballygar

Cllr. Ryan stated that the bottle Banks have been moved from outside the Church as they were unsightly. There is no agreement of where they are to be relocated to but Cllr Ryan suggested outside the Council depot with CCTV. Mr. Molloy agreed to examine the possibility.

### Footpath to Ballygar Cemetery

In reply to Cllr. Finnerty Ms. Finnerty stated that she will examine footpath to the Cemetery in Ballygar.

### Ballygar Tidy Towns

Cllr. Ryan stated that Fás employees are not allowed partake in the Ballygar village clean-up as in other neighbouring towns and asked if the problem arises from the fact that the scheme is from the Roscommon Area. Mr. Kelly stated that the Council needs to be mindful of union issues where Fás workers are employed. He stated that he is not aware of a difference between Fás Schemes and sometimes work practices relate to local issues but he can investigate the matter.

### Signage

Cllr. Connolly highlighted the desirability of increased anti-litter signage and CCTV at locations e.g. Pollboy and Killure. Cllr Connolly raised the issue of Irish on all signage.

Cllr. Mannion stated that some Speed Limit signs are covered by vegetation and requested that this matter be resolved.

### Congratulations

Members congratulated Cllr. Connaughton on his election to Dáil Éireann and Cllr. Mullins on his election to the Seanad.

Cllrs. Connolly, Mannion and Broderick congratulated Cllr. Ryan and Cllr. Finnerty on their appointment to Galway County Council.

Members welcomed Ms. Finnerty as Area Engineer - Ballinasloe North.

Cllr. Finnerty wished to record the contribution made by the Engineering Staff in the Ballinasloe Area i.e. Messrs. Finn, Headd and Mulryan stating that they are most helpful and efficient in their dealings.

### Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is the A. G. M. and will be held in July.

**Criochnaigh an Chrinniu ansin**