

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

## MINUTES OF THE CONAMARA ELECTORAL AREA MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE

### I LÁTHAIR:-

**Baill:**

Comh. S. Ó Tuairisg, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr. J. Conneely  
Cllr. S. Kyne  
Cllr. S. Walsh  
Comh. C. Ní Fhatharta  
Cllr. T. Welby  
Comh. S. Ó Cuaig

**Oifigigh:**

Mr. J. Morgan, D.O.S., Roads & Transportation Unit  
Mr. E. Molloy, S.E. Conamara  
Mr. P. Clarke, A/S.E.E., An Cheathrú Rua  
Mr. J. Cullen, D.O.S., Environment Section  
Mr. L. Gavin, S.E. Water Services Section  
Ms. F. Holland, S.E.E. Water Services Section  
Mr. D. Hurney, A/A.O. Roads & Transportation Unit  
Ms. M. McGann, A.O. Housing Unit

**Toscaireachtaí:**

Inis Mór  
  
Coiste Sábhála na Minna

**P.J. Tobins & Co. Ltd**

M. McDonald

### 1. Toscaireacht ó Inis Mór

**a. Planning and Development**

The deputation from Inis Mór indicated their concerns regarding the difficulties in obtaining planning permission (commercial and residential) on the Island. It was stated that more accommodation is required in order to facilitate tourism, in addition to local functions such as weddings.

The Cathaoirleach agreed with the deputation and requested that the Planning and Sustainable Development Unit be notified of the concerns expressed. He also emphasized the importance of tourism for the islands.

Cllr. Welby suggested that an Area Action Plan for the Islands be included in the County Development Plan and Cllr. Conneely agreed with this.

The members were unanimous in their support for the deputation.

**b. Inis Mór Park and Playground**

It was stated by the deputation that the proposed site for the playground is jointly owned by Galway Co. Council and the Church. The Church has agreed to lease the site to the community; however, no reply has been received to date from the County Council. The deputation stated that this playground would be a great asset to the community.

The Cathaoirleach requested that the Housing Unit investigate the matter so that it is resolved as quickly as possible.

**c. Bus Stops**

The deputation referred to the need for proper bus-stops and signposting for tourists on Inis Mór Island. Mr. Morgan stated that, at present, An Garda Síochána allocates bus stops. Mr. Molloy advised that in the interest of traffic safety the location of bus-stops should be co-ordinated with the County Council.

The deputation indicated its concern regarding the speed limit of 50kph in the village of Cill Rónáin. The Cathaoirleach asked Mr. Molloy to examine the matter.

**d. Social Housing Site**

The Cathaoirleach requested that the Housing Unit examine this matter.

**2. Toscaireacht ó Coiste Sábhála na Minna**

**a. Road Safety**

Coiste Sábhála na Minna referred to numerous incidents which have occurred close to the Church at Minna, Indreabhán.

Suggestions were made for measures to resolve the situation such as, signposting being erected to warn motorists of the dangers, the placement of rumble strips to reduce speed and road realignment. A petition signed by the local community recommending that a mirror be erected on one side of the hill was submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Morgan confirmed that the Council is aware of the problem and he stated that rumble strips and extra signage would be considered. He said that it is unlikely that the hill would be lowered due to the topography of the area. In reply to Comh. Ni Fhatharta, he confirmed that public lighting for the area could be considered in the context of the 2009 Roads Programme.

Cllr. Kyne and Cllr. Walsh enquired as to whether Councillor's Notice of Motion funding could be used to alleviate the problem and Cllr. Kyne referred to the trees at the road junction which are affecting sight distance.

#### **b. Waterworks in Rosmuc**

The deputation referred to cryptosporidium in the waterworks and requested to know the current position. Mr. Cullen acknowledged that the situation at Rosmuc is unsatisfactory. He explained that a recent test had confirmed the presence of Cryptosporidium. In this situation, a boil notice is mandatory and this will not be removed in the short term.

He stated that while the source is vulnerable, the water can be treated but it will be expensive. He explained that he expected to have a firm set of proposals regarding water treatment within the next 10 days and he proposed that he meet with the deputation on a regular basis in order to inform them of progress. In the long term, it is intended to link the scheme in Rosmuc with the supply at Casla in order to guarantee a safe supply.

### **3. Sewerage Scheme – An Cheathrú Rua**

Mr. Cullen referred to a meeting with a deputation from An Cheathrú Rua. Mr. McDonald, P.J.Tobin & Co. Ltd., outlined the various cost estimates of the Sewerage Scheme. Mr. Cullen stated that the main issue to be considered is the location of the treatment plant.

Mr. Cullen advised that the Council must make a submission which is practical and reasonable and meets the criteria of the DOEHLG. In reply to the Cathaoirleach, Mr. McDonald confirmed that tertiary treatment is not being considered.

Mr. Cullen proposed that a meeting be arranged with the deputation from An Cheathrú Rua in order to address their concerns regarding noise and odour from the treatment plant. In reply to Cllr. Walsh, Mr. Cullen confirmed that he would notify the members regarding the date of the proposed meeting.

### **4. Aon ghnó eile**

#### **a. Inis Mór Sewerage Scheme**

Comh. Ní Fhatharta referred to the Inis Mór Sewerage Scheme and informed Mr. Gavin that a deputation from the island wished to arrange a meeting with him. Mr. Gavin agreed to this.

*Chríochnaigh an cruinniú ansin.*