

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILIMHE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE CONAMARA ELECTORAL AREA MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2009, IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE

### I LÁTHAIR:-

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

**Oifigigh:** Mr. J. Morgan, Director of Roads & Transportation Unit  
Mr. M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation Unit  
Mr. E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation Unit  
Mr. S. Groarke, Administrative Officer, Roads & Transportation Unit  
Mr. F. McEvoy, Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation Unit  
Ms. D. Caulfield, Staff Officer, Roads & Transportation Unit

**RPS Consultants:** Mr. Gerry Carty  
Mr. Cian McGuinness  
Mr. Conall MacAongusa

### **1. Presentation by RPS Consulting Engineers in relation to the R336 – Bearnna to Scrib Project (via Ros an Mhíl)**

Mr. Morgan advised the meeting that RPS Consulting Engineers were invited to the meeting to give a Presentation in relation to the R336 – Bearnna to Scrib Project.

Mr. MacAongusa, from RPS Consultants made a Presentation at the meeting and circulated a leaflet in relation to the proposed Public Consultation.

The meeting was advised that Public Consultations were to take place as follows:

27 <sup>th</sup> January, '09	2 – 8 pm	Connemara Coast Hotel
28 <sup>th</sup> January, '09	2 – 8 pm	Tully Community Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> January, '09	2 - 8 pm	Park Lodge Hotel, An Spidéal

Comh. Ó Cuaig enquired if a Public Consultation could take place in the Ros Muc area, possibly the local Hall from 6 – 8 pm and it was agreed to consider this.

The meeting was informed that the intention of the public consultations was to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss issues of concern with the Consultants and provide the Consultants with an opportunity to get local feedback. The meeting was advised that there were no routes or proposals favoured at this stage of the project and that maps will be available at the Public Consultations.

It was noted that the maps will highlight Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) and that development in such areas is restricted and is only allowed on public safety grounds if there is 'no alternative' available.

The meeting was informed that the current status of the Galway City Outer Bypass Project, and in particular the decision in relation to the western section of the proposed route, should not at this point present an obstacle to advancing the project.

In response to comments expressed by Comh. Ó Tuairisg, that the main concern from An Spidéal to Cois Fharráige will be if the route is impacted on existing houses, Mr. Morgan advised that the Consultants will compile a Report and weightings will be given to a range of parameters to reach the final decision.

The Committee thanked the Consultants for the Presentation.

## **2. Aon Ghnó Eile**

### **(a) N59**

Comh. Ó Cuaig referred to the N59 Aitrí Junction and advised the meeting that there are numerous collisions / incidents occurring at this location and enquired if a sign could be erected.

Mr. Morgan advised that the Council is currently examining this location in conjunction with the NRA under the Low Cost Accident Scheme and the Council may put a right turning lane at this location.

*Chríochnaigh an cruinniú ansin.*