

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

MINUTES OF THE CONAMARA ELECTORAL AREA MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 25th MARCH 2008, IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE

ILÁTHAIR:-

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

Oifigigh: Mr. M. Owens, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. E. Molloy, Senior Engineer
Mr. D. Pender, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. D. Hurney, A/Administrative Officer
Mr. P. Clarke, Executive Engineer, An Cheathrú Rua
Mr. T. J. Redmond, A/Executive Engineer, Clifden
Mr. N. Kennedy, A/Executive Engineer, Oughterard

1. **Minutes of Meetings held on 15/10/2007; 19/11/2007; 22/11/2007; 26/11/2007; 04/12/2007; 10/12/2007 and 19/02/2008**

On the proposal of Cllr. Kyne, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the Minutes of the meeting held on 15/10/2007 were approved.

On the proposal of Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19/11/2007 were approved.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the Minutes of the meeting held on 22/11/2007 were approved.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Welby, the Minutes of the meeting held on 26/11/2007 were approved.

On the proposal of Comh. Ó Cuaig, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the Minutes of the meeting held on 04/12/2007 were approved.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the Minutes of the meeting held on 10/12/2007 were approved.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19/02/2008 were approved.

2. Draft Roads Programme 2008

Mr. Molloy outlined to the meeting details of the Draft Roads Programme 2008, with particular reference to the Conamara area.

In reply to Cllr. Kyne, he provided details regarding the N59 Maigh Cuilinn-Barnacranny Hill Design job. Cllr. Kyne welcomed the inclusion of the Community Involvement Scheme at Knockaunranny, and indicated his concern that funding which is currently available for work on the N59 may be lost if work is delayed for any reason.

A discussion ensued regarding potential difficulties in acquiring land for road improvements.

The Cathaoirleach stated that an overall plan should be put in place for the N59. Cllr. Conneely agreed and stated that the necessary land should be acquired by compulsory purchase order.

Cllr. Walsh suggested that improvement work be concentrated on sections of the N59 where land is not required.

The Cathaoirleach enquired regarding funding available for safety measures on national routes, and the criteria used for job selection.

Mr. Molloy stated that the NRA is responsible for policy and procedures on national roads, and decides where work should be carried out. In reply to Cllr. Kyne he agreed to investigate the situation at Newtown N.S. and at Rosscahill N.S.

In reply to Cllr. Welby, Mr. Molloy advised that the Western Way should be open in the near future.

In reply to Comh. Ní Fhatharta, Mr. Molloy stated that discussions are ongoing with the ESB regarding public lighting.

A discussion ensued regarding various elements of the Draft Roads Programme for 2008.

Comh. Ní Fhatharta stated that footpaths are required at various locations in An Cheathrú Rua.

In reply to Cllr. Conneely, Mr. Molloy stated that work on the Racecourse Road, Clifden, should commence shortly.

On the proposal of Comh. Ní Fhatharta, seconded by Cllr. Kyne, the Draft Roads Programme 2008 was approved.

3. Aon Ghnó Eile

In reply to Cllr. Welby, Mr. Pender stated that work at the graveyard on the N59 near the Cregg Road should be completed in the near future.

Mr. Molloy agreed to examine the design of the junction at Cloonabinna with a view to improving traffic safety.

Chríochnaigh an cruinniú ansin.