

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### **Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2008**

#### **I LATHAIR:-**

**Baill:** Cllr. J. Cuddy, Chairman.  
Cllr. M. Hoade.  
Cllr. J. McDonagh  
Cllr. M. Carey

**Oifigigh:-** Mr. A. Comer, SEO, Planning & Sustainable  
Development Unit

Mr. E. Gallagher, Executive Engineer  
Ms P. Kemple, A.S.O., Planning & Sustainable Dev. Unit

#### **1. Minutes of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Hoade, seconded by Cllr. Carey, the minutes of all meetings held in 2007 were agreed and adopted.

#### **2. Speed Limits**

Cllr. Hoade enquired about the Corrandulla to Loughgeroge speed limit and the prospect of leaving this at 80. A general discussion took place. Cllr. Carey voiced his concerns for road users, in particular pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr. Cuddy clarified that there were two roads involved here and asked about leaving them at 80. Mr. Lavelle pointed out on a map the proposed speed limits, that Mr. Morgan, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Unit would be presenting to the full Council later this afternoon;

- National Primary marked in yellow to stay at 100
- National Secondary/Regional Roads marked in blue to stay at 80
- All other roads marked in green to stay at 60
- Towns marked in red to stay at 50

Cllr. Cuddy did not agree with the Lydican road speed limit. Cllr. Hoade wanted confirmation that after public display, it would come back to the Councillors for final decision. Mr. Lavelle reminded members that one can't interfere with the NRA limits and to wait and let the submissions come in, it was hoped to put this on public display in the next 2 to 3 weeks, it would then be on display for a month and be sent to An Gardaí for their input and to notify adjoining counties. Mr. Lavelle agreed to amend the map to incorporate Cregmore and Lydican Roads be reduced to 60.

### **3. Update on Oranmore Flooding and Sewerage**

Mr. Croghan gave an update to the members that a report on main drainage works was due in April and a complete survey on the sewerage needed to be completed, that it wasn't a capacity problem but a cleaning problem and this was a costly operation to the Council. Cllr. Carey felt it was important to follow the Developers for the cleanup. Mr. Ridge felt that planning enforcement was the solution to part of the problem but there were time constraints involved. He updated members on the works the Taking in Charge Section had been doing, that more routine supervision of works was required and perhaps to look at drawing down Bonds to ensure works are completed in accordance with planning permission.

### **4. Claregalway Bypass**

Cllr. Hoade updated the members on discussions she had with the Manager in relation to same. A general discussion took place on levying development contributions. Cllr. Hoade voiced her dissatisfaction on the lack of progress to date on the proposed bypass, that it was unfair to the people of Claregalway and felt if the bypass was not going to happen to admit this, she added that members needed to know how much was to be raised locally if that what's being proposed and that she had shared her concerns with the Manager about trying to get this through full council. Cllrs. Carey and Cuddy expressed concern at levying the locals and felt it was a national issue and that Claregalway was the biggest gridlock in the country presently. Mr. Lavelle talked about the new N17 to Tuam and the effect this would have on Claregalway and he felt Claregalway would become a Satellite town but this was 4 to 5 years away as other roads were taking precedence with the NRA. He also added that the existing N17 had inadequate capacity to deal with traffic volumes. Councillors drew comparisons with the Loughrea Bypass and Galway City Outer bypass and that the local people had not being asked to levy those roads.

### **5. Ardaun**

Mr. Ridge updated the members on Arduan and outlined the projects put forward for the Gateway Innovation Fund:

- New Concert Hall at Fisheries Field
- Ardaun
- Dualling the track from Athenry to Galway Co Co

Cllr. Hoade enquired when the final Consultants report would come before Council. Mr. Ridge agreed to check with the Manager. Cllr. Hoade voiced her concerns over the joint city and county Ardaun committees not having met recently and the question of ring fenced funds for same.

### **6. Discussion Private/public Piers on Lough Corrib**

Cllr. Carey updated members on this item on the Agenda, it was about a particular pier and ownership of same and was seeking clarification on who was in charge of same, be it OPW, Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. Mr. Ridge sought clarification on the location of the pier involved. Cllr. Hoade added that she had spoken to Mr. Gallagher, Executive Engineer, Oranmore Area office in the past and got a map.

Cllr. Carey felt the people involved should come together and discuss the issue. Mr. Ridge felt there was no role for the County Council on this issue.

#### **7. Tenants in Receipt of Rent Subsidy in substandard apartments**

Cllr. Carey updated members on the particular apartment concerned and questioned whose role it was to police this. Mr. Ridge clarified that the County Council administer the Scheme and that he would take it up with the Housing Department and report back to him.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Cllr. McDonagh enquired about broken finger post signs as a result of the recent inclement weather. Cllr. Carey asked was also concerned about damage to the Golden Mile signage. Mr. Ridge agreed to check this out.

Cllr. Hoade asked for an update on Patsy Kilraine lands. Mr. Ridge updated the members on same and that he was recommending that the lands stay zoned as they are – community, that An Bord Pleanla had already refused permission there and also the graveyard beside it was a cause for concern. but that the Councillors could decide themselves to review the plan, this could be revisited next year.

It was agreed to hold a meeting to review the County Development Plan on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Criochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin**