

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the 20th July 2010

I LATHAIR:-

Baill: Cllr. J. Cuddy
Cllr. L. Carroll
Cllr. J. McDonagh (Chairperson)
Cllr. M. Noone

Oifigh: Mr. A. Comer, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Sustainable
Development
Mr. M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. D. Croghan, Senior Executive Engineer, Oranmore Area
Office
Mr. J. Coyle, Executive Engineer, Oranmore Area Office
Ms. Liadhan Keady, Assistant Staff Officer, Planning &
Sustainable Development

1. Minutes of Meeting dated 16th March 2010

The above minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

Matters Arising:

Cllr. Cuddy requested an update on the Railway Station at Garraun. In response Mr. Lavelle stated that a decision on the Smart Travel Proposal was due next week and that they were hoping to use part of this funding to provide the road to the station. Mr. Comer stated that the Planning Department expect an application for the station to be lodged by Iarnrod Eireann before the end of the year. He further informed the meeting that the Land acquisition for Garraun is proceeding and is currently with the Law Agents.

Cllr. McDonagh requested an update regarding the Lackagh Sewerage Scheme. In reply Mr. Comer stated that the request would be forwarded to Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services Environment & Water Services Department for response.

Cllr. Cuddy requested an update regarding the junction at the Boys National School in Oranmore to which Mr. Croghan stated there was none at present.

2. Election of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson for 2010-2011

Cllr. Cuddy proposed Cllr. McDonagh to the position of chair for 2010-2011 which was seconded by Cllr. Carroll. Mr. Comer deemed Cllr. McDonagh the Chairperson of the *H:\GP\WINWORD\Mins In Progress\Area Committee Meetings\Oranmore Area Committee\2010\Minutes 20th July 2010.doc*

Oranmore Area Committee. The Chairperson thanked his proposers and said he looked forward to working with the committee for the betterment of the Oranmore Area.

The Chairperson called for a nomination to the position of Vice-Chair. In response Cllr. Carroll proposed Cllr. Noone and this was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy. Mr. Comer deemed Cllr. Noone the Vice-Chairperson of the Oranmore Area Committee.

3. Traffic Management Plan – Oranmore

The Chairperson requested an update on the Traffic Management Plan for Oranmore. In response Mr. Croghan presented a map outlining the current situation, with the proposals being put forward by him. After a discussion around the issue it was decided that Mr. Croghan and Mr. Coyle would meet with the members in Oranmore village to discuss the proposals further and come to a decision on same. It was agreed the meeting would take place Friday 23rd July 2010 @ 10am on site. Mr. Lavelle asked that whatever was decided at the meeting was final and no changes would be requested. This was agreed by the members. Cllr. Carroll enquired as to whether Bye-Laws would be required to allow the proposals to move forward. Mr. Croghan stated he would investigate this.

4. Traffic Management Plan – Claregalway

Mr. Lavelle stated that at this time he felt it was premature to discuss a Traffic Management Plan for Claregalway due to the fact that Minister Manseragh would be announcing, in Galway this Thursday 22nd July 2010, the Flood Measure Works for Claregalway and these could involve alterations to the bridge. It was agreed that on Mr. Lavelle's recommendation this item would be placed on the agenda for a meeting in September once all the details are available.

5. Speed Limits

Cllr. Cuddy enquired as to whether anything was being done to lower the speed limits on country roads. In response, Mr. Lavelle stated that approximately 3 years ago the Roads Department brought a proposal to the full council to reduce the speed limits which was rejected and until such time that this objection is lifted the council has no power to make changes. Cllr. Noone proposed that Changes to the Speed Limits on Local and Secondary Tertiary Roads would be placed on the agenda for full council. This was seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

6. Flooding – Time Frame re Works

In response to this item, Mr. Coyle informed the meeting that Flood Relief Works would be a joint venture between Galway County Council and the OPW, with the Council doing road crossing and the OPW carrying out all works to SAC lands.

Cllr. Cuddy enquired as to whether any proposal had been put in place regarding the Turlough at Lydican. In response, Mr. Croghan stated that this had not been included in any scheme but he will have an update on the situation for the next meeting.

The Chairperson proposed that the issue of Flooding and an update on same would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. AOB

A brief discussion took place regarding the abandonment of the road at Frenchfort. Mr. Croghan stated that to date no agreement had been met but that he was to hold a meeting with the relevant landowners, in the coming days, regarding a proposal and hoped to have a positive outcome to same.

Cllr. Carroll requested that the 2 disabled parking bays beside the Astro-turf in Oranmore Village be moved to an alternative location. In response, Mr. Croghan stated that he would arrange for them to be placed on both sides of the exit at this junction.

A discussion took place regarding the upkeep of the roundabouts within the county. Mr. Lavelle proposed that it would be put out to tender for interested parties to reply with their proposals. Mr. Lavelle's suggestion was proposed by the Chairperson and seconded by Cllr. Noone. Mr. Lavelle stated he would bring the proposal to Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Unit.

A brief discussion took place regarding the provision of Bus Shelters in the County. Mr. Lavelle stated that the council would need a plan going forward with regard to Bus Shelters which would require the provision of paths so as to ensure road safety at all times.

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