

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the 9th February 2010 @ 10am Room GO1

I LATHAIR:-

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

Oifigigh:- Mr. M. Dolly, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. D. Croghan, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Ms. Máire Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer, Environment Section
Ms. Liadhan Keady, Assistant Staff Officer, Planning & Sustainable Development

1. Minutes of meeting dated 11th November 2009

The Chairman opened the meeting and called for a proposer and seconder for the above minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November 2009 were proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

Matters arising:

Cllr. Carroll enquired as to whether there was any update on the Oranmore Traffic Management Plan. In reply, Mr. Croghan informed the meeting that recommendations regarding this were being put together and they would be brought to the committee at the next meeting.

The Chairman stated that the Oranmore Traffic Management Plan was to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Revision of the Road Restoration Grants 2010

The Chairman called on Mr. Lavelle to provide an overview of the recommendations being put forward by the Roads & Transportation Unit for approval by the members. Mr. Lavelle provided a handout regarding the Revised Early Starts Programme 2010 and the proposed roads to be included in the scheme. He stated that due to the emergency situation we find ourselves in regarding roads due to the bad weather, the Roads Unit were putting the schemes passed for 2010 late last year on hold until the funding allocations are received from Government and are pressing on with the Early

Starts Programme. He informed the meeting that once the allocations are received a new programme of works would be put to the members for approval.

The Revised Early Starts Programme 2010 as presented to the meeting was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh.

A brief discussion took place regarding other roads which were of concern to the members and which they wished included in the scheme once Government allocations were received. The Chairman raised concerns over the Lisheenkyle road and in response Mr. Croghan stated that funds from the M6 Haul Roads programme would be spent on this road in the coming weeks. Cllr. McDonagh proposed that the Knockdoe Road and the Bawnmore School road would be included in the next scheme, this was seconded by the Chairman. The Chairman further voiced concern over the bad bend that was on the Bawnmore road and in response Mr. Croghan stated that this could be a suitable issue to be addressed under the Community Involvement Scheme and advised the Chairman to inform residents to apply under this scheme for the works on the bend to be carried out. Cllr. Noone informed the meeting that a part of the Kiniska road was about to give way, Mr. Croghan stated he would investigate this, and Mr. Lavelle stated that it would be included in the next round of schemes. The Chairman requested an update on the R339 Monivea road and what the position was regarding improving the condition of same. Mr. Croghan stated that this road was included under the Specific Improvement Grants and works would be carried out. Cllr. McDonagh enquired as to the R347 Athenry to Tuam road and in response Mr. Croghan stated that there were about 8 spots needing attention on this road and works would be carried out with regard to them.

3. AOB

➤ River Basin Management Plan

The Chairman called on Ms. Ni Chionna to make her presentation on the above topic. Ms. Ni Chionna stated she would be providing the background to the River Basin Management Plan while outlining what the plan hoped to achieve. After the presentation a brief discussion took place regarding flooding issues and the artificially high water level of the Clare River which was adding to the problems. Ms. Ni Chionna took note of all points raised.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Ni Chionna for her detailed presentation.

Mr. Dolly stated he had 2 issues he wished to raise with the members, firstly the extinguishment of a Public Right of Way at Frenchfort. He provided a background to the situation and informed the meeting that unfortunately he had had no success in finding agreement between the 2 parties involved and would be submitting a report to the full council for approval at the February meeting which was to extinguish the public right of way and hand back the lands to the respective owners, he stated however that no party involved would be happy with this proposal but unless any Councillor could come forward with a solution and possible agreement from the

parties involved he had no other choice. It was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Cllr. McDonagh that the report from Mr. Dolly would be deferred to the March meeting in order that a further possible solution could be explored.

Mr. Dolly informed the meeting that he would be holding a meeting with the OPW regarding Flooding Measures being put in place and he requested proposals from the members where they knew flooding occurred and an immediate solution could be put in place. A brief discussion took place regarding this issue and a proposal put forward regarding Francis Fahy @ Lackaghbeg and the drains at Frenchfort were both noted by Mr. Dolly.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

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