

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, on 26th October 2017 @ 3.30 pm.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Ivan Canning

Baill:

Cllr's M. Fahy, J. Byrne, J McClearn, P Hynes, S
Donnellan, Michael Maher

Oifigigh:

Ms M Ni Chionna S.E. Roads & Transportation
Mr D Mitchell S.E Roads & Transportation
Mr E Mulryan, A/S.E.E. Roads & Transportation;
Mr. E Gallagher, A/S.E.E. Roads & Transportation;
Mr F McGillicuddy, A/Executive Engineer;
Ms. A Mallaghan, Rapid Co-Ordinator;
Mr. P. Carroll, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Cullen, Director of Services, who was unable to attend.
Apologies were received from Cllr. Finnerty who was unable to attend the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 14th September 2017

LMD 17060

The Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Loughrea M.D. held on 14th September 2017
were proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Donnellan and agreed and signed by the
Cathaoirleach.

Flooding Update

LMD 17061

Mr. Gallagher updated the meeting as follows:-

The tenders for the Engineering Brief were received on 3rd of October. The assessments of
the tenders have now been completed and the tenderers are being e-mailed the results
directly after the MD meeting. A two week freeze period is then in place to allow tenderers

appeal the award decision. During this period the successful tenderer will be providing additional information to GCC. If no issues arise, it is expected that contracts will be signed within four weeks.

The tenders for the Environment Brief were received on the 10th October and their assessment will be commencing next week. It is hoped to have the Environmental Consultant in place before Christmas.

Mr. Gallagher confirmed that he and Fergal Fahy would be meeting with Feidhlim McGillycuddy over the next week to commence the preparation of plans in case of a flooding event this winter. The area office will be dealing directly with such an event. On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Canning, members agreed that relevant stakeholders who will be potentially affected by flooding should be met and that funding be sought to prevent any flooding.

In response to a query, Mr. Gallagher confirmed that all minor works proposals within the South Galway area are assessed in terms of their cost / benefit effect on the Flood Relief Scheme. Some desirable works must be suspended, to ensure that extra benefits to the scheme as a whole are not lost due to works undertaken in advance of the scheme.

Draft Portumna Marina Carpark Byelaws 2017

LMD 17062

Ms. Ni Chionna gave an update on the draft Portumna Marina Carpark Byelaws 2017, which were circulated to Members. The draft byelaws were initially presented to a meeting of Loughrea Municipal District on 12th January 2017. Following amendments proposed at that meeting, the draft byelaws were advertised in the local newspaper and eight submissions were received. Following further observations by Members and advice from the Law Agent the draft byelaws were subsequently amended, re-advertised and one submission was received. The submission referred to the fact that their motorhome is longer than the proposed limit of 6.5m to facilitate a wheelchair and special trike. The submission also appealed the proposed 48 hour stay, the 28 day prohibition and the prohibition of chairs and tables. Ms. Ni Chionna made the following observations on the submission;

1. The Byelaws specify a maximum length of campervan to be 6.5 metres in the interests of safe circulation and ease of manoeuvring.
2. The Byelaws can be amended to include for spaces designated for vehicles used by wheelchair users.
3. Regarding the 48 hour maximum stay, the 28 day prohibition and the prohibition on tables and chairs the carpark provides facilities for overnight stopovers and is not intended to function as a campsite.

A number of the Members felt that the 48 hour maximum stay was too short and the 28 day prohibition was excessive. Ms Ni Chionna advised that there may be merit in changing the 28 day prohibition but was concerned that increasing the 48 hour maximum stay would turn the facility into a campsite rather than a carpark. Following discussion members agreed that the 28 day prohibition be reduced to 5 days and that unless legally advised otherwise increase the maximum stay to 72 hours and Ms Ni Chionna to revert with proposals at the next meeting.

Draft Special Speed limits Housing Estates Slow Zones Byelaws 2017 LMD 17063

Ms Ni Chionna circulated for information a list of estates in the Loughrea Municipal District where the draft Byelaws will apply.

Community Facilities Scheme 2017 – Allocations

LMD 17064

Ms. Mallaghan said that the Community Facilities Scheme is a small scale capital funding scheme launched by the Department of Communities and Rural Affairs in April 2017 to be rolled out by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) to community and voluntary groups within their areas. The total amount allocated to each LCDC is €64,500 with a maximum grant indicated for each project of €1,000. Galway County LCDC recommended that as this scheme is for relatively small amounts of funding, that it wished to prioritise applications which focused on meeting the aims and objectives of the Health and Wellbeing goal of the Galway County Local Economic and Community Plan. It was agreed that this enable the LCDC to see some local impact focused on one of the LECP goals in this funding round. It is anticipated that there are likely to be further funding rounds of this nature, and the LCDC would look at prioritising other goals within the LECP for future funding rounds. A total of 138 applications were made by groups in County Galway for this scheme of which 83 applications were successful. A maximum amount of €1,000 was approved for any individual project.

A list of 18 projects from the Loughrea Municipal District were recommended for approval by the LCDC at it's meeting of October 4th amounting to a total of €13,600 in funding. On the proposal of Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Canning the recommendation was endorsed by the members present.

Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of Roads Act 1993

Droim na Cille, Loughrea

LMD 17065

The Declaration of a road to be a public road, details as follows was proposed by Cllr. Maher, seconded by Cllr. Donnellan and agreed.

Droim na Cille, Loughrea

Point A-B-C-D-E-F-G on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with L4196 in the townland of Caherwalter and extending East for a distance of 295m and ending outside house No. 46 in the townland of Caherwalter

Point B-H on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 58m, ending outside house No. 5 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point C-I on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with B-D in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 38m, ending outside house No. 14 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point D-J on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with C-E in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 36m, ending outside house No. 18 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point E-K on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with D-F in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 63m, ending outside house No. 60 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point F-L on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with E-G in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 63m, ending outside house No. 53 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Cllr. Maher thanked Ms Celine Delaney for her Trojan work in getting estates taken in charge. Cllr. Byrne asked that a presentation on all estates to be taken in charge be given at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 17066

Cllr. Donnellan thanked Mr. Mulryan, Mr Ciaran Coyne and Ms Breda Mulrennan (C & E) for their work in securing €100,000 under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme for Loughrea. Cllr. Maher also thanked Ms Ursula Marmion for leading the project out. At his request Mr Mulryan agreed to have the traffic light sequencing investigated at Westbridge.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District would take place on 9th November, 2017

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Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 9

LMD 17067

The following reply was given:

The Gort Engineering Area has no funding at its disposal presently to allow the requested works to proceed. However, it will arrange in due course to have the site inspected with the execution of works at this location being subject strictly to sufficient lands currently in private ownership being dedicated to GCC free of charge for the project and sufficient funding being committed in advance to allow the works to proceed.