

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 Loughrea Regional Office, 19th April 2018 @ 11 a.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Ivan Canning

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

Mr. J. Cullen, D.O.S.
Mr E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr E Mulryan, A/S.E.E. Roads & Transportation;
Mr F McGillicuddy, A/Executive Engineer;
Mr. B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;
Mr. P. Carroll, Meetings Administrator;
Ms. P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer.

Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Canning to extend the elected members sympathies to the family of Big Tom McBride, R.I.P.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 11th January 2018 **LMD 18018**

The Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Loughrea M.D. held on 8th March 2018 were proposed by Cllr Maher, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes and in reply to Cllr Maher's query regarding faulty manhole covers on Bride Street and Mountcarmel Junction, Mr Mulryan stated that he would have the locations investigated and repaired.

Cllr Byrne raised the issue of illegal dumping in the Gort area and Mr Carroll replied that the issue with the software problem with downloading information from CCTV was now

resolved. Tenders were being sought for installation of CCTV in 5 new locations and repairs to existing CCTV would be put in place. He confirmed that Kiniska Road and the bottle banks area in Portumna would be included in this programme. Mr Cullen stated that the budget for the county was €20,000 thus limiting the amount of areas for CCTV. At Cllr Finnerty's request, Mr Carroll was asked to investigate the CCTV at Ballylee where sheep were dumped close to the river. Cllr Hynes requested that the bins at Corry's Fields be emptied more frequently. In reply to Cllr Finnerty's query regarding the recent placing of a barrier at Letrim B.G. Mr Mulryan stated that he would have the matter investigated. In reply to Cllr Maher's query regarding public lighting at Corry's Fields, Mr Mulryan stated that the contractors would be commencing work in approximately 3 to 4 weeks, following assessment of tenders.

Flooding Update

LMD 18019

Mr Gallagher informed the meeting that the project team met with Forestry Services in late March. They are the oversight and regulatory body over Coillte. A meeting has been arranged with Coillte for late April to discuss the impact of their felling works on the river flows into the lowlands. Meetings are also being scheduled in the next month for the NPWS and IFI. Ryan Hanley are undertaking threshold surveys at present on all houses in the study area that were affected by flooding. Data being gathered includes building type, age, levels and septic tank details. The surveys will continue until mid-May. The first Public Consultation Day of the project is scheduled for 3rd May. Information on the project objectives and statutory processes will be provided to the public and comments, concerns and environmental information will be gathered from the public. On the Dunkellin FRS, works have commenced on several of the 6 bridges that are to be upgraded under the scheme. Works are scheduled to continue to the end of September.

Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1983

Ard Breeda, Loughrea

LMD 18020

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

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

- Road commencing at its junction with L-4196 in the townland of Caherwalter and extending East for a distance of 220m and turning North for a distance of 48m and ending at point F in the townland of Caherwalter .

Point B-G on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 125m, ending outside house No. 9 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point C-H on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with B-D in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending South for a distance of 120m, ending outside house No. 23 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point D-I-J on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with C-E in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending North for a distance of 60m, ending outside house No. 57 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Point I-E on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with D-J in the Townland of Caherwalter and extending West for 58m and turning South for 31m ending outside house No. 45 in the townland of Caherwalter.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 18021

In reply to Cllr Maher and Finnerty's queries regarding the allocation of €1 m from the TII for work on the N66, Mr Mulryan stated that less than 6 km of road would be surfaced, concentrating on the worst sections of roadway. The Council were required to undertake surveys for the design process and it was hoped to have the works completed later in the year.

Mr Mulryan also confirmed that the TII have made a recommendation to re-classify the N66 to a regional road and R380 has been assigned as the new road number. Clarification from the NRDO will be sought as to when the road is de-classified.

Cllr. Donnellan referred to a proposed anti dog fouling campaign in Loughrea which has been prepared by Environment Section following along the lines of a proposal submitted by Cllr Donnellan. The campaign will be launched in Loughrea on 10th May following the Municipal District May meeting. The campaign involving local authority staff, local businesses, community groups, schools etc will be run over six weeks, the first 2 weeks on awareness, the second 2 weeks detailing the effects of dog fouling on the public while the last 2 weeks will outline the enforcement consequences together with patrols of targeted areas. In response to Cllr Cannings request that the Community Warden work flexible hours to combat litter and dog fouling, Mr Cullen stated that he would look at the flexibility within existing contracts with the Wardens. Members welcomed the proposal referring to the need for stronger enforcement powers.

In response to Cllr Cannings query regarding overgrown hedges affecting sightlines exiting private property, Mr Mulryan confirmed that GCC are not responsible for same.

Mr Mulryan informed Cllr Byrnes that no update has been received from the Department on C.I.S following assessment of applications received, that he expected L.I.S. update within the next week, that an update on the Speed Limits Review would be given at the May or June

meeting. With regard to potholes, contractors are to be appointed and works to commence on the Roads Programme in early May 2018. No update from Department has been received to date regarding further funding for Storm/Snow damage but a small allocation was expected.

Cllr Maher requested that a wheel chair ramp into the lake at the Long Point be constructed to facilitate people with special needs who wished to use the facilities.

It was proposed by Cllr McClearn, seconded by Cllr Maher that the County Development Plan be reviewed or interpreted in accordance with the National Development and a statement be issued on how Galway County Council plans to align county planning with that of the National Development Plan.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Loughrea MD would take place on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 11 am.

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