

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea Regional Office, 9th May 2019 @ 11 a.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Byrne

Baill:

Cllr's S Donnellan, I. Canning, D Diviney,
P. Hynes, M. Maher, J. McClearn, G. Finnerty.

Oifigigh:

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

Cllr Byrne welcomed Cllr Diviney to the Municipal District Meeting.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 11th April 2019 LMD 19020

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 11th April 2019 were proposed by Cllr Maher, seconded by Cllr Finnerty and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr Finnerty wished to thank all staff and community groups involved in the big clean up in Gort. Responding to the members regarding the current problems experienced by voluntary community groups when applying for consent of GCC to undertake works on public road/places, Mr Mulryan advised that the current voluntary community scheme application process is in place/operational since 2018 with the majority of applications being approved. Mr Mulryan further advised that community groups seeking the consent of the Council should complete and return the required application form with necessary supporting documentation to facilitate the approval of such schemes.

Responding to Cllr Canning's enquiry regarding the Fire Rescue Vessel in Portumna, Mr Cullen advised that the Fire Officer was not available to attend to-day's meeting but hoped to attend the next municipal meeting. Mr Cullen also advised for Cllr Maher that the Town Hall would be included in the next application for funding under the Rural Regeneration Programme.

Cllr McClearn produced a letter from Mr M Nolan, CEO, T.I.I. regarding Kilmeen Junction and quoted Mr Nolan who said that a departure from standard would be required to light the junction at Kilmeen. All members agreed that this statement should be pursued and Mr Mulryan confirmed that the issue is still being reviewed by the T.I.I. and no final decision has been made to date.

Flooding

LMD 19021

Mr Gallagher updated the meeting as follows:-

Dunkellin – Works on the 3km of fencing on the scheme are progressing well. Site investigation works are being undertaken in Craughwell to allow for the underpinning of the pedestrian bridge. Preparation works for the Aggard Stream works are in progress.

Dunkellin Bridge –The design phase of the bridge is nearing completion. Mr Gallagher hopes to present the contractor programme of works at the next MDM. Works still on schedule to be completed before schools return in September.

South Galway Gort Lowlands FRS – The TCD model is now running proposals for the scheme. The manufactured thrash screens are to be installed in Roxborough within a month. A submission is being made to the OPW for funding of the Rinnrush access proposal, which will proceed this summer if financing and land owner agreement is received. Enda is to provide a full review of the scheme at the next meeting.

CFRAM – 145 flood locations identified in County Galway under the CFRAM review. 45 locations in South Galway. Mr Gallagher confirmed that the Emerald Star facility is within the proposed Portumna CFRAM scheme. This scheme did not receive funding in the Tranche 1 allocation of May 2018. The scheme is a very strong contender for the Tranche 2 schemes.

An update on the OPW Minor Works Schemes within the Loughrea Electoral Area was circulated to members.

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

– Nun’s Orchard in the townland of Kinvarra

LMD 19022

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

Point A-B-C on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with L8570 in the townland of Kinvarra, extending East and for a distance of 83m and ending outside house No. 8 in the townland of Kinvarra.

Point B-D on TIC Map

Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the townland of Kinvarra and extending North for a distance of 34m, meandering West for a distance of 13m ending to rear of house No. 12 in the townland of Kinvarra.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 19023

Cllr Maher requested the following:-

Lake View Park to be included in grass cutting and tree trimming

Donnellan Drive to be included for tree trimming

St Laurence's Fields – Dangerous Tree Removal

Kilreekle Village – Safety barrier put in place where there is a drop in the land by the road

Long Point – Wheelchair access

Corry's Field – Public Toilet Facilities

Cllr Byrne requested that toilet facilities be opened as soon as possible at Traught Beach.

As Cllr Donnellan is not seeking re-election, all members paid tribute to him for all his work for the past 5 years and wished him well both in his private and professional life. Both Mr Cullen and Mr Mulryan thanked him on behalf of the Staff of GCC for his very positive influence in the chamber and around Loughrea.

Mr Cullen wished all the members well in their election campaigns and looked forward to welcoming the 10 new members to the next meeting which will be held in June 2019.

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