

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, 12th July 2018 @ 11 a.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Byrne

Baill:

Cllr's M. Fahy, S Donnellan, G Finnerty, I. Canning.

Oifigigh:

Mr J. Cullen. D.O.S. Roads & Transportation;
Mr Feidhlim McGillicuddy, Executive Engineer
Mr. B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;
Ms. P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs Maher, McClearn and Hynes who were unable to attend.
Apologies from E Mulryan, E Gallagher and D Mitchell who were unable to attend.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Municipal of Loughrea held on 7th June 2018 **LMD 18037**

The Minutes of the annual meeting of the Loughrea M.D. held on 7th June 2018 were proposed by Cllr Finnerty, seconded by Cllr Fahy and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 7th June 2018 **LMD 18038**

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 7th June 2018 were proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Finnerty and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr's Finnerty and Fahy wished to acknowledge the attendance of Mr Mulvey, Tenant Enforcement Officer at the Gort Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.

Flooding Update

LMD 18039

Cllr Byrne requested an update for the next meeting on the alternative route at Kiltiernan.

Mr Cullen confirmed for Cllr Fahy regarding his concerns for the effects on the farming community of the current drought, that Irish Water are co-ordinating and monitoring water supplies at a national level, and GCC at local level. All supplies are operational at present with restrictions, the north east of the County being the worst affected.

Roads Funding

LMD 18040

It was proposed by Cllr Finnerty, seconded by Cllr Donnellan that if any roads funding is allocated over the next few months, that an emergency meeting of the Loughrea MD would be called in order to allocate funding on a fair basis.

Mr Cullen stated that he had a meeting with the Department regarding funding for non national roads but didn't receive a positive response. A letter will be written again to the Department with regard to further funding.

It was agreed that the NRDO would be contacted regarding an update on Kilmeen Junction and the commencement of works as a collapsed culvert has caused a dangerous bump in the road. Cllr Byrne proposed that Councillors be contacted directly on this matter.

It was proposed by Cllr Finnerty, seconded by Cllrs Donnellan and Fahy that the LMD immediately deal with Ragworth on our public roads and the following motion was agreed – *"I request an all out spraying programme takes place in the next few weeks. Furthermore I would propose GCC write to the Department of Agriculture to let them know of our proposal and a control programme to alleviate same would be put in place for farmers."* Cllr Byrne requested GCC to assess and cost a spraying programme.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 18041

In response to Cllr Fahy's query regarding changing of the area in the Municipal District, Mr Cullen confirmed that the change would come with the local elections in May 2019. The Engineering areas and changes to same will be looked at and revised at that time.

In reply to Cllr Finnerty's concerns regarding unauthorised camping at Station Road, Gort Mr McGillycuddy stated that the Community Warden is investigating the matter and in conjunction with the Gardai, it is hoped to serve notice to vacate and the condition of the derelict property will be looked at.

Cllr Canning requested a reply from Housing regarding the removal of rubbish from the Sandymount Estate, Killimor before the next MD Meeting. In response to Cllr Canning's comments regarding the use of TUS workers, Mr Cullen stated that GCC have a very good record in the use of such workers/schemes but are restricted in the type of activities that can be availed of because of the rules and regulations that GCC are legally bound by in their use. Cllr Canning also thanked Mr Carroll for the cctv installation in Portumna recently.

Cllr Donnellan complimented the Council staff working at the Long Point Facility each day during the fine weather and keeping same in pristine condition despite the large numbers availing of the facilities each day. Mr Cullen stated that he would have the Community

Warden investigate the burning complaint at a private residence and footage of same for Cllr Donnellan.

It was agreed that the monthly meeting of the Loughrea MD would take place on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 11 am.

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Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 7

LMD 18042

The following reply was given:

No funding streams are available at present within the Loughrea MD to facilitate the upgrade of Public Footways, however should application requests be received from relevant Government Department for potential funding to facilitate the upgrade of public footway the Loughrea Municipal District will consider a potential submission for Craughwell Village as part of any overall funding submission for the Municipal District..