

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### Ceantar Bardasach Chonamara *Municipal District of Conamara*

#### Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara held at Arás an Chontae, Galway on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 @2.30 p.m

#### ILATHAIR:

<b>Baill:</b>	Cllrs. S. Walsh, E. Mannion, T. Welby, S. Ó Tuairisg, N. Thomas, N. Byrne, S. Ó Cualáin, T. Ó Cuarraoin, T. Healy.
<b>Oifigh:</b>	E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Conamara K. Wynne, SEE, Conamara S. Groarke, Meeting Administrator.

#### Minutes of MDC Meetings held on the 15-7-2014.

CMD 14019

On the proposal of Cllr. Welby, seconded by Comh. O'Curraoin the Minutes of the 15-7-2014 were adopted.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Mannion referred to the problem associated with parking at Cleggan Pier and advised that the Minutes should state that the parking by the residents of Inishbofin was not the main problem but part of the problem. Comh. O' Cualáin referred to the €74,000 allocation for progressing a Fire Station for Carraroe and requested confirmation that it would be spent by the end of the year-he was aware that the Fire Service intended to lease and outfit a suitable building. E. Molloy advised that he would make enquiries about this. He also advised that the Council was preparing draft Bye-Laws in regard to Cleggan Pier –which will be placed on public display for 6 weeks-there will be a further 2 weeks for submissions. He stated that the approval of the Bye-Laws was a reserved function and he anticipated that the carpark would be completed by April 2015. Responding to a query from Cllr. Healy in regard to the part-ownership status of Cleggan Pier between the Council and the Dept of the Marine- he advised that he can make a map of the relevant ownership available. He also advised that the owners/operators of private bus services should engage with the Council in regard to parking at the pier. Cllr. Mannion expressed her appreciation to E. Molloy & his staff for progressing the matter.

**Right Lane Turn-Clooniffe Road on the N59.****CMD 14020**

Cllr. Byrne referred to the fact that a right-hand turn lane was required on the Clooniffe – Moycullen Road on the N59 in order to avoid potential accidents. Cllr. Welby advised that he had written to the NRA concerning this –an extra lane similar to what was provided at Barna was required. E. Molloy advised that he was aware of the situation and due to the fact that it was part of a National Secondary route-he would have to consult with the NRA. Comh O’Tuairisg raised the matter concerning the closure of the Regional Road at 6.00 a.m due to the Maam Cross Fair- could that be brought forward to 7.30 a.m in order to facilitate the public. Comh. O’Cualáin advised that he was in charge of the Maam Cross Fair for years and that it did not commence until 8.00 a.m Cllr Thomas agreed that this road was traffic free between 6-8 a.m E. Molloy advised that the closure of the regional road was a recent event and the request to do so came from the Gardaí at Clifden –the stalls were concentrated along this road. He advised that it was essential to keep the National Road open for emergency vehicles. He stated that the Council can re-assess the matter. A proposal to delay the closure of this road was made by Comh. O’Tuairisg and seconded by Comh. O’Cualáin.

**Date for Consideration of Draft Budget for 2015****CMD 14021**

The meeting was advised by S. Groarke that the date scheduled for the consideration of the Draft Budget for 2015 was Thursday 9-10-2014 at 11.00 a.m in the Council Chamber.

**Address by Mayor of Boston-Council Meeting 22-10-2014****CMD 14022**

Cllr. S. Walsh Cathaoirleach advised the Meeting that he was contacted by the Mayor in regard to the special meeting scheduled for the 22-10-2014 appertaining to the reception for the Mayor of Boston Marty Walsh.

**Municipal District Director’s Business****CMD 14023**

E.Molloy advised that the Council has received tenders in regard to Coastal Protection works and is in the process of appointing contractors. The works will be undertaken in areas such as Inishbofin, Spiddal, Inishere & Inishmaan. He stated that the repair of existing Coastal Protection infrastructure is ongoing. He advised that the estimated expenditure will exceed the current allocation. In a reply to a query from Cllr. Welby he stated that the works for Inishere & Inishmaan will commence within the next 3-4 weeks. Cllr. Mannion enquired about the works required for Gurteen & Dog’s Bay and Cllr. Healy referred to Inishturbot graveyard. E. Molloy stated that he would review these matters. Cllr. Healy on a point of information referred to the fact that under new legislation community forums were being replaced by ppns Cllr. Welby advised that this was on the agenda for the next council meeting.

**Cathaoirleach’s Business****CMD 14024**

Cllr. Walsh referred to several dangerous stretches of roads in Conamara such as the T junction across the road from Tigh Tommy, the bridge at Poll na gCloch and the bridge near the golf course at Shean na Reefóg and suggested that the Council undertake works on one

or two each year. Comh. O'Curraoin referred to the dangerous part of the Tooreeny Road and Cllr. Thomas referred to the dangerous bridge near the Rosslake Hotel. E.Molloy referred to the Low Cost Accident scheme and advised that details of an accident history was required with the submissions-he also advised that the Council had a Bridge Program for Non-National roads. He requested the Councillors to submit details of bridges they considered dangerous to him. Cllr. Thomas referred to the Poll na gCloch Bridge and advised that the Council had intended to undertake works in the past but had encountered problems with the landowners. Cllr. Walsh referred to a phone call he received from a woman in Boluisce regarding the problem of wind turbines interfering with the radio and tv signals. He stated that the Council should examine the relevant conditions of planning to rectify the problem.

**AOB**

**CMD 14025**

On the proposal of Comh. O'Curraoin and seconded by Cllr. Walsh the Municipal Council of Conamara expressed sympathy with Pat Faherty, Area Supervisor on the death of his father John.

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