

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Chonamara *Municipal District of Conamara*

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara held at the IT Training Room, Aras an Chontae, Galway on 25th May 2015 @ 3.00 p.m

ILATHAIR:

Baill: Cllrs. S. Walsh, E. Mannion, T. Welby, S. Ó Tuairisg, N. Thomas, S. Ó Cualáin, T Ó Cuarraoin, T. Healy, N. Byrne.

Oifigh: G.Mullarkey, Head of Finance.
E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Roads.
P.Breathnach S.E.E Conamara
N. Heffernan AO Roads & Transportation
S. Groarke, Meeting Administrator.

Traffic Management Plan for Cleggan-2015.

CMD 15012

The Traffic Management Plan 2015 was presented to the meeting by E. Molloy. He advised that this is an executive function but it was the policy of the Council to seek the approval of the elected members prior to its implementation. He stated that the Council had received a total of 20 submissions from the public following the period the plan was on public display and a report on the submissions was given to each Councillor at the meeting. He advised that the Council was providing 2 carparks at Cleggan. The first one is being completed and is located on the approach road to the village and will have 80 parking spaces-it is planned to construct a footpath to link it to the village. The second one will be provided at the head of the pier and will have 7 spaces. He then outlined the main features of the plan and the response to the submissions received. These were as follows.

- The plan provides for a 2 hour time limit for parking in the village between 11.30 and 18.00. Enforcement to be undertaken by the community warden.
- Parking will be prohibited on the pier apart from loading, unloading and the designated drop-off area.

- A number of parking bays will be provided at the head of the pier for regular harbour users e.g fishermen and ferry crew -which will allow parking for a max of 24 hours within any 48 hour period.
- Residents can apply to the Council for parking permits.
- A clearway will be provided at the RNLI slipway to ensure access at all times.
- A loading bay will be provided at the back of Oliver's Bar & Restaurant to provide for deliveries to the businesses in the village.
- The bus bay will be located at the junction of the Pier Road and the Main Street.
- Up to 30 designated parking bays will be provided at the carpark for the residents of Inishbofin. They will have to apply to the Council for parking permits.
- It is not planned to have pay & display parking in the village. This will apply to the carpark only.
- A yellow box junction will be provided at the pier to enable vehicles to drop off passengers, allow buses to turn and to provide access for emergency vehicles.
- Additional traffic control measures will be provided behind Oliver's Bar & Restaurant which will include double yellow lines and a clearway for RNLI access. The 2 hour parking limit will also apply to this area.

Councillors E. Mannion and T. Healy complimented E. Molloy and his staff for the progress made on this –stating that it was a good plan given the resources available and it would further the enhancement of the village. They stated they were available to assist should any problems arise with its implementation They requested that the road leading down to the South Pier be taken in charge by the Council. E. Molloy agreed that the Council should take this road in charge and stated that he would revert back with a price for the NOM. Cllr. S. Walsh referred to the work undertaken by the former Councillor Josie Conneely on this in the past. It was agreed that the Traffic Management Plan for Cleggan should be implemented.

Cleggan Car Parks Bye-Laws-2015.

CMD 15013

E. Molloy explained that the Draft Bye-Laws referred to the new carpark being provided on the approach road to Cleggan and also the small carpark to be located at the head of the pier. He explained the procedure regarding the advertisement of the Draft Bye-Laws and the 6 week period required for the public display and receipt of submissions. On the proposal of Cllr. E. Mannion , seconded by Cllr. T. Healy it was agreed that the Council should advertise the draft Bye-Laws.

Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads-Section 11 Roads Act 1993

CMD 15014

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Mannion, seconded by Comh. S. O'Tuairisg the road described in the Agenda as located in the Townland of Muintir Eoghan Thiar was declared to be a public road.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Welby, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh the road described in the Agenda as located in the Townland of Foregloss was declared to be a public road.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Welby, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh the road described in the Agenda as located in the Townland of Droma Bheag was declared to be a public road.

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Welby, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh the roads described in the Agenda as located in the Townland of Claremount (Claremount Estate & Sruthán an Chláir) were declared to be public roads.

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Mannion, seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh the road described in the Agenda as located in the Townland of Murvey, Roundstone was declared to be a public road.

Repair to collapsed section of Road-Killmurvey Beach, Inishmore **CMD 15015**

Comh. S. O'Tuairisg confirmed that in accordance with a statement broadcast by Radio na Gaeltachta- the closing date for the receipt of tenders for this work was imminent and the Council would be appointing a contractor to undertake the works within a few weeks. It was envisaged that other sections would be completed later as a survey was required. E. Molloy confirmed that it was the damaged section that was been repaired. Comh. S. O'Cualain welcomed the update and stated that this was part of the main road through the island.

Lettergesh Road-Remedial Works. **CMD 15016**

Comh. S. O'Tuairisg requested an update on remedial works required to the Lettergesh-Tullycross Road required due to the cliff collapse. E. Molloy explained that the design has been completed, a commitment has been received from the Department of Transport but that the negotiations for the acquisition of the land have yet to be concluded. He advised that he would draft a report for the next meeting.

Removal of Routes/ Planning Restrictions-Proposed R-336 Route **CMD 15017**

Comh. S. O'Tuairisg proposed that the Council remove some of the routes from the proposed R-336 development as the planning restrictions were causing problems for some of the landowners in Conamara- this proposal was seconded by Cllr. S. Walsh. Cllr. T. Welby advised that the Councillors should seriously look at the proposal for the new R-336 route as it was currently in abeyance and progress is stalled- he stated that that Bord Planeala will not allow a development which impinges on the designated areas and therefore the Brown Route would not be accepted. He stated that he was the only Councillor not to vote in favour of the Brown Route. Comh. S. O'Curraoin advised that in his opinion the implementation of the designations was handled very badly-as it provided no feasible corridors for the future development of roads. He stated that other road authorities elsewhere in Europe do not seem to have this problem. He stated that he would not vote for any other route apart from the Brown Route. He proposed that some of the the existing routes could be widened. Cllr. S. Walsh stated that he agreed with Comh. O' Curraoin and they should consider the feasibility of upgrading some of the minor routes parallel to the existing R-336. Comh. O'Cualain advised that the most continuous part of the proposed route for the R-336 was the section between Barna and Spiddal- the route selection would not be as problematic to the west of this. He agreed with the proposal that some of these routes should be eliminated now as certain landowners could not obtain planning

permission for the past 9 years. Cllr. Healy advised that the selection of the revised N6 Route will be a major factor as regards the determination of the route for the R-336 – when this is selected the Councillors will be in a better position to adjudicate on this. He referred to the importance of the connection to Rossaveal Harbour. E. Molloy stated that the preferred option for the N6 Route would be going to Bord Planeala next year and this would provide a link point for the R-336. He advised that this design would indicate the best option for the R-336 and he could not envisage any further progress until this is completed. Cllr. Walsh stated that the assessment will have to go through this process-the linkage point with the N6 is vital- it appears that the R-336 routes will not be eliminated until then. He proposed that the Council examine the feasibility of upgrading the existing routes such as Moycullen-Spiddal, Aille an Phreacháin and Knockrasser as a viable alternative. He requested E. Molloy to consult with L. Gavin on the matter and to present a report to the Municipal Council at a future date.

Resolution –Date/Time To hold the Annual Meeting

CMD 15018

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday the 9-6-2015.

Cathaoirleach’s Business

CMD 15019

Cllr. Mannion requested an update on the upgrade of the N59 and E.Molloy responded that he would provide this at the next meeting. Comh. O’Tuairisg referred to the footpath at Muintreas at the National School and requested E. Molloy to examine same. Comh. O’Cualain referred to the ongoing problem with Eircom poles that are bent/ crooked that should be set back or removed by Eircom- after the Council has corrected the alignment of bends. He referred to an example of this located opposite Mickey’s shop in Carraroe. Cllr. Walsh suggested that a meeting should be arranged with Eircom as this involves a safety issue. Cllr. Welby referred to the excessive costs levied by Eircom to remove poles and advised that this should be examined by the Regulator. E. Molloy requested the Councillors to provide details of the poles with a risk factor and he would arrange to contact Eircom. Cllr. Thomas advised that he raised the problem with L. Gavin concerning the traffic lights used to control the traffic flow on the Moycullen –Clooniffe road as a result of the roadworks. He advised of the large tailbacks of traffic and that somebody should liase with the contractor to achieve a better synchronization. He requested E. Molloy to examine this. Cllr. Welby advised that a delegation from Barna wanted to meet E. Molloy concerning a speed issue in regard to the paint box on the road. He agreed to meet them. Comh. O’Cualain advised that repairs/widening works were required to the bridge at Cill Chiaráin and E. Molloy responded that he would examine the matter. He also requested details concerning CES schemes and how to initiate them. E. Molloy advised that he will arrange to circulate the document containing the CES procedure –the point of contact would be the Area Engineers. Cllr. Mannion enquired as regards regulations governing the parking of camper vans outside residential areas and the playing of loud music. –E. Molloy advised that he would get the information. Comh. O’Tuairisg enquired about further re-instatement of the road at Drum, Lettermore following pipework and E. Molloy stated that he would examine this.

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