

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, 8th November 2018 @ 11 a.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Byrne

Baill:

Cllr's M. Fahy, S Donnellan, I. Canning,
P. Hynes.

Oifigigh:

Ms M. Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer;
Mr. E. Mulryan, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr. E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr F. McGillicuddy, Executive Engineer
Mr. B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;
Mr. P Carroll, Meetings Administrator;
Ms. P McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs Finnerty, Maher and McClearn who were unable to attend. Apologies from Mr Cullen and Mr Mitchell who were unable to attend.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 11th October 2018

LMD 18055

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 11th October 2018 were proposed by Cllr Canning, seconded by Cllr Donnellan and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach. Arising from the Minutes and in response to Cllr Donnellan, Mr Mulryan stated that the provision of disability access onto the lake at the Long Point is subject to environmental assessment with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and also there is the issue of funding. **Mr Mulryan hopes to have a response for the next meeting.** He also stated that he has had no response from the NRDO regarding safety barriers on the N65 at Kilmeen. Cllr Canning requested a response from Ms Brann regarding waste disposal in Council housing. Cllr Hynes stated that land in ownership of GCC should be utilized for social housing. Cllr Fahy expressed his concerns for the homeless in the coming winter months and suggested that temporary accommodation should be sought in Gort and Ardahan. **Cllr. Canning stated that the minutes of the meeting stated that he had proposed**

to reduce the speed limits to 80kph on the N65 Killimor to Portumna Road. He asked that this be amended as he had not proposed it.

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 25th October 2018 to consider and adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Loughrea **LMD 18056**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2018 to consider and adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal of Loughrea were proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Donnellan and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach. Arising from the minutes, it was agreed that Members submit any queries they had on the budget allocation to Mr Carroll, who will arrange for response to issue

Flooding Update **LMD 18057**

Mr Gallagher updated the meeting as follows: -
South Galway Gort Lowlands FRS – swallow hole maintenance proposals are progressing for Roxborough, where silt and debris removal are to be undertaken. Local stakeholder meeting is being held on 9th November in Gort Fire Station where Ryan Hanley, Mott MacDonald, Trinity and GSI will be making presentations.

Dunkellin – All instream works have been completed for this year. Fencing of private lands has commenced. Aggard works are to commence in the first quarter of 2019. Plans are being developed at present for the pedestrian bridge in Craughwell with a view to commencing works in April 2019. Sean Harrington, Architects have been commissioned to provide design options for the collapsed section of the Dunkellin Bridge.

Kiltiernan/Ballinderreen – very good progress since works commenced in September. Works from the culvert on the N67 to Brandy Bay are scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

Minor Works Programme – Mr. Gallagher provided an overview of progress on all outstanding projects under the Minor Works Programme. A number of queries arose which he will address at the next LMD Meeting.

Directors Business **LMD 18058**

Ms Ni Chionna stated for the members that 60km speed limit on approach to Ballinderreen was approved. She presented the meeting with a corrected map for the N65 at Woodpark. It was proposed by Cllr Canning and seconded by Cllr Donnellan to leave the speed limit at Woodpark at 50km/hr and the existing speed limit of 100kph from Killimor to Portumna. Ms Ni Chionna agreed to discuss again with the TII.

Cathaoirleach's Business **LMD 18059**

Cllr Byrne presented the meeting with a letter from the Kilmeen Action Group which highlighted a junction in Longford where the TII were providing a lighting scheme similar to that which was refused by TII at Kilmeen. Mr Mulryan agreed to liaise with the NRDO office

and request TII to consider the need for vehicle restraint system and public lighting at Kilmeen. Cllr Hynes requested that East Galway Family History Society attend as a deputation for the next LMD Meeting. Mr Mulryan stated that he would have the wooden fence on the R446 at Kilreekle investigated and landowner contacted. In response to Cllr Fahy's query, Mr Mulryan stated that there is no funding for footpaths at Craughwell at present but he will try to source funding. He will re-submit an application for a bus shelter in Craughwell to the National Transport Authority. Cllr Canning stated that he does not intend to use posters for the Elections in 2019 but will donate the price of the posters to local charities instead. He encouraged his fellow members to do the same.

Deputation – Gort Greenways and River Walk Development Group

Mr David Murray representing the Gort Greenways and River Walk Development Group presented the members with a document which outlined proposed walkways from Gort to Coole Park, walks around Gort and riverbank walks, all of which would benefit many communities in South Galway. All members welcomed the groups initiative and presentation and supported the project. Mr Mulryan stated that the proposal has significant benefit and merit and he would work to ensure that a valid overall plan to deliver the scheme would be progressed by GCC.

Deputation – Dunkellin Bridge Local Residents

Ms Tanya Madden, representing the Dunkellin Bridge local residents outlined the concerns locally of the loss of the Dunkellin Bridge for the past 3 months and the inconvenience to all residents in the area. She requested that the locals have access to the structural and hydrology reports from GCC and also the possibility of a temporary vehicular or footbridge while re-construction of the bridge is carried out. Mr Gordon Hardiman, local resident also requested local input in the design of the bridge, in order to have it restored as close as possible to its original design. All members expressed their concern and support for the residents. Mr Gallagher acknowledged the difficulties being experienced by the local residents and committed to communicate with the group as the project developed.

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

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