

Loughrea Area Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### MINUTES OF LOUGHREA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LOUGHREA REGIONAL OFFICES ON THURSDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

#### ILATHAIR

#### Bail:

Cllr. M. Maher, Chairperson  
Cllr. M. Fahy  
Cllr. P. Feeney  
Cllr. G. Finnerty  
Cllr. P. Hynes  
Cllr. J. McClearn  
Cllr. B. Willers

#### **Oifigigh:**

Mr. M. Dolly, S.E., Roads & Transportation Unit  
Mr. S. Breathnach, S.E.E., Loughrea Electoral Area  
Mr. A. Raftery, E.E., Loughrea Engineering Area  
Mr. C. Mitchell, E.E., Portumna Engineering Area

#### **Apologies:**

Mr. Cullen, D.O.S. sent apologies for being unable to attend.

### **PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS FOR 2010**

Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 outlined proposals for Specific Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads for 2010 to be considered, was circulated to each Member.

Mr. Dolly advised that the Department of Transport had invited applications for the Non-National Road Specific Improvement Grants for consideration for funding in 2010. He stated that the combined cost of grant applications for 2010 cannot exceed €2.745m for the county, of which €1.645m is for east of the county.

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He outlined details of the draft proposals to be considered by the Members and asked for their comments on same:

<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Total</b>
L4312	Macs Cross, to Tynagh Village inc. Tynagh village	Land acquisition and road widening & resurfacing Tynagh village	€300,000+	
R353	Ballyshrule Bridge	Bridge Widening	€200,000	
R351	Loughrea to Woodford (Longpoint/ Knockanima)	Road Widening	€300,000	
R351	Loughrea-Woodford, Ballynagar	Land acquisition & fencing	€300,000+	
L-4213	Loughrea to Tynagh at Mountpleasant/ Baunoge	Land acquisition, Widening	€300,000+	
R460	Gort, Market Square to Church Street,	Pavement Reconstruction	€300,000	
R351	Earlspark Junction	Junction realignment	€300,000+	

Following a discussion on the proposals to be considered, the Members agreed that the following proposals be submitted to the Department for consideration for funding under Specific Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads for 2010.

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In response to both Cllr. Willers & Feeney in relation to land acquisition for proposed link road between the Tynagh Road and N6, Mr. Dolly advised that funding for this project should be sought under the Service Land Initiative Scheme and he agreed to submit this proposal under this scheme.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### Link Road, Athenry

Cllr. Feeney highlighted a problem with traffic parking on Station Road due to increased traffic using the new Link Road near Raheen Woods, Athenry. Mr. Breathnach stated that they would examine this matter and follow up with the Road Design Section if necessary.

### Roads in South Galway

Cllrs. Fahy & Finnerty highlighted the very poor condition of the roads in South Galway and also the lack of hedge-trimming. Mr. Breathnach stated that he would contact the Area Engineer to see what can be done within available funding.

### N66

Cllr. Willers requested major funding be sought from the N.R.A. to carry out works on the N66 road. Mr. Breathnach stated that this would require major funding and he would raise it again with the N.R.A.

### Potholes

Cllr. Hynes outlined the problem of potholes in the Kilchreest/Ballymana/Sonnagh areas. Mr. Breathnach stated that he would investigate same.

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