

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Minutes of Ballinasloe Electoral Area Committee held at the Civic Offices, Ballinasloe on Wednesday 26th May 2010.

I Láthair:

Báill: Cllr. T. Broderick
Cllr. P. Connaughton
Cllr. D. Connolly
Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. M. Mullins

Oifigigh: Mr. K. Kelly, Director of Services
Mr. M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer
Mr. A. Farrell, S.E.O. & Town Clerk
Mr. U. Finn, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. A. Headd, Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Mulryan, Executive Engineer
Ms. M. Gilchrist, Staff Officer

1. Deputation – Killure Residents

The Deputation of Messrs. M. O’Connell, P. Glynn and P. Egan outlined concerns relating to illegal dumping and Speed Limits in the Killure area.

Illegal Dumping:

Mr. Egan highlighted the on-going problem with illegal dumping since the closure of the Ballinasloe Landfill. He asked if the site could be opened as a depot where people could bring waste and Mr. Glynn stated that people would be prepared to pay towards the cost of providing the service. Mr. O’Connell stated that a facility to bring hedging and grass is also desirable. Mr. Egan also stated that carcasses are left in drains that eventually link up with the Suck River.

Cllr. Mullins stated that he supports the expansion of the Civic Amenity Site in Pollboy, to cater for furniture, grass cuttings etc. and he felt the project could be self-financing. Cllr. Mannion agreed and stated that the local community have a role to play in passing information to the relevant authorities. Cllr. Connolly stated that an out-of-hours service by Community Wardens is desirable but recognised that additional financial resources would be required for same.

Mr. Kelly stated that illegal dumping is a very significant issue across the county and various measures have been adopted e.g. education & awareness, assistance to communities, prosecutions etc. He stated that less evidence is appearing in discarded bags and this is hindering the prosecution process. An expansion of services whether it be an

added facility or out-of-hours working by Community Wardens pose an additional cost which cannot be sustained at present. Mr. J. Cullen, Director of Services and his staff are examining alternative ways to deal with the problem and discussion on additional costs etc. will arise at budget time.

Speed Limits:

The Deputation requested the provision of Speed Limits on the stretch from Gerry Croffey's where there are 48 houses, planning permission for two further houses and where the road is used by school-going children. Mr. Finn stated that the Killure Road was included in the recent Speed Limit Review and new signs are being erected this week for the 50K limit past the Garden Centre. Regarding the stretch from the Church towards Ahascragh, Mr. Finn stated that the policy on Speed Limits takes account of the Settlement Centres as outlined in the County Development Plan. He suggested that a formal request be made which will be held on file for the next Speed Limit Review. Cllr. Mullins stated that as Public Representatives the members should put pressure on the Gardai to enforce the existing Speed Limits in the interest of road safety.

Mr. Egan acknowledged recent improvements to the roads in the area. He highlighted the section from Killure School to the built-up area which has a grass mound and asked if a walkway could be provided. Following discussion Mr. Finn agreed to meet with Mr. Mulryan and the General Services Supervisor on site to explore the issue further.

2. Consideration and Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2010.

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Mullins seconded by Cllr. Broderick.

Matters Arising

Moher Road

In reply to Cllr. Connolly Mr. Finn stated that funding has been received from N6 to overlay the old Portumna Road. Quotations have been received and works will commence in late May/early June. Cllr. Broderick highlighted a problem with illegal dumping at the bottom of the old Portumna Road. Mr. Finn stated that the Council were considering closing off that section subject to agreement with the landowners.

Castlefrench to Ballyforan Road – Chapelfinnerty

Cllr. Mannion referred to soil which has been deposited at the side of this road and stated that the location is now attracting illegal dumping in the area.

Cleaghmore Road

Cllr. Mullins requested road repairs on the stretch close to Sean Feeley's house.

Provision of Footpath at Shannonbridge Road

Mr. Finn provided the members with an estimated cost of work as outlined below with accompanying map and photographs:

Land CPO	€9,000.00
Disruption Cost	€5,000.00
Legal Costs	€16,000.00
Works Costs	€74,677.00
Total	<u>€104,677.00</u>

He stated that the figures are very conservative and that at a future point the Council may acquire the space and probably a footpath when the area is developed as it is currently zoned residential. He stated that many pedestrians use the other footpath and the Speed Ramps are effective. Mr. Kelly stated that before any commitments were made the Council need to know where the funding would come from. Mr. Lavelle stated that if the land was made available the project could be considered by the NRA under Safety funding. Following discussion and on the proposal of Cllr. Mannion it was decided to leave the matter with the officials to consider and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

3. Anti-Social Behaviour – Ballinasloe

It was decided to discuss this matter at the Joint Meeting of Ballinasloe Electoral Area Members and Ballinasloe Town Council Members immediately following this meeting.

4. Flooding Up-Date

Cllr. Connolly expressed concerns over potential flooding in the townland of Caher outside Keeley's house. Cllr. Mullins agreed that there is an on-going problem at this location.

In reply to Cllr. Broderick Mr. Finn stated that submissions are on-going and should be submitted to Sean Langan in the Roads & Transportation Unit for assessment. All submissions received to date from members and the public have been forwarded to Mr. Langan. A second allocation of funding is expected.

Mr. Kelly stated that there is a good working relationship between the Council and the OPW. Funding has been secured for works on the East Bridge, Derrymullen and the Water Treatment Plant and it is important that the Council put forward submissions which are justifiable.

5. Any Other Business

No items were discussed under this heading.

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