

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the 9th September 2010

I LATHAIR:-

Baill: Cllr. J. McDonagh (Chairperson)
Cllr. J. Cuddy
Cllr. L. Carroll

Apologies: Cllr. M. Noone

Oifigh: Mr. A. Comer, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Sustainable Development
Mr. K. Kelly, Director of Services, Corporate Services, Planning & Sustainable Development
Mr. M. Lavelle, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Mr. D. Croghan, Senior Executive Engineer, Oranmore Area Office
Mr. J. Coyle, Executive Engineer, Oranmore Area Office
Ms. Liadhan Keady, Assistant Staff Officer, Planning & Sustainable Development

The Chairperson opened the meeting by paying tribute to Tom D'arcy Senior Engineer and offered the committees condolences to the family on his recent passing. A minutes prayer was held in his honour.

1. Minutes of Meeting dated 20th July 2010

The above minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy.

Matters Arising:

Cllr. Carroll requested an update regarding the works being carried out with respect to Flooding. In response, Mr. Lavelle stated that Galway County Council has an extensive programme in relation to flooding which has been virtually completed within the Oranmore Area. Remaining works, such as drainage in Frenchfort, falls under the remit of the OPW who are currently working on all identified schemes in relation to flooding. Cllr. Cuddy enquired as to how long a decision on the Hydrology Report, which has been sent to the NPWS by the OPW, will take. Mr. Lavelle stated that the OPW must comply with the statutory processes in place and therefore could not state an exact date at this time.

The Chairperson requested an update regarding the council scheme in Coolarne. In response Mr. Coyne stated that Myra had been finished and that a submission was made to the OPW regarding the Morris house which they have agreed to include in phase 4 of their scheme. He further stated that the NRA have agreed to fund the works required at Fallons in Turloughmore while the money for works at the N63 & Ballyglass have been allocated and will be completed.

Cllr. Cuddy stated that there was an issue with surface water at the roundabouts in Oranmore. Mr. Lavelle stated that a submission has been made to the NRA regarding this. Mr. Croghan added that the proposal is to provide a faster drain to deal with the issue.

Cllr. Cuddy requested an update regarding the issue of Speed Limits. In response Mr. Comer stated that a request from the Committee had been sent to the County Secretary that Speed Limits would be placed on the agenda for the next full council meeting in September.

The Chairperson enquired as to whether any progress had been made at Cregmore. In response, Mr. Lavelle stated that land was being purchased from 1 landowner and it was progressing.

2. Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2010

The Chairman called on Mr. Kelly to present the above scheme to the meeting. Mr. Kelly stated that a sub-committee had been set-up to review the current scheme and it was felt that in light of the current economic climate a reduction in development contributions levied would be preferable and for this reason the draft scheme provides for a reduction of 10% in residential charges and 30% for commercial which would be taken off Recreation & Amenity and also that it is intended to include the Bearna Contribution Scheme so as to ensure its legal status.

Mr. Kelly requested the committee's approval to forward the scheme to the full council after which it would go on public display allowing submissions to be made, the County Manager would prepare a report on same and it would return to the full council for adoption. After a brief discussion regarding the scheme it was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy to forward it to full council.

3. 2011 Scheme of Grants for Specific Improvement Works – Regional & Local Roads

The Chairman called on Mr. Lavelle to present the above scheme to the meeting. Mr. Lavelle stated that this year there was a change in the above scheme in that the roll over system will no longer be allowed which means Galway County Council have to prioritise previous roll over schemes so that they are completed otherwise the funding for these will be lost. It was for this reason that Mr. Lavelle stated the council were putting forward

road R339 – Monivea Road (Raftery’s Cross to Cossaun Cross) with works totaling €206,000.

The above scheme outlined was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

4. 2011-2013 Multi-Annual Road Works Restoration Programme – Regional & Local Roads

The Chairperson called on Mr. Coyne to present the above scheme to the meeting. Mr. Coyne provided a map and breakdown of all proposals under this scheme.

Cllr. Cuddy stated that the road at Garraun North was experiencing terrible surface water ponding and needed urgent works. Mr. Coyne agreed stating that it was a stretch of approximately 750m that needed work and after a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Cuddy that the funding being allocated to Ballynamanagh R4104 in 2011 i.e. €36,000 would be halved with €18,000 going to Ballynamanagh and €18,000 going to Garraun North therefore including Garraun North in the above scheme for 2011.

Cllr. Carroll stated that works needed to be carried out on the footpath at the Maree Road. In response, Mr. Lavelle stated that an application to the NRA under the Low/High Cost Accident Scheme could be made for this work. It was proposed to make the application to the NRA by Cllr. Cuddy and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

5. AOB

Cllr. Carroll enquired as to the situation with respect to the link road for the proposed Garraun Railway Station. In response, Mr. Lavelle stated that they are awaiting the results of the Smarter Travel Bid which included the link road. Mr. Comer added that Iarnrod Eireann have stated that a planning application for the Railway Station is to be made in October 2011.

The Chairperson asked whether works at Cahertymore Cross had been carried out. In response, Mr. Croghan stated that they will be completed in 2010 while Mr. Coyne added that Laffertys to Cahertymore Cross will be re-aligned over the next 3-4 weeks.

Cllr. Cuddy requested an update on Corrandulla Cross to which Mr. Croghan stated monies had been allocated and works would commence in the next 6-8 weeks.

The Chairman stated that the next meeting would take place in October and closed the meeting.

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