

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### **Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

#### **I LATHAIR:-**

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

**Oifigigh:** Mr. A. Comer, Senior Executive Officer, Planning &  
Sustainable Development Unit  
Mr. E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Roads &  
Transportation Unit  
Mr. E. Gallagher, Executive Engineer, Tuam, Area  
Office  
Mr. J. Coyle, Executive Engineer, Oranmore Area  
Office  
Ms. Liadhan Keady, Assistant Staff Officer, Planning &  
Sustainable Development Unit

#### **1. Minutes of Meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were proposed for adoption by Cllr. Cuddy, and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Cllr. Cuddy requested a commitment that the works required outside the Claregalway school would be done during the summer holidays. In response Mr. Molloy stated that it was their intention to try to complete the works directly outside the school before September with the remainder of the works being carried out before the end of the year.

The Chairperson requested an update on his request to use NOM monies to provide lights in Turloughmore. In response Mr. Gallagher stated that he had contacted Ms. Nuala Heffernan A.O Roads regarding this matter who informed him that NOM monies cannot be used for improvements on national routes and further to this that the Manager had stated that Galway County Council were not to increase its responsibility with respect to lighting.

Cllr. Carroll stressed the importance of the upkeep of the roundabout and the process agreed in this regard i.e. tender for interest to upkeep the roundabouts. In response Mr. Molloy stated that Fran McEvoy and Sean Breathnach were looking into the matter. Mr. Molloy stated that there was confusion as to what exactly was to be tendered for so he gave an undertaking that he would come back to the members with exact details of this next week and he would hope to have an advertisement in the paper requesting tenders the following week.

With regards to the roundabout tenders, Cllr. Cuddy expressed concern over the length of time it was taking policies adopted by the council to come into being to develop and adopt policies.

The Chairperson requested an update regarding the pothole situation on the Mira to Kilskea road. In response, Mr. Coyle stated that Mira is in the 3 year programme with works proposed to commence next year.

## **2. Allocation for extra funding for Roads (Documentation attached)**

Mr. Molly informed the meeting that Galway County Council have received €3.3m extra funding from the NRA and stated that they proposed to use the monies in the following manner; 80% of the funding would go to the projects as listed in the handout provided with the remaining 20%, as agreed with the NRA, being put into the Local Improvements Fund which provided greater flexibility and ensured more works were carried out. He further added that once this list is ratified at this meeting, it would be taken as read. The allocation of the funding as presented was proposed for adoption by Cllr. Noone and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

## **3. AOB**

The Chairperson requested that the issue of NOM monies be placed on an agenda for the full council as he wished to see a NOM policy being drafted as conditions being imposed on acceptable projects have become very restrictive. In response, Mr. Comer stated he would request same.

Cllr. Cuddy expressed concern over the level of funding being provided by the NRA as being too low to complete works to such a standard so as to ensure Road Safety, and in particular the works due to commence at Cregmore Cross. In response, Mr. Gallagher stated that with the funds available, Cregmore Cross will be slightly staggered which will provide a considerably safer junction but it is unlikely that footpaths, tarmacadam and lighting will be completed and will not be to the standard that Galway County Council had planned but it will be safer.

Cllr. Noone suggested that grass should be removed or replaced with wood mulch at junctions so as to eliminate the need for grass cutting. He further added that he would give his NOM monies to carry out such works. In response Mr. Molloy stated he would look into this as an option.

Cllr. Cuddy requested an update on the works to be carried out on the Baunmore road. In response, Mr. Coyle stated that the works on this bend were included in the Low Cost Accident Scheme proposals for 2012. Mr. Molloy added that these funds haven't been assigned as of yet.

The Chairperson stated that the next meeting held would be the AGM by where the election of a new chairperson would be held.

## **Criochnaigh an Chruinniu Ansin**