

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

MINUTES OF THE TUAM AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON Thursday 18th of September, 2008.

I LATHAIR:

Baill: Cllr. T. McHugh, Chairman
Cllr. T. Walsh
Cllr. M. Connolly
Cllr. S. Canney

Oifigigh: Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services, Housing
Unit
Mr. J. Leahy S.E.E.
Ms M Moylan, A.S.O.
Mr Michael Dolly, SE
Mr John Flesk, EE
Mr Peter Gavin, EE

Apologies

Cllr Sinead Connaughton, Cllr Tom Reilly, Cllr Peter Warren.

1. Deputation From Belclare

Mr Tommy Casserly and Ms Lily Greene requested a re-alignment of the road at Belclare due to traffic and developer pressure in the vicinity of the pitch area. There are 2 quarries in the area. Cllr Canney concurs and details the collapse in the structure of the road. Cllr Connolly advised that it is narrow and dangerous and unsuitable for modern needs. It is a safety issue.

2. Deputation From Tuam

Mr Christy O' Neill and Mr Ryan Loftus highlighted the fact that the taxi rank on High St is unused during the day. The street is deserted and businesses are not allowed to use it during the day. Cllr Canney seconded this and suggested that it be used as a parking area until 6 o'clock, in other words tweak its use for day and night time use. Cllr Keaveney suggested that people don't want to take taxis from here as it would cost an additional €1.20 on the fare. Cllr Connolly added that the Taxi regulator was in favour of it and so were the Taxi people from the outset. Frank Gilmore highlighted that it would be reviewed for multi purpose use but cautioned that the big dig was about to commence and would have an impact on traffic management.

3. Scheme of Grants 2009

Michael Dolly, SE suggested that it was very likely there would be a change of emphasis after 2009 and to be mindful of this when submitting the final

list for approval to the Dept. Cllr Michael Connelly wanted funding for the Bridge at Clookell. Cllr Canney wishes to prioritise the R333. Cllr Keaveney asked if there is any other matching funding available for roads? Mr Dolly advised that there isn't. Cllr Walsh is pushing for the smaller scheme the R362 to get the funding. Cllr Canney agreed to talk to landowners in the Belclare area regarding remedial works to improve sight lines. Cllr Mc Hugh asked if they were in favour of the draft submission to be put to the Dept. Cllr Walsh proposed the motion and Cllr Keaveney seconded the motion.

4. Speed Limits Review

The Speed Limits were read into the meeting by the Chairman Cllr Tom McHugh and each one was individually discussed and adopted for both for the Tuam West and the Tuam East Areas. There was one amendment for the Ballygar location for the Galway Road N63 to read as follows:

New 60km/hr speed limit South of Cloonlyon Bridge

All agreed with the change and the drafts were adopted in advance of Monday the 22nd Council Meeting.

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