

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

### MINUTES OF THE TUAM AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE ON Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

#### I LATHAIR:

**Baill:** Cllr. C. Keaveney, Chairman, Cllr. T. Walsh, Cllr. M Connolly, Cllr. S. Canney, Cllr. P. Roche, T. Reilly, Mayor of Tuam.

**Oifigigh:** Mr. M. Dolly, Senior Engineer, Mr. J. Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. J. Flesk, Executive Engineer, Mr. S. Groarke, Administrative Officer, Ms. N. Faherty, Clerical Officer.

#### **1. Minutes of Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

The minutes of the meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2009 were proposed by Cllr. Walsh and seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

Cllr. Walsh followed up on the minutes by reiterating that all Members support a request for the Council to fund Glenamaddy Theatre Group who would be holding the All Ireland Theatre Festival in 2010. Cllr. Canney enquired was there any feedback on the specific improvement road grant requirements for 2010.

Mr. Groarke stated that this was sent to the Department and they have not received any feedback regarding same.

#### **2. Restoration Improvement Grants Requirements Regional & Local Roads for 2010 / Early Starts 2010**

Mr. Leahy and Mr. Groarke presented the 2008-2010 Multi-Annual Road Restoration Programme for the Tuam Electoral Area - Tuam West and Tuam East Engineering Area and Early Starts for 2010 to the members.

Mr. Leahy advised the Members that the above lists were compiled in the following order, firstly including roads cut from the 2009 programme due to cuts in funding in April 2009 and secondly including roads from 2010 and roads which were seen as priority were included. Mr. Leahy advised that the roads included are from a geographic spread of the Tuam East and Tuam West Engineering Area. Mr. Leahy stated that the Department insists that heavy traffic roads are top priority (regional and local primary).

Mr. Leahy detailed the road restoration programme proposal for 2010 was €2.348 million for Tuam West Area and €1.613 million for Tuam East Area.

Cllr. Connolly enquired had the Council factored in roads that have deteriorated due to the recent flooding. Mr. Leahy replied that damage caused to roads from recent flooding was a separate issue.

Cllr. Canney enquired about the status of the programme and if it was on the agenda for the full Council Meeting of today's date. Mr. Leahy confirmed that the NRA was dealing with the full roads programme and it was on the full Council agenda of today's date and it had to be agreed by the Area Committee and full Council.

Cllr. Walsh enquired about the safety of Tuam East Parkbaun Road L2233 and if this could be improved. Mr. Flesk stated that the junction where the two regional roads meet at Williamstown / Glenamaddy junction could be re-aligned and improve signage and lighting. Mr. Leahy stated that works to this junction will have to wait another year for the specific improvement road grant application (Autumn 2010).

Cllr. Roche enquired if the proposed works to Carrowmore (ED Abbey East) L-7141 road include drainage. Mr. Flesk confirmed that drainage was included.

Cllr. Canney enquired if the roads were prioritised as per numbering on map provided and if funding is reduced will the roads projects of lower priority be cut. Mr. Flesk confirmed that this was the case.

Cllr. Canney requested on behalf of Cllr. Hoade that an additional road Cloon towards P. Reddingtons House be included in Tuam West Area list.

Cllr. Canney proposed to include this additional road as requested at an estimated cost of €10,000 and reduce Brackloon – Kilmurry by €10,000; this was seconded by Cllr. Connolly.

The members accepted the programme as presented.

### **3. Any Other Business**

T. Reilly, Mayor of Tuam expressed concern that not all submissions made were included in the Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws to the NRA, particularly Milltown road and Dunmore road. Cllr. Keaveney stated this was voiced at the last area committee meeting. Mr. Dolly advised that the application was submitted to the NRA following consultation with relevant bodies and to revisit same is not an option. Cllr. Keaveney stated that there were a number of submissions regarding the speed limit on Milltown road and Dunmore road and there are no details in the Managers Report regarding submissions and requested any correspondence regarding above. Mr. Dolly replied stating that they have correspondence from NRA Inspector and this sets out what is agreed and any areas that are not listed on this correspondence are not included. T. Reilly, Mayor of Tuam enquired did the NRA explain why these areas were omitted and proposed that the NRA need to write and explain reasons why; this was seconded by Cllr. Roche.

Cllr. Canney proposed that the speed limit should be out further on the Athenry Road, Tuam past Hynes Plant & Tool Hire and this was seconded by Cllr. Keaveney. Mr. Leahy stated that this needs to be brought up at today's Council Meeting.

T. Reilly, Mayor of Tuam enquired if drainage was included on works to Bobby Burke Road. Mr. Leahy stated that nearly every road will be dug and if excavated a storm drain will be provided.

Cllr. Roche enquired about the possibility of extending safety barrier at Currans Cross. Mr. Leahy replied stating that there is a Notice of Motion at the main Council meeting of today's date in relation to this matter (including reply). The fund for the low cost accident scheme at Currans Cross included for a safety barrier to be installed at the north side. Mr. Leahy advised that the Council has installed this safety barrier and is currently re-surfacing the road at this location; works will not finish until next year due to rainfall.

T. Reilly, Mayor of Tuam, enquired as to when public lighting on the Dunmore Road will be installed. Mr. Leahy replied that the position was that Notice of Motion jobs are completed after the road works programme is completed and that public lighting is also dependent on the ESB programme of works.

T. Reilly, Mayor of Tuam, thanked officials and Council staff for their dealings with recent flooding and enquired were the Council considering taking back temporary staff that are no longer employed by the Council. Mr. Dolly replied that there was no consideration regarding this at this point in time.

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