

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea Regional Office, 11th November, 2019 @ 11 a.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Hynes

Baill: Cllr's I. Canning, J Byrne, J. McClearn,
S. Curley, M. Kinane, G. Donohue, PJ Murphy,
G. Finnerty, M Maher.

Oifigigh: Mr J. Cullen, D.O.S Roads & Transportation;
Mr G. Haugh, S.E.E. Loughrea MD;
Mr E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr. F McGillycuddy, Executive Engineer;
Mr B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;
Mr P. Carroll, Administrative Officer;
Ms P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer;

Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 14th October 2019. LMD 19041

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on the 14th October 2019 were proposed by Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr McClearn welcomed the commencement of work on the restraining barriers on the N65 at Kilmeen. Mr Cullen confirmed that surfacing work would commence early in 2020 at this location.

In response to Cllr Byrne's request that GCC act as stakeholder in the carparking issue in Kinvarra and provision of public toilet, Mr Cullen stated that the implementation of carparking was entirely dependant on funding and it was important not to create undue expectation. Mr Cullen also stated for Cllr Murphy that he would have an update regarding planning contribution in Craughwell by Iarnrod Eireann for the next meeting. Mr Haugh confirmed for Cllr McClearn that he met with members of the Dartfield Deputation and was in the process of preparing maps identifying landowners in the area concerned.

In response to Cllr Kinane, Mr Haugh confirmed that he would follow up with Mr Mitchell regarding the stone kerbing on the footpath between Oranmore and Renville. Mr Haugh also confirmed for Cllr Curley that cctv was operating at the bottle banks at Station Road Car Park.

Cllr McClearn acknowledged the recent announcement of funding for the Town Hall under the Rural Regeneration Scheme. Cllr Hynes joined with the other members welcoming the allocation of funding. Mr Cullen also acknowledged the efforts of the members and staff down through the years and the new approach for funding was well managed and looked forward to the successful delivery of the project.

Confirmation of Minutes of Draft Budget Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 24th October 2019 **LMD 19042**

The Minutes of the Draft Budget meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 24th October 2019 were proposed by Cllr Kinane, seconded by Cllr Donohue and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993
Burren View, Gort **LMD 19043**

The Declaration of a road to be a public road, details as follows was proposed by Cllr Finnerty, seconded by Cllr Byrne and agreed:-

Point A-B-C-D-E-F on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with R458 in the townland of Rindifin and extending West for a distance of 210m, turning North for a distance of 136m, then turning East for a distance of 95m, ending outside house No. 72 in the townland of Rindifin.

Point B-G on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the Townland of Rindifin and extending South for a distance of 68m, ending outside apartment No. 5 in the townland of Rindifin.

Point C-H-I on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with B-D in the Townland of Rindifin and extending South for a distance of 48m, turning East for a distance of 72m, ending outside house No. 21 in the townland of Rindifin.

Point H-J on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with C-I in the Townland of Rindifin and extending West for a distance of 27m, ending outside house No. 32 in the townland of Rindifin.

Point D-K on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with C-E in the townland of Rindifin and extending East for a distance of 74m, ending outside house no. 52 in the townland of Rindifin.

Point E-L on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with D-F in the Townland of Rindifin and extending West for a distance of 26m, ending outside house No. 75 in the townland of Rindifin.

Following a discussion by members regarding the complexities of the TIC process and difficulties encountered by residents in estates, Mr Cullen stated that he strongly advised that members consider the inclusion of €100,000 for the TIC Section to progress further estates in the upcoming Budget. He will also investigate the problems in Blackberry Way, Craughwell regarding the non existence of a sewerage treatment system.

Flooding Update

LMD 19044

Mr. Enda Gallagher updated the meeting as follow:-

South Galway Gort Lowlands FRS – modelling options and assessments are continuing. A stakeholder meeting is taking place later today at 3.00 in Gort Fire Station. Members of the SGFRC, Cuan Beo (oyster interests), the IFA and members of Loughrea MD have been invited to attend presentations from the project Engineering, Environmental and modelling consultants.

Dunkellin – new imprinted deck is being installed on the old multi arch bridge in Craughwell this week. As soon as these works have been completed, the dams upstream and downstream of the bridge will be removed. The Dunkellin river flood relief scheme will be fully operational at that time. Remaining field bridge works on the Aggard stream are to be completed next year. The Dunkellin bridge was opened to traffic on the 1st November. Remaining works on the stone cladding of the bridge should be completed before Christmas. Enda is to enquire about trout and salmon impacts caused by the bridge collapse and to submit proposals to the bridge architect about the possibility of stone cladding the inside faces of the bridge. There has been no response to date from the OPW with regards to the funding of roadworks on the Stradbally East road.

Kinvarra – a survey of the houses in Kinvarra has been completed. Galway County Council will be making a submission to the OPW in the next week for funding for Individual Property Protection. Mr Gallagher highlighted that there is no template available at present from the OPW for such a submission and that it may take several attempts to agree the appropriate format with the OPW.

Mr Haugh confirmed that he would investigate and cost the flooding at Earls Park. Mr Cullen will bring to the attention of Irish Water the sewerage issues at Clarenbridge and Craughwell.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 19045

ClIr Donohue acknowledged the new service in domestic waste collection from Kilchreest to Kilnadeema. She also acknowledged the positive announcement of footpath installation from Craughwell to the school.

Cllr McClearn requested that a Disabled Parking Space be marked out at the entrance to the Medical Centre to the rear of Main Street Car Park.

In response to Cllr Byrne, Mr Cullen confirmed that the Christmas parking arrangements would be as in previous years. In response to concerns regarding the Pier at Kinvarra, Mr McGillicuddy stated that a number of options were being investigated with regard to safety issues at the Pier. He also confirmed that the footpath at Dun Guaire would commence after the roads programme was complete.

Cllr Finnerty extended his sympathies to the family of Fr Anthony Minniter. Mr McGillicuddy also confirmed for him that road markings at St Colmans Park would be considered, once the footpath was complete.

Mr Haugh will investigate signage at Moore Street at Cllr Curley's request.

Cllr Canning referred to claims due to defective footpaths and asked how much was being paid by the Council. Mr Cullen stated that GCC always defend claims and compensation is paid from the public liability insurance. He also stated that there is no specific allocation for the renewal/replacement of footpaths.

Cllr Kinane queried the stone kerbing in Clarenbridge which has a preservation order and has deteriorated and would like the repairs to be inspected.

Cllr Maher stated that the Paupers Grave space in Mount Pleasant Graveyard be investigated with a view to using the space as the graveyard was practically full.

Retirement - Mr Paraic Carroll, Meeting Administrator

As this meeting was the last for Mr Carroll, who was retiring on Friday 15th November 2019, Cllr Hynes made a presentation to him on behalf of the Members and wished him a happy and healthy retirement. Mr Cullen thanked Mr Carroll for his long service to the Local Authority, having worked in Water Services, Environment and Corporate Services and he was the first Meeting Administrator appointed to the Municipal District, always having a great rapport with his colleagues and the elected members.

It was agreed that the next monthly meeting of the Loughrea MD would take place on Monday 9th December 2019 at 11 am.

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**CLLR PAT HYNES
CATHAOIRLEACH, LOUGHREA MD**