

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea Regional Office, 22nd February 2018 @ 3 p.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Ivan Canning

Baill:

Cllr's M. Fahy, J. Byrne, P Hynes, S Donnellan, M. Maher, G. Finnerty, J. McClearn.

Oifigigh:

Mr. J. Cullen, D.O.S.
Mr D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer;
Mr D. Pender, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr E Mulryan, A/S.E.E. Roads & Transportation;
Mr F McGillicuddy, A/Executive Engineer;
Mr. B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;
Ms. N. Heffernan, A.O;
Mr. P. Carroll, Meetings Administrator;
Ms. P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 11th January 2018

LMD 18005

The Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Loughrea M.D. held on 11th January 2018 were proposed by Cllr Maher, seconded by Cllr Finnerty and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes, Cllr Hynes requested that a presentation on the Dublin Galway Greenway be arranged. Mr Cullen confirmed for Cllr Byrne that additional funding had been applied for damaged roads due to adverse weather, but no confirmation had been received to date.

Mr Mulryan confirmed for Cllr Fahy that the Drumnaloch Road, Peterswell is on the proposed programme of works for the Loughrea area, 2018. He also confirmed that the damaged public toilet in Gort had been repaired and was re-opened. CCTV in the area was requested. Mr Mulryan confirmed for Cllr Finnerty that an inspection would be arranged of Gallaghers Lane, Gort.

Flooding Update

LMD 18006

Mr. Gallagher updated the meeting as follows:-

The Consultant Engineer, Ryan Hanley, are progressing Stage 1 of the project which is the Feasibility Study for the works. This involves the gathering of all available data in the study area, to allow the benefit of a scheme to be assessed against the cost of the proposed works. To date the Engineers have meet with TII, GSI, Trinity College Dublin, Clare Co. Co. and the South Galway Flood Relief Committee. In-depth meeting with the SGFRC will be taking place over the next month with levels and records of damages to houses and lands being recorded. An introductory meeting between the Engineering Consultant and local stakeholders has been organised for Tuesday 27th February in the Gort Fire station. Ryan Hanley are to outline the programme for the project and the details of Stage 1. Local Councillors, members of the SGFRC, representatives from the IFA and Cuan Beo (shellfish farmers) have been invited to attend. The appointment of the Environmental Consultant for the project is imminent and will be in place before the next Steering Group meeting on the 6th March. Regarding the Dunkellin River Scheme, works on six bridges are scheduled to be completed during 2018 and the remaining channel works on the Dunkellin should also be completed during the current year. Vegetation clearance has commenced on the Aggard Stream, with culvert replacement and maintenance works on the channel scheduled for 2019.

Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1983

Cedar Avenue in the townland of Portumna

LMD 18007

The Declaration of a road to be a public road, details as follows was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Canning and agreed.

Point A-B-C on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with L4319 in the townland of Portumna and extending North-East for a distance of 134 m and turning South-East for a distance of 21m and ending outside house No. 6 in the townland of Portumna.

Point B-D on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the Townland of Portumna and extending South-East for a distance of 21m ending outside house No. 2 in the townland of Portumna.

Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of Roads Act 1983

Forest Glade Estate in the townland of Portumna Demesne

LMD 18008

The Declaration of a road to be a public road, details as follows was proposed by Cllr. Canning, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed.

Point A-B-C on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with R352 in the townland of Portumna Demesne and extending South for a distance of 330m and ending outside house No. 16 in the townland of Portumna Demesne.

Point B-D-E on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the townland of Portumna Demesne and extending East for a distance of 85m, ending outside house No. 23 in the townland of Portumna Demesne.

Point D-F on TIC Map:

Road commencing at its junction with B-E in the Townland of Portumna Demesne and extending South for a distance of 115m, turning West for a distance of 45m, ending outside house No. 23 in the townland of Portumna Demesne.

Municipal District Schedule of Works (incl. Roads Programme)

LMD 18009

Mr Cullen, Mr Mitchell and Mr Pender presented the members with a Draft Schedule of Works 2018, including the Roads Programme. Mr Pender confirmed that the grant allocated by Transport Infrastructure Ireland for the Motorway and National Roads for the year 2018 is €25,030,182 which represents an increase of €3,428,987 or 16% on the 2017 allocation. Mr Mitchell informed the meeting that the grant allocated to Galway County Council for Regional and Local Roads in 2018 is €23,264,250. This represents an increase of €3,687,799 or 19% on the 2017 allocation of €19,576,451. Mr Mulryan proceeded to outline the individual improvement works allocations as listed in the roads programme and a discussion was had following the presentation. Mr Mitchell thanked the staff of the Loughrea M.D. for their contribution in the preparation of the programme.

The adoption of the Municipal District Schedule of Works 2018, including the Roads Programme 2018 was proposed by Cllr. McClearn, seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed.

Directors Business

LMD 18010

Mr Cullen informed the meeting that the Roads SPC had requested a meeting with the T.I.I. and it was to take place on Tuesday 27th February 2018. It was agreed that Cllr. McClearn and Cllr. Hynes would attend the meeting.

Mr Cullen informed the meeting that the raising of a loan to survey Galway County Council's housing stock would be discussed at the plenary meeting on Monday, February 26th February 2018.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 18011

Cllr. Canning requested that the dumping at the bottle banks in Portumna be investigated and the CCTV repaired as soon as possible. He also highlighted a large amount of dumping on the road between Killimor and Portumna.

Cllr. Byrne also requested that the dumping at Glenbrack Roundabout, Gort be investigated.

Cllr. Hynes requested that the issue of parking within the Leitrim B.G. during funerals be addressed. Cllr. Maher stated that he allocated money for signage at this location in 2017 and the signs had been removed.

Cllr. Fahy requested that footpaths in Craughwell be inspected with a view to improvements and also on the road between Kilcolgan and Ballinderreen.

Mr Mulryan confirmed for Cllr. Maher that preparation work was ongoing in regard to the lighting project at Corry's Field. The balance of funds from the Chamber of Commerce is outstanding. A design is being prepared and tendering for the project will follow.

Deputation – Kiltullagh Land Drainage Committee

Mr Charles Whiskey, Mr William Donoghue and Mr Sean Moran made representations regarding maintenance works on the Dunkellin DD. Their concerns were outlined as follows:-

- 1) Removal of silt and verge vegetation and major obstacles to all tributaries of the Dunkellin Basin upstream of Craughwell including the Raford River which falls outside the responsibility of GCC.
- 2) The inclusion of new flood eyes on bridges where water is restricted from flowing in times of flood with specific emphasis on Strongfort Bridge.

Mr Mulryan advised the deputation that following substantial completion of ongoing works by the OPW on the Dunkellin River downstream of Craughwell, GCC would commence a programme of maintenance works on the Dunkellin DD, commencing at Craughwell Village and working upstream over a light five-year cycle (programme subject to funding availability). These works would most likely commence in 2019, however some minor works were not ruled out in 2018 but would be subject to Dunkellin FRS progress. The Deputation were advised that the cleaning of the Raford River and capacity issues at Strongfort Bridge were outside the scope of the Dunkellin DD Maintenance works and alternative approaches and funding would have to be sought to progress same.

Deputation – Loughrea Woodford Road Group

Mr Thomas Warde and Mr Joe Connors made representations regarding signage and safety issues on the R351 between Kylebrack and Woodford. They requested the following:-

- 1) 80 km Speed Sign between Woodford and Kylebrack
- 2) Road verges damaged from HGV's
- 3) Poor sight lines at junction at Kylebrack PO with R351
- 4) Delineator/Chevron on Pier of Bridge at Dalystown and pier of house at Grallagh**
- 5) Eagle Hill, Abbey – water on road close to bend due to spring at side of road
- 6) Ballinagar – Road still dangerous despite widening – chip dump created

Mr Mulryan advised that 2km of this road was on the Roads Programme 2018. The issues regarding signage would be reviewed and resolved.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District would take place on Thursday 8th March 2018.

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Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 8

LMD 18012

The following reply was given:

No funding streams are available at present within the Loughrea MD to facilitate the upgrade of Public Footways, however should application requests be received from relevant Government Department for potential funding to facilitate the upgrade of public footway the Loughrea Municipal District will consider a potential submission for Craughwell Village as part of any overall funding submission for the Municipal District. In terms of public lighting within Craughwell Village I can confirm that all Street Lighting on the R446 through the village was upgrade with energy efficient LED units in late 2017 as part of grant assistance secured by GCC from SEAI & there are no plans in place to carry out any further upgrade to the Public Lighting Network within the Village

Notice of Motion No. 9

LMD 18103

The following reply was given:

Galway County Council will submit request to the TII at the next meeting with them and return to Cllr Fahy