

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea Regional Office, 11th December 2018 @ 11 a.m.

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. J. Byrne

Baill:

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

Oifigigh:

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 8th November 2018

LMD 18060

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 8th November 2018 were proposed by Cllr Maher, seconded by Cllr Donnellan and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach. Arising from the Minutes and in response to Cllr Fahy's and Byrne's query regarding the replacement of the bridge at Dunkellin, Mr Cullen stated that a permanent solution would be achieved in the same amount of time as a temporary one and he hoped to have further information after the meeting being held in the coming days. Cllr Canning wished to thank the members for their support with regard to his proposal regarding the non-use of posters in the local elections in 2019.

Flooding

LMD 18061

In reply to Cllr Maher, Mr Mulryan stated that regarding the future maintenance of the river between Craughwell and Kiltulla, a proposal for funding would be submitted as documentation was already in place for same. Mr Cullen clarified for Cllr Finnerty that the bridge construction at Dunkellin would not have any adverse affects on the drainage element of the project. Cllr Fahy handed in a petition from the locals regarding flooding in Gilroe. Mr McGillicuddy stated for Cllr Fahy that the camber in the road should relieve flooding fears in Tierneevan. Mr Mulryan confirmed for Cllr Hynes that flooding at Rathville

House, Ballyfa was not part of the Dunkellin Drainage District and the landowners in question should apply to the OPW for funding.

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

Coole Haven in the townland of Gort

LMD 18062

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

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

- Road commencing at its junction with N66 in the townland of Gort and extending North for a distance of 213m, ending outside house No.48 in the townland of Gort .

Point B-D on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the Townland of Gort and extending South West for a distance of 85m, turning North for a distance of 40m, turning North West for a distance of 106m ending at point D in the Townland of Gort .

Point C-H on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with B-D in the Townland of Gort and extending West for a distance of 50m, ending outside apartment No. 4 in the Townland of Gort.

Point E-I-J-K-L-M on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with D-F in the Townland of Gort and extending South West for a distance of 23m, turning South for a distance of 10m, turning South West for a distance of 22m, turning North West for a distance of 20m, turning South West for a distance of 44m, ending outside house No. 55 in the Townland of Gort.

Point F-R on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with E-G in the Townland of Gort and extending South-East for a distance of 12m, turning South for a distance of 18m ending at point R in the Townland of Gort.

Point I-N on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with E-J in the Townland of Gort and extending South-East for a distance of 27m, ending outside house No.74 in the Townland of Gort.

Point J-O on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with I-K in the Townland of Gort and extending South-East for a distance of 16m, ending outside house No.63 in the Townland of Gort.

Point K-Q on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with J-L in the Townland of Gort and extending South-East for a distance of 21m, ending outside house No.80 in the Townland of Gort.

Point L-P on TIC Map:

- Road commencing at its junction with K-M in the Townland of Gort and extending North-West for a distance of 11m, ending outside house No.59 in the Townland of Gort.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 18063

In response to Cllr Maher's query, Mr Mulryan stated that due to environmental issues, it would be extremely difficult to construct a ramp at the Long Point Swimming Area for Wheelchair users. He had referred a proposal to Corporate Services regarding a special wheelchair for such use and was awaiting a reply. Regarding Cllr Maher's query about the removal of the lights at the Westbridge, Mr Mulryan stated that it was not an option to remove same as the safety of all road users would be compromised. The cause of delays at the junction was due to road users allowing traffic from side roads out onto the roads that had the loop detection system.

Responding to Cllr Donnellan, Mr Mulryan stated that a number of fines had been issued recently due to dumping at Raruddy and other locations around the town. Funding for a review of the traffic management plan was required. Mr Cullen confirmed that the Greenway Project was given to the TII as a project to deliver and he hoped to have an update from them early in 2019.

In response to Cllr's Finnerty and Fahy, Mr Mulryan stated that he was not aware of ducting for the provision of a signalized junction at George's Street and indicated that such traffic signals were not warranted at this location. Funding would be required for a traffic management plan review.

In response to Cllr Canning, Mr Mulryan stated that there is active enforcement with regard to dog fouling. Mr Mulryan also agreed to contact Coillte with regard to the sale of the Gate Lodge in Portumna. At Cllr McClearn's request, Mr Mulryan agreed to have the area investigated on the N65, which was the location of a serious accident and the use of vehicle restraint barriers at the location.

Cllr Hynes complemented the implementation of the roads programme and the staff involved. Mr Mulryan acknowledged the work of the staff involved in the programme and confirmed that maintenance of roads was ongoing.

In response to Cllr Byrne's query regarding the use of the OPW owned property in Gort for off street parking, Mr Mulryan stated that he will have the potential site at the Old Barracks inspected. He also stated for Cllr Byrne, that the provision of off street carparking in the towns of Gort and Kinvarra would require significant capital funding which is currently unavailable to the Council and in the case of Kinvarra, any proposal to provide such carparking would require the implementation of a pay and display system for the town to recoup capital costs.

Kilmeen Cross Deputation

Ms Jackie Flannery, Gavin Treacy, Pat Treacy and Tom Treacy representing the Kilmeen Cross Action Group made representations to the members regarding the completion of works at Kilmeen and the lighting of the junction. Examples of locations where public lighting was in place at junctions was put forward.

Mr Mulryan stated that he had provided all the information from the T.I.I. and that ultimately it was a matter for the TII to determine the appropriate configuration and whether lighting was appropriate.

Mr Cullen stated that the T.I.I. had committed funding in 2018 for junction improvements and lighting was not included. He said that a delegation from the council had met with the TII earlier in the year on a range of road related issues and the Kilmeen junction was discussed at length with them. They had confirmed at the meeting that the junction improvements would be funded but that the installation of lighting was not in line with current policy and would not be funded. He acknowledged that there well may be locations around the country or county where lighting was provided but that is not in line with the stated TII policy. He said he would raise this with NRPO office and that the junction design would be available for the next meeting of the Committee.

East Galway Family History Society Deputation

Mr Brian Keary, Chairperson, Ms Monica Hynes, Manager and Mr Cyril Farrell made representations on behalf of the East Galway Family History Society to the members and sought funding for the maintenance of the Heritage Centre in Woodford. All members agreed to support the deputation as an exceptional service was being provided for a small amount of money. Mr Cullen stated that the C & E Department may be of some assistance and Cllr Maher also stated that there may be grants available through GRET.B.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 11th January 2018.

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