

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 Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, on 14th December 2017 @ 11 a.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 E Mulryan, A/S.E.E. Roads & Transportation;
Mr F McGillicuddy, A/Executive Engineer;
Mr. B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;
Ms. P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer

Cllr Hynes raised the issue of the proposed Greenway from Athlone to Galway and following a discussion it was agreed that the Municipal District would consider the issue at the January/February 2018 meeting, where an update would be provided.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 26th October 2017

LMD 17072

The Minutes of the monthly Meeting of the Loughrea M.D. held on 9th November 2017 were proposed by Cllr.Fahy, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes and at Cllr Byrne's request, it was agreed that the Municipal District would write to Irish Water seeking clarification that the following estates would be de-comissioned:- Bothar na Mias, Cuan an Oirr, Burrendale and Nuns Orchard.

Cllr Fahy wished to complement GCC on the surface dressing work at Glenbrack. He also requested that NOM monies along with funds collected by the Labane/Ardrahan Development Association could be utilised to install bollards along the hard shoulder for safe pedestrian use.

In response to Cllr Donnellan's query regarding work at Kilmeen Cross, Mr Mulryan stated that he had not received any update.

Flooding Update

LMD 17073

In the absence of Mr Gallagher and Ms Ni Chionna, Mr Mulryan updated the members as follows:-

The South Galway Gort Lowlands FRS contract for Engineering services was signed on Wednesday 13th December 2017. The tenders for the Environment services will be assessed in early January 2018 and an update will be provided at the next Municipal meeting.

The contractor for the Kiltiernan Ballinderreen maintenance and renovation works will commence at the Ballinderreen Channel and the N67 box culvert. Additional funding has been secured from the T.I.I. to cover the cost of the works on the N67. The contract will not be signed until the remaining landowners have given their agreement. This will be reviewed in early January where parts of the works may commence.

Minor Works applications continue to be submitted but a delay has been noticed in the last 2 months in the official sign off from OPW, possibly due to end of year pressure. Recent approvals include Olthort, Portumna and New Line Ballycrissane and a recent submission is for Sliabh Carron Estate, Gort.

Flood Emergency Response Plan for the Gort area is being prepared. Mr McGillicuddy has prepared a draft and consulted with the South Galway Flood Relief group.

Cllr Byrne wished to express his thanks to all the GCC staff involved in the progression of ongoing flood relief projects. In response to Cllr Finnerty's query regarding funding for serious flooding, Mr Mulryan stated that funding would be made available from central government. Cllr's Fahy and Hynes requested that flash flooding at Roxboro, Kilchreest close to the home of Mr McGlynn could be alleviated as soon as possible. Cllr Canning wished to complement Mr E Gallagher and Ms M. Ni Chionna for their clarity in reporting to the members on the flooding issue.

Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993

Townland of Cloonoon

LMD 17074

The declaration of the road commencing at junction with local road L87973 (179160me;198608mn) in the townland of Cloonoon and extending North/West for a distance of 182 meters in the townland of Cloonoon and finishing at 179063me; 198677mn in the townland of Cloonoon to be a public road was proposed by Cllr Canning, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 17075

It was proposed by Cllr Finnerty and seconded by Cllr's Fahy and Byrne that GCC provide a costing for improvements at Gallaghers Lane – Glenbrack, Ballyhugh, Gort. Costings should include the installation of a footpath from the IDA entrance to Gort na Ri Estate plus a small section from Super Valu to Dun na Ri. Public Lighting to be included on the road between IDA entrance to Gort na Ri. Cllr Finnerty would urge that the recent planning development

contribution be used to upgrade this route for the purpose of road safety, in particular where there is no footpath.

It was proposed by Cllr Byrne and seconded by Cllr's Fahy and Finnerty that the elected members of the Loughrea MD request the TII to immediately carry out rehabilitation of the N67 through the village of Kinvara including re-surfacing. He also requested that the TII carry out an assessment to improve safety on the N67 from the village to Dunguaire Castle including the provision of a boardwalk outside the existing sea wall for safer pedestrian access.

Cllr Fahy requested the LMD forward a letter of congratulations to Bishop Kelly, the new Bishop of Galway.

Cllr Canning thanked all for their contributions to the meeting and wished all a very Happy Christmas.

The next meeting of the Loughrea MD will take place on Thursday 11th January 2018.

Kinvara Community Council Deputation

Mr John Mulleady and Mr Eamonn Coy made representations on behalf of Kinvara Community Council regarding the road safety issues in and around Kinvara, in particular the narrow path on the approach road from Dunguaire to the village. He presented the meeting with pictures of a walkway/boardwalk at Westport Quay which has been very successful in providing a safer pedestrian route and requested a similar walkway for Kinvara. They requested the support of the members in providing solutions to the safety problems. The surface dressing of the N67 was also of concern to the locals.

All members agreed that the issues should be brought to the attention of the TII and GCC would continue to press the TII to come up with solutions to the issues raised by the Deputation. Mr Mulryan confirmed that surface dressing of the main street would be carried out in 2018 and as Irish Water have a second phase of works next year, it would be prudent if Irish Water and the TII co-ordinate repairs.

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