

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Chonamara *Municipal District of Conamara*

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara held at Arás Mhairtín Uí Chadháin, Acadamh na hOillscoile, An Cheathrú Rua on 15th July, 2014 @2.30 p.m

ILATHAIR:

Baill: Cllrs. S. Walsh, E. Mannion, T. Welby, S. Ó Tuairisg, N. Thomas, N. Byrne, S. Ó Cualáin, T. Ó Curraoin, T. Healy.

Oifigh: G. Mullarkey, Municipal District Director
E. Molloy, Senior Engineer, Conamara
K. Wynne, SEE, Conamara
K. Finn, Area Engineer, South Conamara
T.J Redmond, Area Engineer, North Conamara
S. Groarke, Meeting Administrator.

Minutes of MDC Meetings held on the 10-6-2014 & the 23-6-2014

CMD 14009

On the proposal of Comh. O'Tuairisg, seconded by Comh. O'Curraoin the Minutes of the 10-6-2014 were adopted. On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Comh O'Cualáin the Minutes of the 23-6-2014 were adopted.

Minutes of last Conamara Area Committee Meetings held on the 20-2-2014 & 1-4-2014.

CMD 14010

On the proposal of Comh. O'Tuairisg, seconded by Comh. O'Curraoin the Minutes of the 20-2-2014 were adopted. On the proposal of Cllr. O'Curraoin, seconded by Cllr. Mannion the Minutes of the 1-4-2014 were adopted.

Matters arising from the Minutes

CMD 14011

The Councillors welcomed the funding of €74,000 received in regard to the assessment of the provision of a new Fire Station at Carraroe. At the request of the Councillors- E. Molloy

provided an update on the proposed coastal protection measures for Conamara and the repair of the damage to roads caused by the winter storms.

Declaration of 5 Roads to be Public Roads –Section 11 Roads Act 1993

CMD 14012

It was unanimously agreed by the MD of Conamara that the following roads should be declared public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

- **Radharc na Rún, An Spidéal, Co. na Gaillimhe**
 1. Road commencing at it's junction with the LP1320 in the townland of An Spidéal Thiar extending westward for a length of 291 meters in the townland of An Spidéal Thiar and will be known as LT13208.
 2. The road commencing at it's junction with LT13208 in the townland of An Spidéal Thiar and extending southwards for a length of 44 meters in the townland of An Spidéal Thiar & will be known as LT1309

- **Páirc na gCaor, Maigh Cuilinn, Co. na Gaillimhe**
 1. The road commencing at it's junction with the N59 in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn extending southwards and westwards for a length of 411 meters in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn and will be known as LT53733
 2. The road commencing at it's junction with LT53733 in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn which will be known as LT53734 extending eastwards for a length of 88 meters in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn.
 3. The road commencing at it's junction with LT53733 in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn which will be known as LT53735 extending northwards for a length of 39 meters in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn.
 4. The road commencing at it's junction with LT53733 in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn which will be known as LT53736 extending southwards and westwards for a length of 110 meters in the townland of Gort Uí Lochlainn.

- Road commencing at junction with local road L5221-14 in the townland of Tuairín and extending east for a distance of 140 meters leading to Martin McDonagh's house & will be known as LT52217

- Road commencing at junction with local road L51061 in the townland of Kanrawer and extending for a distance of 660 meters & will be known as LT 51061.
- Road situated at grid reference 67920; 263650 in the townland of Rusheenduff and extending for a distance of 540 metres & will be known as 51053.

Adoption of MD of Conamara Standing Orders –Fixing a Schedule of Dates & Locations for MD OF Conamara Meetings **CMD 14013**

G. Mullarkey made a recommendation to the MD of Conamara to schedule the ordinary meetings on a bi-monthly basis to be held at 2.30 p.m on the second Tuesday of each second month and that the meetings should conclude at 5.00 p.m . He also recommended that deputations should be heard in committee half an hour prior to the commencement of the ordinary meeting –he referred to Item 52 on the Standing Orders which deals with the procedure to be adopted as regards receiving deputations. S. Groarke referred to Item 15 in regard to the procedure for placing items on the Agenda. M. Mullarkey also requested the Councillors to nominate a location as the Principal Offices of the MD of Conamara. The Courthouse at Oughterard was nominated on the proposal of Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Walsh. The Aras Sorcha Uí Ghuairim which is owned by NUI at Carna was proposed by Comh. O’Tuairisg and seconded by Comh. O’Cualáin . A number of Councillors also referred to the advantages of holding the meetings at the Council H.Q at Aras an Chontae. The Councillors also discussed the desirability of rotating the venues for the meetings throughout Conamara at different times throughout the year. It was decided to put the proposals to a vote. The proposal to nominate the Courthouse at Oughterard received 5 votes, Aras Sorcha Uí Ghuairim received 3 votes and there was 1 abstention. It was agreed that the Courthouse at Oughterard would be the Principal Office of the MD of Conamara once restoration work was complete but the Councillors reserved the right to rotate the meetings on different occasions. It was decided that the September meeting would be held in Moycullen & the November meeting in Carna. The adoption of the Standing Orders as amended was proposed by Comh. O’Tuairisg & seconded by Comh. O’Cualáin.

Reserved Functions to be performed by the MD Members –Schedule 1 of the LG (Reform) Act 2014 **CMD 14014**

G. Mullarkey advised the meeting that this document was circulated to them in order to note the details and as a reference in regard to their functions.

Decision to pay an allowance to the Cathaoirleach for reasonable expenses & determination of the amount of the Allowance. **CMD 14015**

Responding to a query G. Mullarkey advised the meeting that the maximum allowance of €6,000 would have to be funded from the Council’s own Budget. Cllr. Welby proposed that the allowance be placed in an account to be used to fund the development of the proposed new Fire Station at Carraroe and this was seconded by Comh. O’Cualáin. Cllr. Healy recommended that the amount be used to fund community projects. Comh. O’Tuairisg supported the payment of the allowance to the Cathaoirleach and referred to the fact that the Council should derive savings from the abolition of the Town Councils and that the Representational Allowance was reduced from €16,000-€12,000. Cllr. Mannion referred to the reduction in the Mayor’s allowance from €48,000-€30,000. Cllr. Byrne proposed that the allowance be paid citing the fact that other allowances were reduced and the the €6,000 was not a material amount when the duties of the office are taken into consideration. It was

decided to put the first proposal to a vote. The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Walsh left the meeting for the duration of the vote. The proposal not to pay the allowance to the Cathaoirleach but to use it instead to fund community & other requirements was defeated by 5 votes to 3. It was decided therefore to pay the full allowance of €6,000 to the Cathaoirleach.

Car Parking at Cleggan

CMD 14016

E. Molloy advised that the Council had secured land and planning permission for the development of a car park at Cleggan and that a traffic management system was now required to place time-limits as regards parking and to implement charges for it. The Council will consult the community at Cleggan in regard to this. The problem associated with parking at the pier in the past was that the residents of Inishbofin left their mainland cars there. Cllr. Thomas advised that the residents of Inishbofin need to park their cars there and they should be provided with an allowance for the charges. E. Molloy referred to the proposed introduction of a permit system for long-term parking to which the Inishbofin residents will have to pay towards. He also advised that a part of the pier is owned by the Dept of the Marine. Cllr. Healy referred to the illegal car parks which the Council could legitimize but was advised by E. Molloy that they would have to comply with the planning process. Cllr. Mannion advised that this was a major problem in the past and expressed her appreciation to E. Molloy & L. Gavin for progressing the matter.

Municipal District Director's Business

CMD 14017

G. Mullarkey provided details of an additional allocation of €758,549 received as additional funding under the Road Restoration Improvement Programme. The amount appertaining to Conamara is €138,295. He also provided details of a proposed Part 8 Planning Application in regard to the installation of a Biomass (wood pellet) Boiler at the library at An Cheathrú Rua. He also advised the Councillors of an advert published in the weekend papers concerning the consultation process in regard to the variation of the Local Property Tax rate . He stated that further details will be provided at the September meeting.

Cathaoirleach's Business

CMD 14018

Cllr. Walsh raised the issue concerning the uneven surface of the ground at Barr an Doire graveyard at Carraroe which is dangerous to pedestrians. He also referred to litter fines been issued to persons who had purchased green bags which were discovered in litter bins. He requested the Councillors to raise other issues. Comh O'Tuairisg requested clarification on the passenger levy system for the Kilronan ferry and was advised by E. Molloy that it is the subject of a court appeal. Cllr. Healy raised the issue concerning the traffic tailbacks at Spiddal and was advised by E. Molloy that the traffic lights at Spiddal operate in accordance with an on- demand system. G. Mullarkey advised that the traffic lights at the Ballymoneen T-junction are a contributory factor to the tailbacks. Cllr. Welby referred to the illegal extraction of water at Carna by Marine Harvest and that the level of the lakes had dropped. He had contacted Irish Water in regard to this . G. Mullarkey advised him that the Planning Section would deal with this. Comh O'Curraoin referred to a planning application concerning

an extension to the housing scheme at Aras Einne by Tearmann Teo and the required support for capital assistance but was advised by the Cathaoirleach that this referred to planning matter/ executive decision outside the remit of the Municipal Council,

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