

**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, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 2 p.m.**

**I LATHAIR:**

**Cathaoirleach**

**Cllr. J. Byrne**

**Baill:**

Cllr's M. Fahy, S Donnellan, I. Canning,  
P. Hynes, M. Maher.

**Oifigigh:**

Mr D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer;  
Mr. E. Mulryan, Senior Executive Engineer;  
Mr. E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer;  
Mr F. McGillicuddy, Executive Engineer;  
Mr. B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer;  
Ms. M. Doddy, Conservation Officer;  
Ms. C Hannon, Assistant Staff Officer;  
Ms. P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Apologies**

Apologies from Mr. P. Carroll, A.O. and Cllrs. Maher and McClearn who were unable to attend.

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea  
held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**LMD 19005**

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were proposed by Cllr Fahy, seconded by Cllr Maher and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach. Arising from the Minutes and in response to Cllr Byrne's query regarding CCTV at Kinincha Road, Mr McGillicuddy confirmed that the cameras were installed but he would refer the matter to Environment for confirmation that they were working. Responding to Cllr Fahy's query regarding the Ballyboy Residents Deputation, Mr McGillicuddy confirmed that a meeting with the group has been arranged for the following Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. In response to Cllr Canning's query regarding the Kilmeen Action Group, Mr Cullen confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with the group on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**The Chief Executives Report on the Proposed Additions and Proposed Deletion to the Record of Protected Structures in the Galway County Development Plan 2015 – 2021 as per Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) LMD 19006**

Ms. Doddy advised that a report had been circulated informing the Members of the outcome of the statutory consultation process for the proposed additions and proposed deletion of structures to the Record of Protected Structures attached to the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021. She outlined that there were 4 proposals in total, 3 additions and 1 deletion. She explained that the report was broken down into five sections, Section 1 sets out the legislative background, Section 2 contained a full list of submissions received, Section 3 contained the final Chief Executives recommendations for each of the proposed additions and proposed deletion, Section 4 contained a full list of persons/bodies informed under the statutory process and Section 5 contained a copy of the public notification of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. She referred to Section 2 in particular which contained a full list of submissions received, a summary of the main issues raised in each submission, together with the Chief Executives Response and Recommendations. She highlighted that during the public consultation period there had been 7 written submissions received in response to the proposed addition of St. Coman's Church and graveyard, there had been no submissions received in relation to the other proposals. She advised the members that 3 out of the 4 proposals were located within the Loughrea Municipal District, the addition of P. Canning & Sons Shop House and also St. Comans Church & Graveyard, and the deletion of Wellmount House.

Cllr. Maher stated that on behalf of Cllr. McClearn he was proposing to reject the Chief Executives recommendation in relation to Wellmount House as the owner had requested to delete same from the Record of Protected Structures. This motion was proposed by Cllr. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. Canning and agreed.

Cllr. J. Byrne stated he was proposing to accept the Chief Executives recommendation in relation to P. Canning & Sons Shop House and St. Comans Church & Graveyard and that same would be added to the Record of Protected Structures. This motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Byrne, Seconded by Cllr. Fahy and agreed.

Cllr. Fahy referred to a reply which he received recently in relation to making the memorial plaque for the hurlers at Ardahan a protected structure. He understood that it would need to be a lot older in order to make it a protected structure but he asked that it was noted that something should be done sooner rather than later in order to safe guard this plaque.

Cllr. Canning queried if there was a structure to be added to the record of protected structures then how often could this be done. Ms. Doddy explained that information re additions and deletions are reviewed once a year as it was a very complicated and timely process.

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### **Flooding Update**

**LMD 19007**

Enda Gallagher updated the meeting as follows:-

South Galway Gort Lowlands FRS – The workshop will be held between Ryan Hanley, TCD and GSI in the next few weeks to finalise issues before the commencement of model runs on design options. The current programme is for the Feasibility Study for the scheme to be completed by the end of 2019, with the Public Exhibition taking place in early 2019.

Dunkellin – The OPW will be back to full staff compliment in the next month, concentrating on fencing, vegetation clearance on the Aggard Stream and works on the pedestrian bridge in Craughwell. A grant of €420,000 has been made available for remedial works to the remaining sections of the Dunkellin Bridge. Ward and Burke will be undertaking these works. Banagher concrete are completing their analysis of the new section of the bridge and the structural Engineer is advancing works proposals. As soon as proposals are finalised and assessed by the Environmental Consultant, an update report will be forwarded to ABP.

### **Declaration of a road to be a public road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1983, Cuan an Oir, Kinvarra in the townland of Dungory West**

**LMD 19008**

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

#### **Point A-B-C on TIC Map:**

Road commencing at its junction with N67 in the townland of Dungory West, extending South and meandering West for a distance of 238 m and ending outside house No. 12 in the townland of Dungory West.

#### **Point B-D on TIC Map:**

Road commencing at its junction with A-C in the townland of Dungory West, and extending North for a distance of 15 m, ending outside house No. 12 in the townland of Dungory West.

### **Municipal District Schedule of Works (including Roads Programme)**

**LMD 19009**

Mr Cullen, Mr Mitchell and Mr Mulryan presented the members with a Draft Schedule of Works 2019, including the Roads Programme. Mr Mitchell confirmed that the grant allocated by Transport Infrastructure Ireland for Motorway and National Roads for the year 2019 is €21,491,934 which represents a decrease of €3,538,248 or 14% on the 2018 allocation. The grant allocated for Regional and Local Roads in 2019 is €28,830,430 which is an increase of €5,566,180 or 24% on the 2018 allocation. Mr Mulryan outlined the individual improvement works allocations as listed in the roads programme and a discussion followed the presentation. Mr Mitchell thanked the staff of the Loughrea MD for their contribution in the preparation of the programme.

The adoption of the Municipal District Schedule of Works 2019, including the Roads Programme 2019 was proposed by Cllr Maher, seconded by Cllr Canning and agreed.

**Woodford Heritage Committee**

**LMD 19010**

Following a discussion on the funding issue at the Woodford Heritage Centre, it was agreed that a response would be issued to the group from Community, Enterprise and Economic Development.

**Cathaoirleach's Business**

**LMD 19011**

In response to Cllr Maher's query regarding a footpath from Craughwell village along the hard shoulder of the R446 to the National School, Mr Mulryan confirmed that he would investigate the matter of signage and also support an application for funding under the Town and Village Enhancement Scheme. Cllr Maher also requested that the delineators at the top of each road along the Link road to the Motorway be replaced as they were removed to facilitate grass cutting along the verge of the road.

Responding to Cllr Canning's query regarding the re-positioning of the Bottle Banks at Tynagh Hurling Pitch, Mr Mulryan said he would refer the matter to the Environment Section. Mr Mitchell replied to Cllr Canning's query regarding the rolling out of broadband and until such time that a co-ordinated plan is delivered by the Government, the private company currently carrying out preparatory works in advance of roll out are under no obligation to attend the next Municipal Meeting as proposed by Cllr Canning and seconded by Cllr Maher.

It was proposed by Cllr Fahy and seconded by Cllr Hynes that the American Ambassador be written to requesting the removal of the Bust of Winston Churchill from the Oval Office in America in advance of St Patrick's Day Ceremonies.

Responding to Cllr Byrne's query regarding safety measures at Killeeney N.S., Mr Mulryan stated that Killeeney BOM need to secure lands for off street parking and the matter should be addressed with the Department of Education by the Board.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Loughrea MD would be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 11 am.

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Signed

Joe Byrne  
14/3/19

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