

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the 20th October, 2008

I LATHAIR:-

Baill: Cllr. J. Cuddy,
Cllr. M. Hoade.
Cllr. J. McDonagh
Cllr. M. Carey (Chairman)

Oifighigh:- Mr. P. Ridge, DOS Planning & Sustainable Development
Mr. E. Gallagher, Executive Engineer Roads & Transportation
Mr.D.Croghan, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation
Ms. G. Clerkin, A.A.S.O. Planning & Sustainable Development

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th September, 2008.

The minutes of the meeting of 15th September 2008 were proposed by Cllr. Cuddy McDonagh, seconded by Cllr. Mc Donagh and agreed.

Matters arising

- (i) Cllr. Cuddy reverted back to Item no. 3 in relation to public lighting.
Cllr. Cuddy queried if policy in relation to public lighting had been brought before the SPC for review and adoption.
It was noted that under the current policy for public lighting that one off lights were permitted. All members were in agreement with the proposal to operate under the original policy and that if it is deemed necessary to have a public light that it would be approved.
Enda Gallagher stated that a scheme of lights would be looked on more favourably than one single light.

It was agreed to get the issue in relation to public lighting brought before the Roads & Transportation SPC.

- (ii) Cllr. McDonagh queried the progress on the single light requested at the Old Forge, Laughtgeorge.
Diarmuid Croghan stated that as the light was for safety purposes that the Community & Enterprise Department may provide funding for it but if that failed that it would be considered under the Public Lighting Programme.
- (iii) Cllr. Cuddy queried if the submission for funding at the N18 at Cregboy had been submitted to the NRA and if it hadn't for it to go immediately.

3. Carrig Mor Sewerage System - Bond

Cllr. McDonagh outlined the serious health and safety issues which are present at Carrig Mor Sewerage System and the need for these to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Ridge stated that a meeting had taken place recently with the Enforcement Section of Galway County Council, the local Councillors and representatives for the estate. It was noted that at the meeting it was agreed that the residents of the estate would get a report prepared on the percolation area and submit it to Galway County Council, however, the report was never submitted.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that the report could now cost up to €30,000 as there are more problems than first anticipated with a fault in the plant itself.

Mr. Ridge requested Cllr. McDonagh to submit a copy of what Tobin Engineers propose to submit to the Planning Authority and the estimated cost of report that he would look at it personally and revert back to him.

4. Ardaun

Mr. Ridge updated the members on Ardaun. It was stated that there were talks of the City Council progressing on their own and that if Galway County Council pull out of the project completely the County Council would lose control of development of that area.

Mr. Ridge stated that a presentation will be brought before the Area Committees on how the Council propose to move forward with the Ardaun concept.

5. Any other business

Money More Flooding

Cllr. Cuddy outlined his concerns at this area.

Enda Gallagher stated he would look into the matter and get back to Cllr. Cuddy in due course.

Funding for hedge cutting

Cllr. Cuddy queried the funding available for hedge cutting and stated that the hedge cutting was urgently needed on the Kiniska Road.

Enda Gallagher stated that there was a budget of €161,500 for one cut a year. €50,000 per year for Oranmore and €63,500 was spent already this year.

Diarmuid Croghan stated that as it was a special case the Council would complete the works needed on the Kiniska Road.

Flooding at Kilughter

It was agreed that a report on what the Council propose to do in relation to flooding in the Kilughter, Castlegar area be prepared and presented at the next Oranmore Area Committee Meeting.

Cllr. Michael Carey outlined his concerns in relation to the Junction at Hannah's Shop and requested that white lines be inserted to warn people in advance of the junction. Enda Gallagher stated that it would be looked into and that maybe advanced warning signs could be put in place.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 24th November, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

Criochnaigh an Chruinniu Ansin