

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Report of Oranmore Area Committee Meeting held at Áras an Chontae on the 24th November, 2008

I LATHAIR:-

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

Oifigigh:- 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 20th October, 2008.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th October 2008 were proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded by Cllr. Mc Donagh.

Matters arising

(i). Cllr. Cuddy queried if policy in relation to public lighting had been brought before the SPC and if Mr. John Morgan had made a definite reply in relation to same.

Mr. Morgan stated that they are currently working under the 1999 policy signed by the then County Engineer John Colleran.

Mr. Croghan noted six points under the said policy:

- It should be of clear benefit to road users and pedestrians
- It should be generally confined to junctions where they will help highlight the junction.
- It should be avoided on straight stretches of rural roads where they can cause blind spots either side of the light.
- Priority should be given to the provision of public lighting in built up area to recommended standards in preference to isolated locations.
- The lighting provided should be continuous (i.e. where more than one) and to the appropriate spacing and standard for rural public lighting as required by ESB guidelines.
- If located at a church, school or community hall where it is only used for irregular services/meetings then it should be on a switch.

It was agreed by all members that a proper response in writing is required.

Cllr. Hoade requested a letter from Mr. John Morgan stating exactly what policy was in place and what options the members had in relation to public lighting.

Cllr. McDonagh seconded the proposal made by Cllr. Hoade.

(ii) Cregboy Lighting

It was noted that the ESB had designed a scheme for the area with a total of 4 lights needed with an estimated cost of €13,500 including civil works. A submission was made for funding to the NRA but was refused as it is not a priority. It was stated that a further submission will be made to the NRA in 2009 for funding. Cllr. Cuddy stated that as it was a National Primary Road that the NRA should provide the funds needed.

(iii) Junction in Headford (Hannahs shop)

Mr. Gallagher stated that they were looking to prepare a design to improve the junction.

(iv) Junction in Headford (Kilcoona Area)

Cllr. Hoade outlined her safety concerns in relation to this junction.

Mr. Gallagher stated that there were four signs on the approach to the junction but that he would look at maybe using yellow bars, it may help to warn people to slow down on the approach to the junction.

Mr. Gallagher agreed to get back to the members at the next meeting.

2. Carrig Mor Sewerage System.

Cllr. McDonagh stated that the report from Tobin Consulting Engineers on the Sewage Treatment Infrastructure had issued and that a figure of €148,000 was estimated to rectify the problem. Mr. Ridge agreed to examine the report and liaise with Mr. Noel Burke and the Environment Section with a view to possibly meeting with the residents in the near future to discuss the County Councils position in relation to the matter.

3. Flooding at Kilroghter

Mr. Croghan outlined the situation at Kilroghter and informed the members that water ran off a large area and collected in the corner of a field where levels could sometimes rise and as a result would flood the public road. Mr. Croghan stated that Galway County Council would carry out works to take the flooding off the public road, however, the flood in the field was a matter for the land owner concerned.

4. Ardaun

Mr. Ridge updated the members on Ardaun. It was noted that from a City Council prospective Ardaun would advance either in partnership with Galway County Council or alternatively as a City based project. Mr. Ridge stated that he would meet with the elected members at Local Area Committee Level and also at Full Council meeting level to discuss the Ardaun concept as part of the County Settlement Strategy which is to be incorporated into the County Development Plan.

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

5. Any other business

Cllr. Cuddy outlined his concerns in relation to the Ballynamanagh Road, Clarinbridge. It was stated that to date €50,000 was spent on widening works in this area and that a kerbed footpath option could cost in the region of €200,000.

It was noted that there were no funds available for the project in 2009.

Cllr. Cuddy suggested taking the matter up again with Mr. Michael Dolly with the view of maybe bringing a deputation from the area in to speak with the members.

It was agreed to hold off on any decision for a few weeks and to revisit the matter again when all 2008 works have been put in place in the area.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 10th December, 2008 at 10:00 a.m for the consideration of the Manager's Report on the Submissions received on the Draft County Development.

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