

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Átha an Rí

Municipal District of Athenry

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Athenry held in the Bia Innovator Centre, Athenry, on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

I LATHAIR:

BAILL: Cllr. P. Feeney (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. J. Charity
Cllr L. O'Hara
Cllr. D. Collins
Cllr C. Keane
Cllr. T. Grealish

OIFIGIGH: Mr. L. Hanrahan, DoS
Ms. M. Jordan, A.O.
Ms G. Cooley, ASO

Apologies Cllr. A. Dolan

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the Athenry Municipal District Meeting which was held at the Bia Innovator Centre in Athenry. He thanked Mr Hanrahan and the staff of Galway County Council for their support in setting up the Centre. He said that a walkaround of the building would be facilitated after the meeting.

To confirm Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Athenry held in Aras an Chontae, on Tuesday 10th September 2024. AMD 21

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr Keane, SECONDED by Cllr Collins the minutes of the Athenry MD meeting held on the 10th September 2024 were approved.

Matters arising

Cllr O'Hara said that following a recent meeting of the County Council Members with staff from the National Transport Authority he was not satisfied with the responses received on the provision of a bus service from Athenry to Galway City which is urgently needed to replace the service that ceased a number of months ago. He said that there is severe overcrowding on the train service from Oranmore to Galway and a bus service is essential.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Hara on the motion send to the NTA Ms Jordan said that she had not received a reply to date.

Cllr Collins said that he attended the NTA meeting and was frustrated with the progress on the Park and Ride service. It is a number of years since it was discussed, and progress has not been made. He said that the NTA hoped to apply for planning permission by mid-2025 but landowners need to be approached. Cllr Collins said that it was important to keep this item on the agenda.

The following proposal was made by Cllr Collins

"I propose that we write to the NTA to ask for regular updates on the progression of Park and Ride facilities planned for Claregalway and Carnmore."

The proposal was made by Cllr Collins seconded by Cllr Charity and agreed.

Cllr Grealish said that an improved bus service to Oranmore and Galway City from Claregalway is needed.

To confirm Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Athenry held in Aras an Chontae, on the 15th October 2024. AMD 22

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr Grealish SECONDED by Cllr Collins the minutes of the Athenry MD budget meeting held on the 15th of October 2024 were approved.

Matters arising

Cllr O'Hara said that he did not agree with the budget. Mr. Hanrahan said that this has been noted in the minutes.

Declaration of Road to be a Public Road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 AMD 23

Details as follows:

Description

Oran Island

1. Section A-B-C:

Road pavement and footpath commencing at end of L-41011-0, the west boundary of house number 26 in Oran Island estate, in the townland of Oranmore and extending southwest for a distance of 329m ending at point C, all in the townland of Oranmore.

2. Section B-D:

Road pavement and footpath commencing at Junction B and extending East for a distance of 101m ending at D, all in the townland of Oranmore.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr Collins SECONDED by Cllr Keane the Members AGREED the declaration of Roads to be Public Roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 as outlined in the report.

Declaration of Roads to be a Public Road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 AMD 24

Details as follows:

Description

Ash Haven

1. Section A-B-C:

Road pavement and footpath commencing at junction A with the L-4101-91, Maree Road, in the townland of Oranmore and extending west for a distance of 258m ending at point C, all in the townland of Oranmore.

2. Section B-D:

Road pavement and footpath commencing at Junction B and extending south for a distance of 63m ending at D, all in the townland of Oranmore.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr Grealish SECONDED by Cllr Keane the Members AGREED the declaration of Roads to be Public Roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 as outlined in the report.

Declaration of Roads to be a Public Road – Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 AMD 25

Details as follows:

Description

Hazel Court

1. Section A-B:

Road pavement and footpath commencing at junction A with the L-4101-94, Maree road, in the townland of Oranmore and extending northwest for a distance of 231m ending at point B, all in the townland of Oranmore.

2. Section C-B-D:

Road pavement and footpath commencing at Junction C and extending north for a distance of 80m ending at D, all in the townland of Oranmore.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr Charity SECONDED by Cllr Collins the Members AGREED the declaration of Roads to be Public Roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 as outlined in the report

Mr Whelan gave an update on the roads programme and said that the majority of works listed are now complete.

He said that under the safety improvement works project at Oranbeg (Fureys cross), the proposed right-hand lane will be located at the water tower, Frenchfort as per design outlined in the TII manual and Furey's Cross will stay as it was with some minor improvements. Landowners in the locality will be consulted in advance of works.

The drainage works planned for Carrowmoneash, Oranmore will take place early next year and it is anticipated that the CIS at the New Line will commence before year end.

The road realignment planned for Belville will go to a Part 8. Letters of consent issued to Landowners for their approval.

He said that extra funding for the hydrological assessment is needed in order to commence planned works. He advised that checks will be carried out on the playground bridge to reduce chance of blocking.

Cllr Charity acknowledge the work being done by the area office. In reply to a query on an update on the deputation for Cloonboo. Mr Whelan said that the NRPO were progressing with the plan.

In reply to a query from Cllr Charity on flooding Mr Whelan explained that the council do not have the manpower to carry out works on all the water tables in the county but will examine areas on a priority basis if Members wish to submit the detail to him.

In reply to a query from Cllr Grealish on the section of wall knocked in Carrowmoneash during the recent storm Mr. Whelan advised that there is a study on the effect of tides being carried out by a hydrologist prior to any works taking place on the Coast road, but works will be carried out on the Maree road.

Cllr Collins asked if there was an option to provide salt bins that could be placed in different areas of the Athenry MD. Mr Whelan said that the funding for this was provided by the members in the other Municipal District areas from their Notice of Motion funding. He said that the cost was approximately €1,000 per bin. Mr Collins will identify areas and discuss with Mr Whelan.

In reply to a query from the Cathaoirleach Mr Whelan said that the three-year capital Programme is being issued to the Department and any submissions by members will be examined.

Mr Hanrahan said that Oranmore Town Centre held a town team meeting on the 8th October 2024. The Hub Planning is working on its further meeting by end of November. Athenry have Town Team in place. There will be various regeneration projects. The Burkes Lane property will have detailed design on e-tenders by 22nd November 2024.

The Public realm is in twenty-week detailed design with a further twenty weeks construction.

The LEO Galway is involved with the Bia Hub on a number of projects and training programmes. Two grant schemes that Local Enterprise may be eligible for to digital up to €5.000.

Annual craft fare will be held on the 29th in Black Box and there will be a number of businesses from the Athenry MD there.

Biodiversity Plan – will be brought to the SPC in the next few weeks and the Heritage Office is working on the Athenry walls project.

LECP promoted and being worked on. An e-mail draft will go to Economic and planning SPC in December 2024.

The Cathaoirleach said that the Athenry Fire Station opening will take place on Friday 15th November 2024.

Cathaoirleach's Business.

AMD 27

There was no business for discussion under this item.

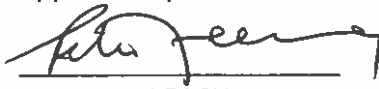
Any other business (AOB).

AMD 28

There was no business for discussion under this item.

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Approved by:


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