

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Chonamara

Municipal District of Conamara

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara
held on Monday 9th December 2024 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber.**

I LATHAIR:

CATHAORILEACH: Cllr. T. Welby

BAILL: Comh T. Ó Curraion, Comh Mac An Iomaire, Cllr.
S. Walsh, Cllr. E. Mannion, Cllr. G. King.
Cllr M. Leainde, Cllr. N.Thomas, Cllr Martin Lee

OIFIGH: R. Lowe, A/Director of Services, T.J. Redmond
S.E.E. N.O'Conaola, E.E. K. Lydon S. Technician,
I. Martyn, A.O. Meetings Administrator S.Casey,
A.S.O. N. Rabbitte, C.O.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Conamara held on Friday 8th November 2024

On the **Proposal** of Comh. Ó'Curraoin and **Seconded** by Cllr. Mannion the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2024 were agreed.

On the **Proposal** of Cllr King and **Seconded** by Cllr. Mannion and agreed by the members sympathies were offered to Cllr. Thomas on the sad passing off his father, Noel Thomas Snr. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect.

Matters Arising and Responses



- Cllr Mannion noted the great work done by Galway County Council outdoor staff, Engineers, and Fire Services regarding their response effort to the damage done by Storms Bert and Darragh.
 - Cllr Leainde enquired about updates in relation to the Cille Éine graveyard in Kilronan, Aran Is. and if funds were allocated for this project.
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- Ms. Lowe responded that the Council was waiting for information regarding the allocation of funding towards the Graveyard Cill Einne and that they were liaising with the Department regarding this matter. It is estimated that 90% of the funding must come from the department as it is such a big project. This could cost anywhere between €300,000 to €400,000.
 - Comh Ó' Curraoin stated that special funding was necessary as this is a major project.
 - Cllr Welby agreed there was still much work to be done with this issue and should be a priority for the council in the coming year 2025.

2. Declaration of a Road to be a Public Road:

Road commencing at junction with LT-11017 (E = 469,041; N = 757,176) in the townland of Rosleague and extending North for a distance of 146 metres in the townland of Rosleague and finishing at (E = 469,036; N = 757,308) in the townland of Rosleague.

Proposed by Cllr. Mannion and Seconded by Cllr King.

3. Connemara Greenways update:

Mr. Lydon gave a presentation on the Connemara Greenway. This highlighted the progress on the Greenways in Connemara. The three projects which were referred to in the presentation were, Clifden to Oughterard, Derrigimlagh to Kylemore and Galway to Oughterard Greenways. 110 Km of Greenways proposed involving over three hundred landowners.

He advised that funding was received from TII to construct the route between Clifden and Recess and Lands are being acquired by voluntary agreement and CPO.

The Clifden to Oughterard Greenway is currently at Phase 6 Construction and implantation.

The Galway to Oughterard Greenway 28km is at phase 3 Design & Environmental Evaluation.

The Derrigimlagh to Kylemore Greenway is at Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility. A tender is to be prepared for Phases 2 to 4.

Matters Arising and Responses

- Cathaoirleach Cllr. T. Welby thanked Mr. Lydon for the informative presentation.
- Cllr Mannion also expressed her gratitude for all the works that have been done with the Connemara Greenway and enquired about existing road infrastructure.
- Mr. Lydon responded that quieter roads are being considered also and that the N59 was far too busy.

4. Municipal District of Conamara Directors Business

5. Municipal District of Conamara Cathaoirleach's Business

6. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations.

Cllr Mannion commiserated on the loss of Eamon O' Cuiv to Connemara and wished him well in his retirement. She also acknowledged the loss of Sean Kyne to the area.

Comh. Ó'Curraoin congratulated Cllr. Thomas on his performance in the election and he expressed his disappointment for Sean Kyne and was sorry to see him retire. He wished all elected the very best.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Welby added that he had worked well with Sean Kyne and was sorry to see him retire. He mentioned that TD Naoise Murray from An Spidéal said that Eamon O'Cuiv was a huge loss to Connemara.

Cllr King congratulated Cllr. Connolly on his election to the Dail.

7. **A.O.B.**

Cllr Leainde mentioned the danger of the wall at Kilronan as the tide was coming in and causing great damage.

Cllr King highlighted the issue with hedge cutting in the Connemara area and enquired if there is a hedge cutting programme as it has been an issue since September.

Comh Mac An Iomaire commented that there was hedgcutting in some areas and not in other areas. He enquired regarding the Notice of Motions regarding Pier Parking.

Mr. O'Conola addressed the members regarding the hedge cutting informing them that it was carried out in September on the busier roads, a contractor was out in November doing the smaller roads and areas of An Spidéal and Bearna. There was an issue with a tractor doing this and he will follow up on this.

Cllr. King brought up the hedge cutting in North Connemara and the timeline of funding regarding this issue.

Mr. Redmond replied that no funding was received for hedgetrimming on the N59 and the cost is funded by the Council. He advised that contractors will commence works in North Connemara in the coming weeks.

Mr. O'Conaola advised that the road in Inis Mór 80 meters of which would be worked on in conjunction with the Cill Éinne projects.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Welby concluded the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 10th January 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Críochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.

Signed: h Willey

Date: 10/1/25

Cllr. Tom Welby

**Cathaoirleach
Conamara MD**

