

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CONAMARA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ON FRIDAY 25th JUNE 2024 – COMMENCED AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING**

CATHAORILEACH:

Cllr. Tom Welby

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Cllr. Noel Thomas, Comh. Tomás Ó Curraoin, Cllr. Gerry King, Cllr. Eileen Mannion, Cllr. Séamus Walsh, Comh. Pádraig Mac An Iomaire, Comh. Máirtín Lee and Comh. Michael Leainde.

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Mr. U. Finn, Director of Services; Mr. T. Prendergast, Senior Engineer; Mr. N. O'Conaola, Executive Engineer; Mr. D. O'Droighneain, Executive Technician; Ms. I. Martyn, Meetings Administrator/Administrative Officer; Ms. S. Elwood, Assistant Staff Officer.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CONAMARA HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024

On the **Proposal** of Comh. Ó Curraoin and **Seconded** by Cllr. King the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held 10th May 2024 were agreed.

Matters Arising:

- Comh. Mac An Iomaire expressed that a meeting needs to take place with Irish Water urgently in relation to issues that are currently been experienced throughout the Conamara area.
- Cllr. Mannion requested an update in relation to The Summer Ready Programme.
- Cllr. Mannion looked for an update on when a new Community Warden would be appointed to Conamara North.
- Cllr. King outlined that hedge cutting urgently needs to take place along the N59 as parts of this stretch of road are now dangerous as a result.
- Comh. Ó Curraoin enquired as to who was the contact person for Irish Water looking after South Conamara.

- Cllr. Thomas looked for update in relation to the Safety Audit for Moycullen Bypass.
- Cllr. Thomas sought clarity as to why road safety works were taken place at Cloonabinnia junction. He outlined that this junction was not a dangerous junction that there were far more dangerous ones in the area and no road safety works were carried out at these locations.

Responses to Matters Arising

- Mr. Finn advised that he follow-up on the meeting request with Irish Water.
- Mr. Finn advised that he would seek an update on when the new Community Warden will be appointed to Conamara North.
- Mr. Finn advised that The Summer Ready Programme has been circulated and there will be an update on same as part of the July Management Report.
- Mr. Finn advised that he would circulate a Summary Update in relation the Safety Audit for Moycullen Bypass.
- Mr. Finn advised that he wasn't aware of the background of the works at Cloonabinnia junction. He commented that it may be a proactive approach to road safety by the Transport Infrastructure Ireland who have an appointed Road Safety Officer.
- Mr. O'Conaola advised that he liaise with Cllr. King in relation to hedge cutting along the N59.

2. DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD - IN THE TOWNLAND OF AN CLOCH BHREAC UACHTAIR

The taking in charge of the road in the townland of An Cloch Bhreac Uachtair and extending South was **Proposed** by Cllr. Walsh and **Seconded** by Cllr. Thomas and **Agreed** by the Members.

DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD - IN THE TOWNLAND OF TOOREENA

The taking in charge of the road in the townland of Tooreena and extending West was **Proposed** by Cllr. King and **Seconded** by Cllr. Mannion and **Agreed** by the Members.

3. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CONAMARA DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS

Mr. Finn advised the Members that the application for consent and CPO documents for the N59 Kentfield Project have been submitted this week to An Bord Pleanála

4. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CONAMARA CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

Cllr. Welby referred to the issues with hedge trimming that are currently being experienced throughout all the Municipal Districts and advised that a discussion needs to take place in terms of establishing a hedge trimming policy.

Cllr. Welby informed the members that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are to make a presentation in Oughterard, 2nd July in relation to the proposed new pedestrian footbridge. He advised that he would ask TII to notify the Elected Members of the details of this presentation.

5. VOTES OF SYMPATHY / CONGRATULATIONS

There were no matters arising.

6. A.O.B.

- Cllr. Thomas looked for an update for the Traffic Management Plan for Moycullen Village.
- Comh. Ó Curraoin looked for clarity in relation to the timeframes that hedge trimming can take place, as it seems to differ in other counties.
- Cllr. Mannion referred to the issues with hedge trimming and suggested that one solution could be establishing a policy for landowners to maintain their own areas/roadsides.

Cllr. Welby in reply to hedge trimming comments advised that a discussion needs to take place as there is a lot of ambiguity.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26th July 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Críochnaigh an Cruinniú Ansin.

Signed:


Cllr. Tom Welby
Cathaoirleach
Conamara MD

Date: _____