

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 Aras an Chontae, on Tuesday 6th June, 2023.

I LATHAIR:

BAILL: Cllr. J. Charity (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. J. Cuddy,
Cllr. S. Herterich Quinn
Cllr G. Cronnelly
Cllr. A. Dolan
Cllr. D. Collins
Cllr. Carroll.

OIFIGIGH: Mr A. Farrell, DoS ERCD & Athenry MD
Ms R. Lowe, Senior Engineer,
Mr. S. Whelan, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. P. Gavin, Executive Engineer
Ms. G. Cooley, Asst. Staff Officer

Apologies: Ms. Jordan, A.O.

To confirm Minutes of the Athenry Municipal District Meeting held on 9th May 2023. **AMD 169**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Carroll SECONDED by Cllr. Cuddy the minutes of the Athenry MD meeting held on 9th May, 2023 were AGREED.

Municipal District Director's Business & Correspondence. **AMD 170**

Mr. Farrell advised that the Athenry Local Area Plan is on display from 5th May to 7th July, 2023 and an information session will be held in the Raheen Woods hotel, Athenry on 22nd June from 2.00 to 7.00 pm. There will also be a webinar on 29th June between 6.00 and 7.00 pm.

Mr. Whelan outlined the ongoing road works currently taking place in the Athenry M.D. Area.

Cllr. Herterich Quinn said that she welcomed the inclusion of the Rockfield, Ballygurraun and Clamperpark roads on the list. She asked if there would be issues with the pedestrian crossings at the Library and Bridge St. due to the Local Area Plan and she requested an update on the Northern and Southern ring roads.

Ms. Lowe advised that there was one submission in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order for the elbow section of the Northern ring road and the Council is waiting to hear from An Bord Pleanala in respect of an oral hearing. She confirmed that funding for the 'elbow section' to the west is ringfenced. Ms Lowe also confirmed that design work continues for the section to the east towards the Monivea road. This work is more complicated due to the hydrogeology of the area and the interaction with the railway line. Ms. Lowe confirmed that liaison is ongoing with Irish Rail and Irish Rail are drafting a design for the Council in respect of a railway overbridge. Ms Lowe also confirmed that the DoT has given approved for advanced land acquisition on this section.

Mr. Whelan said that the pedestrian crossings were designed and gone out to tender and will be examined in line with the Local area plan but have also been included in the safe routes to school scheme.

In reply to Cllr. Dolans queries, Mr. Whelan said that the Monivea pedestrian crossing towards the playground would require a part 8 and specialist funding would be needed for this project. The NTA would not fund a footpath from Monivea village to the graveyard under active travel funding, so an alternative funding option would have to be sourced.

Mr. Gavin advised Cllr. Dolan that he would examine the option of creating passing bays if possible, along the Moneymore road while surface dressing is taking place.

In reply to a query from Cllr Cuddy on the pedestrian crossing at Lidl, Mr. Whelan replied that the contractors were appointed, and work will commence once the updated design received approval from the NTA.

Ms Lowe advised that the matter of access from the dual carriageway is one for the Planning Section.

Cllr. Carroll said that access to the second platform from the Roscam side, would create extra traffic on the Coast Road.

Ms. Lowe advised Cllr. Cuddy and Cllr. Carroll that there will be two separate plans for Oranmore. The first is the Traffic Management plan which deals with parking and traffic through Oranmore village. This plan will comprise a schedule of items such as double-yellow lining, parking bays etc together with accompanying drawings. The second is the Local

Transportation Plan which is at a higher level and involves a more strategic consideration of vehicular traffic and pedestrian and cyclist facilities through the town and the wider area. This Plan will encompass the areas to the east of Galway City and will involve working with the NTA and the City Council. Ms. Lowe advised that she would issue an e-mail to the Members setting out the details of both plans. Ms. Lowe also advised that the ABTA for Briarhill is commencing, and consultants have been appointed. She said that she will advise the Members of the time frame for the work when it becomes available.

In response to a query from Cllr. Cronnelly on the proposed climate change works at Ballydavid Mr. Gavin said that the proposed works were for Kilkellys boreen.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Carroll Mr. Whelan advised that tenders were received for the design of both Furey's cross and Derrydonnell cross and work on these designs would commence shortly.

In reply to a query from Cllr Collins, Mr. Whelan advised that works on the Lackagh pedestrian crossing would be carried out under the Active Travel Scheme. He advised that he would examine the safety issues raised in relation to Claregalway. Mr Gavin stated that the path at Loughgeorge will require funding from the TII to complete works. Mr. Gavin said the Council are awaiting funding from the OPW to prepare a report for flooding at Ryehill.

The following proposal was made by Cllr Cuddy

"I propose that Galway County Council immediately provide a school warden for the N83 pedestrian crossing between the church and Hughes Supermarket"

The Proposal was made by Cllr Cuddy, SECONDED by Cllr Collins and AGREED by the Members.

The following proposal was made by Cllr Cronnelly

"That Galway County Councillors support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off and call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations."

The Proposal was made by Cllr Cronnelly, SECONDED by Cllr Charity and AGREED by the Members

Cllr. Collins advised the members that an area in Carnaun, Athenry had an issue with water pressure, and that he found it impossible to get a direct reply from Irish Water despite many efforts. Mr. Farrell said that he would liaise with the relevant section and revert to Cllr. Collins.

Cllr. Carroll congratulated Mr. Coogan on his recent appointment as Water Safety Officer.

In reply to a query on two Community Warden vacancies. Ms. Lowe advised that two new wardens would be starting in the MD in the coming week.

Criochnaigh an Crinniu Ansin

Approved by

James Cleary
Cathaoirleach

Date: 12/9/2023