

**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 Council Chamber Aras an Chontae , on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.**

**I LATHAIR:**

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

**OIFIGIGH:** Mr G. Mullarkey, Director of Service  
Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer,  
Mr. P. Higgins,  
Mr P. Gavin,  
Ms. M. Jordan, Administrative Officer.

**Apologies:** Cllr J. Charity

**Consideration of the Draft Multi-Annual Roads Programme 2022-2024  
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Mr Mitchell said that in accordance with circular 11 /2021 the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2022-2024 has been prepared. He said that if the allocation increases it may enable works on some of the 2023 programme. The roads selected in rural areas have a Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) rating of between 1 and 6 and those in urban areas have a rating between 1 and 8. For the purpose of this programme the ratings are between 1 and 6. He thanked the members and staff for their work in co-ordinating the report. He said that there was a broad spread of works across the M.D. and that they would maximise the available funding.

In reply to a query by Cllr Herterich Quinn on additional priority works that may occur but were not on the list, Mr Mitchell said that this would be considered in exceptional circumstances but that they would try to work from the Programme. He said that if there was storm damage for example then an application could be made for extra funding.

Cllr Cuddy complemented the roads staff and said that there is an urgent need for an overhaul of how funding is distributed for Galway's road network. He said that while Athenry MD has twenty percent of Galway's population and the busiest road network, it receives the lowest funding. He explained that the funding is based on length of road instead of volume of traffic.

Mr Mitchell said that the overall roads programme funding would be available in February 2022 and will be brought to the Members at the March, 2022 meeting. The restoration improvement Programme covers restoration and improvement works only.

In reply to a query on the road at the Waterdale estate Mr Gavin said that these works would be carried out in 2024, but that if additional funding becomes available then the timeframe for works will decrease.

Cllr Dolan asked that when works were being carried out on Aghafadda (L3117) could the hill be removed.

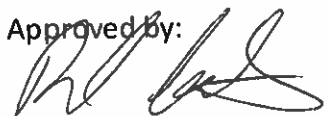
Cllr Collins thanked the Roads staff for preparing the report and said that the budget was limited considering that the Athenry MD had some of the busiest roads in the county. He said that there was pressure on the roads staff to deliver all the various schemes and he wrote to the Chief Executive Officer to highlight this problem. He said that he received a response and that while the CEO cannot commit to extra staff due to funding restraints, he has highlighted this matter to the Department of Transport.

Cllr Cuddy said that there was a problem with busses driving on narrow roads in Claregalway and also car parking issues at the Claregalway school. He also highlighted the flooding issue on the main street in Claregalway. He said that works were to be carried out on this road and that he would like to get a timeline for same at the next meeting.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr Dolan, SECONDED by Cllr Herterich Quinn the Draft Multi Annual Roads Programme (Restoration and Improvement) was AGREED.

Criochnaigh an Cruinniu ansin.

Approved by:



CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE

1/3/2022