

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

**Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach
*Municipal District of LOUGHREA***

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held in
Council Chamber, 20th October 2020 @ 3 pm.**

I LATHAIR:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. M Maher

Baill:

Cllr's. G. Donohue, S. Curley, PJ Murphy,
J. Byrne, M. Kinane, I. Canning, J. McClearn,
P Hynes.

Oifigigh:

Ms. E. Ruane, Director of Services;
Mr. D. Mitchell, Senior Engineer;
Mr. G. Haugh, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr. E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer;
Mr. F. Magillycuddy, Executive Engineer;
Mr. B. Sheehy, Assistant Engineer;
Mr. A. Cunningham; A/Senior Staff Officer;
Ms. P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea
held on 18th Sept 2020**

LMD 20038

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for Loughrea MD held on 18th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr Kinane, seconded by Cllr Canning and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the minutes and in response to Cllr Curley's proposal, which was seconded by Cllr Maher to have more Dog Fouling Bins installed around the town in Loughrea, Mr Haugh stated that he was satisfied that the existing bins were in appropriate locations and that the installation of any additional bins would require an increased maintenance commitment on already stretched resources but that he will meet and discuss the matter further with either of the Councillors if they so wished. In reply to Cllr Murphy's query regarding a response from Coillte on hedgecutting on Coillte land, Mr Haugh stated that he had contacted Coillte to highlight the concerns raised and that Coillte had confirmed that their maintenance programme was still ongoing. Cllr Canning requested that representations be made to An Post on behalf of a business located in Coose, Co. Galway regarding difficulties involving the post code. On receipt of the details, Ms Ruane agreed to write to An Post. Cllr Canning also

thanked Ms Ruane on progressing the report from the Fire Service regarding the LifeBoat in Portumna.

Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 28th September 2020 **LMD 20039**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on 28th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr Donohue, seconded by Cllr Byrne and agreed and signed by the Leas Cathaoirleach.

Flooding Update **LMD 20040**

Mr Gallagher updated the meeting as follows:-

South Galway Gort Lowland FRS – The newsletter that was being released to the public later that day was presented to the Members. Mr Gallagher clarified a number of issues that arose in relation to the newsletter, including reasons why no detailed works map was included, why no timeframe was provided for commencement of works on the ground and the reason specific roads have been identified for road raising. The Members requested the option of attending the Stakeholders meetings, which are ongoing at present. Mr Gallagher also clarified that very detailed information on the entire preferred scheme will be made available before the end of this year, when the Feasibility Report is published and the public Options engagement is undertaken.

Dunkellin - The two stage channel at Dunkellin Bridge has been completed. The cladding of Dunkellin Bridge is expected to be completed in the next fortnight. Works on the in-stream fish counter are well advanced and must be completed by 9th November, this will be the last of the civil works on the scheme. The scheme is now fully operational.

Mr Gallagher confirmed that flooding issues at Mannin Cross and Ballyboy/Lackan will be discussed with the OPW at a meeting on Friday 23rd October 2020.

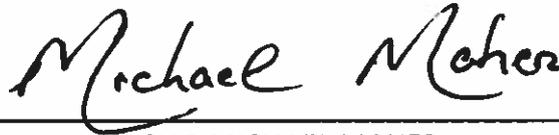
Cathaoirleach's Business **LMD 20041**

It was proposed by Cllr Kinane and seconded by Cllr Maher that LMD contact Eir to seek to extend the broadband line from the entrance in to the Clarenbridge Nursing Home on compassionate grounds. Ms Ruane agreed to correspond with Eir. Mr Mitchell agreed to investigate the delay in work on the footpath at Rinville for Cllr Kinane.

Cllr Canning requested that the Community Warden co-ordinate the removal of dumped white goods in the vicinity of the graveyard at Ballinakill and another location close by. Ms Ruane stated that due to staff shortages in Co Hall, the Community Wardens were required for duty on a rota basis but it was hoped to have the situation resolved and the Wardens resuming their normal duties.

Cllr McClearn requested that a dangerous access from a house on the N65 be inspected with a view to changing the entrance. He also requested that Mr Haugh meet with him and Cllr Maher at Rafarn to resolve the ongoing flooding of property due to the location of a gulley. Mr Haugh agreed to the site visit. Mr Haugh also confirmed for Cllr Murphy that GCC will accept any CIS applications and keep them on file for next year.

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**CLLR MICHAEL MAHER
CATHAOIRLEACH, LOUGHREA MD**

