

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Ceantar Bardasach Bhaile Locha Riach *Municipal District of LOUGHREA*

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held at Loughrea Regional Office, 14th October, 2019 @ 11 a.m.

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Cathaoirleach:	Cllr. P. Hynes
Baill:	Cllr's I. Canning, J Byrne, J. McClearn, S. Curley, M. Kinane, G. Donohue, PJ Murphy
Oifigigh:	Mr J. Cullen, D.O.S Roads & Transportation; Mr D. Mitchell, S.E. Roads & Transportation; Mr G. Haugh, S.E.E. Loughrea MD; Mr E. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. F McGillicuddy, Executive Engineer; Mr B. Sheehy, A/Executive Engineer; Mr P. Carroll, Administrative Officer; Ms P. McHugo, Assistant Staff Officer; Mr M. Melody, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr M. Molloy, A/Env Officer.

Apologies received from Cllr G. Finnerty and Cllr M. Maher, who were unable to attend.

Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Loughrea held on 9th September 2019. LMD 19035

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Loughrea held on the 9th September 2019 were proposed by Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Curley and agreed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Arising from the Minutes and in response to Cllr McClearn regarding Kilmeen Cross, Mr Cullen stated that the TII study was currently with the Design Team. It was hoped that pavement works would be completed on the R446 before the end of the year, weather permitting.

Dunkellin Bridge - The beams and the deck slab on the new bridge are now in place. Parapet wall installation to commence later this week. The bridge is still scheduled to be opened to traffic for the end of this month but there may be a week's overrun. Cllr Kinane requested a submission be made to the OPW, seeking funding for upgrade works on the Stradbally East Road, which was used as a diversion route during the term of the bridge collapse.

Kiltiernan/Ballinderreen - All channel works have been completed. Accommodation works will be finalised over the next few months (weather permitting). The flood scheme is now in place.

Roo - due to wet conditions the channel works have not been completed but the flood gate on the N67 is fully operational.

Kinvarra - A submission has been made to the OPW for funding under the individual Property Protection Scheme. Forty houses at risk of flooding were identified for the submission. Cllr Joe Byrne requested that this number is reviewed and a simplified submission is considered.

Flood Response Plan

LMD 19039

Responding to a query by Cllr Byrne, Mr Cullen stated that the area staff had prepared a flood response plan which is a sub set of the emergency planning process and part of the severe weather preparations undertaken every year. He said that in situations where the resources available in the Municipal District weren't sufficient, resources from other areas were available. He said these are operational responses and that the flood relief works already undertaken and those planned represented the solution to addressing the flooding issues.

Cathaoirleach's Business

LMD 19040

Cllr Hynes wished Fr Michael Duignan well on his appointment as Bishop of Clonfert. Cllr McClearn requested that a letter of congratulations be sent from the members to Bishop Duignan.

Responding to Cllr Kinane's query regarding Clarenbridge Burial Ground extension, Mr Cullen confirmed that it was hoped to have quotations before the end of the year for the work to proceed on the extension.

Cllr Curley requested that the issue of street lighting on a side street off the Gort Road be investigated.

Cllr Murphy requested why the footpath from the Train Station in Craughwell to the Gort Road was never constructed following a contribution from Iarnrod Eireann of €100,000.

Kilreekle Deputation