

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 9th June 2026.

I LATHAIR:

BAILL: Cllr. T. Grealish (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. S. Broderick
Cllr. D. Collins
Cllr M. McNamara
Cllr P. Feeney
Cllr J. Charity,
Cllr C. Keane

OIFIGIGH: Mr. L. Hanrahan, DoS
Mr. C. Harley, S.E.
Ms. M. Jordan, A.O.

To confirm Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Athenry held in Aras an Chontae, on 12th May 2026. AMD 105

Matters arising

In reply to a query from Members on a footpath at Esker Mr. Harley said that there is an active travel scheme proposed at the schools and this is progressing. He said that he will provide further details to Members.

Cllr McNamara said that it is important that the school building will be retained for the community when it closes as a school. It will be in use until the new school is completed, which could be a number of years.

Cllr Collins requested an update on the bus corridor from Claregalway to Briar hill. He also requested a copy of maps for works at Claregalway.

In reply to a query Mr. Harley said that the first section of the Athenry/Monivea road is due for final surfacing in two weeks' time. He said that there will be an official opening then. Discussion will take place with the Department of Transport and Iarnród Éireann in relation to the next section

In response to queries on work at Claregalway, Mr. Harley said that the team are currently preparing contract documents which will include a Community Liaison Officer. It is anticipated that it will include a live traffic management plan in the documents to manage traffic flow while works are underway. This system has been used previously in Limerick and Dublin. It will involve live cameras on traffic lights that feed into a central controller. He said that the timeframe for the contractor to be appointed is quarter three of 2026. There will be a workshop with Members before works commence.

Mr. Harley said that he will provide an update on the bus corridor for Claregalway/Briar hill.

In reply to a query from Cllr Colins on the provision of maps Mr. Conrad said that they will be finalised shortly and he will circulate to the Members.

On the Proposal of Cllr Broderick seconded by Cllr Keane the minutes of the Athenry MD meeting on the 12th May 2026 were approved.

LPT Projects for approval.

AMD 106

Cllr Feeney requested an update on the funding for the playground at Athenry. The work will be completed in mid-July/early August. Mr. Hanrahan said that he will contact the community grants section for an update.

Municipal District Director's Business & Correspondence. AMD 107

Mr. Hanrahan gave an update on the Public Realm. He said that the Project Management Office, under Ms Holland, Senior Engineer is working on the Athenry Public Realm project and is engaging on detailed design with the MD office, ESB etc on ducting and underground works required in advance.

Mr Harley gave an update on the road programme.

The members welcomed the work carried out and commented on the condition of a number of roads.

Mr Harley said that the Council has engaged and procured an independent company to carry out quality testing on materials. Samples will be taken from contractors over the summer months.

Cathaoirleach's Business.

AMD 108

In response to a query on the maintenance of verges and site lines Mr. Harley

said that he will discuss with the Area office team, and he asked the members to provide him with specific locations. He explained that hedges cannot be cut during specific periods.

The members queried the staffing in the Athenry Area Office and highlighted a recent retirement of the technician. Mr. Harley said that the technician will be replaced and he will discuss staffing with DoS and H.R.

Cllr. Collins said that a number of businesses in Athenry were querying their rates and he will contact the Finance section in relation to an appeal on the valuation of their premises. Mr. Hanrahan explained that Tailte deal with the valuation on buildings.

Cllr McNamara said that the Local Community Safety Partnership passed drinking by laws in Tuam MD and asked if this could also be implemented in the Athenry/Oranmore MD area. Mr. Hanrahan said that he will bring their comments back to the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Cllr Feeney requested an update on the airport site at Carnmore.

In response to a query on the flooding Mr. Harley said that he will organise an update at the next meeting from the Snr Engineer.

Any other business (AOB).

AMD 109

There was no item under this heading.

Criochnaigh and Cruinniu Ansin

Approved by



CATHAOIRLEACH

Date 8-9-2026

