

**Minutes of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
meeting held on 17th April 2019 at 10.00 a.m.
Room GO1, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.**

I Láthair:

Baill: Cllr. Jim Cuddy
Cllr. Michael Connolly – Acting Cathaoirleach (in the absence of Cllr. M. Finnerty)
Cllr. Michael Maher
Comh. Seosamh Ó Cualáin
Mr. Bryan Egan
Mr. Michael Healy

Oifigí: Mr. Ciarán Wynne, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure and Operations Unit
Ms. Máire Ní Chionna, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Operations Unit
Ms. Eibhlin Curran, Administrative Officer, Infrastructure and Operations Unit

Apologies: Cllr. Martina Kinane, Mr. Mark Coffey and Mr. Tom Madden

Absent: Cllr. Des Joyce, Cllr. Michael Finnerty and Cllr. Peter Roche

In attendance for Item No. 2 (Conamara Greenway & Dublin to Galway Greenway Project Updates): Ciarán Wynne, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure and Operations Unit

1. Minutes of meeting of Roads SPC held on 19th February 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Cuddy, and seconded by Cllr. Roche, the minutes of the meeting of the Roads, Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee held on 19th February 2019 were agreed and adopted.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr. Cuddy stated his discontent with the proposed works for Claregalway, he stated that the views and recommendations of the people are being ignored and is concerned by the lack of progress. Ms. Curran stated that the project is going through the Part VIII process and that the closing date for submissions was 12th April and that it will be brought before full Council, in due course.

Cllr. Connolly A/Cathaoirleach stated that bridges in the County need more safety measures. Comh. Ó Cualáin concurred that there are a number of dangerous bridges, many of which require work in the interest of public safety. Ms. Ní Chionna confirmed that an application has been made to the Department for more funding in relation to bridges.

2. Conamara Greenway & Dublin to Galway Greenway Project Updates

Ciarán Wynne, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure and Operations Unit provided a presentation on the Conamara Greenway Project. Followed by updates on the Dublin to Galway Greenway Project.

Mr. Egan inquired as to the possibility of uploading maps of the completed parts on to the website. Both Mr. Wynne and Ms. Ní Chionna confirmed that this was feasible.

Cllr. M. Connolly stated that CPOs were previously mentioned to landowners by the consultants at a public information night, which has caused negative feedback.

Cllr. Maher suggested that the Council should liaise with Mr. M. Lavelle, who previously presented a historic cycle trail to the Ballinasloe M.D. as its inclusion or something similar would assist in the rural regeneration of towns and villages.

Any Other Business

In relation to Luimnagh Water Scheme from Derrydonnell to Loughrea, Cllr. Maher wants to know what are the timeframes in relation to same. Businesses in the Craughwell area are concerned that the works will affect them. Irish Water have said these works will take place but there isn't any further information. Ms. Ní Chionna said that she will request a response from Mr. Michael Timmins, Senior Engineer, Water Services.

Cllr. Connolly, A/Cathaoirleach, inquired if the CIS scheme would reopen again in 2019. These low-cost schemes represent a vital level of investment that make areas safer. Ms. Curran confirmed that applications can be made now, however there has been no indication from the department that the scheme will reopen again this year.

Cllr. Connolly, A/Cathaoirleach, said that funding needs to be obtained from the TII to construct a footpath in Ballygar coming from Mountbellew.

Cllr. Cuddy said that footpaths are in a state of disrepair and are hampering wheelchair users such as the footpath from Oranmore to Renville.

Cllr. Maher sought the expenditure details for the €1 million allocated for the former national routes. Ms. Curran confirmed that Damien Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Operations is in the process of identifying projects for this allocation, which must be submitted & agreed with the Department.

Cllr. Connolly, A/Cathaoirleach gave his thanks to the committee members and to the Chair Cllr. Michael Finnerty.

Críochnaigh an cruinniú ansin.

H. 10a.m.

Approved by:


Cllr. Peter Roche
Cathaoirleach
Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Date:

