

**Minutes of South Leitrim Roads Meeting held on Monday,  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 5:30pm in the Council Chamber,  
Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon.**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Damian Brennan  
Councillor Callian Ellis  
Councillor Gordan Hughes  
Councillor Paddy O' Rourke  
Councillor Sinead Guckian  
Councillor Liam Mc Elgunn  
Councillor Sean Mc Gowan  
Councillor Thomas Mulligan  
Councillor Gerard Reynolds  
Councillor Enda Stenson

**PRESENT**

John Mc Guinness  
Shay O' Connor  
Vincent Dwyer  
Brian Flynn  
Paul Mc Mahon  
Sean Rynn

**CARRICK.ON.SHANNON AREA**

John Mc Guinness, Director of Services provided an overview of the Carrick Area Programme, while Shay O' Connor went through the draft programme in detail.

Councillor Guckian asked if €100,000 was sufficient to repair the local roads resulting from the construction of the Dromod Roosky Bypass. In response, John Mc Guinness stated that additional funding was being looked for, while €100,000 would go a long way to completion of the work.

Councillor Stenson welcomed the €350,000 for Lough Rynn Roads, while Councillor Mc Elgunn stated that these roads required major straightening. Councillor Stenson queried the proposed number of pedestrian crossings to be provided in Mohill. In response, Shay O' Connor stated that three crossings would be provided.

Councillor Mulligan welcomed the RMG grant for Gortletteragh and sought clarification on the location of the work which was provided by Shay O' Connor.

Councillor Stenson, queried the backlog of LIS schemes. In response, John Mc Guinness confirmed that the backlog was now in excess of two years.

In relation to the Development Levy allocation to Attyrory footpaths and public lights, Councillor Stenson stated that the top of this road for a length of 50 yards belongs to nobody. John Mc Guinness stated that same would be addressed as part of takeover policy in the area.

In response to a query from Councillor McElgunn, John Mc Guinness confirmed that lights would be installed as part of work to be completed on the laneway from Summerhill to Aura Leisure.

Councillor Guckian expressed the delight of residents in Drumsna at the erection of Crash Barriers, footpaths, kerbing, etc.

Councillor Mc Elgunn asked when the Crash Barrier at Hartley would be erected. In response, Brian Flynn confirmed that same would be completed shortly.

John Mc Guinness provided an overview of the proposed upgrade of the Quay in Carrick and confirmed, based upon a query from Councillor Mc Elgunn, that the lights would be ornate. John also confirmed that the statue would be moved to a location yet to be decided.

Councillor Mc Gowan stated that within the Town of Cesson Sevignee in France, they have street names to reflect this association with Carrick on Shannon and asked that a similar approach be considered within Carrick on Shannon.

Councillor Stenson queried if the ramps would be removed following the completion of Development Levy work at Shannagh Mohill and this was confirmed by John Mc Guinness. Councillor Stenson also stated that the Council should pursue a more active role in the monitoring of the school construction in Mohill, particularly from an access prospective. John Mc Guinness agreed to keep the matter under review.

Councillor Guckian asked for an update on funding for the restoration of Jamestown Arch. In response John Mc Guinness stated that a feasibility study was underway and the first priority was the designation of Jamestown as a Heritage Village after which funding may be available from Failte Ireland. Councillor Guckian stated that all efforts will be made to push forward this idea.

Councillor Mulligan asked why station road had not been addressed within the programme. John Mc Guinness confirmed that all of this would be addressed between the SIG for Lough Rynn roads and the Restoration Programme as footpaths etc on Station Road are fine and an overlay is the only requirement. Councillor Mulligan queried the ramps at Shannagh and it was agreed that two might need to be retained. Councillor Mulligan asked for further discussion before the work is done.

Councillor Stenson suggested that more Development Monies should be available in Mohill based on schools construction.

Councillor Mulligan stated that only €100,000 was been spent in Mohill and it was the intention to allocate locally, the income from the Dispensary at Fearnought  
In response, John Mc Guinness stated that the development of the Lime Kiln was a project which was likely to receive funding from Failte Ireland and would require match funding from the Council.

Councillor McGowan welcomed funding for Coroscoffey Bridge and queried how the Council proposed to approach the work on Roosky Bridge. Shay stated that this matter was yet to be considered. However it was likely that the bridge would have to be closed. Councillor McElgunn asked that local consultation would take place and requested a timeframe for the work.

Councillor Reynolds queried the Development Levy proposals at Lisnagot and whether building was ongoing. Mr Mc Guinness confirmed the location of the works and stated that this was a two year programme 2008/2009. Councillor Reynolds stated that he would like to see footpaths complete on the Castlecarra Road and all works including pedestrian crossings should be prioritised. John Mc Guinness stated that the area surrounding the IDA site needed improvement and the first section will commence within two months. Councillor Reynolds raised the issue of littering and the lack of litterbins in Carrick on Shannon. John Mc Guinness agreed to review this matter.

Councillor Guckian raised the issue of lighting at Breffini Crescent and anti social behaviour and asked that the guards be contacted to increase patrols. Brian Flynn confirmed that this issue of lighting is currently with the Housing Department.  
John Mc Guinness agreed to check out progress on this matter. Councillor Mc Elgunn seconded Councillor Guckian's request.

Councillor Guckian welcomed the right hand turning lanes on the N4, but raised concern regularly the absence from the programme of three roads, namely the

- Annaghealy/Effernagh
- LS 7440
- Crowhill, Drumsna Rd.

Councillor McGowan asked when the pedestrian crossing at Dromod would commence. Shay O' Connor confirmed that it would commence next month.

In response to a query from Councillor Mulligan, John Mc Guinness confirmed that Clar has yet to allocate funding for Class 2 and Class 3 roads.

## **BALLINAMORE AREA**

John Mc Guinness provided an overview of the Roadworks Programme, while Shay O' Connor went through the programme in detail.

Councillor Ellis asked when work would be done at Tullymore Bridge. John Mc Guinness stated that it was a ready made bridge and would be completed in the near future.

Councillor Ellis asked when Regional Road signage would be erected in Ballinamore. Shay O' Connor stated that €50,000 was available for Regional Road signage within the programme.

Councillor O' Rourke queried progress on Gulladoo Bridge. In response Vincent Dwyer stated that the Bridge was ordered and agreement in place for funding from Longford County Council.

Councillor Hughes queried progress regarding the design on the Carrigallen junction at the Ballinamore Relief Road. Councillor Hughes also asked on behalf of the landowners if a separate slip could be provided for one overall access point to the road. It was agreed, at the request of Councillor Hughes to provide a copy of the detailed design.

Councillor Ellis asked when the pedestrian crossings would be completed in Ballinamore and if a crossing was to be installed on Swanlinbar Road at Dr Burkes. Shay O' Connor stated that this work would be completed during the summer, based upon the Disability Audit recommendations. It was agreed at the request of Councillor Hughes to consult with the local Business Association in advance of construction.

Councillor Brennan asked if the existing crossing in Ballinamore would be reviewed. Shay O' Connor stated that same is reviewed as part of the Audit.

Councillor Hughes asked for an update on the Bridge design. Shay O' Connor confirmed that Part 8 had been completed but it would be part of next year's SIG programme. Councillor Hughes asked that the Business Association be consulted which was agreed.

Councillor Ellis asked if more money could be provided to widen the R202 as it was difficult for larger vehicles to successfully meet or pass on this road. John Mc Guinness stated that on SIG was necessary at a future date.

Councillor Brennan asked that the eyesore at Gorvagh junction be cleaned up. Sean Rynn stated that same will be completed this year.

Councillor Brennan raised the issue of funding on the R201 at Carrigallen. The Director agreed to review this matter.

Councillor Ellis also stated that €12,500 was very little money for the Aghavadden road. In response Shay stated that the road is narrow and this allocation was sufficient.

Councillor O' Rourke confirmed that the landowners should be agreeable to work on the Curraghboy Road.

Councillor Hughes stated that for the last two years he had been asking for work to be done at the bad bend at Curracer. Shay stated that same could be considered for SIG in future years.

Councillor Hughes raised an issue regarding an embankment of 8-10 foot on the Ballinamore to Carrigallen road at Gortahose. John Mc Guinness stated that a SIG would be required.

Councillor O' Rourke stated that the Errew Graveyard Road needs improvement. John Mc Guinness stated that same could be considered as a pilot scheme option.

Councillor Hughes queried progress on the Brigid's Street/Kiltymooden Ballinamore and Sean Rynn informed that the work will be done in the coming months.

Councillor Hughes asked if any money was allocated for footpaths on Cavan/Newtowngore Road as residents were open to discussion. John Mc Guinness agreed to progress this with local residents.

Councillor Hughes asked if the Council could takeover Poll an Eas and John Mc Guinness confirmed that this would be considered.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**SIGNED:**     *Damian Brennan*  
                  Cathaoirleach

**SIGNED:**     *John McGuinness*  
                  Director of Services  
                  Infrastructure

**DATE:**        3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008