

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE UÍBH FHAILÍ

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, TULLAMORE ON MONDAY, 21ST JANUARY AT 3.00P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr. E. Dooley (Presiding), Cllrs. N. Bourke, M. Buckley, J. Butterfield, J. Carroll, P. Clendennen, M. Corcoran-Kennedy, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Foran, M. Fox, C. Hanniffy, , T. McKeigue, T. McLoughlin, S. Moylan Ryan, P. Ormond, D. Owens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Pat Gallagher, County Manager, Mr. S. Murray, Mr. M. Roche, Mr. F. Heslin, D.O.S., Mr. Declan Kirrane, D.O.S., Mr. D. Conlon, Ms. Anne Dillon, (Meetings Administrator), Mr. A. Murray, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. Natasha Troy

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. B. Cowen, D. Dolan, T. Feighery, G. Killally and F. McDonnell.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Eamon Dooley in opening the meeting, advised the members that they would consider the policy issues first.

Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy 13.10 (Ferbane/Moystown Rd)

Mapping error, county road not a regional map.

It was agreed to deal with at Area Meetings, map to be changed.

Peter Ormond – P04.19

P04.19 – Cllr. Ormond proposed that the existing policy that applies under the existing plan, be applied again and that there be no occupancy clause in South Offaly.

Proposed by Cllr. Danny Owens, seconded by Cllr. Johnny Butterfield and agreed.

Not sure if the recommendation by Peter or Andrew was agreed. Also, there was something about the occupancy clause.

Johnny Butterfield - Mountbolus

Cllr. Butterfield stated that he appreciated the members trying to get this right. He directed the members to an amended map of Mountbolus which was previously circulated. There are two additions to the amended map which are shaded, 1 to the east and 1 to the west. He advised that these additions had been agreed by the Tullamore Area Councillors.

The amendments were proposed by Cllr. J. Butterfield, seconded by Cllr. D. Owens and agreed.

Kinnity 1

Andrew Murray, S.E.P. circulated a revised map which included amendments recommended by the planners. Map annotation 6

Decision deferred to Birr Area.

Section 9/10 of the Strategic Environmental Assessment

Andrew Murray, S.E.P., circulated a revised copy of the above. He advised that the Consultants' stated that the main issue under threat in Offaly is Water. He recommended the following amendments:

Section 9: Mitigation measures (MM1 & MM2) Water quality Protection & River Basis
Section 10: Too difficult to monitor

Proposed by Cllr. M. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. M. Corcoran-Kennedy.

The meeting was adjourned to allow for the circulation of maps.

Mountbolus (not sure what the amendment is here)

Cllr. D. Owens declared a small interest (1/2 acre) and refrained from any decision.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Butterfield, seconded by Cllr. T. McKeigue.

Durrow – 2nd Sraid

(Asked for a map re possible 2nd Sraid at Durrow.....unsure about this)

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager, in directing the members' to the map showing the aquifer protection zones at Sillogue Well stressed that this was a very important source for the Gateway. He argued that it that there was enough land available in already and it was highly unadvisable to zone more.

Mr. M. Roche, D.O.S., advised that the current usage for Tullamore is 8000m³p/d and the projected usage for 2027 is 14,510m³p/d. He informed the members' that there have been trial runs in Clonaslee aquifer over the past number of months and it has been estimated that this source can supply approximately another 800m³p/d. He emphasised the importance of the protection of Sillogue Well. He confirmed that there will be further testing in Durrow in the coming months, as they are currently being serviced by a shallow aquifer.

Cllr. T. McKeigue proposed omitting the 2nd Sraid for Durrow. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Buckley and agreed.

Kinnity 1

Proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond and agreed.

Sharavogue & Barna: Proposed Sraid

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond it was agreed not to amend the draft.

Banagher 2

Area Councillors proposed four acres of green space.

Andrew Murray, S.E.P., advised that when residential numbers are given, back gardens are not included. He confirmed that the figures only include large blocks that can be developed. He stated that the population of Banagher can be increased 6 fold, allowing for redundancy. He stressed that there was more than enough land, in particular elevated land. He recommended a sequential approach, not outlying developments, develop from the inside out.

It was agreed on Friday that 1 & 8 will be residential from green.

The members expressed concerns.

Mr. Murray advised that the Housing Strategy has flagged sufficient zoning.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. P. Ormond it was agreed to no amendments.

Banagher 3

No amendments proposed by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Peter Ormond.

Banagher 4

No amendments proposed by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Peter Ormond.

Banagher 5

Proposed by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Percy Clendennen.

Andrew Murray advised that this amendment is no recommended as it be opening the land for ribbon development.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll it was agreed not to rezone the land but to put in a statement as per Kinnity.

Banagher 7

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll it was agreed to no amendments.

Banagher 9 (6 as in new map)

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed to rezone from residential to green space.

Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan expressed concern as to the proposed road through Banagher Concrete site. Mr. Murray advised that this is an indicative line and is in the current plan. He advised letting out for Public Consultation and confirmed that it does not have to be exactly where drawn on the map.

Shinrone

In responding to queries Mr. Murray advised that there is 40 acres of undeveloped land proposed, mostly small fields as this will provide for the recommended kind of development. He informed that the new maps, circulated today have a total of 53 acres proposed by the members which will facilitate an extra 800 people.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. T. McLoughlin it was agreed to no amendments to the draft.

Shinrone 2

Proposed to facilitate the link road, included in last current plan..

It was agreed to no amendments on the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. T. McLoughlin.

Shinrone 7

Proposal to rezone proposed Industrial land to white land.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan it was agreed to no amendments.

Shinrone 8

Proposal to exclude residential to white land.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Ormond, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll it was agreed to no amendments.

Cllr. Ormond absented himself from the meeting.

Shinrone 9

It was agreed to no amendments on the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. S. Moylan-Ryan it was agreed that the draft as amended be adopted and put out for Public Consultation.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Dooley thanked the members, the management and the staff of Forward Planning, in particular Mr. A. Murray, Ms. P. Hanlon, Ms. A. Walsh, Mr. S. Burt, Mr. A. O’Gorman and Ms. P. Hughes

Mr. P. Gallagher, County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff thanked all involved for their work and for their cooperation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES CONFIRMED: -

CATHAOIRLEACH

MEETINGS ADMINISTATOR

15TH SEPTEMBER 2008