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Dep John Connolly welcomes tenders for protection works on Inis Mór's Cill Éinde cemetery

Fianna Fáil Galway West TD, John Connolly, has welcomed Galway County Council's publication of a tender for works to protect Cill Éinde cemetery on Inis Mór.

The cemetery, located in the east of what is the largest of the Aran Islands, is at risk of coastal erosion. The works will cost €450,000 and will protect the cemetery which is located near structures associated with the 5th/6th century St Enda, who established the first Irish monastery in the area.

The renovation works will be carried out on a 150m of a Cemetery Perimeter Wall in what is a tidal location of Inis Mór. It will involve construction and civil engineering work; coastal and sea defence works; sea wall construction work; beach-consolidation works; embankment works; marine construction works; flood-prevention works; and construction work for dams and similar fixed structures.

"I visited the Cemetery with Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary last February," said Dep Connolly, "so it is great to see tenders are now published and that within the coming months this much needed protection work will finally be going ahead and be completed."

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For more information or to arrange an interview with Cllr John Connolly on this issue, contact: 087 - 9032345

Notes for Editors:

Further details on the protection works can be found at:

<https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=5961288>