

Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 7th April, 2015 at 2.00 p.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Youghal Road, Midleton.

I LATHAIR: Mayor Noel Collins presided.
Cllrs. O' Sullivan, McCarthy, Linehan Foley, Hegarty & Buckley.

Ag Freastal:: Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Maurice Manning, A/Director of Services.
Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.

Christy Ring, Executive Engineer.

Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Helen Mulcahy, Municipal District (Youghal Office).

Geraldine O' Connell, Municipal District (Youghal Office)

1. Confirmation of Meeting held on 2nd March, 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March, 2015 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan and unanimously adopted by the Members.

1.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of 2nd March, 2015.

1.2.1 Ballincurrig National School:

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of Ballincurrig National School and stated that a letter be sent to the Department of Education to provide public lighting at this area as the Department had previously provided public lighting at Kilcredan National School. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke circulated the following report to the Members:

The Ballincurrig National School is located to the eastern side of the R626, immediately to the north of the junction with the L3609 and L7604 roads in Ballincurrig Village.

The regional road widens out in the vicinity of the school to facilitate parking and set down areas.

The public road outside the school does not have public lighting infrastructure.

While the road surface on the R626 is generally in good condition, the surface locally from the school entrance south through the junction is in fair to poor condition. The road surface condition at the junction is in very poor condition and has suffered damage due to water / flooding over the years.

The need to resurface part of the L7604 from approximately at the nursing home, through and including the junction with the R626 and part of the L3609 down to the bridge has been identified. Resurfacing works on the R626 are required from immediately south of the junction to the school. Drainage improvement works are also recommended, to include a new culvert across the R626 and improved drainage on the L3609. The preliminary estimated cost of the recommended works is €130,000. This scheme will be considered in future roads programmes.

The Public Lighting Engineer previously advised the Board of Management that Cork County Council is not in a position to provide public lighting outside the school. The Board of Management could consider providing lighting within the school grounds that would light the school entrance / associated parking / set down areas.

1.2.2 Elsinore Heights.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of footpaths at Elsinore Heights and asked if there was any update on same. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this would be discussed under footpath programmes.

1.2.3 Ashwood Estate.

Cllr. Collins requested a progress report on the taking in charge of this estate. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that the Estates Department of Cork County Council are actively pursuing the taking in charge of this estate.

1.2.4 Inch School:

Cllr. O' Sullivan raised the issue of his request for a report on Inch School at the March Meeting. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that he had investigated this matter but had nothing concrete to report at present.

1.2.5 Junction at Golf Links Road/St. Raphaels:

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the junction at the Golf Links Road/St. Raphaels and asked if there was any update on this item. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the Roads Design Office was presently looking at the provision for a junction redesign at this location

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Greenways Project:

Clare Cronin, Greenways Project Co-ordinator gave the following report to the Members:

The development of the disused Midleton to Youghal railway line as a Greenway has the potential to stimulate East Cork's tourism economy. The disused railway line is an important local asset and its development as a Greenway would protect the railway corridor for future generations while generating jobs in the local area now. This potential is being examined by Cork County Council and the overall feasibility will be assessed in more detail over the coming months.

Since the initial introduction to the Greenways project was outlined at the Municipal District meeting in December, a licence has been secured from Irish Rail to allow an assessment of the disused Midleton to Youghal railway line to be carried out.

While the disused line is owned by Irish Rail, a land registry search has also now been completed for the properties that immediately adjoin the line. Over the course of the coming weeks, contact will be made with landowners with a view to meeting with each one on an individual basis to outline the project and answer any queries that they may have. Given the number of landowners involved, this will take a number of weeks.

An engineering consultant has now been appointed to look at the principal structures associated with the disused line to identify and assess any issues that may need to be considered if the line is to be developed as a Greenway. In the weeks ahead, Cork County Council staff will also access and visually assess or survey the disused line where access can be achieved. Personnel will carry identification but adjoining landowners can contact the Greenways Project Office should they have any queries.

There would appear to be a community interest in the project on the basis of a number of telephone calls received from people in the area and from local group Killeagh/Inch 2020, a subcommittee of Killeagh Inch Community Council, which has made contact with the Greenways Project Office. Correspondence from this group to the Municipal District Office and Members is noted. This group wishes to register its interest and requests regular updates at Municipal District Meetings in order to promote the project and keep people informed of progress. This can be organized going forward. Equally, if any individual or other group is interested in the project and its potential for East Cork they can contact the Greenways Project Office at any time.

Cllr. Hegarty thanked Clare Cronin for her update on this project and stated that it was of enormous potential for the region. Cllr. Hegarty stated that the East Cork Municipal District Council would give any support or assistance needed with this project.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the turntable at the end of the railway line in Youghal, which she stated is one of very few in the Country and asked if this was investigated as it is a valuable tourist attraction for the town of Youghal. Ms. Cronin informed the Members that the County Council was just starting its exploration on the ground and stated that the significance of the turntable would be investigated.

Cllr. Buckley raised the issue of project maintenance and stated that there could be a major problem with fly tipping. Ms. Cronin informed the Members that details of management for this project needs to be worked out and stated that Cork County Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the project and will have a member of staff on the line at all times.

Cllrs. O' Sullivan and McCarthy both stated that this was a fantastic project which will attract people into the East Cork area and stated that they both fully supported the project.

The Mayor, Cllr. Collins thanked Clare Cronin for the report and stated that the Members will help with the project to the best of their ability.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at Meeting.

3.1 Draft Annual Schedule of Proposed Works to be carried out in the East Cork Municipal District in 2015.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following schedule of works to the Members:

Subserv	Budget Annual
Total for B08 School Wardens/Road Safety	19,800.00
Total for B09 Car Parking/Parking Enforcement	229,860.33
Total for C04 Operation & Maintenance of Public Conveniences	218,974.43
Total for D1101 Heritage Services	142,000.00
Total for E05 Litter Management	39,415.00
Total for E06 Street Cleaning	408,648.50
Total for E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	174,306.00
Total for E10 Safety of Structures & Places	162,963.00
Total for F10 Safety of Leisure Facilities Operations	189,000.00
Total for F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	489,208.00
Total for F04 Comm, Sport & Recreation Development	464,218.00
Total for F05 Operation of Arts Programme	90,000.00
Total for G02 Operation & Maintenance of Piers & Harbours	22,670.00
Total for G03 Coastal Protection	9,940.00
Total for H07 Operation Markets/Casual Trading	5,174.00
Total for J01 Corporate Building Costs	118,199.38
Grand Total for East Cork Municipal District	2,784,376.64
Roads	
Regional & Local Roads Maintenance Grant	652,885.00

Regional & Local Roads Maintenance (LPT)	476,124.00
Regional & Local Roads Maintenance (Cork County Council)	710,035.00
Regional & Local Roads Restoration Maintenance Grant	428,140.00
Regional & Local Roads Restoration Improvement Grant	1,098,500.00
National Primary Roads Maintenance Grant	67,179.00
Low Cost Safety Schemes Grant	29,000.00
Footpath Programme (Cork County Council)	106,050.00
Grand Total Roads for East Cork Municipal District*	3,567,913.00
*not including Community Involvement Schemes	

The Members stated that they were disappointed with the report as they felt there was a considerable reduction in funding in comparison to the former Town Council figures and requested a breakdown on the report for the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Buckley requested a report on allocations made in the past two or three years to the former Midleton & Youghal Town Councils in order to investigate the impact of the Local Roads Maintenance (Local Property Tax) provision.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the completion of footpaths at Elsinore Heights/Rise. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that 130m of footpath has been replaced at Elsinore Rise at a cost of €11,700 and stated the remainder of footpath replacement/repair at this location would depend on future available funding.

Mr. Maurice Manning, A/Director of Services informed the Members that a more detailed report would be circulated to the Members at the May meeting.

3.2 Nomination of Member of East Cork Municipal District to Youghal RAPID Area Implementation Team.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the Members unanimously agreed that both Cllrs. Linehan Foley and O' Sullivan be designated to the Youghal RAPID Area Implementation Team.

3.3 Cork County Council, East Cork Municipal District, Community Grants Scheme, 2015.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated to the Members a report on the East Cork Municipal District, Community Grants Scheme 2015 and informed the Members that these grants are funded through the General Municipal Allocation.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the grants will be administered through the following three schemes. Amenity Grants, Community Contracts and Capital Grants.

The General Municipal Allocation for the East Cork Municipal District is €231,218. The total funding for grants provided by the former Youghal and Midleton Town Councils in 2014 was €166,218 (this excludes a number of significant capital grants which were of a "once off" nature in 2014). The Members have approved the principle that those community groups and organisation which were supported by the former Town Council should continue to be supported by the Municipal District. In effect this will dispose of €166,218 of the funding provided through the General Municipal Allocation and the balance of €65,000 may be taken as representing grants awarded in the Municipal District by Cork County Council in 2014.

There are significant differences between the nature and value of the grants made by the former Town Councils and the grants made by Cork County Council and now provided for in the Municipal District Community Grant Schemes 2015, as well as the Schemes providing for terms and conditions

being applied which would not have been required by the former Town Councils. The majority of the grants made by the former Town Councils were for modest amounts of €300 to many community groups to support their activities in relation to sports, recreation, arts, culture, amenity etc. The grants formerly made by Cork County Council were to a lesser number of applicants, in larger amounts and were related to specific projects with a requirement that the project be completed within 12 months. Many of the grants made by the former Town Councils were also related to specific projects but the grants contributions in some cases were made for several consecutive years before projects were completed. The different types of grants and the different schemes (the former Town Council not having operated “schemes” as such) are not easily reconciled. On the one hand the Members have indicated that those community groups and organisations which were supported by the former Town Councils should continue to be supported by the Municipal District and, on the other hand, the Municipal District must now incorporate the former Cork County Council grants provision in the East Cork area and have regard to the Cork County Council Community Grant Schemes 2015, to be implemented through the Municipal Districts.

As referred to above €166,218 of the General Municipal allocation is based on the grants made in 2014 by the former town councils (this excludes a number of significant capital grants which were of a “once off” nature in 2014). A schedule setting out details of each of the grants made in 2014 by the former Town Councils showing the amounts and the total of €166,218 was circulated to the Members. There is an additional provision of €65,000 as representing grants awarded on the Municipal District by Cork County Council in 2014. Added to this is an amount of €9,700 redistributed from the combined former Town Councils total of €166,218 arising from a special grant of €10,000 in 2014 being reduced to the usual grant of €300. This gives a total of €74,700. It was suggested that €6,550 of this provide for six additional community grants, €13,150 provide for eight community grants and €55,000 provide for five capital grants. There are thirty one cases where applications were not received. There may be several reasons for this. In some instances there may be a long standing arrangement in place with the former Town Councils and an application would not have been anticipated or made in the past. In some instances the former Town Councils would have made modest annual contributions to national or charitable groups to support their work without there being a requirement for an application.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that she was greatly disappointed that Midleton MyPlace Youth Centre project was not included for funding as they had applied for the amounts of €10,000 and €55,000 in two separate categories.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that €600,00 has already been invested in this project being the amounts of €330,000 allocated from government aid through SECAD, €70,000 allocated from the former Midleton Town Council and also the purchase of the building by the former Midleton Town Council at a cost of €200,000.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that people in the community have worked very hard to make this project a success and also stated that Midleton is the only town in the Cork region that does not have a youth facility. Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that she felt it a disgrace that this project has not been allocated funding for this year.

Cllr. Buckley informed the Members that he seconded Cllr. McCarthy’s sentiments.

Mr. Maurice Manning, A/Director of Services informed the Members that a very limited amount of money and stated that the amount of €213,218 was allocated for the entire East Cork District. Mr. Manning stated that the grant of €70,000 allocated to the My Place Project by Cork County Council was a significant contribution and stated that the Council would be restricted regarding the continuous funding of all groups and organisations by the former Town Councils and informed the

Members that it was a matter for the Members if they want to decide to allocate funding for this project, but stated that it would be at the expense of another group funding.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the Members consider the proposed allocation and revert back at the May meeting. The Members were in agreement with this proposal.

3.4 Cork County Council, Town Development Fund, East Cork Municipal District, 2015.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated to the Members the following report on the Cork County Council, Town Development Fund, East Cork Municipal District:

1. Purpose.

The Chief Executive issued a document in January 2015 in relation to the Town Development Fund. Inter alia the document states that “the overriding purpose of the Town Development Fund is to provide a specific level of funding to Municipal Districts for the purpose of supporting initiatives which are targeted at assisting with the economic development of the main towns within the Municipal Districts”.

2. Scope.

The scope for the fund includes:-

2.1 Enhancements to the public realm and infrastructural fabric of the core commercial districts of towns,

2.2 Catalyst funding to support local retail/business/commerce associations in developing matters such as town profiles, branding and marketing initiatives, retail promotional footfall events, etc.,

2.3 Catalyst funding to support the development of Town Partnership type structures in towns which would bring an overarching level of co-ordination of activity across the many groupings that exist in many towns, all of whom individually work to enhance a town's offering but who might benefit from a more co-ordinated approach to their involvement together and in their interaction with the Council and its Municipal Districts.

2.4 Funding to support existing community groups who work towards town enhancement who have the capacity to enter into community contracts for the further expansion of their community work.

2.5 Funding to support the development of existing local festivals in towns.

2.6 Funding to support the development of the Council's Arts Programme into the main towns in particular of the Municipal Districts, thus enhancing the contribution of the Arts in their role in promoting economic development of towns.

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2.8 Funding to support schemes such as incentivized painting schemes, schemes to support initiatives at reducing/removing dereliction in town centres and the promotion of public arts schemes in towns.

The Town Development Fund for the East Cork Municipal District for 2015 is €120,000. The Members have agreed that most, if not all, of the Town Development Fund should be directed to Youghal in 2015, the primary considerations being that the former Midleton Town Council had been fortunate in having significant funding to invest in meeting the relevant objectives for the town centre in Midleton, that improving the economic potential of the town centre in the other main town of

Youghal would benefit the Municipal District and that the progress made by Youghal over the past several years, in relation to enhancements to heritage, tourism and the public realm, the development of partnership through the Youghal Socio Economic Development Group and Enterprise Youghal and the focus on economic development through heritage and tourism and their promotions through town profiling, branding and marketing, should be fully supported by the Municipal District.

Having regard to the foregoing the following programme of interventions is presented for the Members consideration and approval:-

1. Website Development.

Websites, provided that they are well designed and maintained, easily navigated and informative and are regularly updated, are a very effective and successful means of promoting and marketing businesses and of disseminating business profiles and branding. This is affirmed by the ever increasing significant volume of business conducted on line or originating on line. Websites are increasingly and very successfully used to promote areas and towns. It is suggested that the Members consider provide funding of €15,000 for the development of websites for both Youghal and Midleton.

2. Incentivised Painting Scheme.

Such a scheme is specifically mentioned in the document issued by the Chief Executive. The former Youghal Town Council ran such a scheme successfully in the recent past. There is evidence that running a similar scheme again would likely attract much interests and engagement and would significantly reduce/remove dereliction and enhance the attractiveness of the town centre. The previous scheme provided for a limited pallet consistent with the heritage identity and character of Youghal and a new scheme might also address the issue of inappropriate shop frontage signage. It is suggested that the Members consider providing funding of €20,000 for a new painting scheme.

3. Clock Gate.

The Clock Gate is an iconic and primary element of the heritage infrastructure of Youghal. The Members have had impressive and detailed reports submitted to them advising of the significant grant funding achieved and of the importance of the Clock Gate to the heritage offering available in Youghal. The benefit of the significant funding invested in the Clock Gate will, obviously, not materialise until the project is completed. In order to maintain progress and, perhaps, even accelerate progress to completion so that the Clock Gate may contribute to economic activity in the town centre, it is recommended that the Members consider providing funding of €10,000 towards this project.

4. Signage Scheme.

In the document issued by the Chief Executive reference is made to the retail survey carried out by consultants in 12 of the towns in the County, including Youghal. One of the deficiencies identified in the retail survey report attributable to all 12 towns was the lack of appropriate signage. Youghal has provided attractive and informative signage in the recent past, relating to areas within the town centre and in particular providing directions to heritage areas and structures and providing information regarding heritage structures in addition to identifying infrastructure such as public car parks. This has proved to be beneficial and needs to be expanded to strengthen town profile, identity, branding, marketing and promotion objectives. It is recommended that the Members consider providing funding of €10,000 to this objective.

5. Youghal Socio-Economic Development Group.

The Youghal Socio-Economic Development Group was established through RAPID (Revitalise Areas by Planning Investment and Development) in 2007 and has proved itself as a model of Town Partnership and as a very efficient and effective agency in securing grants and investment in developing tourism in Youghal. YSEDG had the support of the former Youghal Town Council and received support from Cork County Council, SECAD, the local Enterprise Office, Enterprise Ireland and Failte Ireland.

The Members are aware of the impressive projects with which YSEDG is associated, such as the Clock Gate, the Town Walls, St. Mary's Collegiate Church, the Convent Gardens and the Raleigh Quarter. The Members are also aware of their proposal to expand the benefit of their experience and expertise into the wider Municipal District and of how valuable that experience and expertise might be in, for example, the development of websites as already referred to.

It is recommended that the Members consider providing funding of €20,000 to YSEDG to support their work during 2015.

6. Yew Wood Venues.

Yew Wood Venues are responsible for promoting and marketing the arts (music, exhibitions, plays, film etc.) through the wonderful venues of St. Mary's Collegiate Church and the Mall Arts Centre. This also showcases Youghal's Heritage. Clearly this work is consistent with the promotion of Public Arts as referred to by the Chief Executive.

It is recommended that the Members consider providing a sum of €3,000 to fund the activities of Yew Wood Venues in promoting and marketing the Arts.

7. Enhancement of the Public Realm.

The importance and effectiveness of enhancing the public realm in order to support and improve the retail function in town centres has been referred to in the document issued by the Chief Executive and in the retail survey report made by consultants.

Excellent examples of such work are Nealons Quay, the Raleigh Quarter and Barry's Lane in the vicinity of the Clock Gate and the Courthouse. Such works have an immediate beneficial effect and enhance the setting of heritage buildings and areas.

In order to extend the enhancement of the public realm in the town centre it is recommended that the Members consider providing funding of €40,000 in 2015.

8. Queen of the Sea Festival.

For many years the importance of local festivals in attracting visitors to towns has been recognised and promoted and the provision of funding to support the development of existing local festivals in towns is referred to in the document issued by the Chief Executive. Youghal has several festivals organised each year – Moby Dick, Mackerel, Medieval, Spooktacular and the Queen of the Sea now in its 6th year this July 10th to 12th.

It is recommended that the Members consider funding of €2,000 to support the development of the Queen of the Sea Festival in 2015.

We are satisfied that the proposals set out in the foregoing are fully consistent with the purpose and scope of the Town Development Fund as set out in the document issued by the Chief Executive and would deliver strong support to encourage economic development in the town centre.

Cllr. Buckley raised the issue on the streetscape plan for Midleton and asked if the works were still going ahead.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that these works have gone through the Part VIII planning process with a number of amendments provided for in the scheme in order to respond to concerns from the former Members of Midleton Town Council. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that revised drawing and specifications were being prepared in order for this project to go to tender with works starting shortly after.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the painting scheme and asked if this applied to Youghal only or would Midleton be included.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the scheme applied to Youghal only as buildings in the town of Midleton, to the credit of the owners and occupiers, were very well maintained presently, but stated that a Derelict Sites Notice would be enforced in relation to any premises which are not well maintained.

Cllr. O' Sullivan informed the Members that he was very impressed with the report and stated that the focus on the Clock Gate will be used as a major tourist facility.

The Members unanimously approved the provision of funding to the projects as recommended.

4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting.

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd March, 2015.

"In the interest of road safety and human life in the village of Dungourney, Council immediately set in motion road safety measures to include speed ramps, at the junction of seven roads. The main road, R627, leads from Midleton, and traffic from Tallow, on the other side, are in the village before they know it, and with no flashing lights, pedestrian crossing or other related road safety measures, residents request this infrastructure be installed".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the speed limit here is 50 kph with good road conditions.

He stated that the improvement to the junction with 1.3800 with new footpaths/lighting has made an improvement and while the condition of signage at this location is very good one sign remains obscured by a private hedge which will be addressed by the Council.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he would recommend the provision of roads marking stating "slow/50kph" and the provision of rumble strips on the approach from Midleton on the regional road and stated that the inclusion of any further measures would require funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme. He also informed the Members that the enforcement of speed limits is a matter for An Garda Siochana and therefore observances of speeding should be reported directly to An Garda Siochana.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 3rd March, 2015.

"Council replace "yield to right of way" sign at O' Connells Cross – main Ballymacoda/Ladsybridge Road – coming from Kilcredan N.S.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this was on a list of works.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 3rd March, 2015.

"Public lighting requested as Bawnard East, Midleton (near residence of the O' Riordan family). Also, a light at Upper Scartleigh, Saleen, near residence of Ms. O' Donoghue. Also additional lighting requested on Bailick Road, Midleton and general improvement in existing street lighting in Midleton town".

Cllr. Buckley supported this motion.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 3rd March, 2015.

“In the interests of the users of the Public Library Services, the East Cork Municipal District Members recommend to Cork County Council to call on the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government not to proceed with the amalgamation of the Cork City and County Library Services.

Cllr. Linehan Foley supported this motion.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd March, 2015.

“With the abolition of Midleton Town Council, this Council report when work will commence from Lakeview, via St. Mary’s Road to Courthouse, by way of road resurfacing, road safety measures at Convent Cross, Coolbawn Corner, the long outstanding N.R.A development i.e, footpath from Lakeview to Carrigshane Cross, taking in Rocky Road incompleteness of works”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the roads surface from Lakeview roundabout via St. Mary’s Road to the Courthouse is in generally good condition, a section from the town side of Convent Cross to the Rock is listed for resurfacing and drainage improvements with funding allocated by Midleton Town Council prior to its abolition. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that preparation of design and tender documents for this area is likely to commence later this year.

In relation to the footpath from Lakeview to Carrigshane Cross the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that an independent study at this location carried out some years ago concluded that pedestrian numbers did not warrant a footpath and, instead, the pedestrian underpass on the N25 at the Rocky Road had been upgraded in 2013.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 4th March, 2015.

“As agreed 20 years ago, Council report when it is proposed to have public lighting and footpath infrastructure in place at Old Youghal Road, Midleton from Rocky Road exit onto N25 as requested by the immediate residents”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that tender documents for the extension of the public footpath and public lighting to Ros na Coillie and resurfacing of approximately 300 metres of the Youghal Road to the N25 are currently being prepared.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th March, 2015.

“Council report on the submissions put to the March meeting of this Council, by the National School Management Board of Ballincurrig, Co. Cork and when the said road safety measures and other related issues put forward can be addressed by the Council”.

This motion was dealt with under item 1.2.1

5.1.8 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 10th March, 2015.

"In the interest of Geriatric Care in the Midleton Region, by way of additional sheltered housing, this Municipal District receive a deputation at its May meeting from Midleton Lions Club, to help progress funding at D.O.E level for the immediate provision of sheltered housing, now a dire and pressing need, since the abolition of Midleton Town Council, which was top of the class in house building for senior citizens".

Cllr. Buckley seconded this motion and the Members were in full agreement also.

5.1.9 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 10th March, 2015.

"That an Engineers report on findings on Ballincurrig delegation as per March Meeting of East Cork Municipal District is requested".

This motion was dealt with under item 1.2.1.

5.1.10 Cllr. Pat Buckley received on 11th March, 2015.

"I ask that this Council will not support the introduction of paid parking in Midleton".

Cllr. Buckley informed the Members that 99% of people in Midleton are opposed to paid parking and also stated that he is concerned that monies accrued from paid parking would not benefit local services and is also concerned that rates would continue to rise.

Cllr. O' Sullivan stated that uniformity is needed between Youghal & Midleton regarding paid parking and suggested that if same was enforced in Midleton, 1 hour free parking could be introduced in both towns.

Cllrs. McCarthy & Linehan Foley concurred with the sentiments expressed. Cllr. McCarthy requested a report in relation to figures from paid parking in Youghal be provided for the Members.

Mr. Maurice Manning, A/Director of Services informed the members that there is no proposal to introduce paid parking in Midleton and stated that it is a matter for the Members to make changes regarding parking. Mr. Manning also stated that revenue accrued from paid parking operates differently in each town and stated revenue accrued from paid parking in Mallow was subsidizing the low rate figure here.

The motion was unanimously adopted by the Members.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23rd March, 2015

"Calling on East Cork Municipal District to have a look at installing some type of traffic calming measures in the village of Dungourney asap maybe something in the line of speed ramps or pillows".

This motion was dealt with under Motion 5.1.1

5.1.12 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 25th March, 2015

"That this district investigate what measures can be taken to reduce speed through the village of Dungourney. The road surface has been improved there quite recently, however, this has led to an increase in vehicle speed".

This motion was dealt with under Motion 5.1.1

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 25th March, 2015

"That each member be furnished with a land and asset register of council- owned land within the district, and accompanying maps where possible, highlighting locations of these lands."

The A/Director of Services, Mr. Maurice Manning informed Cllr. McCarthy that she should contact Mr. Richard Keating, Floor 10 in the County Hall regarding this motion. Cllr. Buckley seconded this motion. 5.1.14 Cllr . Pat Buckley, received on 26th March, 2015 "I ask that this Council support Dungourney Community Council's call for traffic calming measures to be put in place in Dungourney Village, East Cork".

This motion was dealt with under Motion 5.1.1

5.1.15 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 27th March, 2015 "Progress report on behalf of the Killeagh/Inch 2020 Committee re: greenways between Midleton and Youghal". This motion was dealt with under item 2.1

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30th March, 2015

"That a reduced speed limit be introduced in conjunction with the local Gardaí from Whitewell Cross to the Lower Aghada GAA Pitch".

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30th March, 2015

"That the footpath on Cork Rd, Killeagh be completed at the area adjacent to the Eircom building also footpath repairs at Ladysbridge village and directional sign post to be replaced".

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30th March, 2015

"When will repair work commence on the Mountuniacke to Dungourney Road and from Connells Cross, Ballymacoda to Ightermurragh, Ladysbridge".

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30th March, 2015

"Road markings and stop sign at O'Keeffe's Cross, Ballymacoda be installed urgently".

5.1.20 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30th March, 2015

"Road repairs at Kilmacahill and Ballyduff, Cloyne".

5.1.21 Cllr. Aaron O'Sullivan, received on 1st April, 2015

"That the East Cork Municipal District will ensure that under no circumstances will the viewing balcony at Moll Goggin's Corner be left fall into the sea".

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion and it was agreed by the Members.

Cllr. Linehan Foley intends to raise this matter at County level.

5.1.22 Cllr. Aaron O'Sullivan, received on 1st April, 2015

"That the East Cork Municipal District seeks to provide traffic calming measures in Dungourney and that a written report be compiled outlining the feasibility of same".

This motion was dealt with under Motion 5.1.1

5.1.23 Cllr. Aaron O'Sullivan, received on 1st April, 2015

"That the East Cork Municipal District seeks to install a zebra crossing in Castlemartyr village and that a written report be compiled outlining the feasibility of same".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that there are 3 signalised controlled crossings on the Main Street in Castlemartyr, two at the traffic lights and one mid block pelican crossing approximately 150 metres to the west within the main commercial area. There is also a warden controlled crossing outside the National School operating during school start/finish times.

5.1.24 Cllr. Aaron O'Sullivan, received on 1st April, 2015

"That the East Cork Municipal District seeks to provide increased numbers of disabled parking spaces in Castlemartyr village and that a written report be compiled outlining the feasibility of same".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that there are currently 3 on street and 2 off street disabled parking spaces in Castlemartyr Village. In relation to the commercial section of the main street from the bus stops back to the bridge there are 2 Disabled Area parking spaces which accords with the Irish Wheelchair Association Best Practice guidelines of 1 in 15 and also stated that there are planned resurfacing/traffic calming projects to the east of the bridge and that this would improve pedestrian safety when crossing the N25.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business:

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of illegal dumping at the rear of Brooke Hill Estate and informed the Members that refuse had been set alight on good Friday nights resulting damage caused to one house at this location.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of illegal dumping at Gort Aoibhinn, Youghal.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Corbally, Dungourney and stated that this area was badly in need of resurfacing.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that Cllr. O'Sullivan replace her at the annual reunion of the Youghal Lamour Plage Twinning Group which was taking place in Midletonians, France on the June Bank Holiday Weekend. The Members were in full agreement with this request.

Votes of Congratulation:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to Cllr. Linehan Foley on the recent birth of her grandson.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.