

**Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 2nd February, 2015 at 11.00 a.m.  
at The Lodge, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

**ILATHAIR:**

Cathaoirleach Noel Collins presided.  
Cllrs. O' Sullivan, McCarthy, Linehan Foley & Buckley.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hegarty.

**Ag Freastal:**

Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.  
Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Christy Ring, Executive Engineer.  
Helen Mulcahy, Municipal District (Youghal Office).  
Geraldine O' Connell, Municipal District (Youghal Office)

Apologies were received from Mr. Maurice Manning, Senior Executive Officer,  
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer & Mary Flynn, Assistant Engineer.

**1. Minutes of Meeting held on 1st December, 2014.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th January, 2015 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:**

**2.1 Litter Management Plan:**

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy circulated to the Members a copy of the Cork County Council Draft Litter Plan 2014 and informed the Members that following the restructuring of Local Government each Municipal District must now adopt a Litter Management Plan in accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997. Objectives within the litter plan set at county level to deal with litter issues county wide would continue to be dealt with by the Environment Department. Each Municipal District would determine local actions to be implemented to support the strategic objectives.

On the proposal of Cllr. Buckley which was seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan the Members unanimously agreed to commence the public consultation process in relation to the Litter Management Plan 2014.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that in order to enforce a Litter Management Plan a Litter Warden would need to be appointed for the East Cork Municipal District area. The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Collins stated that he was in full agreement with Cllr. Linehan Foley and agreed that a letter be written to the Department of the Environment to urge the Department to lift the present recruitment embargo to allow the appointment of a Litter Warden for the East Cork Municipal District area.

**2.2 General Municipal Allocations/Community Grants.**

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy circulated to the Members a copy of the Cork County Council Municipal District Community Grant Schemes 2015 and informed the Members that the following are the three distinct funding schemes:

1. Capital Grant Scheme.
2. Community Contracts.
3. Amenity Grant Scheme.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the website or from each Municipal District Office and stated that the closing date for completed applications is 4 p.m. Friday 27th February, 2015.

Details in relation to the town Development Fund allocations and guidelines were circulated. The Members agreed that most, if not all, of the fund should, initially, be applied to support initiatives to achieve the economic development of Youghal.

### **2.3 Report on proposal to request landowners to cut back their hedges in preparation for roadworks.**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke gave the following report to the Members regarding a request to landowners to cut back their hedges in preparation for roadworks:

The issue of landowners' responsibilities for hedge cutting was discussed at the recent Roads and Transport Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 4th December, 2014.

It was agreed that the Council would write to landowners on roads proposed for surface dressing the following summer, asking them to cut back their hedges in advance of the 1st of March in preparation for the proposed roadworks. The letter would state that failure to comply may result in the resources being transferred to another road.

It was proposed that this would be initially piloted in one or two roads per Municipal District in 2015.

A sample letter to landowners was circulated to the Members.

### **2.4 Control of Vehicle Speed in Housing Estates.**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the following housing estates are proposed for the initial pilot of 5 estates in the East Cork Municipal District:

1. Dun Coran, Youghal.
2. The Maples/The Willows, Castlemartyr.
3. Cloyne Meadows, Cloyne.
4. The Cotswolds, Midleton.
5. Lauriston, Midleton.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the proposal would have to go through the statutory public consultation process and also stated that new Bye Laws would need to be put in place.

**3. Business prescribed by Stature, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Municipal District Members for transaction at Meeting.**

None.

**4. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting.**

None.

**5. Notices of Motion:**

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 5th January, 2015.

“That Council report on illegal dumping in the sluice channel, in the lakeside, Rostellan, and what action it proposes to take legal or otherwise to address the problem”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate same.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 5th January, 2015.

“Council repair stretch of road from the new GAA Pitch, going into Cloyne town from Midleton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the road in question requires complete resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion on the 2015 Roads Programme and also stated that he would be seeking a contribution from Irish Water as much of the water services trenches have not been permanently reinstated.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 5th January, 2015.

“That major capital be made available for the restoration of roads leading to Pilmore Strand and Hurling Field, Youghal, in the interest of road safety and tourism and to include the reopening of the Cork to Youghal Rail Line”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the public road to Pilmore Strand and Redbarn are in very good condition and stated that the road to the hurling field was a private matter. The development of rail services is a matter for C.I.E.

5.1.4. Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 5th January, 2015.

“The residents of Ballinacurra, request the placement of a Ballinacurra directional sign at Lakeview Roundabout”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the NRA have approved the provision of this sign which has ben ordered and will be erected within the next few weeks.

5.1.5 Cllr. Collins, received on 5th January, 2015.

“That this committee recommend to its parent body the proposal from the residents, parents and Local GAA Club to have a National School established in Ballinacurra, as agreed at public meetings held in the village in 2014, and that Cork County Council request the Department of Education to deliver accordingly”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion with all members in full agreement. The Members stated that a letter should be forwarded to all parliamentarians present at the said meetings requesting an up to date report on the matter.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 5th January, 2015. "That funding be made available for the restoration of footpaths in Elsinore Heights/Rise Estates, Midleton in the Road Funding Programme 2015".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that works are proceeding in this area in accordance with the report to the Members at the Municipal District Meeting in December and stated that in addition to the works included in the 2014 Footpath Programme, some additional areas are being replaced on safety grounds.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 5th January, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District consider receiving a deputation of Board of Management of Ballincurrig National School to address roads, footpaths and other problems related to the school".

The Members were in full agreement with this motion.

5.1.8 Cllr. Pat Buckley, received on 9th January, 2015.

"On behalf of the residents of Rostellan, East Cork, I am asking Cork County Council and the Members of East Cork Municipal District on the basis of safety to put in place traffic calming measures and a pedestrian crossing in Rostellan".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the adopted 2009 Midleton to Whitegate R630 Traffic Management Study makes a number of recommendations for traffic calming/road safety improvements on the Whitegate Road at Rostellan and stated that the main traffic calming recommendations consist of narrowing the road to 7 metres and realigning/reducing junction radii at junctions, and facilitating pedestrians crossing the road. The Senior Executive Engineer stated that while some of the recommended works under the Study have been completed – for example near Lakeview Roundabout, funding will remain a challenge for the completion of further measures.

It was agreed that a letter requesting that funding be provided to have the recommended measures completed be sent to the Director of Roads Services and that the County Engineer be asked to advise of the position regarding efforts to have the road designated a National Road.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 14th January, 2015.

"Calling on East Cork Municipal District to try and make funding available ASAP for footpath repairs in Water Lane, Youghal".

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that this motion be prioritised as the footpaths at this location are in a bad state of repair. Cllr. O' Sullivan seconded this motion.

5.1.10 Cllr. Linehan Foley, received on 14th January, 2015.

"Call on Cork County Council to resurface Creighmore, Ballymadog as this road is becoming impassable".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate this area.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 14th January, 2015.

“Calling on Engineer to look at Willie Johns area in Youghal with a view to providing a footpath as a lot of residents, children and adults use this for access to town bearing in mind that this is quite a built up area and they have to walk on a narrow two way road”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the provision of a footpath at this location is included in the recommendations of the Walking and Cycling Strategy for Youghal Active Travel Town Report and stated that the estimated cost of providing a footpath to link from Willie Jons to Summerfield is €121,000. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the distance here is just under a kilometre.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 14th January, 2015.

“Could the Engineer look at crossroads at Colaiste Eoin/Golf Links Road, Youghal maybe provide a flat roundabout as traffic from four areas descend on this area and there has been quite a few accidents”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that a roundabout may not be the solution at this location from a pedestrian safety point of view and stated that the narrowing of the junction could be a possible solution to the problem at this location. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to investigate same.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan seconded this motion.

5.1.13 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 14th January, 2015.

“Seeking clarification from Cork County Council and Irish Water on the commencement for the construction of the waste water treatment plant in Youghal”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that information regarding this project would be given in the Quarterly Water Services Projects Report to the Southern Committee.

5.1.14 Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan, received on 27th January, 2015.

“Progress report re. Boardwalk reinstatement, Moll Goggin’s Corner and Drainage Scheme”.

Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that in relation to the Boardwalk reinstatement, contracts have been signed, the timber has been ordered, still elements are being manufactured and assembled and the Boardwalk should be completed and available for the summer season.

In relation to Moll Goggin’s corner the pipe laying for this location was removed from the contract to allow for the completion of stabilisation works on the Lighthouse Hill. This element of contract has now gone to tender. It will be decided in the coming weeks whether the works will be done.

The pipe laying process for the Main Drainage Scheme is 99% complete.

5.1.15. Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan, received on 27th January, 2015.

“Explanation as to why street cleaning vehicle has been removed from Youghal and information on the impact this will have on street cleaning in Youghal Town”.

The Staff Officer, Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that the street cleaner is hired on a seasonal basis and will be back in use shortly.

5.1.16 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 27th January, 2015.

"Midleton to Lisgoold Road became icy and treacherous during recent cold spell and causing concern to residents living in Lisgoold/Leamlara Ballincurrig area and it is imperative to address this as a priority going forward".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that gritting operations are carried out in accordance with the Council's Winter Service Plan 2014 – 2015 for roads and stated that the Lisgoold Road is a Priority 3 Road. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Priority 1 & 2 roads are routinely pre-treated when forecast conditions require, Priority 3 roads are not treated as part of the normal winter service but may receive intermittent treatment during certain weather events and stated that in situations where a Priority 3 road was not going to thaw and icy conditions would prevail throughout the day, then this would be post treated as resources permitted.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that following the concerns expressed the road was inspected and drainage maintenance was completed in the last 2 weeks.

5.1.17 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 27th January, 2015. "Following the making available of 1.2m Euro for traffic calming measures in Killeagh, and the information that the project will be delayed by the Killeagh Drainage Scheme an accurate time-line for the commencement and completion of all works both drainage and traffic calming should be laid out for the public".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke circulated the following report from Eoin McCarthy, Senior Executive Engineer:

The N25 Killeagh Traffic Calming Scheme has secured funding for construction in 2015. To this end the Cork National Roads Design Office is finalizing the detailed design and tender documents at the moment with a view to sending the project out to tender over the coming months. Following the completion of the tender process and contract award, it is envisaged that works would commence in the middle of 2015 and the estimated time for completion of the works is eight months.

However, an issue remains whether the construction of a new watermain through the village will be included in the contract or not. Obviously it is an opportune time for it to be constructed but this matter needs to be resolved by the various responsible statutory bodies before the project can be send out to tender. To this end we are liaising with Cork County Council Water Services Department and Irish Water in an effort to reaching an early decision.

5.1.18. Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th January, 2015.

"Request a status update on the re-instatement of the boardwalk at Youghal Strand. Has the contract been awarded, and what is the likely timeframe for the completion of works? Bearing in mind it would be preferable for same to be open to the public for the summer season 2015".

Dealt with under motion 5.1.14.

5.1.19 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th January, 2015.

“Request a progress update to my Notice of Motion of last September for a recycling facility for the Aghada/Whitegate area, and further follow-up inquiries at subsequent District Meeting, after which it was decided that the East Cork Municipal District would write to the Environment Department requesting same. That Members be given copies of correspondence regarding this request”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he would write to the Environment Department regarding this motion and suggested that Cllr. McCarthy also raise the issue at the next meeting of the Southern Committee.

5.1.20 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th January, 2015.

“That this Council investigate the possibility of installing a new playground or mixed games area in Midleton and/or Ballinacurra, considering the increased population over the last 15 years. While the playground to the north of the town at Park Street is well maintained, it too, could benefit from an upgrade”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that playgrounds and leisure facilities in rural areas would have been provided at local level and aided by grants. The provision or improvement of such facilities would be likely to be achieved through community effort and contribution, supported by grants for the provision of playgrounds and amenities.

## **5.2 Information.**

Cllr. Pat Buckley

1. “Can I get an answer and a printed copy of where exactly Youghal Harbour starts and ends”.

The Staff Officer, Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that there are no maps defining the area and stated the area of the harbour extends from the Lighthouse Hill into and including the Slob Bank. The Harbour does not extend beyond Youghal Bridge.

2. “Has there been any update on Oakhill Estate, Youghal regarding the public lighting issue?”

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he had received a report from Linda Roberts, Executive Engineer, Planning Department which states that she has not received any application for Taking in Charge for their the development or the Public Lighting and while she has been in contact with a couple of residents in this regards, they have to date not submitted any petition for Taking in Charge.

## **6. Correspondence.**

An open letter addressed to the Members of the East Cork Municipality from Mr. Paddy Bulman regarding the receiving and hearing of deputations was considered. It was agreed that the Municipal District Officer would respond to the letter on behalf of the Municipal District Members.

## **7. Any Other Business:**

1. Cllr. O’ Sullivan requested an update on the Ballinascatha Road. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke suggested the Members take up this issue with Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

2. Cllr. O’ Sullivan raised the issue of Strand Street and requested the reinstatement of road

markings at this area as he has received a number of complaints of car parking on footpaths at school times. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that Stand Street was going through a snagging process at the moment following works from the Main Drainage Scheme and stated that road markings will be reinstated here. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the Members to bring any concerns they might have regarding Strand Street to the Engineers attention.

3. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of Careystown Meadow, Hill Road, Whitegate and stated that this area is a priority for footpath allocation.

4. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and informed the Members that she had received a request for the use of the Main Street for a box car fundraising race. The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that this would not be possible as the Main Street is busy in preparation for the parade.

#### **8. Votes of Congratulations:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulations to Youghal C.Y.M.S. on their recent achievements in the Munster and All Ireland Championships in Killarney.

2. Cllr. Collins proposed get well wishes to the former Cllr. Ted Murphy.

#### **9. Votes of Sympathy.**

1. The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to Padraig Hoare on the death of his father Daniel Hoare.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on 2nd March at The Lodge, Middleton at 11.00 am.