

**Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 5th January, 2015 at 11.00 a.m.
at The Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

ILATHAIR:

Mayor Noel Collins presided.

Cllrs. O' Sullivan, Hegarty, McCarthy, Linehan Foley & Buckley.

Ag Freastal:

Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.

Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.

Christy Ring, Executive Engineer.

Mary Flynn, Assistant Engineer.

Maurice Manning, Senior Executive Officer.

Helen Mulcahy, Municipal District (Youghal Office).

Geraldine O' Connell, Municipal District (Youghal Office)

Apologies were received from Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Buckley the Members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Craobh Eochaille, Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Eireann be heard before the business of the meeting commenced.

Deputation from Craobh Eochaille, Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Eireann.

Cllr. Noel Collins welcomed a deputation from Craobh Eochaille, Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Eireann consisting of Micheál de Buitlear, Nicholas Larkin and Trudy Casey. The deputation circulated to the Members a submission from the group outlining a 3-5 year plan under the following headings:

- Youghal Branch
- Structure • Education
- Brú na Sí
- Diaspora
- Festivals and Events
- Cultural Expedition
- Public Relations
- Gaeilge
- Funding
- 1916 – 2016

Micheál de Buitlear informed the Members that the group welcomed the opportunity to put forward a number of propositions, issues and questions to the Municipal District Members to enable the group strengthen their capacity to continue to contribute positively to the Community of East Cork and requested that the East Cork Municipal District work closely with Youghal Comhaltas and assist them wherever possible, and also informed the Members that the group will seek to set up an integrate partnership to deliver a pilot music education project to the 25 National Schools in East Cork as part of the County Arts plan within the County Development Plan. Micheál de Buitlear informed the Members that the group intends to create a musical pageant in relation to the 1916 commemorations and would be seeking assistance from the Municipal District Council

as part of Youghal and East Cork's contribution towards same.

The Members thanked the deputation for their submission and complimented them on same and stated that they looked forward to working together with the group and would be of assistance to the group in whatever way possible.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st December, 2014 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

None.

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

3.1 Presentation by Ger Patton, Roads Design Office, in relation to an update on progress of proposed schemes in Killeagh and Castlemartyr for improving pedestrian and traffic safety, congestion at the Lakeview Roundabout and to advise further in relation to the junction of the Rocky Road with the N25.

The Cork County Roads Engineer, Ger Patton informed the Members that both Killeagh & Castlemartyr are earmarked for funding for 2015 with Killeagh being allocated €1.2m and Castlemartyr 0.7m and stated that works in Killeagh should commence the middle of the year, but informed the Members that some drainage works were due to take place here which may slightly delay commencement.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Killeagh National School and asked if safety issues regarding motorists having limited view of crossing and the provision of signage and asked if these could be addressed. Mr. Patton informed the Members that the area would greatly benefit from the upcoming works with build outs and a limited parking regime being implemented.

In relation to works in Castlemartyr, Mr. Patton informed the Members that he was unsure if the funding allocated was for road resurfacing only and stated that Cork County Council was awaiting clarification from the NRA as to whether the €700,000 allocated could be part deployed towards footpath work.

In relation to congestion at the Lakeview Roundabout Mr. Patton informed the Members that he would investigate this matter particularly traffic coming from Whitegate/Ballinacurra but informed the Members that a proposed slip road at this location feeding into Cork bound traffic was a matter for the Planning Department, Cork County Council.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the walking link from Lakeview to Ballinacurra and on to the Rocky Road and suggested that a waling link be provided from Lakeview to the Rocky Road which is similar to the walking link provided at Loughaderra.

Cllr. Collins supported this suggestion and stated that this walking link was promised 10 years ago and informed Mr. Patton that he would forward documentation in relation to same to the

National Roads Office in Glanmire.

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

Request from Paddy Bulman that a deputation of citizens of the local community be heard at the February Municipal District Meeting.

The Members considered the request that a deputation be heard and deferred a decision on the matter. A letter is to be sent to Mr. Bulman advising that the Members have concerns in relation to a complaint made to An Garda Síochána and the reference to legal proceedings. The Members further required that Mr. Bulman be advised of the procedures and requirements in relation to the receiving and hearing of deputations and requested confirmation that the deputation accepts and would comply with the said procedure.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Progress report to Castlemartyr Community Council request and that of others for footpaths on the very busy R632 which joins the N25, serving 160 houses.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that consideration can be given to the provision of a footpath at this location in 2015 subject to funding coming available under the successful JPC (Joint Policing Committee) new footpath initiative and also stated as there are other areas vying for new footpaths it is unlikely that footpaths on both sides could be provided. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members as recently discussed at Municipal District Meetings, priority would be given to the Bridgetown Estate side of the road as school children are currently walking on the hard shoulder to/from school/school buses. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has referred the request for new/improved public lighting to Dermot Kelleher, Public Lighting Engineer for Cork County Council and stated that Airtricity are preparing a quotation of same and also informed the Members that the Community Council have stated that they are willing to contribute to the cost of the provision of a footpath on the Bridgetown side, the estimated cost of the footpath on the eastern side is €15,000 not including the public lighting element.

(B) Progress report to Killeagh Community Council request for major environmental improvements to the surrounds of Killeagh Community Hall (Full details with Paul Murray, EE).

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer has been dealing with the request from the community Council and will follow up on his return.

(C) Progress report to Kilva Residents request for reinstatement of footpath from Bawnard Cross to junction of L7722.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the adopted 2009 Midleton to Whitegate R630 Traffic Management Study examined the infrastructural needs for the Whitegate Road. The study neither identifies the existence of a public footpath at the location nor recommends that provision of one between Bawnard Cross and the junction of the L7722. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a report from the District Supervisor states that there has been no footpath at this location for in excess of 15 years, however the study recommends the provision of new footpaths at various locations around the Whitegate

Road including Saleen which has recently been completed.

(D) Progress report on the clearance of choked road shores in Willowfields Estate, Ladysbridge.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this area is to be reinspected following cleaning to see if the problem has been resolved.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 27th November, 2014.

Progress report on the taking in charge of Ashwood Crescent Estate, Midleton.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the bond in relation to this estate expired a number of years ago and it would take a considerable amount of time to progress works in this estate.

Cllr. Hegarty queried as to whether any assistance could be given to help bring this estate up to an acceptable standard to have the estate taken in charge by the Council.

Cllr. Buckley stated that questions are being asked as to why the public are paying property tax and receiving no comeback to matters such as estates not being taken in charge and stated that special funding for this matter should be provided from same.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy agreed to write to the Estates Section of Cork County Council regarding Ashwood Crescent Estate.

(B) Progress report on footpath proposal from Scartleigh Upper to Saleen National School:

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this is substantially complete and in use.

(C) When will work commence on the restoration of footpaths in Elsinore Heights/Elsinore Rise Estates, Midleton.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that as per the report at Decembers meeting the remaining work on the current 2014 Programme will be completed in early 2015 (Jan/Feb) which includes full replacement of footpath in front of houses 36 to 43 Elsinore Heights approximately.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 27th November, 2014.

That the faded yellow box be repainted at the entrance to "Parklands", St. Mary's Road, Midleton, and consideration be given to the provision of ramps on St. Mary's Road, to help reduce the high speed of traffic and in the interest of human life.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the balance of St. Mary's Road from Convent Cross to The Rock is proposed for resurfacing in 2015 following completion of storm water separation works on the lower part near The Rock and stated that the works will include complete relining following the works and will include the painting of the yellow box.

The Senior Executive Engineer stated that given the high number of school and public transport buses using St. Mary's Road the use of speed ramps is not considered an appropriate intervention to control traffic speed at this location and also stated ramps or other traffic calming measures are not proposed for St. Mary's Road in the Midleton and Carrigtwohill Traffic and Transportation Study. Mr. Clarke informed the Members that the proposed new road surface and relining at this location should have a positive traffic calming effect.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 27th November, 2014.

With regard to tree planning Council a) replant trees which were felled in error, at rear of 21 Roche's Terrace, Midleton, as agreed by Midleton Town Council, prior to abolition, and b) carry out tree surgery to trees at rear of 24 Riverside Estate, Midleton and neighbours.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the trees in question were felled to improve public lighting in this area and also stated that suitable trees will be planted at this location in the near future. In relation to tree surgery at Riverside Estate the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works should be complete by the end of the winter months.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 27th November, 2014.

That Airtricity and ESB be requested to issue a report as to the reasons and source of street lighting problems in Island View, Ballycotton, Whitegate/Aghada and Upper Main Street, Midleton and Bailick Road, where all areas are left in darkness, subsequent to stormy weather.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this matter was now resolved.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 2nd December, 2014.

That the East Cork Municipal District as requested by a resident in Thomas Davis Terrace, Whitegate, Midleton help curb the speed of traffic from Lower Aghada to Whitegate, by way of speed control measures, in the interest and protection of human life.

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 Lower Aghada to Whitegate and stated the main traffic calming recommendations consist of narrowing the road to 7 metres and realigning/reducing junction radii. Mr. Clarke informed the members 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.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8th December, 2014.

That in the interest of road safety and protection of the 500 children attending the schools at Convent Cross, Midleton, Cork County Council appoint one school warden.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that due to the restriction of the hiring embargo it would not be possible to appoint a school warden at present but stated that on completion of the expansion of the CBS school it is proposed to provide traffic calming and pelican crossing on St. Mary's Road.

5.1.8 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 30th December, 2014.

That Council seeks to resolve ongoing road deterioration issues at Ballinscartha, where recent repairs have deteriorated and are unsatisfactory for residents. Given the severity of road conditions I request that Council engages in dialogue with residents to find a solution.

Cllr. O' Sullivan informed the Members that potholes at this location had been filled in but were now deteriorated once again and also stated that one resident would be willing to liaise with the Council on behalf of the residents of this area.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to this proposal. Cllr. O' Sullivan informed Mr. Clarke that he would forward the details of the resident in question to him.

5.1.9 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 30th December, 2014.

"That Council undertakes urgent road repairs at Drominane, Killeagh the road being in a terrible state of disrepair and is almost impassable in a road vehicle".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that water running off land is causing the damage at this location and agreed to investigate same. Mr. Clarke also informed the Members that this area would be eligible under the Community Involvement Scheme and once again was in agreement that the residents liaise with the Council.

5.1.10 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 30th December, 2014.

"In light of the positive impact that the 2 hour free parking measures had on activity and trade on Youghal Main Street during the Christmas period, the East Cork Municipal District recommends to full Council and the Executive of Cork County Council that 2 hour free parking by-laws be introduced in Youghal on all year round basis".

The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the Transport SPC are looking at paid parking at present and also stated that the Committee would be circulating a policy document to full Council shortly. Mr. Manning informed the Members that any change to paid parking in Youghal town would be a matter for the Municipal District Members but also stated that any reduction in paid parking would result in a loss to income to the Municipal District.

The Senior Executive Officer suggested that the Members submit a letter to the Transport SPC regarding the motion and also stated that before the Members make a decision on same a full report on the implications of the motion be submitted. Cllr. O' Sullivan agreed to follow up on same.

6. Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Hegarty raised the following issues

- a) Subsidence on the road from Popes Cross to Ballintotis. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate same.
- b) The road leading to Ring Strand and stated that the drains needed clearing at this location and also subsidence on a road leading to Ring Strand and Sonas Caravan Park, Ballymacoda.
- c) The issue of the provision of a no parking box and double yellow lines at the Parochial House in Castlemartyr. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that these were included on a programme of works for 2015.
- d) The replacement of signage for Ballycotton at the end of the Bog Road, Youghal.
- e) Repair of the road from Churchtown South towards Ballycotton.
- f) Repair of the road from Kilcredan Cemetery towards Garryvoe.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the following issues:

- a) Repair of footpath leading into North Abbey Cemetery. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that the footpath in question has been repaired.
- b) Lighting at Oakhill and the Spa Hill. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will follow up on same for the February meeting.

3. Cllr. Buckley raised the following issue: Update on direction sign for Ballinacurra at the Lakeview Roundabout. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that it was his understanding that the NRA were progressing with this matter.

4. Cllr. McCarthy raised the following issues:

- a) Issuing of reports between meetings in order to reduce the amount of motions. The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that a standard agenda was being formulated for all Municipal District Councils which would limit the number of motions and stated that a draft agenda should be available for January or February.
- b) Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that her mother-in-law wished to donate a strip of land belonging to her at the back of a premises in Middleton Main Street to the County Council for public use and asked her fellow Members to come up with some proposals as to what the land could be used for. Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that it had previously been suggested that the land be used as a possible playground facility. The Members agreed that this item be given due consideration in conjunction with the upcoming Budget figures.

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