

Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 3rd November, 2014 at 11.00 a.m. at The Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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Mayor Noel Collins presided.

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

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Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.

Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.

Christy Ring, Senior Executive Engineer.

Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Maurice Manning, Senior Executive Officer.

Helen Mulcahy, Municipal District (Youghal Office).

Geraldine O' Connell, Municipal District (Youghal Office)

Apologies were received from Mary Flynn, Assistant Engineer.

1. Minutes of Meeting Held on 6th October, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October, 2014 as amended in accordance with details circulated to the Members, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

1.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of 6th October, 2014.

1.2.1 Midleton Town Council Budget.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the extract from the Midleton Town Council Budget 2015 and referred to the item of the amount of €400,000 regarding public sculptures and Promotion of Heritage, History and Tourism and requested a individual breakdown of costings on same. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he will circulate same to each Member and will also make the report available for the next meeting.

1.2.2 Rocky Road:

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the Rocky Road and asked if there was any update on same. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he had received a report from Ger Patton, Project Engineer with the National Roads Design Office who had met with Cllr. Collins along with the residents of this area and the Gardai at this location on 28th December, 2012, to discuss their concerns. The report stated that a slip road would not be allowed at this location as acceleration lanes are not required by the design, and there has been no change in design standards. The SEE noted that this is similar in design to the 2 Mile Inn where ghost islands are provided. The report also confirmed that a sign blocking sight distance was relocated.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty referred to as a proposed development by the Midleton GAA with road proposals to NRA requirement which he describes as impressive and enquired as to why these proposals could not be looked at again.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the proposed development did not proceed.

Members requested that an Engineer from the Council's NRO attend the December meeting to update Members on proposed schemes in Killeagh and Castlemartyr, congestion at Lakeview Roundabout and advise further on the Rocky Road junction with the N25.

1.2.3 Safety Measures at St. Fergal's National School, Killeagh & South Abbey National School, Youghal.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of safety measures at St. Fergal's National School, Killeagh and South Abbey National School, Youghal and asked if there was any update on same.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Paul Murray informed the Members that he was due to meet with the local Gardai and the School Principals regarding this matter and he would be making recommendations to the Senior Executive Engineer regarding same.

1.2.5 Lighting at the Estuary, & Oakhill Housing Estates, Youghal.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of public lighting at The Estuary & Oakhill Housing Estates, Youghal and asked if there was any update on same.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that none of these estates were in the charge of the Local Authority and the residents should be contacting the developer. The Executive Engineer stated that Cllr. Linehan Foley should bring this item to the attention of the Estates Section, Cork County Council with a view to the Local Authority taking both estates in charge.

1.2.6 Fallen Tree near Grotto at Inch.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an update on the fallen tree near the grotto at Inch.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke requested an exact location on this matter. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Engineer that she would acquire same.

1.2.7 Traffic Calming Measures at Killeagh.

Cllr. O' Sullivan raised the issue of traffic calming measures at Killeagh and the installation of a handrail from the Bridge to the Thatch Restaurant.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that an annual allocation is received annually from the NRA to fund road issues but that the work of this nature needed to be applied for through a special application which would need to be approved by the NRA. Cllr. Hegarty stated that he fully supported Cllr. O' Sullivan motion.

1.2.8 Potholes at the junction of Cork Road and Knockgriffin.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of potholes at the junction of Cork Road and Knockgriffin and requested an update on same.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Christy Ring informed the Members that these works were complete.

1.2.9 Public Lighting in Unfinished Estates.

Cllr. Buckley raised the issue of public lighting in unfinished estates and stated that it is extremely difficult for residents to get readings which meet the following three requirements:

- Mini Pillar Reading
- Hard Copy Reading
- Disc Copy Reading

Cllr. Buckley stated that it is impossible to access information from the mini pillars as Cork County Council and the ESB stated that they cannot access same as it is not their responsibility. In effect the mini pillars are the property of the developer.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this should be brought to the attention of Dermot Kelleher, Public Lighting Engineer who is based in Mallow.

1.2.10 Midleton Flood Relief Scheme.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme and requested an update on same.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the OPW are currently drafting the technical specification and procurement documentation for the appointed of a consultant for the Midleton Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study. This is being done in consultation with the Council and the OPW have asked the Council to act as their agents for the procurement of the Consultant. The SEE outlined the 5 stages involved in OPW flood schemes.

Cllr. Collins stated that he was disappointed that dredging was not to take place with this project.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of funding in the amount of €1.2m allocated towards this project and asked where did this funding come into play. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the OPW will deal with flooding arising from tidal and fluvial (river) causes. The €1.2m would address pluvial flooding i.e. flooding arising from rainfall and would enable improvements in drainage infrastructure.

Cllr. Buckley informed the Members that the former members of Midleton Town Council fought very hard for this project and if they had not put aside the €1.2 progress on this project would not have been made.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

None.

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

3.1 Hearing Deputation from Residents of Elsinore Heights/Rise.

Mr. Edmund Thompson read the following letter from the Committee of Elsinore Residents Association.

Elsinore is a mature estate of approximately 40 years old. From that point it is a mix of both children and retirees which of course are the most vulnerable of our society. Elsinore has always been outside the town boundaries and therefore has fallen within the remit of Cork County Council who to this date have totally neglected their duty of care.

Elsinore has a population of five hundred plus residents who re extremely proud of our estate. We fund the upkeep of the estate without any assistance, which covers:

Grass cutting

Shrub planting

Weeding and cleaning

Tree planting and pruning – recently carried out at a cost of €2,000

Landscaping

Defibrillator installation – which is the process of being installed at a cost of €2000 and training of residents by the HSE.

As you can see by the photographs attached the footpaths in Elsinore are in a dilapidated condition but more importantly they pose a clear health and safety issue. To put the seriousness of this issue in context these forty individual photographs represent only a quarter of the total damage to our footpaths.

The problems include

Missing kerbs

Holes in the footpath

Raised footpaths

Crumbling and missing pavements.

The current deterioration of pavements in Elsinore has now resulted in excess of two hundred trip hazards as identified on the Health and Safety Authority website.

This is not a new issue and Councillors here today are quite aware of the issues as past Residents committees have been writing to our elected figures for well over two decades. Letters have been sent to:

Elected TDs

Council Officials

UDC Members

Town Clerks

County Manager

Director of Services

Town Engineers.

These letters have been detailing the current state of our footpaths and the hazards they pose.

Our kind response even details that in 1992 funding has been promised to have the reconstruction work carried out.

Copies of letters sent and promises made that funding was forthcoming are available for anyone who wishes.

As Residents of Elsinore we are quite aware of the current financial constraints Cork County Council are working under but to say we have gone through two recessions and booms during the time that Cork County Council has dragged their feet in promising and not delivering on promises made, is incomprehensible at this stage.

To date the Council have reluctantly carried out some remedial patch repairs which have included Tarmacadam/experimental concrete mix and patch works which is totally inadequate. To address the problem to a satisfactory conclusion the pavements have to be completely reconstructed.

If the decision is purely down to financials then consider this – the average pay for someone who has fallen and sustained serious injury including professional fees is well above the overall cost of reconstruction.

We as residents urge the Council to commit to a full restoration of the footpaths in Elsinore and not a superficial facelift or an engineers report which was already carried out in the 1990's.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that he fully embraced everything Mr. Thompson stated on his

letter and stated it was a shame on Cork County Council not to have addressed this issue. Cllr. Hegarty stated that all estates need upkeep and maintenance and he has raised this issue over the years to no avail.

Cllr. Buckley informed the Members that as a residents of Midleton Town he was fully aware of the situation in Elsinore and stated that Elsinore was outside the remit of the former Midleton Town Council. Cllr. Buckley stated that any observations regarding the said estate should be brought to the attention of the Municipal District Council.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that she became aware of the problems in the estate when she canvassed and stated that it was a desperate state of affairs. Cllr. McCarthy stated that engineers have indicated that funding would be made available for footpath repairs next year. Cllr. Collins informed the Members that he will request an engineers report on this estate and will forward same to Mr. Edmund Thompson. Cllr. Collins also informed Mr. Thompson that he could return to a meeting at any time if he is not satisfied.

3.2 Deputation from Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Development.

A deputation from Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce comprising of the following:

Nick Ryan.
Mark Golden
Seamus Curran
Siobhan Sheehan.

Nick Ryan, Vice President of Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Development gave the following report to the Members:

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to present our submissions to you this morning, which we hope you will wish to support.

I would like to start with the Chambers proposal for the creation of an Arts Quarter for Youghal.

In line with the Raleigh Quarter which has been a great success we would like to propose the designation of an arts quarter for the area between the Devonshire Arms on Friar Street to the Clock Tower on South Main Street.

First impressions last, taking a walk down Friar Street and onto South Main Street you will notice a number of closed and rundown retail premises.

While this is partly as a result of the economic downturn and partly due to an unwillingness to maintain some buildings, we feel the streetscape is not portraying the correct image of a vibrant tourist and heritage town.

Equally this void of redevelopment has resulted in its historic character and charm remaining almost completely intact.

We feel that this presents a remarkable opportunity to build on the architectural character of the street while creating a vibrant tourist attraction for the town.

A diversity of building uses on the street should be encouraged provided they meet with the criteria developed under a master plan for the quarter.

The potential for small artist occupied studios where tourists can meet the artists in their workshops and experience the creation of a work of art or the skill of a crafts person or try their hand at a potter's wheel. Youghal is rightly promoted as a heritage town and is one of the best preserved examples in Europe, however, we need more to occupy tourists when they come to Youghal and we certainly need to improve their first impressions as they approach the main street.

The creation of a heritage and cultural exhibition space should be provided within the proposed quarter. There are currently two sites that may prove suitable for such a space.

The provision of additional coach parking could be provided on the vacant site beside the Regal Cinema.

We believe tourism and tourism based business will play a major part in the regeneration of Youghal especially in this part of the town. We believe that a Public Private Partnership may be the best way to move this and other proposals forward. "Combining the best of the public and private sectors to deliver a value for money protect for Youghal".

Creating the right environment where the property owners, tenants, agencies and local authorities can enter into a process that will promote Youghal, enhance the streetscape create local employment and attract tourists should be supported.

We are seeking the support of the council to explore ways by which we can move this proposal forward. We understand that a project of this nature will require substantial public and private funding; it would also rely on the agreed involvement of all stakeholders. We see the Chambers role as one of a facilitator liaising between the stakeholders to achieve our common goal.

Mark Golden, President of Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Development

Roads Resurfacing

We would like a commitment from the council that someone from the department, in conjunction with the NRA, would commit to the resurfacing of the roads at the completion of the current drainage works. The contractors are obliged to reinstate the roads but the term "reinstate" is a wholly ambiguous term, therefore, we would request that a council representative and a roads authority member navigate the town to see the immediate requirements and also, since the bypass was completed in 2003, the roads through the town since their downgrading have not been resurfaced completely and we would like a commitment for same.

Clock Tower

We have seen a major investment in the structural conservation of the clock tower. We now wish to see the interior of this majorly important heritage and tourist attraction fitted out and opened to the public.

We will meet with Ann Scrope with regard to introductions of team with appropriate background and experience. Make a presentation on the interpretative plan and when will be involved at this stage. Establish/agree a tender process and establish an arrangement for the storage of exhibits off-season.

Green Park

To commemorate the 1916 rising we are proposing to redesign the green park to create a more family oriented space. We would ask that the architectural department of Cork County Council personnel prepare a plan for this area. We would like to visit the park more over the summer period for musical arts.

Claycastle Beach Boardwalk

We would like to congratulate Cork County Council for their commitment to reinstating the boardwalk at Claycastle beach and we would hope that this would be ready for the 2015 summer season. Furthermore hope that his very popular amenity be further developed to the red barn beach to the quality hotel.

Maintenance of Christmas Lights

An agreement was made some years ago with regard to the erection of Christmas lighting in the town as being integrated into rates agreement by the towns businesses. We would like confirmation that said agreement will continue into the future.

Cllr. O' Sullivan thanked the deputation for attending the meeting and stated that they were all on the same page with similar concerns to see Youghal going forward.

Cllr. Linehan Foley also thanked the deputation and wished the new Chamber Committee well going forward. Cllr. Linehan Foley suggested that it would be very proactive if a member from the Chamber would join the Heritage Committee which would keep them updated on what is happening as regards heritage projects taking place around the town.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the deputation that she was hoping the Boardwalk would be reinstated by the Spring and stated that she is in full agreement with their proposals for Greenpark. Cllr. Linehan Foley also stated that she was 100% behind their proposal for road resurfacing.

Cllr. Hegarty stated the deputation are clearly passionate about the town of Youghal which he stated has so much to offer but has been neglected over the years. Cllr. Hegarty wished the new members of Youghal Chamber all the best going forward.

Cllr. McCarthy reflected the sentiments of her fellow Councillors and informed the Members that she is a member of the YSEDG Committee and has seen firsthand the work been done for the betterment of the town.

Cllr. Buckley echoed the sentiments of his fellow Councillors and stated that the town of Youghal has amazing potential regarding archaeological finds and the Town Walls which should be pushed forward and agreed with the Chambers proposals for a total overlay of the roads.

Cllr. Collins thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that any help from the Municipal District Council will be forthcoming.

Notices of Motion:

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 4th October, 2014.

"In the 2015 Road Funding Programme, Council include the following:

1. Reconstruction of footpaths in Elsinore Heights and Rise Estates – on waiting list for 20 years.
2. Completion of road and footpath works in Avoncore Bungalows Estate, Midleton.
3. Completion of works in taking in charge of Ashwood Crescent Estate, Midleton".

In relation to roads and footpath works at Elsinore Heights and Rise Estates this item has been put on the Agenda for the December meeting following the deputation from Mr. Edmund Thompson.

In relation to Ashwood Crescent the Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that the developer had gone into receivership, the receivers being KPMG who are not responsible for any works within the estate. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members

that the estate in question was not brought to a level where it could be taken in charge.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if Cork County Council will be taking charge of this Estate and informed the members that the residents recently paid €500 to a private contractor for recent sewerage problems. Cllr. Hegarty stated that pressure should be applied to expedite all resources to have this estate taken in charge.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked on a point of information could there be a structure put in place so that Municipal District could bring up local planning issues or derelict site issues under the Municipal District Council and for the Municipal Officer bring same on behalf of the Municipal District Members to the relevant departments in County Hall.

The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that this was not a matter to be discussed at full Council and could be referred to the Estates Department, Cork County Council.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 4th October, 2014.

Council report on Knotweed in Guileen, Whitegate and general clean up of seafront, Roche's Point and Inch Strand, Whitegate and similar works requested for Ahensk Strand and Brown Island Leisure Walk, Carrigtwohill".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he had received an information leaflet on Knotweed stating that while the weed is not dangerous, it can if not eradicated clog drains and cause damage to buildings due to its very strong roots. There are a number of areas infested with knotweed in Guileen and residents have commenced an eradication programme using a contractor.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that the clean up of the areas mentioned in the motion could be addressed in the New Year once the deployment of clean up crews will commence under the Gateway Scheme.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 4th October, 2014.

"Progress Report on road works for East Ferry/Jamesbrook, Midleton – resurfacing of St. Mary's Road, Midleton and areas of Main Street, Midleton. Request from resident in Ballinacurra re: directional sign to Ballinacurra at Lakeview Roundabout – N25 Road and weekly sweeping and cleaning of Main Street, Ballinacurra.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the works in East Ferry/Jamesbrook are complete. In relation to St. Mary's Road the Engineer informed the Members that kerb repairs had taken place last week, drainage works are to be carried out at this location in 2015 and resurfacing works can be looked at once these works are complete. The Senior Executive Engineer stated that he was not aware of any resurfacing works for the Main Street and also informed the Members that he has once again sent a request to the NRA regarding signage for Ballinacurra to Lakeview and would revert back to the Chairperson once he gets report from same.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the road sweeper attends the streets in Ballinacurra a number of times a year and the bins are emptied here on a weekly basis.

5.1.4 Noel Collins, received on 4th October, 2014.

"Progress report as to when the clock chimes will be set in motion, plus the weather cock guide on library building, Midleton".

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that Cork County Council Library Service have confirmed their intention to repair the cupola and bell chimes.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 10th October, 2014.

“Road R632 that joins N25 travelling south towards Ladysbridge – residents request footpaths and major improvement to public lighting”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that no provision for funding regarding public lighting at this area was made by Cork County Council for these works. The Members could consider same for the 2015 Budget.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the provision of public lighting and a footpath at Bridgetown and asked if something practical similar to the works at Loughaderra could be provided on the left hand side of the road.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that should funding be provided in the 2015 Budget then a footpath on one side could be considered next year.

Members were of the view that the Bridgetown side of the road should be given priority as this side is used by school children.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 14th October, 2014.

“On Ashwood Crescent Estate, Midleton, Council report on a) reasons for burst up of sewage on October 10th, 2014 in the said estate, where residents suffered severe blockage in sewer lines, resulting in high reading of sewer gas and b) when Council can hope to have clean bill of health to the Estate, in having all services in order, for its taking in charge”.

This motion had already been addressed under 1.1.2

5.1.7 Cllr. Pat Buckley, received on 14th October, 2014.

“That the Members of East Cork Municipal District call on the Government to;

- Immediately reverse domestic water charges which are an unfair and unjust double charge being forced on already struggling households.
- Stop the roll out of metering and redirect the €539m loan finance from the National Pension Reserve Fund towards fixing the massive leakage problems and interruption to supply.
- Recognise that Irish Water is not fit for purpose since it is unaccountable to the Minister and therefore to the Oireachtas and the citizens of this State.
- Prevent Irish Water from any further excessive spending of taxpayer’s money, including the proposed further €35m on the use of external consultants in 2015.
- Oppose any duplication of services being delivered by Irish Water and Local Authorities and retain these services within full public ownership now and in the future.
- Listen to the widespread public anger that exists towards this Government and Irish Water by the Irish public, who are now rightly organising and mobilizing in protest and opposition to these water charges through the Right2Water public campaign which includes activists, citizens, community groups. political parties and trade unions.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan informed the Members that he seconded Cllr. Buckley’s motion and paid tribute to the people of Youghal who protested against this charge on Saturday last.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that she was disappointed in Cllr. Buckley and felt it highly

inappropriate to raise this motion. In relation to the National Pension Reserve Fund Cllr. McCarthy stated this fund is in place to relieve national debt. Cllr. McCarthy stated that she agrees that there are many problems in place with Irish Water but stated that An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny has stated that these problems will be dealt with.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she supported Cllr. Buckley's motion and stated that people have no more left to give.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that the public do not want to pay anymore that what they are already paying. Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is a disgrace the way Irish Water have been performing and he was surprised that Cllr. O' Sullivan seconded by motion as it was not so long ago the scheme was initiated by Fianna Fail and their government. Cllr. Hegarty stated that Irish Water are trying to operate the scheme based on the Scottish Water Scheme which is in operation for the last twelve years and is still unsuccessful. He stated that the whole rollout of same is a shambles.

Cllr. Buckley thanked his fellow Councillors for their response and comments and stated that this is a problem that is not going to go away. Cllr. Buckley praised the public who braved the elements last Saturday to go out and protest.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 22nd October, 2014.

"That funding be provided for the provision of 2 extra ladders at Market Dock".

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she was approached by some of the local fishermen who requested the provision of extra ladders at this location to allow greater accessibility to their boats.

The Youghal Municipal District Staff Officer, Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that if they are not overly expensive money could be allocated from the 2014 Harbour Fund and agreed to investigate same.

5.1.9 Cllr. Linehan Foley, received on 22nd October, 2014.

"That provision be made in the budget for the restoration of the viewing balcony at Moll Goggin's Corner, Youghal".

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if funding could be acquired under "Heritage Streams" to reinstate the balconies to their former glory. The Members were in agreement with same.

5.1.10 Cllr. Linehan Foley, received on 26th October, 2014.

"Would like a full report on why there is no street lighting in Lisgoold Village as it is a safety hazard coming into the winter months".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that funding for public lighting has been agreed at county level and unless provision was made for this area in the Budget these works will not take place.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that he fully supported this motion and a system will have to be put in place for the inclusion of public lighting.

5.1.11 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 28th October, 2014.

"That Council seek to install 'Children at Play' sign at entrance to Mistletoe Grove, Youghal".

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she seconded this motion and also stated that apart from the estate Mistletoe Grove there is also the local GAA Grounds, Copperally in this vicinity.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he received an e-mail from Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council informing him that the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport have recently issued a circular relating to introducing special speed limits in housing estates.

The e-mail also stated that this matter had been discussed at last Monday's Council meeting where it was agreed that each Municipal District should prioritise the estates within its district (5 estates per Municipal District) as an initial step.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this item will be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

5.1.12 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 28th October, 2014.

"Update on proposed start date and projected completion date of N25 works in Castlemartyr".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the Cork County Council Roads Office are responsible for delivering new schemes in conjunction with the NRA. A road survey on this matter has been completed recently, tenders are due to be issued before the end of this month with works commencing in early 2015.

5.1.13 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 28th October, 2014.

"That the East Cork Municipal District agree to a relaxation of pay parking on Youghal Main Street allowing for a two hour free parking window from 24th November to December 24th inclusive to encourage footfall and to support local business during the Christmas shopping season'.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she seconded this motion.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he had received the following e-mail from Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council regarding Pay Parking Christmas:

The matter of the relaxation of pay parking arrangements for Christmas was discussed at Monday's Council meeting. It is clear that as Town Councils had already given certain commitments and have made provision for their proposals in their 2014 Budgets a standard approach will not be possible this year. The Deputy Chief Executive has agreed that there would be no temporary relaxation of the byelaws. The following is what Council Management propose for your Municipal District:

Youghal – No parking charges from 20th December.

Cllr. O' Sullivan asked if this could be put back to an earlier date as he felt people will have the most of their Christmas shopping done. Cllr. O' Sullivan proposed that the relaxation of parking fees take place from the 8th December to the 24th December inclusive.

The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the former Youghal Town Council would not have been provided for this change in the 2014 Budget and stated that it would be almost impossible to enforce. The Senior Executive Officer stated that it would be a significant loss of revenue to the Council to relax payments from the 8th December. He reminded the Members that this is an executive function which is a matter for the Manager to decide but that

would bring the Members views to the Managers attention.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of revenue accrued from paid parking in Youghal and asked if this money would stay in Youghal.

The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the allocation of revenue from paid parking was a matter to be decided as part of the Council's budgetary process. has yet to be decided.

The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the General Municipal Allocation is completely at the Members discretion as to how the Members want to spend same.

Cllr. Hegarty queried what would the loss of revenue would be to cover the relaxation of paid parking over the Christmas period. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that an assessment could be done regarding same.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that a report be circulated to the Members on revenue raised by Youghal Town Council on paid parking over the last number of years. It was agreed that this report would be circulated to all the Members.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th October, 2014.

"That the footpaths at Ballinacurra Village from Brooklands Bar to the Dairygold Co-op Stores be repaired or replaced".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this matter has been put on a list of works for consideration for 2015.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th October, 2014.

"Replace signs and sign post at Ballyling Junction, Killeagh".

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

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 29th October, 2014.

"That traffic calming measures be installed at Dromdihy, Killeagh on the Mount Uniacke Road from the R.C. Church L3806-24".

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

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 29th October, 2014.

"That road repairs such as pipe laying and reinstatement be carried out at Cornaveigh, Youghal L380810-D as a matter of urgency".

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

5.1.18 Cllr. Michel Hegarty received on 29th October, 2014.

"That the road from the Old Barracks to the R.C. Church at Ballycotton be repaired". Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that road is in a dreadful state.

The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to investigate same.

Correspondence:

None.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Parklands Estate and queried who were the owners of same. The Staff Officer, Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that the estate belongs to O' Neill Bros. in the North of Ireland and there is a Bond in place secured by a Bank in the North of Ireland. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that the apartment blocks in this estate are merely pigeon houses and only serve a purpose for anti social behavior. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that a letter be written to O' Neill Bros. requesting that these apartment blocks be demolished and have a green area built here. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that Parklands is an unfinished housing estate and the effective way to deal with the matter is to have the estate taken in charge therefore making it a matter for the Planning Department, Cork County Council.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that these apartments are not fit for any purpose and was of the opinion that the best remedy was to have them demolished,

The Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that this particular site needs to be investigated to see what plan of action needs to be taken.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the clock on the Clock Gate, North Main Street, Youghal which is presently out of order and asked if there was any update on same.

The Staff Officer, Youghal Municipal District, Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that the entire mechanism of the clock has failed and will take a considerable amount of time to repair.

3. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of a pothole in the road at Ballyclamassey which was presently covered with a cone and asked if it could be investigated from a Health and Safety point of view.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Paul Murray agreed to investigate same.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if provision for a footpath could be made for the road at Willie Johns.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Paul Murray agreed to investigate same.

5. In relation to the earlier debate regarding Parklands Cllr. O' Sullivan informed the Members that he had written to Northern Trust Bank who advised him that a site resolution plan was in place and that they would be addressing the issues in due course.

6. Cllr. McCarthy requested a report on various topics raised at Council Meetings be circulated to the members prior to the following meeting.

7. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the hosting of Civic Receptions and asked if there was any update on same.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy agreed to investigate same.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of Congratulations to the following:

Youghal Junior B Hurlers on their recent win.

Fr. O Neills.

TG4 on their recent programme showcasing John Spillane's visit to Youghal.

Youghal4All Committee on their recent successful Spooktacular Festival.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on December 1st at 11.00a.m. at the Midleton Office.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.