

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 7th November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chamber, Midleton, Co. Cork.

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Mary Linehan Foley presided.
Cllrs. McCarthy, Hegarty, O' Sullivan, Collins & Twomey.

Ag Freastal:: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

Apologies were received from Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.

On the basis that Cllr. McCarthy would be leaving the meeting early the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. McCarthy put forward her motions before the confirmation of the Minutes.

5.1.9 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 25th October, 2016.

“That some form of traffic management be installed at Cyprus Circus Estate, Broomfield. The elliptical roundabouts in place currently have a very wide approach and therefore are not adequate for slowing down traffic. There are many young families with small children in the estate and residents have come together to sign a petition requesting further safety measures be put in place”.

Cllr. McCarthy presented a petition to the Mayor on behalf of the residents at this estate and asked if something could be done here under the Low Cost Safety Scheme.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he has carried out a preliminary inspection of this estate and stated that he will request the Road Safety Officer to carry out a speed survey here. The Engineer stated that the estate may need initial intervention such a speed ramps as there is a significant volume of traffic on the road at this location and would investigate the possibility of including the works in next year's Road Programme.

Cllrs. Collins, Twomey and Hegarty supported this motion.

5.1.10 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 25th October, 2016.

“That the Clock Tower over the Old Town Hall, now Midleton Library, be considered for restoration works along with any necessary conservation work. The structure forms part of an important landmark building in the town and is in need of urgent attention”.

Cllr. McCarthy also requested that the Post Box be included in this motion.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer will follow up on this matter with the Municipal District Officer.

Cllr. Collins and Linehan Foley supported this motion.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd October, 2016, Minutes of Special Meeting held on 3rd October, 2016, Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th October, 2016.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October, 2016, Minutes of Special Meeting held on 3rd October, 2016, Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th October, 2016 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

1.1 Local Area Plan Amendment

Cllr. Hegarty requested a correction of the minutes of the Local Area Plan where the last paragraph states that the Draft Local Area Plans would be circulated in November, 2016. Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that the Draft Plans will not be circulated until the 16th November.

1.2 Seafield Site

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan raised the issue of the Seafield Site and advised the Members that a new initiative was being introduced to tackle dereliction in towns throughout the County. Mary Ryan, Director of Services had requested that East Cork Municipal District nominate a town that would be the focus of this Dereliction Programme for 2017. The Members unanimously agreed that Youghal would be the nominated town for 2017.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that some works have commenced on the Seafield Site to secure the building.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that this was a positive outcome but stated that she still has concerns regarding anti social behavior at the site.

Cllrs. Collins & O' Sullivan fully concurred with Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that a Derelict Sites Notice was served on the owners of the Seafield Site which clearly sets out the requirements of the works to take place to clean up the building and stated that an opportunity should be given to the owners to complete the works and once these are complete the matter can be re-visited.

1.3 Peoples Path Rostellan/Ballybrannigan Beach Coastal Erosion.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the Peoples Path at Rostellan and Coastal Erosion at Ballybrannigan Beach and stated that both issues need to be addressed as the Coastal Management Unit stated that both areas are the responsibility of the East Cork Municipal District.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Coastal Management Section are procuring a contractor to undertake interim works at the sea wall at Rostellan with the aim to complete the works before year end.

In relation to Ballybrannigan Beach the Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Coastal Management Section will procure a Coastal Management consultant to undertake an assessment of the coastal erosion at this location and to suggest possible courses of action.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 Progress Report on Roads Programmer 2016.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following 2016 Roads Programme Report to the Members.

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Municipal Area	Length of Work (m)	% Completed
R		Regional Roads Surface Dressing	East Cork	-	100
L		Local Roads Surface Dressing	East Cork	-	100
L		Community Involvement Schemes	East Cork	-	90
		Footpath Programme	East Cork	-	25
R	R-634	East Cork – Back Street Youghal	East Cork	579	90
LS	L_7604	East Cork – Ballincurrig Jnt R626 to Templeboden (Note scope being reduced to junction only in 2016)	East Cork	50	0
LP	L_3609	East Cork – Ballincurrig Jnt R626 towards Corbally (Note scope being reduced to junction only in 2016)	East Cork	50	0
LP	L_3600	East Cork – Ballyogaha East to Coolnedane South	East Cork	1,248	100
LP	L_3804	East Cork – Bawnadoune to Dangan Cross	East Cork	1,428	100
LS	L_7864	East Cork – Ightermurrah/Knockglass	East Cork	1,053	100
LT	L_76831	East Cork – Kilmacahill	East Cork	671	95
LP	L_3602	East Cork – Leamlara to Watergrasshill Moanbaun	East Cork	1,276	100
LP	L_3809	East Cork – Mogeely to Killeagh (Phase 3 Annstown)	East Cork	1,277	100
LS	_	Old Trabolgan Road along Playground in Whitegate	East Cork	300	0
LS	L_7885	Gortstike/Bohillane	East Cork	2,800	100
LS	L_7886	Glennageare East	East Cork	1,600	100
LT	L_78651	Rathhaha	East Cork	400	0
LS	L_7868	Ballybutler	East Cork	700	0
LS	L_7694_0	Top Cross, Leamlara	East Cork	1,200	90

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that there is a significant amount of drainage works to be undertaken on the road towards Corbally and stated that the works would be completed on the Ballincurrig road in time for the All Ireland Road Bowling Championships.

The Senior Executive Engineer also informed the Members an additional allocation of €100,000 had come from the Roads Directorate and stated that works would be commencing in Rathhaha shortly with works in Ballybutler commencing immediately afterwards.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Kilcoran Place, Youghal and asked if resurfacing works could take place here. The Engineer agreed to investigate same.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if works could take place on a short section of footpath on the R630 at Ballinacurra towards the Main Street. Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that these works were included in the footpath programme.

2.2 Municipal Districts Creative Communities Scheme.

The following report was circulated to the Members in relation to the Municipal Districts Creative Communities Scheme:

Applicant	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed	Assessment Panel Recommendations
East Cork Music Project	€15,000	€15,000	Approval recommended
CDYS Midleton	€1,200	€1,200	Approval recommended
CCE Craobh Eochail	€15,000	€15,000	Conditional approval of funding to develop proposal and carry out pilot projects in 2017

Summary:

The profile of the applicant group to this round of funding indicates that the scheme attracted the interest of some local arts and resource organisations rather than specific communities within the Municipal District. This is most likely due to the fact that it is a new scheme which is, as yet, unfamiliar to most local arts groups and communities. It is anticipated that with greater awareness of the intent and scope of the scheme that many more communities will seek to develop projects that meet the criteria for the scheme.

The overall quality of the applications was generally strong. It should be noted that one of the aims of the scheme is to support new ambitious programmes of activity that would normally be outside the scope of an organization's ability to undertake due to lack of funding. It is clear from the proposals received that such funding support as is provided through the Creative Communities Scheme can unlock new ideas for creative cultural engagement in the Municipal District.

The overall quality of engagement with community proposed in all application was generally strong. It should be noted that among the aims of the scheme is to address disadvantage in relation to the arts and within this there is the objective of enabling opportunity for marginalized groups such as young people to participate in creative activity.

The assessment panel has nominated the application by the East Cork Music Project for the principal award. This organisation has established very strong connections among young people and the wider community in the Midleton area. The programme will enable professional artists to work with a large number of young people to develop projects that will be realised as part of the 2017 Midleton Mid-May Festival. The association with the Mid-May Festival provides an exciting opportunity for engagement with the wider public.

The CYDS Midleton application proposes a development of a 6 month photographic project for young people with artist Kara Sweeney. In addition to the creative activity involved, the project will also aim to promote young people's views in a positive manner through public events.

The proposal from Youghal Comhaltas to develop an East Cork Traditional Music Festival was considered by the assessment panel to be extremely ambitious and potentially beneficial

to the promotion of the area as a visitor destination. . It is recommended that a reduced level of funding is provided to enable more work to be done in planning the project and to pilot a number of small events. The Council’s Arts Officer will support the group in this work.

The Municipal Districts Creative Communities Scheme was unanimously adopted by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

2.3 Proposed Disposal of Property:

2.3.1 Proposed Disposal of 67 Rosary Place, Midleton, Co. Cork.

Before notice is given to the Members of Cork County Council in relation to the proposed disposal of property in East Cork the matter is brought to the attention of the Members for the East Cork Municipal District for their consideration. Details are set out in the attached draft notice and map.

Land Held Under Leasehold Interest: 67 Rosary Place, Midleton, Co. Cork.
Folio No. 7049L

Freehold Interest:: Folio No. CK28515

From Whom Acquired: Unknown.

Person To Whom Freehold Interest in Land Is To Be Disposed Of: Mary Elizabeth Betty Moloney

Consideration: €350.00 inclusive of administration charges.

Covenants, Conditions And Agreements: Condition pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and Landlord and Tenant Acts, 1947-1984.

On the proposal of Cllr. Collins which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the Members had no objection to the proposal.

3. Business Prescribed by Stature, Standing Orders or Resolutions 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 29th September, 2016.

“That Council repair footpath fronting Woodbrook Estate, Lisgoold to facilitate a wheelchair bound resident in the said estate – further information, if needed.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this work had been completed.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 29th September, 2016.

“Completion date for flood defences in Midleton town a) Lower Main Street, b) Riverside Park Corner – fronting Riverside Park, Bailick Road, c) Lauriston Estate – plus wall flood defences”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will refer the matter to the County Engineers Department for a full progress report and will revert back to the Member at the December Meeting.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 29th September, 2016.

“Progress report on CCTV for Midleton Town, and if backways to Housing Estates will be included”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that the contract for the installation of CCTV for Midleton Town would be awarded at the end of November/start of December. CCTV would be installed at access and egress points of Midleton Town and in the town centre only. The provision of any additional cameras would be subject to funding from the Municipal District.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that funding for the installation of CCTV was made available by the former Midleton Town Council and stated that the Members could investigate funding the scheme through the 2017 General Municipal Allocation.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 29th September, 2016.

“Progress report on the review safety measures at Lakeview Roundabout and Baneshane Roundabout, Midleton and what proposals can be envisaged? Road resurfacing on roads adjoining Ballincurrag N.S. and from Templeboden to Top Cross, Lisgoold, plus public lighting outside Ballincurrag”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he is not aware of a road safety review at this location.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that the Members were informed that a proposed scheme had gone forward to the Department of Transport for funding of €2m towards the upgrade of the Lakeview roundabout

The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that a Lakeview roundabout upgrade had been considered along with proposals for improving junctions from Baneshane as far as the Amgen site. These would be largely funded by TII. In regard to the €2m application, he would seek details from the roads director for December’s meeting.

Cllr Hegarty stated that a lot of the congestion at Lakeview has occurred since the new Gaelscoil at Baneshane opened and asked if there was full compliance with a legally binding Mobility Management Plan formed as part of the school’s planning permission.

Mr. Clarke stated that the Mobility Management Plan was in place and would check its status with the council's Planning Department.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th October, 2016.

“Can the Engineer please look at the possibility of a second pedestrian entrance to the estate of Bannog. And that adequate signage for children playing be erected and traffic calming measures to be introduced to help reduce the speed of traffic in a heavily populated estate”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will assess the situation at this estate in accordance with the recently adopted Traffic Calming Policy and stated that Irish Water have carried out works at this location recently and temporary flood defences have also been put in place by Cork County Council. The engineer informed the Members that the area has been included on the Draft Flood Relief Scheme.

Cllr. Collins, Hegarty and Linehan Foley supported this motion.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th October, 2016.

“Can I please have an update on the written report that was requested on how often the drains in Midleton town and surrounding areas were cleared and what areas are done at what times? And what has been done up to this date”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following report to the Members:

Date	Location	Activity
20/01/16	Main Street/Broderick Street/Distillery Road	Gully cleaning
23/01/16	Lower Main Street/Distillery Walk	Jetting of pipework from Main Street storm water drainage system to outfall
08/03/16	Youghal Road/Bailick Road	Gully cleaning
06/04/16	Main Street/Connolly Street/Church Lane	Gully cleaning
09/04/16	Elsinore	Gully cleaning
24/05/16	Father Murphy Place/Bailick Road	Gully cleaning
25/05/16	“Beany's blocks” Main Street	Cleaning of “Beany blocks”
27/06/16	Beechwood and Youghal Road outside St. Colemans	Gully cleaning
22/07/16	Mill Road/Park Street/Back Lanes	Gully cleaning
26/08/16	Lower Main Street/Broderick Street	Jetting of pipework
17/10/16	Ecodrains in new Main Street Footpaths	Ecodrain cleaning
18/10/16	Father Murphy Place/Church Lane/Riverside Way	Gully cleaning
19/10/16	Carpark The Green/Lourdsville/Michael Collins Square/Mill Road	Gully cleaning
24/10/16	Cork Road	Gully cleaning

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there is an ongoing process presently with leaves blocking gullies and stated that over the next couple of weeks a lot of jetty cleaning of gullies and drains will take place.

5.1.8 Cllr. Linehan Foley, received on 23rd October, 2016.

“That the Roads Department take immediate action to clean up the Youghal Bypass, cutting grass and removing weeds, gorse and overgrowth. Special attention should be paid to the entrance roundabouts and slip roads. In addition, overgrowth which covers most of the beautiful totem poles should be removed from around them and the lighting to each one re-instated”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the budget provided by the TII allows for the cutting of grass verges on the Youghal Bypass and stated that gorse has been removed in the vicinity of the arts features, a litter pick has also taken place at this location with a second litter pick to take place subject to funding.

The Engineer informed the Members that while the cutting of the side slopes on the Bypass are not included in the budget he will investigate the matter.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th October, 2016.

“Asking East Cork Municipal District to contact relevant ministers and TDs in area to pursue the Pontoon for Youghal bearing in mind that it is on their agendas for the last 2 years”.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that an application for a Foreshore Licence had been submitted to the Department and is currently being considered by the Department and stated that the application is in its final stages – it was not anticipated that there would be any difficulties with this application.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the members that this matter can be reviewed at the next meeting of the Municipal Council.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan fully supported this motion.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th October, 2016.

“Asking East Cork Municipal District to contact the Department of Justice to get update (if any) on Youghal Courthouse”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that this motion be forwarded to the Department of Justice.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan seconded this motion.

5.1.11 Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan, received on 1st November, 2016.

“That Cork County Council undertakes to paint the lighthouse in Youghal – it being an important landmark in the town”.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan asked if funding could be acquired from the Coastal Management Unit.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan informed the Members that funding has been made available for these works in 2017. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that the seaward facing wall of the lighthouse is part of the lighthouse cottage and is privately owned and will feature as part of the painting of the lighthouse.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Collins supported this motion.

5.1.12 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 1st November, 2016.

“An update as to when the contractor for painting road markings is due to commence work and what areas of the Municipal District are being covered?”

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the re-lining works had been tendered and were now commencing in Midleton. The Engineer requested that Cllr. O' Sullivan liaise with him via email with a list of proposed locations in the Youghal area.

Cllr Linehan-Foley requested that the Engineer meet her in advance of the road liners coming to Youghal. That was agreed

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st November, 2016.

“Repairs to Upper Garryvoe Raod to Kilcredan and Ahavine to Fanisk Bridge”

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

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st November, 2016.

“Update on footpath Programme”.

This matter has been dealt with under item no. 2.1

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st November, 2016.

“Any response back from my motion re: attendance of a Bus Eireann representative to our meeting over 3 months ago”.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is disappointing that Mr. Walsh is unable to attend today's meeting and stated that the matter should still be pursued. Cllr. Hegarty proposed to re-issue the invitation to Mr. Walsh to attend a meeting with the Members as quickly as possible. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Collins and agreed by the members.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st November, 2016.

“Update on repairs to Sea Wall at Rostellan”.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Coastal Management Unit was presently sourcing contractors to stabilise the sea wall with prices expected shortly and, he anticipated, works to be completed by year's end. A further assessment would also take place.

Cllr. Hegarty also raised the issue of the Cloyne Road and the L3630 to Ballymaloe Gate where he stated there was a constant overhang of trees which was causing dampness on the road and also stated a lot of potholes have occurred here.

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

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence was received.

7. Vote of Sympathy:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Eileen Condon, St. Mary's Road, Midleton who was a former school Warden at Convent Cross School.

8. Votes of Congratulations

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal GAA on celebrating 125 years.
2. Fr. O' Neill's on winning the East Cork Intermediate Hurling Final
3. Youghal4All on their recent Spooktaacular Festival.

9. Any Other Business:

1. Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that that the first two hours of parking would be free across all eight Cork Municipal Districts between December 1st and 24th inclusive.

Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that the two hour limit for parking would also still apply.

The Members thanked the Senior Executive Officer and stated that this is a very good initiative by Cork County Council at a much needed time.

2. Mr. Sean O' Callaghan informed the Members that a "soft opening" of the Clock Gate was taking place on Friday next with the official opening due to take place at the start of the summer season 2017 and invited the Members to view same with a full guided tour on Wednesday and Thursday of that week. The Senior Executive Officer thanked Helen Mulcahy, Liam Ryan and the YSEDG for the wonderful work done on the Clock Tower.

Helen Mulcahy stated that the opening of the Clock Tower is a huge day in the history of Youghal and also stated that it is important for the Members to view same. The Staff Officer informed the Members that free guided tours of the Clock Gate Tower were being offered on Friday next, bookings can be made on line or at the local Tourist Office. The Clock Tower will be opened Thursday to Sunday during the winter period and 7 days a week in the summer period.

The Members welcomed the opening of the Clock Tower stated that this is a valuable added treasure to the Youghal Heritage Scheme

3. Mr. Dave Clarke Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Public Consultation Period for the new Draft Road Traffic Speed Limit By-Laws 2017 runs from Friday Nov 11th until Tuesday Dec 13th. The plans will be on display at the Municipal District Office, Midleton and also in County Hall. The plans can also be viewed online at Cork County Council's website, www.corkcoco.ie.

4. Cllr. O' Sullivan raised concerns in relation to an application made to the EPA from the Eras Eco site in Youghal regarding an amendment to their Waste Treatment Licence. Cllr. O' Sullivan stated that he did not exactly understand the ramifications of the application and stated that the Members should be kept fully aware of the situation as he has concerns that the application being made could be damaging to Youghal.

Cllr. O'Sullivan said that for many years both he and the people of Youghal had expressed serious concerns about the treatment of waste at this facility and in particular to the obnoxious smells which emanate from there at times. It appears that there has been absolutely no consultation with the public in relation to this new proposal.

Cllr. O' Sullivan asked if there was a window for observations or comments regarding the licence.

Cllr Hegarty stated that the application would also have to go through the Cork County Council Environment Section in Iniscarra who would monitor progress at this site.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan said he will investigate the Members concerns and will revert back before the next Meeting of Municipal Council.

That concluded the business of the meeting.