

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 3rd October, 2016 at 11.30 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, 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. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, East Cork Municipal District Officer
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

Suspension of Standing Orders:

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the Seafield Fabrics Site in Youghal and informed the Members that this building was set alight once again at the weekend. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she is extremely worried about the site in question and asked Cork County Council to now consider it to be a dangerous structure.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that a Derelict Sites Notice has been served on the shareholders of the building but no reply has been received to date and requested the Engineer to carry out an inspection of this site.

The Members fully concurred with Cllr. Linehan Foley and stated that it is of critical importance to have the Seafield Fabrics Site surveyed. Cllr. Collins queried if a report has been received from the Fire Officer. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she is awaiting same.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will consider the legal position to be taken here and which legislation will be best to proceed under.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th September, 2016.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September, 2016 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Hegarty.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Presentation from YSEDG in relation to Youghal Website.

Aileen Murray and Pat Shackleton, Youghal Socio-Economic & Development Group gave a presentation to the Members regarding the official launch of Youghal.ie Website which was funded from the Town Regeneration Fund 2015, designed by Studio 49 and completed by YSEDG.

Aileen Murray informed the Members that the aim of the site is to sell Youghal, to target markets such as both the culturally curious and connected families and stated that the website has a huge amount of content which identifies the business community, festivals and events taking place in Youghal, the Heritage aspect of the town and offers information of local services, food and drink and where to stay in Youghal.

Aileen thanked Michael Hussey for the images of the town he donated for the website and informed the Members that the next move for the group is to concentrate on the Midleton template.

The Mayor thanked both Aileen and Pat and stated that the website represents Youghal very well.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy stated that the presentation of the website was a typical example of the excellent work delivered by the YSEDG and stated he was looking forward to the development of the Midleton site.

2.2 Presentation by Non National Road Design Office on proposed L3677 Aislin Road Improvement Scheme.

2.3 Presentation by Non National Road Design Office on proposed L3622 CBS Road Improvement Scheme.

Mr. John Laphorne, Senior Engineer and Mr. Mark O' Sullivan circulated drawings to the Members on the proposed L3677 Aislin Road Improvement Scheme and L3622 CBS Road Scheme and advised the Members of the forthcoming Part VIII Planning Process which will be advertised on the 13th October next and on display for six weeks with a further two weeks for public submissions.

Mr. Laphorne informed the Members that the proposed traffic calming works at Aishlin Road would include the provision of table top ramps and build outs on both roads with the provision of a signalized crossing close to the entrance of Scoil Bhríde with an associated footpath build out and a new footpath on the road near Ashbrook and also stated that the junction at Ashwood Crescent will be tightened up which will result in a shorter crossing for pedestrians.

In relation to the CBS School Mr. Laphorne informed the Members that a ramp would be installed following up from the Bailick Road to slow traffic close to where an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing exists and also stated that a traffic table would be built to slow traffic at the junction towards St. Mary's School; with the provision of a controlled bush button crossing with another traffic table on the left turn into Rosary Place.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue regarding the sizeable reduction in parking near the CBS School and wondered where the shortfall would be made up at this location. Cllr. Hegarty also stated that the school bus set down area would be too close to the raised table.

Cllr. Twomey requested the provision of bollards on the road leading to St. Bridgets School as cars are parking on the footpath at this location resulting in children having no option but to walk on the main road.

Cllr. McCarthy concurred with Cllr. Hegarty's concerns and informed the Members that she welcomed the provision of tactile paving which catered for people with reduced mobility

Cllr. Collins welcomed what he stated was a very progressive presentation and stated he would hope the work would be complete sooner rather than later.

Mr. John Laphorne informed the Members that the reduction in parking is minimal and stated that the issue of parking on footpaths is a matter for the Gardai. Mr. Laphorne also informed the Members that the provision of proper crossing points at both locations should deter illegal parking and stated that it should not be necessary to park as close to the school gates as many parents currently do.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer concurred with the Engineer and stated that most of the chaos caused at both schools is caused by illegal parking creating a hazard for children.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that School Principals are encouraging a park and walk system for the benefit of school children and stated that the key issue is to slow traffic down thus enabling children to walk to school in a safe environment.

2.4 National Road Speed Limit Review 2015 – 2017: Route N25 – Proposed Speed Limits.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated to the Members the East Cork Municipal District Speed Limit Review 2015 -2017 and informed the member that the TII issued draft proposed changes for comment by the Members following a list of proposed changes at the July Meeting of the Council. These included:

- Reduction of the 100kph speed limit to 80kph between Lakeview Roundabout and east of the junction of the Youghal Road and N25.
- Moving the 60kph on the western side of Castlemartyr closer in to the village.
- Moving the 50kph speed limit out on the eastern side of Castlemartyr to 10m approx east of the entrance to Cuirt na Greine.
- Moving the 60kph on the western side of Killeagh closer in to the village/railway bridge..
- Moving the 50kph on the western side of Killeagh further out towards the crossroads at the cemetery.
- Provision of a new 30kph periodic speed limit in the vicinity of Killeagh National School that would operate during school drop off and collection times.
- Eliminating the 60kph zone on the eastern side of Killeagh – speed limit would change from 100kph to 50kph at the location of the existing 50kph sign.

Members requested that the 50kph in Castlemartyr should be extended further to the east to 50 metres beyond the entrance to The Maples housing estate.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated she is not satisfied with the 30 kph during school times at Killeagh National School and suggested that the 30kph be extended back towards the Skew Bridge. The Members all expressed concern for the speed of traffic outside the school and traffic approaching from the Cork side. Cllr. Michael Hegarty stated that it was difficult to pull out from at the crossroads onto the N25 due to the speed of traffic coming from the west. Following discussion it was agreed that the 50kph should be moved further out west of the crossroads to the west of the railway bridge.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will revert back to the TII with the Members comments. The next stage will be the publishing of all proposed changes for public comment as part of the formal statutory process and the matter will then come before Members again. The target is to have the process completed with changes coming into effect in April 2017. s which he stated will not come into force until April 2017.

2.5 Report on Deputation from Whitegate Residents Association.

2.6 Report on Deputation from Aghada Residents Association.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke met with Members from both associations recently where they discussed the issue of flooding in both areas.

2.7 Proposed Disposal of Properties.

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 notices and maps.

2.7.1 Proposed disposal of freehold at 15 Raheen Park, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Land Held Under Leasehold Interest:	15 Raheen Park, Youghal, Co. Cork Folio No. 7466L
Freehold Interest::	Folio No. CK28837
From Whom Acquired:	Unknown.
Person To Whom Freehold Interest in Land Is To Be Disposed Of:	Eileen Twomey
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. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members had no objection to the proposal.

2.7.2 Proposed disposal of freehold at 13 Seafield Estate, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Land Held Under Leasehold Interest: 13 Seafield Estate, Youghal, Co. Cork
Folio No. 6573L

Freehold Interest:: Folio No. CK37124

From Whom Acquired: Unknown.

Person To Whom Freehold Interest in Land Is To Be Disposed Of: Nuala Kearns, Deirdre O' Sullivan, Brendan Crowley, Brian Crowley.

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. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members had no objection to the proposal.

2.7.3 Proposed disposal of property at Claycastle, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Situation: Claycastle,
Youghal,
Co. Cork.

Area:: 2.403 hectares (5.9378 acres).
Part of Folio CK54089 property no. 20
Part of Folio CK54089 property no. 21
Part of Folio CK54089 property no. 7
Part of Folio CK7977IF

From Whom Acquired: James Cox and Jeremiah O' Hanlon

To Whom it is Proposed To Dispose: Trustees of Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club,
Claycastle,
Youghal,
Co. Cork.

Term: 15 years from 1st July 2012.

Consideration: €6,655 per annum from 1st July 2012 and reduced to €3000 per annum from 1st April 2015 until 2017 when the rent is to be reviewed.

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

2.7.4 Proposed disposal of property at Claycastle, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Situation: Claycastle,
Youghal,
Co. Cork.

Area:: 0.39 hectares (0.96 acres)
Part of Folio CK7977IF

From Whom Acquired: Unknown – predates Property Section Records

To Whom it is Proposed
To Dispose: Siobhan & John Cahill,
Youghal,
Co. Cork.

Consideration: €180,000

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

2.7.5 Proposed disposal of property at The Cow, Ballycotton, Co. Cork.

Location: The Cow, Ballycotton, Co. Cork

Area:: C. 0.0187 hectares

From Whom Acquired: Ballycotton Development Company Ltd.

To Whom it is Proposed
To Dispose: Mr. Pat Moyter.

Consideration: €1.00.

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

2.8 Distribution of Unclaimed Grant Monies 2016.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that €12,000 remains unclaimed from the 2016 Community Grant Scheme Fund, Mr. McCarthy informed the Members that The Chernobyl Children's Group had raised sufficient funding and requested that the funding allocated to the group be reallocated to a more needier organisation and suggested that the outstanding amount be distributed to the following groups:

- Cope Foundation, Midleton who are fundraising for the provision of a new people carrier to facilitate clients with a disability: €7,000.00
- Inch/Mount Uniacke Pride of Place Competition: €3,000
- Midleton Tidy Towns: €2,000

Cllr. Twomey informed the Members that costs have increased for the Youghal 4 All group as advertising costs regarding road closures have increased and requested that €200 be donated to the group bringing the total amount of funding allocated to them from €3,800 to €4,000. The Members were in agreement with this.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she had suggested the group use Nealons Quay for future festivals which would not require road closures thus enabling the group to put the funding allocated to them to use for the benefit of the community.

2.9 Proposal to Take in Charge Roads and Services in Ashwood Crescent, Midleton and Hawthorn Drive, Midleton.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and the Planning and Development Acts, 1963 – 2010, that Cork County Council will consider making, and if so decided will make, an order declaring the under-mentioned roads to be public roads:-

Roads in the following Housing Developments:

Estate Name	Location	Linear Metres
Ashwood Crescent	Midleton	TBC
Hawthorn Drive	Midleton	175 linear length metres

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

3. Business prescribed by Statute, 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. Collins, received on 4th September, 2016.

“That Council repair footpaths in St. Mary’s Road, Midleton, broken in parts, a similar problem in Main Street, Midleton, and thereto clear and flush shores, as a preventative to flood waters and replace broken manhole covers in Church Lane, Midleton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that gullies are routinely cleaned and stated that he will investigate this matter.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th September, 2016.

“Council request Coillte Teo to clean up and roll walkways in Ballyannon Woods, Midleton and address by way of tree surgery, the obtrusive overhanging briars and tree branches on walkways”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he will write to Coillte regarding this motion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th September, 2016.

“Council report on what talks, if any, have been entered into with the East Cork Municipal Councils and Cork County Council, with regards to land for house building and house purchasing, and if we can expect progress soon, to help ease the pain and suffering of the many families and single people, living in deplorable and overcrowded conditions”.

This motion was unanimously supported by the Members.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th September, 2016.

“That Cork County Council give serious consideration to increasing the outdoor workforce in Midleton town, to help ease the workload on present personnel”.

Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan seconded this motion and stated that the same situation applies to Youghal. Cllr. O’ Sullivan proposed to forward this motion to the Minister for the Environment & Local Government as he stated the problem lies with Central Government. He stated it is impossible to maintain our towns to a reasonable standard without the personnel to do the work required. The Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 12th September, 2016.

“That this Municipal District request an extra lifeguard to be stationed at Ardnahinch Beach beginning from next summer”.

This motion was unanimously supported by the Members.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 12th September, 2016.

“That the Engineer takes a look at the outlay pipe at Claycastle Beach as the signage that was previously there is no longer present”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will re-erect this signage.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21st September, 2016.

“That this Council add the terraced houses part of the Avoncore Estate to the footpath programme and also make good to the roads in that area in particular as they are badly in need of repair”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed to investigate and determine necessary repairs.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

5.1.9 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21st September, 2016.

“That the Engineer have a look at the L7360 to see if it is suitable for traffic calming solutions or a ramped pedestrian crossing. If suitable sites can be identified, I ask that this council then apply under the low cost safety scheme to facilitate this. Also, that adequate children crossing signage be erected on the exit from the Broomfield Road, at the Abbeylands entrance and also at the entrance to Ard na Corann”.

This motion was unanimously supported by the Members.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he would need to examine the area in detail to identify if it would qualify under the low cost safety scheme and also stated that there is a need to demonstrate accident history at this location also. The Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate the provision of signage.

5.1.10 Cllr. Linehan Foley, received on 20th September, 2016.

“Could potholes be filled at Ballyclamassey and Meadowlands, Youghal”.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that these potholes have been filled.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th September, 2016.

“Update on resurfacing of Kilcoran Place, Youghal.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that these works will be taken into consideration under the Roads Programme 2017.

The Members fully supported this motion.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th September, 2016.

“Could we look at painting the Bandstand in Greenpark?”

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the Lighthouse be included also.

5.1.13 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th September, 2016.

“Also could I have an update on Clashadonna/Barnageehy Road which I have been raising since last year”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works will be done in due course.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th September, 2016.

“That the issue of excess surface water on the road at Gurteenina be addressed. This area was subjected to flooding during the storms of last winter and it would be desirable that the drainage issues be resolved before we experience any severe weather events this autumn/winter”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this area flooded locally a number of times in the early part of this year. The Engineer stated that there is no surface water drain available at this location and road drainage is to a soak away constructed some years ago on private land with the consent of the landowner. The Engineer informed the Members that he had met with some of the local landowners during the time of the floods and the Council have carried out drainage maintenance works including edge cleaning and cleaning out the soak away. The Engineer informed the Members that he will be issuing notices to landowners to remind them of their statutory obligation under the Roads Act to not permit the discharge of water onto a public road and stated that he will be re-examining this road to confirm same.

5.1.15 Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan, received on 28th September, 2016.

“That the East Cork Municipal District agree to clear overgrowth at bus stop car park, Youghal”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer agreed to investigate this motion.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th September, 2016.

“That we request TII to ensure that flag personnel commence duties @ 6.00 a.m. in Killeagh to ensure a more effective flow of traffic for all road users during construction works in Killeagh”.

The Members were in full support of this motion and it was agreed to forward a letter to the TII regarding this motion.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th September, 2016.

“Updated report on Ballybrannigan repair works and the people’s path at Rostellan”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the repair works at Ballybrannigan are being dealt with by Coastal Management and stated that the peoples path is a coastal erosion issue and as the amount of €6,000 from the Coastal Protection Budget was allocated for the whole of the East Cork Municipal District The Engineer suggested that funding be re-allocated from some other source.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that if it is expected to properly look after amenities such as beaches, graveyards and playgrounds the Municipal District needs to be provided with a sufficient budget.

Cllr. Hegarty requested clarity on who negotiates the Budget at Senior Management Level and stated that this information should be made available to the Members.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th September, 2016.

“Roads repairs at Barradaw, Dungourney and Ballyre, Killeagh”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this was on a list of works to be attended to.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th September, 2016.

“That in view of other routes/shortcuts being taken by motorists in the vicinity of Killeagh, Ballymacoda, Ladysbridge during road works construction, that these roads are maintained to a satisfactory condition”.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Collins.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer stated that it is important that the contractor manages traffic in order to protect the local roads and felt the situation regarding traffic delays at this location has improved.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Hegarty requested the provision of a velocity patcher to improve a section of the road where the starting point of the annual All Ireland Road Bowling Championships take place. The Senior Executive Engineer stated that not much can be done to improve works with a patcher at this location but he would investigate same.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of public lighting which is out of order in Kilcoran Park, Youghal for the past three months and stated the ESB are awaiting on an MPRN from Cork County Council. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested the Municipal District Officer investigate this matter.

8. Votes of Congratulations:

1. Cllr. McCarthy proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer on the birth of his grandson.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on November 7th at 11.00 a.m at the Midleton Office.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.