

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 8th June, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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

Leathscéal: Cllr. O' Sullivan

Ag Freastal:: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

Leathscéal: Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd May, 2017.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd May, 2017 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Twomey.

1.1 Cllr. Linehan Foley read a letter to the Members which was received from Christopher Carr asking Cllr. McCarthy to withdraw a motion she had placed on the agenda at the May Meeting of the Council requesting that Council consider the lease of building in the grounds of Aras Cuimhne an Piarasaigh to community and social inclusion groups such as Middleton Men's Shed.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan which was seconded by Cllr. Collins the Members agreed that Barry Owens be requested to meet with the Members to discuss this matter and that Christopher Carr be invited also.

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

2.1 Consideration of request that deputation from Cloyne District Community Council be heard at the July meeting.

Cllr. Hegarty circulated to the Members a letter from Siobhan Ahern, Kilcounty, Killeagh requesting that a deputation from Kilcounty attend the July meeting of the Municipal District Council.

The Members agreed that a deputation from both Cloyne District Community Council and Kilcounty, Killeagh attend the July meeting of the Council.

2.2 Progress Report on Roads.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Progress Report on Roads to the Members:

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	Estimated Cost of Work	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance	1	R	R-629-0	East Cork – Ballinacurra to Ramhill	780	21,060	0%
Restoration Maintenance	2	R	R-629-20	East Cork – Knockgorm to Cloyne	1,425	38,475	0%
Restoration Maintenance	3	LS	L7600-0	East Cork – Coadys X to Ballyard X	3,000	37,800	0%
Restoration Maintenance	4	LS	L-7602-0	East Cork – Peafield X to Coadys X	1,450	18,270	0%
Restoration Maintenance	5	LS	L-7604-0	East Cork – Ballincurrig to Templeboden	1,080	15,875	0%
Restoration Maintenance	6	LS	L-7617-0, L7617-19, L-7649-0	East Cork – Ballyspillane West to Shanavougha	4,100	55,965	50%
Restoration Maintenance	7	LS	L7649-0	East Cork – Baneshane to Ballyvodock West	2,790	34,545	100%
Restoration Maintenance	8	LP	L-3819-0, L3819-17, L3819-47	East Cork – Coast Rd Ballymakeagh to Garryvoe Lower	5,150	90,125	60%
Restoration Maintenance	9	R	R-627-64	East Cork – Ballynacole to Dungourney	2,500	67,500	0%
Restoration Maintenance	10	LS	L-7831-0	East Cork – Ballynana South	1,450	24,838	0%
Restoration Maintenance	11	LS	L-7831-0	East Cork – N25 to Kilmountain X	1,150	22,138	0%
Restoration Maintenance	12	LT	L-96322-1	East Cork – Shanagarry to Kilmahon Cemetery	300	5,400	0%
				Restoration Maintenance	25,175	431,992	27%

				Subtotal			
Restoration Improvement	1	R	R-633_0	East Cork – Redbarn Cross to Ballymadog Cross	1,471	264,000	0%
Restoration Improvement	2	R	R633-0, R633-31	East Cork – Ballymadog Cross to Clonpriest West	1,585	247,500	0%
Restoration Improvement	3	LP	L-3601-45	East Cork – Castlelyons Road to Knocknamouragh	2,000	107,019	0%
Restoration Improvement	4	LP	L-3600-0	East Cork – Coolnedane South to Two Pot X Rds	1,200	198,000	0%
Restoration Improvement	5	LS	L-7617-0	East Cork – Walshtown More East	400	28,800	90%
Restoration Improvement	6	LT	L-7649-0, L76492-0	East Cork – Ballyvodock East	1,230	99,530	100%
Restoration Improvement	7	LD	L-7815-0	East Cork – Monalyre X to Gurteen	1,390	100,080	100%
Restoration Improvement	8	LS	L-7814-0	East Cork – Gurteen X to Gurteen	1,500	108,000	90%
Restoration Improvement	9	LP	L3639-0	East Cork – Ballydavid Road (part)	1,300	114,400	90%
Restoration Improvement	10	LP	L-3804-0	East Cork – Mount Uniacke to Dangan Bridge (part)	900	79,200	0%
Restoration Improvement	11	LS	L-7825-0	East Cork – Coorbally to Ballyre (part)	1,500	103,341	0%
				Restoration Improvement Subtotal	14,476	1,549,970	27%
				Total Roads Grant Programme		1,981,962	

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the first four schemes are to be carried out by a Contractor who has received a letter of intent to carry out the works.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any surplus money could works take place on the roads at Kilcounty. The Engineer informed the Members that he will be looking at rural roads in need of restoration and Kilcounty will be included.

2.3 Public Lighting Programme 2017.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Public Lighting Programme 2017 to the Members:

Ref No.	Municipal District	Location	Description	No. of Lights	Detail of Proposal	Estimated Project Cost
1	East Cork	Thomas St. Midleton	Renewal of existing street lighting	3	Replacement of existing street lighting	€5,000
2	East Cork	Dungourney Road, Midleton	To extend public lighting towards Broomfield Village	9	9 new columns/lights with underground ducting	€34,835

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the lighting at from Crowley's Garage to Millennium Court, Youghal which she stated is a reduced level of lighting and requested that the lighting be upgraded to the same standard as the excellent recently upgraded lighting towards the town perimeter which is LED type lighting. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he would refer this matter to the Public Lighting Department

Cllr. Twomey welcomed the report and in particular works on the Dungourney Road and asked if any progress had been made in relation to the provision of public lighting within private properties. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he had a positive meeting with the IDL and is awaiting a formal agreement from them, the Engineer stated that he does not foresee any difficulties.

Cllr. Hegarty welcomed the programme and stated that he has no doubt the IDL will be supportive.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of lighting columns on the public road from Cloyne to Whitewell Cross which restricts wheelchair users and Members of the public using buggies due to the narrowing of the footpath and stated that the onus is on the ESB to have these columns placed on private properties from a Health and Safety aspect. The Engineer agreed to investigate same.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the lighting on the Lower Bailick Road in Midleton which he stated was of poor quality. Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this area was previously assessed by the Public Lighting Department and the lighting was deemed adequate.

2.3 Cork County Council – East Cork Municipal District Garden & Floral Display 2017

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that this is the first year of the Garden & Floral Display Competition and stated that it is hoped the competition will expand into the greater Municipal District area for 2018.

Cllr. Twomey asked what is the criteria needed to enter the competition, the Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that all applicants must be members of an active Residents Group with access to a Credit Union or Bank Account.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the Members unanimously approved the East Cork Municipal District Garden & Floral Display 2017.

2.5 Town Development Fund.

The Cathaoirleach advised that in relation to the proposed amendment to the €50,000 originally recommended to be allocated towards the Public Realm for Youghal Cllr. McCarthy proposed that the amount be allocated between both towns, €20,000 to Midleton and €30,000 to Youghal.

The Cathaoirleach stated that she did not agree with the amendment having regard to the need for public realm improvements required in Youghal and to the fact that €2 million in funding is available already for public realm improvements in Midleton. She went on to say that the amendment proposed by Cllr. McCarthy had been supported by Cllrs. Twomey and Collins and had been carried.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he did not vote on the amendment as he is not entirely happy with the position in relation to the amount of €2 million ring fenced for public realm works from the former Midleton Town Council and stated that he has requested full written information on same.

A copy of letter said to have come from Midleton and Area Chamber of Commerce and not seen by the Cathaoirleach was handed to the Cathaoirleach at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach gave a copy of the letter to the Municipal District Officer.

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 Motions.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty requested that his motions be read firstly as he had to leave the meeting early.

1. “An update on progress of a car park for Killeagh and proposed by me and unanimously agreed some weeks ago”

Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he would raise this matter with Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer who was to discuss same with the Divisional Manager.

2. “Request a senior representative from TII and Cork County Council as their agents to address the next meeting of the East Cork Municipal re Killeagh and the pending Castlemartyr scheme”.

The Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

3. “Repairs to roads in environs of Cloyne, Kilmacahill, Ballyduff, Ballylogane”

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that staff had been engaged primarily with road re-surfacing and improvements of late and once these works are completed they would fall back for routine pothole repairs.

The Engineer informed the Members that the Municipal District is benefiting from a new velocity patcher which will be based out of the Killeagh Yard and will have efficiency advantages in increasing resources for pothole repairs.

4. “When will works commence on the public toilets and associated works at Garryvoe and updates on the bathing water testing”.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that Gary Smith, Assistant Engineer is project managing these works which are due to commence in 4 to 6 weeks.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Member that testing of water quality is ongoing and results are advertised weekly.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that testing of the water quality be done on a more regular basis during the summer season.

The Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that the water quality is excellent presently.

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th May, 2017

“That Council give a general clean up to Ahanisk Strand, Middleton and leisure walkway – almost impassable with debris and seaweed”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has inspected Ahanisk Beach and found it to be quite clean and also stated that active community groups take part in clean ups on smaller beaches.

In relation to the removal of seaweed the Engineer informed the members that An Taisce are not in favour of the removal of same and stated that large amounts of seaweed brought in by severe winds would be removed if it remained on any of the main beaches for long periods of time as a health and safety issue.

Cllr. Collins asked what is done with the seaweed once it is cleared from the beach. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is put on the dunes along Pilmore to generate dune revival.

Cllr. Twomey asked if more bins could be provided on the beaches. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that An Taisce have recommended reducing the number of bins on the beaches in order to put the onus for the removal of rubbish on patrons using the beach as the bins are being used to dispose of domestic refuse. It was recommended, as best practice, that a “Pack it in – pack it out” policy be applied.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he does not have the resources presently to clean up the smaller beaches and stated that litter picks are done at these beaches by community groups. The Engineer also encouraged the Members to contact the Anti-Litter Unit if they are notified of any fly tipping at any of the beaches in the East Cork area.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th May, 2017

“In anticipation of the proposed major development works – plus the Flood Relief Scheme in Midleton Town, Council consider the appointment of an engineer on site, with mobile phone, to help and assist the commercial sector, customers and residents, to negotiate and hopefully, sort out, without closure of business any disruptive problems that may arise”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th May, 2017

“Council report what works remain outstanding on Glebe Manor Estate, Whitegate for its taking in charge by County Council”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Estates Department of Cork County Council have arranged to meet with the Developer of this Estate to put in place a comprehensive works programme to have this estate taken in charge.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th May, 2017

“Council report on the completion of road works in Ballintubber/Ballyvodock, Midleton and similar report on Gurteen, Dungourney including adjacent cul de sac”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the works at Ballyvodock were 100% complete and the roads at Gurteen, Dungourney are largely complete. In relation to the Cul de Sac the Engineer informed the Members that works at this area have been approved under the C.I.S. scheme and will be looked at in the next couple of months when the grader is available.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th May, 2017

“That the Chair of the East Cork municipality provide the other Councillors with written reports of the meetings with Ms. Mary Ryan, Director of Services – Municipal District Operations & Rural Development. This report should include what is discussed at the meetings and what decisions are made involving issues within the municipality”.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley informed the Members that Mary Ryan, Director of Service meets with the Chairperson of each Municipal District to discuss ongoing issues and will e-mail the Members with each relevant report.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th May, 2017

“The Council issue an update on when Cork Hill is due to be resurfaced”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works have commenced at this location and stated that the resurfacing works will be quite localised as the next section of the road from Raheen Road to the graveyard will need time to have a subsidence period elapse once Irish Water have completed their pipe laying works here.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th May, 2017

“Road safety measures be investigated and implemented for the Cloyne Meadows Estate, Cloyne”.

This motion was fully supported by Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Collins.

Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this estate is being examined in context with the new Traffic Calming Policies for Estates and a speed survey is being carried out to see what traffic calming measures would be appropriate for this estate. The Engineer informed the Members that one of the policies states that traffic calming measures within estates must be supported by the majority of the residents.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th May, 2017

“That this Council provide a bin for the Community Centre playground in Midleton”.

Cllr. Collins fully supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will ask the Town Foreman to investigate same.

5.1.9 Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23rd May, 2017

“Update on Speed Calming measures in Church Street Youghal”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Church Street was designed as a shared road and stated that the speed limit which is presently 50kph will be reduced to 30kph.

The Engineer stated that a “Pedestrians on Road” sign could be erected at this location and once erected a speed survey could take place.

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23rd May, 2017

“Update on resurfacing Cork Hill Youghal.
This motion was dealt with under motion 5.1.6.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23rd May, 2017

“Update from Sorensen and IW on road closures during summer period in Youghal”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he had met with members of Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Irish Water Representatives, Sorenson’s and various business owners and stated that Sorenson’s and Irish Water have agreed to revert back with a revised programme of works. The Engineer informed the Members that works on the Breton Road have commenced.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the Engineer would keep her updated on any proposals.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23rd May, 2017

“Update on extension of Boardwalk and update on Moll Goggins”.

It was agreed to defer this motion until Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer was present.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29th May, 2017

"That works be carried out in Connolly Street including repair and upgrade of footpaths, buildouts, rubbish bins and improvements to road markings in order to alleviate the traffic congestion during peak hours”.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the build outs in Connolly Street are serviceable. The road was resurfaced in 2011 up to the junction with Main Street. There is illegal parking occurring on double yellow lines close to Main Street and further up on McDermott Street, parking can create tail backs. Traffic flow generally works reasonably well. Again there are double yellow lines on Drury’s Avenue and infringements can cause problems. What is required is enforcement and better driver behaviour. The Senior Executive Engineer advised that removal of parking is a reserved function under Bye-Laws. The Senior Executive Engineer will consider whether a yellow box at the junction might help.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29th May, 2017

"Update on previous motion of September 2015 requesting that the MD make enquiries to IW to open access to road from WWTP to roundabout at Baneshane for public use. This road is already used by runners, cyclists, dog-walkers, strollers and other through traffic, and consideration should be given to taking in charge in order to upgrade and make it safer for all users”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy will further request a report from Irish Water on this matter.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29th May, 2017

"A stop sign to be placed at the L-3630 where it meets the R629 at the entrance to Ballymaloe House. It appears some drivers entering the R629 do not stop as they have the impression they have right of way. Also, an update on works along this L-3630 - some sections have been done, but it remains to be completed".

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will review the provision of signage at this location, in relation to the works along the L3630 the Engineer informed the Members that further repairs have been carried out here during the week with a further overlay of the road to be done once the laying of an out full pipe has been completed for the proposed Dairygold Project.

Correspondence:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she had received a letter from the residents of Woodview Court regarding speeding on the new road towards Bru na Si and asked if the Engineers would have any suggestions regarding same.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that this is a very difficult road to close as it is a public road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate the area and could possibly conduct a speed survey at this location.

2. Cllr. McCarthy requested a copy of the letter received from Christopher Carr requesting that her motion be removed.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Twomey asked if there was any update on the provision of the pontoon for Youghal. Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that it was gone to tender but stated that it will not be in place for this summer season. The Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that in order to qualify for funding the pontoon must be in place in the water by October and stated that it will be in place for the full season in 2018.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the ladders which were removed from the Pier Head facing Moby Dicks while the wall was being pointed be replaced. Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that there are ladders provided on both sides of the storm walls and stated that there is no budget presently for the provision of extra ladders but stated that this can be looked at in the long term.

3. Cllr Linehan-Foley stated she was unhappy that local outdoor staff were being moved out of town to rural areas resulting in staff falling behind in grass cutting and litter picking. Mr Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that outdoor staff numbers had been reduced considerably in the past 15 years. Four new staff on seasonal duty

have been allocated to the East Cork Area. The Engineer stated that a recruitment process is being undertaken by the Personnel Department of Cork County Council.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that the 4 staff allocated need to be appointed as soon as possible with the Tidy Towns Competition and the Litter League Competition taking place over the summer season.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a Vote of Congratulations to the following.

1. Ross Bulman on winning the R.I.B.S.A. finals in May.
2. Eric McCarthy who won Gold at the European Karate Championships in the Czech Republic in May.
3. Youghal Pipe Band who came third in the South of Ireland Pipe Band Competition .
4. Tirna Cahill who won a Silver Medal in the All Irelands Hammer.
5. Youghal 4 All on the very successful Moby Dick Festival.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on July 3rd at 11.00 a.m.at the Midleton Office.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.