

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

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

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

The Members welcomed Cllr. Michael Ahern to the East Cork Municipal Council and wished him every success.

2.1 Deputation to be heard from the residents of Ring, Ballymacoda.

A deputation from Ring, Ballymacoda represented by Catriona Riordan gave the following report to the Members regarding the condition of the roads in their areas.

Catriona Riordan circulated photographs and expressed her grave concerns to the Members regarding the condition of the road at Ring Ballymacoda. Catriona stated that a lot of the road is impassable due to potholes with a lot of the problems on the road caused by poor drainage and also recent adverse weather conditions.

Catriona who runs Sonas Caravan Park which is home to 82 families from Cork City and the surrounding areas during the summer period informed the Members that there are two rate paying businesses in the area which consist of the Caravan Park and Busy Bees Montessori School which hosts 24 pupils per day She informed the Members that the road is dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists and requested that resurfacing works which are due to take place on the L3816 be extended to the side roads.

The Members thanked Catriona for her report and stated that they have visited this road and were appalled at the size of the potholes and suggested that the road be included along with Ballymacoda in the Road Restoration Programme.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that Sonas Caravan Park has been operational for 35 years and informed the Members that water is constantly running on the road surface due to lack of proper drainage. Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that the residents Group had no alternative but to address this issue with the Members at the monthly meeting.

Cllr. Ahern also supported the deputation and stated that improvement works must be done on this road in the near future.

Cllr. Twomey asked if the Engineer has inspected the road in question and asked what is the cost entailed to rectify the drainage issue at this location.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the road is prepared yearly before the Swim Safety Week which takes place in Ring Strand and informed the Members that he will examine the road in question in detail and also informed the Members that he will look at incorporating this road onto the Road Improvement Programme for 2019.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Twomey and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and the Minutes of Special Meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Hegarty

**Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**

1.1 Cllr. Collins requested an update on the Ball Alley Road, Ballymacoda. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Senior Executive Engineer advised at the last meeting that these repairs were added to the list of Road Programme Repairs. Cllr. Hegarty fully supported this item.

1.2 Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any follow up from Irish Water in relation to the proposed Ballycotton Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following report to the Members:

Irish Water is working to end the unacceptable practice of discharging untreated wastewater into Ballycotton Bay by developing a new Sewerage Scheme for the area.

To rectify this long-standing issue, Irish Water and Cork County Council are proposing to build a new wastewater treatment plant and associated network to ensure that any discharge to the bay meets all appropriate discharge standards. This will lead to significant improvements in water quality in Ballycotton Bay with many follow-on benefits for local health, the environment, tourism and future growth and development in the area.

A public information evening will take place in Ballycotton on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> to give local people the opportunity to learn more about the project and meet the project team. This will take place in Ballycotton National School from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

It is proposed to build a new wastewater treatment plant to serve a population equivalent (PE) of 1,100 along with new pumping stations and sewer pipes. All of this infrastructure has been designed to accommodate an increase in local population, in order to facilitate future growth and development in the area.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he understood that representatives of Irish Water were inspecting the pier in Ballycotton last week and may be considering an alternative location for some of the infrastructure required.

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

### 2.2 Part 8 Planning Report – Proposed Castlemartyr East Pedestrian Footbridges.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the Part 8 Planning Report on the proposed N25 Castlemartyr East Pedestrian Footbridge and informed the Members that one submission was received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland stating that they had no objection in principle to the proposed footbridge, but requires that the planning authority abide by official policy in relation to developments on/affecting national roads. The TII also noted that Technical Acceptance of the structure will be required prior to commencement of the development.

It was recommended that the N25 Castlemartyr East Pavement Strengthening Scheme Contract which is currently underway and includes the construction of both N25 Castlemartyr East Pedestrian Footbridges proceed without delay. The proposed footbridges will provide for a considerably safer pedestrian route on both sides of the road to and from Castlemartyr Village centre.

The proposals are in keeping with the proper and sustainable development of the area. In general, there has been widespread support for the scheme and it is recommended that the project proceed as outlined.

The Members welcomed this report and stated that they are delighted to see this step of the project being progressed. The Members approved the proposal for the provision of the pedestrian footbridges.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is vital the planning process for this project is adhered to. Cllr. Hegarty also requested a final figure on the snag list from the works at Killeagh and stated he would like to speak to Eoin Bennett or a Member of the TII to receive a final figure on these works.

### **2.3 East Cork 2018 Roads Drainage Maintenance Programme.**

| Road No.            | Location  | Works                          | Status                    |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| R626                | Carrigogna to Ballyrobert   | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed                  |
| L3601               | Walshtown Rd, Ballymacsliney to Knocknagare   | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed                  |
| R626                | Carrigogna to Ballyrobert   | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed                  |
| L3601               | Walshtown Rd, Ballymacsliney to Knocknagare   | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed                  |
| L7655, L7656, L3676 | Glennageare Cross to Stacks Cross, Stacks Cross to Wood Rd, Wood rd to Townparks Cloyne | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed                  |
| L3633               | Kilboy to Ballyandreen via Churchtown South   | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | In progress 40% completed |

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|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
| L3645               | Finure to Gyleen  | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed      |
| L7664, L3642, L3644 | Ballynookery to Upper Aghada, Inch Cross to Ballynookery<br>Inch Cross to Inch Strand | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed      |
| L3629               | Saleen to East Ferry  | Inlet opening, & side cleaning | Proposed      |
| L7690               | Leamlara to Dundullerick  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | 30% complete  |
| R-626-31            | East Cork – R626 from Carrigane X to Hickeys X  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| R-626-127           | East Cork – R626 (Part) as Rathcobane   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L-36511-0           | East Cork-L36511 Lurrig   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L-3633-24           | East Cork-L3633 Churchtown Road   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | In Progress   |
| L-3638-0, L3638 28  | East Cork L3638 Ballyregan to Ballyrobin  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | 100% Complete |
| L-36451-0           | East Cork – L36451-0 Finure   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| R633                | Lisquinlan to Kilcraheen  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| R627                | Dungourney to Murley Cross Road   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L7888               | Attiquin to Caherultan  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L3818               | Mullins Cross to Ballymaloe Cross   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L3805               | Castlequarter   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L3802               | Murleys Cross to Ballyknock   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | 100% Complete |
| L7804               | Knockacool  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L7812               | Ballinteosig  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L7839               | Ballyglassin  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| R-627-64            | East cork – R627 Ballynacole to Dungourney  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | 30% Complete  |
| L-7820-0            | East Cork – L7820 Ballyard (Part)   | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L-7817-0            | East Cork L7817 Corbally  | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |
| L-7841-0, L-7841-31 | East Cork – L7841 Ballyvergan towards Knockmonlea                                     | Inlet opening & side cleaning  | Proposed      |

\*Drainage Maintenance Programme will be funded from general road maintenance funding.

#### **2.4 East Cork 2018 Drainage Improvement Programme.**

| Project # | Location   | Road #  | Type of Works  | Estimated Cost (€) | Status   |
|-----------|--|---------|--|--------------------|----------|
| 1         | Ballykilty/Burgess Upper                                   | L-7841  | Replace undersized culverts/pipes  | €7,000             | Proposed |
| 2         | Ballymacoda (Knockadoon Rd) adjacent to Castle View Estate | L-3816  | New road gullies and storm drain connections into existing Castlevew network | €8,500             | Proposed |
| 3         | Dungourney – Tallow Rd (by anti skid island)               | R-627   | Additional gullies and rehabilitation  | €7,000             | Proposed |
| 4         | Quarry Road by junction for Copperally                     | L-3807  | Additional gullies   | €4,000             | Proposed |
| 5         | Cumann na Daoine, Youghal                                  | R-634   | Replace blocked drain and/or additional storm pipes                          | €6,000             | Proposed |
| 6         | New Line, Youghal  | L-3810  | Drainage opes/apron slab to improve road drainage to stream                  | €3,000             | Proposed |
| 7         | New line at Curraghleagh                                   | L-3815  | Replace stone culvert  | €12,000            | Proposed |
| 8         | Kilcoran Road, Youghal                                     | L-9532  | Additional road gully to eliminate spot flooding                             | €1,500             | Proposed |
| 9         | Glenphuca L3804  | L-3804  | Additional road drainage works   | €5,000             | Proposed |
| 10        | Saleen Hill on Whitegate Road                              | R-630   | Concrete apron slabs around existing road gullies to channel water           | €4,000             | Proposed |
| 11        | CBS Road, Midleton   | L-3622  | Replace connection pipe from gully   | €2,000             | Proposed |
| 12        | Midleton-Bailick Road                                      | L-3621  | Additional gullies (2nr.) and pipework to reduce ponding                     | €3,500             | Proposed |
| 13        | East Ferry   | L-3629  | Gully and drainage pipe renewals   | €5,000             | Complete |
| 14        | Bawnard Old Road   | L-96302 | Gully and drainage pipe renewals   | €3,000             | Complete |
| 15        | Ballyrobert  | L-96262 | Bridge culvert rehabilitation  | €4,000             | Complete |
| 16        | Churchtown South   | L-3633  | Rehabilitation and replacement/improvement of road drainage                  | €38,273            | Proposed |

East Cork Municipal District has been allocated a Budget of €113,773 in 2018 for drainage works. For the current year it is proposed to use this funding for renewals/replacements/improvements. Drainage Maintenance Programme will be funded from general road maintenance funding. This approach will be reviewed again for 2019.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that Healy's landowners be required to cut back the hedges at their property and also raised the issue of the poor surface of the road at Fanisk, Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road is due another surface dress coat in the middle of May. Cllr. Hegarty asked when the grader is due back in the area. Janette Kenney, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the grader is due back in the middle of June.

Cllr. Aherne requested that the Dungourney Road to Kilcounty be investigated.

### **2.5 Roads Programme 2018 – Progress Report.**

| <b>East Cork Municipal District – Roads Programme 2018 – Progress Report 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.</b> |            |           |                                    |                    |             |
|---|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Funding Grant Category  | Road Class | Road No.  | Road Name and/or Townland Name     | Length of Work (m) | % Completed |
| Restoration Maintenance   | R          | -         | Regional Roads Surface Dressing    | 8,150              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | L          | -         | Local Roads Surface Dressing       | 15,120             | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LP         | I-3815-49 | Aghavine X to Connell's X          | 1,917              | 80%         |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L-7675-0  | Ballinrostig to Ballysovane (Part) | 1,320              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L-7694-21 | Ballynaclashy (Part)               | 1,550              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LT         | L-78311-0 | Ballynascarty                      | 481                | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L-7610-0  | Ballyvatta                         | 1,917              | 90%         |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LT         | L-36014-0 | Carrigogna                         | 1,145              | 90%         |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LP         | L-3601-53 | Castlelyons Road at Rathgire       | 1,550              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L-7894-0  | Clashadunna to Ballyhobert         | 1,500              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L7856-0   | Finisk to Gortnagark               | 1,219              | 90%         |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LT         | L-38091-0 | Glenane More to Glenane Beg        | 2,283              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L-7825-0  | Kilcounty X to Dangan X            | 2,580              | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LP         | L-3816-0  | Knockadoon Road (Part)             | 739                | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LT         | L-38233-0 | Mary Street Youghal                | 90                 | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | LS         | L-9402-0  | Park Street Midleotn               | 160                | 0%          |
| Restoration Maintenance   | R          | R-626-0   | R626 at Broomfield West            | 343                | 100%        |

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|-------------------------|----|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|----|
| Restoration Maintenance | R  | R-633-31  | R633 Clonpriest to Crompaun        | 1,371 | 0% |
| Restoration Maintenance | R  | R-634-16  | R364 Moll Goggins                  | 500   | 0% |
| Restoration Maintenance | R  | R-908-0   | R908 Railway Hill and Front Strand | 500   | 0% |
| Restoration Maintenance | LT | L-76592-0 | Scarriff to Kilva                  | 1,470 | 0% |

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that works take place on the Railway Hill, Youghal before the Darkness into Light walk takes place. Mr. Paul Murray informed the Members that it is on a list of works and will be complete for the walk.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of loose chippings on the road from Kilcounty Cross to Dangan Cross. Janette Kenney, Executive Engineer will investigate same.

### **2.6 Report on Deputation from Clashadunna Residents**

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer gave the following report to the members on issues raised by Deputation from the residents of Ballyvergan West, Clashadunna, Ballyhobart Upper and Ballyhobart Lower at the March Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District:

As the Members are aware funding for Regional and Local Roads has been significantly reduced over the last few years and this has impacted on the maintenance and the improvements of the existing road network. The wet winters over the last few years have compounded the situation along with reductions in outdoor staff.

Immediately following on from the March Municipal District meeting the Clashadunna to Ballyhobart road was inspected and significant potholes filled.

Work will consist of inlet opening, drainage improvements, laying 150mm of wetmix and finishing with a double surface dressing. Works are scheduled to commence in June. It would facilitate these works if any overhanging trees could be cut back in advance by the relevant landowners.

The Members unanimously agreed that these works should commence immediately. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the works will be carried out in June as the grader has to be shared around the county and will not be in this area until June.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the grader has a four week block in the East Cork area which is divided up between two weeks in Midleton area and the following two weeks in the Youghal area.

The Members agreed that the 4 Dail Representatives & Minister Shane Ross be written to once again to attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District to discuss road conditions in the East Cork Area.

## **2.7 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018.**

### **B01 National Primary Roads – Maintenance and Improvement – Budget Amount €38,456**

This provision is in respect of grants funding for the routine maintenance of N25 National Primary Road in the Municipal District (excluding dual carriageway).

### **B03 Regional Road – Maintenance and Improvement - Budget Amount €1,260.463**

This funding is in respect of the general maintenance and improvement of regional roads in the Municipal District and includes for verge trimming at junctions and works in connection with the presentation of towns and their approaches. Breakdown as follows:

- ☐ Restoration Improvement Programme - €630,243
- ☐ Restoration Maintenance Programme - €166,375
- ☐ Low Cost Safety - €58,000
- ☐ Presentation of Towns & Approaches - €82,500
- ☐ Verge trimming - €22,000
- ☐ Road Drainage - €60,000
- ☐ General Road Maintenance\* - €241,345

\*Includes pothole repairs & patching, drainage maintenance & jetting, signage renewals, road markings, winter maintenance, flooding / severe weather responses & emergency callouts.

### **B04 Local Roads – Maintenance and Improvement – Budget Amount €3,769,389**

As with the National Primary and Regional Roads this provision is in respect of the general maintenance and improvement of Local Roads and the significant budget of almost €3.8 million reflects the large network of local roads in the Municipal District. Breakdown as follows:

- ☐ Restoration Improvement Programme - €1,860,781
- ☐ Restoration Maintenance Programme - €339,535
- ☐ Road Drainage - €53,773
- ☐ General Road Maintenance\* - €1,515,300

\*Includes pothole repairs & patching, drainage maintenance & jetting, signage renewals, road markings, winter maintenance, flooding / severe weather responses & emergency callouts.

Note: The combined 2018 budget for General Road Maintenance for Regional & Local Roads of €1,756,645 is a reduction on the 2017 final year budget of €1,883,838– however when taking into account the new Drainage Budget of €113,773, the figures are broadly similar.

### **B08 School Wardens/Road Safety – Budget Amount €75,063**

This element of the Budget provides for the employment of School Wardens at several locations throughout the Municipal District in addition to funding training programmes, equipment supply and ancillary and related requirements, for example the promotion and improvement of road safety.



**B09 Car Parking/Parking Enforcement – Budget Amount €110,418**

This provision relates exclusively to Parking Regulation and Enforcement, including pay, equipment, equipment maintenance (parking machines and signage etc.), stationary, administration of fees and fines, prosecutions and training.

**C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences – Budget Amount €224,173**

This Budget covers a total of 10 public conveniences in the Municipal District. There are four Automatic Public Conveniences and one conventional public toilet in the town of Youghal, two Automatic Public Conveniences in Midleton Town and one conventional toilet in Ballycotton, one in Garryvoe and another in Redbarn. The contracts for the Automatic Public Conveniences are perceived as costly, however the contracts cover all maintenance and material costs and the units are extremely robust and vandal proof thus eliminating significant costs in repairs and replacement which arise in connection with conventional public toilets. The Automatic Public Conveniences also eliminate the very costly negative effect which arises from reports of unsightly and apparently badly maintained public toilets, even though this condition is caused by irresponsible vandalism and not by any failure on the part of local authorities. There is also the advantage that they are wheelchair accessible and are available 24/7.

**D.1101 – Heritage Services – Budget Amount €140,000**

This budget provision supports heritage conservation, promotion and regeneration in Youghal. It provides funding for local match funding which generates grant funding through initiatives such as the Heritage Towns Initiative, for example restoration work on the Town Walls and recent conservation and restoration of the floor in St. Mary's Collegiate Church. It also supports the preparation and progress of plans such as the Heritage Led Plan for Enhancement of the Public Realm and promotional projects such as branding and tourism information strategies.

**E05 – Litter Management – Budget Amount €37,150**

Included in this programme is pay for litter prevention in the deployment of Litter Wardens and for litter clean up activities.

**E06 – Street Cleaning – Budget Amount €467,238**

This is one of the areas of significant cost and expenditure. Both of the former Town Councils in Youghal and Midleton put significant resources in funding and staff deployment towards street cleaning in the town centres. The split is almost half and half with €241,104 attributable to Midleton and €226,054 attributable to Youghal. As the description infers a high intensity regime of street cleaning, as in regular sweeping of town centres and other streets and public spaces, throughout the year but more intensively in the high season was annually maintained in both towns. Litter bins provided in high numbers require daily attention in emptying and disposal of the waste gives rise to significant costs. Costs for the disposal of waste also arises where clean ups are necessary to deal with waste arising to any significant extent outside of the areas catered for in the cleansing regime and in relation to circumstances where illegal dumping occasionally gives rise to litter blackspots.

**E09 – Maintenance of Burial Grounds €163,010**

Most of the expenditure in relation to these operations, €147,595, is attributable to Youghal and wide environs with the balance of €15,415 attributable in the remainder of the Municipal District. This reflects the historical circumstances of population distribution, the operation and responsibilities of the Youghal Joint Burial Board and that the graveyards operation and management in Midleton town are the responsibility of the Parish.

#### **E10 – Safety of Structures and Places €175,873**

Here again, as might be expected, the greater part of the expenditure, €153,119 plus, is attributable to the historic Youghal Area stretching from Youghal itself to Garryvoe and relates to a great extent to water safety in connection with beaches, rivers and quays including the employment of lifeguards and lifesaving equipment. The balance of the funding, €22,754, includes similar activities in the rest of the Municipal District and such issues as derelict sites and dangerous structures and places.

#### **F01 – Leisure Facilities Operations €190,000**

Most of the expenditure, €170,000, arises from commitments and responsibilities in connection with the public swimming pool and leisure centre at Claycastle, through Claycastle Leisure Company Limited. Loan charges require payment of €109,000. €61,000 provides funding for maintenance works in connection with the swimming pool and leisure complex and for the management company Claycastle Leisure Company Limited, which company is responsible for the management of the facility, in relation to its obligations regarding payments in connection with the lease of the land, office accommodation, water charges, financial accounts, VAT returns etc.

#### **F03 – Outdoor Leisure Operations – Budget Amount €580,459**

This is the highest expenditure area in the Municipal District Budget, except for roads expenditure, and reflects the resources committed to maintaining the high standards of presentation, landscaping, cleanliness and care of public parks, amenity areas, public walkways and promenades and beaches. The magnificent beach in Youghal alone requires expenditure of over €148,000 with additional funds attributable to other beaches in the Municipal District such as the very popular beaches at Garryvoe and Ardnahinch. Both Youghal and Midleton have significant numbers and scale of public parks, amenity areas and public walkways requiring a high level of expenditure, over €147,000 for Midleton and over €222,000 for Youghal. Playground maintenance costs €46,449.

#### **F04 – Community, Sport and Recreation Development – Budget Amount €512,911**

This is the second highest expenditure area in the Municipal District Budget, again except for roads expenditure, and the bulk of this, over €400,000, is directed to community organisations and groups by way of grants under the Community Fund Grants Scheme (€231,218) and to towns and villages through the Town Development Fund (€120,000) and the Village Renewal Fund (€62,500).

This budget also provides funding for the maintenance of Corporate Buildings, particularly in Youghal where several buildings of historic and heritage importance were vested in the former Youghal Town Council and are now the responsibility of Cork County Council.

#### **F05 – Operation of Arts Programme – Budget Amount €118,750**

This provision of €118,750 supports Enterprise Youghal through Hatherton Limited, in the management and maintenance of St. Mary's College for start up office units and craft units/studios etc in the amount of €40,000, management and maintenance of the St. Mary's College Gardens €30,000, Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Development €13,000 and Youghal Socio Economic Development Group €10,000. The Arts Officer arranges for approval for expenditure of the remaining €18,750 for appropriate arts related initiative.

**F06 Agency and Recoupable Services – Budget Amount €3,500.**

This modest budget provides for minor works in relation to walks, trails and seating areas.

**G01 Land Drainage Costs – Budget Amount €26,500**

This funding is provided for the maintenance of a Designated Land Drainage Area in part of the Youghal Engineers Area of the Municipal District.

**G02 – Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours – Budget Amount €32,958**

This is a relatively modest provision with about €15,000 attributable to Youghal and €8,000 to the rest of the Municipal District in relation to the operation and maintenance of piers and harbours generally and the balance of nearly €10,000 to fund the operations of the Youghal Harbour Board in connection, in the main, with the commercial activity associated with the redeveloped Greens Quay area in Youghal Harbour.

**G03 – Coastal Protection – Budget Amount €38,900**

This modest provision is used to enable minor general maintenance works in coastal areas.

**H06 Weighbridge – Budget Amount €2,000**

This provision supports weighbridge operations in connection with transport regulations.

**H07 – Operation of Markets/Casual Trading – Budget Amount €5,300**

This is a modest provision in the Municipal District Budget reflecting the low level of activity in relation to the operation of markets and casual trading. The Members may be aware that the review of Casual Trading Bye Laws for County Cork is presently ongoing and that there has not been any significant activity throughout most of the County for many years in connection with Casual Trading. This is an area gaining in popularity and has potential to bring benefits and encourage economic activity. It is now generally recognised that the operation of Casual Trading in Midleton on Saturday mornings has significantly enlivened the town and increased business throughout the town on Saturdays. Much of the credit for this success must be ascribed to the Midleton Farmers' Market group and their commitment to achieving the highest standards of product quality, product variety and mix and the excellence of service and presentation. Credit must also be ascribed to the former Midleton Town Council who supported the carrying out of Casual Trading from the outset, even in the face of local opposition, and for the investment in providing a very pleasant, attractive and safe area as the Designated Casual Trading Area at the Fair Green. The former Youghal Town Council supported the operation of Casual Trading at several locations in the town for many years with beneficial effects. The allocation of funds is in the amount of €3,300 in respect of Midleton and €2,000 in respect of Youghal.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of item G01 regarding land drainage costs and stated that the culvert at Lissacruie to Ballyling Cross is neglected and he would be hopeful that works would take place here this year.

The Municipal District Officer agreed to investigate this matter.

**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. Noel Collins, received on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Road within Broomfield Ridge, Midleton is fast deteriorating with total surface dressing required, in the interest of road safety and human life can it be included in the 2018 Roads Programme”.

The Members fully supported this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the entire footpath within Broomfield Ridge was replaced in 2017 and stated that the full road needs to be resurfaced but is unlikely to make the 2018 Restoration Programme. The Engineer recommended that the residents at this estate apply for a CIS scheme which would be the fastest route to complete the works.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

“Resulting from the density of traffic from all roads leading to the roundabout, upper New Cork Road, Midleton fronting Midleton Park Hotel, Council report if a redesign of roundabout is envisaged in the interest of road safety”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, McCarthy and Twomey fully supported this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is envisaged to put the Cork Road on the list of resurfacing works for 2019/2020 and stated that the roundabout will be looked at in the context of design.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the junction at Colaiste Eoin/St. Raphaels, Youghal and requested that this be investigated.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“What proposals, if any, are anticipated to redesign traffic control at rear of Church Lane, Midleton to replace the present system of raging tempers and horn blowing to move on”.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that signage had been installed to present traffic coming from Riverside Way. The Engineer stated that one of the main issues regarding the installation of a right hand land at this location would be the application for land acquisition.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Council making funding available for the provision of public lighting on rear roads serving Housing Estates and Groups of Housing to help curb criminal activity plus speed ramps in Riversfield Estate and Dwyers Road, Midleton as requested by residents”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Twomey seconded this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Public Lightibng Programme focused on heavily [edestrian trafficked areas. This area would not qualify for public lighting as it is not a heavily pedestrianised area. Criminal Activity and speeding are a matter for An Garda Siochána.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Can this Council contact the library service requesting the installation of toilet facilities in Midleton Library”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will refer this item to the Library Section and to Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Can yellow junction boxes be installed at the entrances to Elsinore, Willowbank and Castleredmond (Whitegate Road) to facilitate access issues to residents at times of heavy traffic”.

Ms. Janette Kenny. Executive Engineer informed the Members that she will look at the areas of Elsinore and Willowbank regarding the installation of yellow junction boxes and stated that a detailed design in relation to traffic calming works for the R630 at Castleredmond is awaited.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Repairs to the Mogeely to Dungourney Road, repairs to the Castlemartyr to Ladysbridge Road, directly after the bridge and also the road at Barrys Farm, Gortacruie – can it be listed for resurfacing”.

Janette Kenny Senior Executive Engineer will investigate this matter.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Can Irish Water be contacted requesting a written report from a full investigation into the issue of regular flooding at the Bonnog entrance via the manholes on the road. This should also include a plan for resolution with a timeline for such”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer agreed to write to Irish Water on behalf of the Members regarding this motion.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Asking that East Cork Municipal District provide funding for continuation of footpath at Cork Hill adjacent to the Water Tower into Blackwater Heights”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will investigate same.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this location is included on the East Cork MD Footpath Programme 2018.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Calling on Cork County Council to assign general operatives to East Cork specifically for Municipal Services to replace the numbers lost through retirements”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Twomey fully supported this motion.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer gave the following report received from Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer to the Members:

Over the last 10 year period there has been a substantial reduction in Council budgets and commensurate reduction in outdoor staff. A comparison of numbers of permanent outdoor staff involved in Roads and general Municipals Services in East Cork MD over the period 2008 to now is as follows\*:

(\*allowing for changes to boundaries etc)

Midleton Town – reduction from 10 to 7

Youghal Town – reduction from 14 to 8

Midleton Roads – reduction from 18 to 9

Youghal Roads – reduction from 17 to 8

The overall total number of permanent outdoor staff has reduced from 59 to 32.

Cork County Council has approved a staffing level of 38 permanent outdoor staff in East Cork MD which is a modest increase on the staff numbers of 37 this time last year. Personnel Department is recruiting the 6 staff sanctioned.

It is clear from the above that the greatest percentage loss of staff is in roads crews (51.4% reduction compared to 37.5% reduction for town crews). Considering this and having regard to needs for ongoing maintenance and repairs to rural roads the substantial majority of replacement staff will be assigned to roads crews.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Could I ask for remedial works to be carried out in Front Strand before the inaugural Darkness into Light Walk”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will walk the route with Cllr. Linehan Foley to investigate any works that need to be carried out.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

“Asking that Engineer looks at putting a gate between Play Park and Millennium Park for safety for children using the play park”.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that both the Millennium Park and Playground were originally an open plan design and stated that steel grids were placed on all of the ponds. The Senior Staff Officer stated that the provision of a gate would complicate the situation as it would hinder visual aspect and also stated that children should be supervised at all times.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

"Repairs to footpath at Knockgriffin, currently in a very bad state of disrepair, particularly from junction with Cork Road as far as entrance to the Soccer Club”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Ms. Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this area was recently inspected and it was recommended that it would be considered for repairs in the 2019 Footpath Restoration Programme. The Engineer stated that in the meantime she will investigate the provision of remedial works in this area.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“Having regard to ongoing campaign of residents at Cyprus Circus to have speed bumps installed, and further to requested petition, received as per instruction, that they be given due consideration and the speed bumps installed forthwith”.

Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that a speed survey was conducted at this estate and it was included in the Speed Limit Programme for 30 kph. The Engineer stated that she will investigate this estate with the Road Safety Officer and will revert back to the Members with recommended proposals.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“Repairs to severely damaged road L3629 at Rathcoursey, requiring immediate attention”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley and Twomey seconded this motion.

Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the potholes on this road had been filled recently and stated that Cork County Council is awaiting proposed works by Dairygold Co-op regarding the laying of an outfall pipe on this road.

5.1.16 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“Can we have dates for commencement of public realm works on (a). Main Street, Midleton, (b). Main Street, Whitegate, (c). upgrade works to Baby's Walk to include access to park at Midleton Lodge, and (d). low cost safety works on R630 at crossing at Ballinacurra”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following report on the above items of the Members:

(a) The Public Realm works are due to commence in November.

(b) Cork County Council are currently in discussion with Irish Water as they have works planned for the site, The local community will be updated on these works. It is intended to commence the Main Street enhancement works in 2018.

(c) The Part VIII process is the next step for these works but no timeline was committed to as of yet.

(d) It is expected that a representative from the Non National Roads Office will attend the June Meeting of the Council prior to the Part VIII process commencing on these works

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“Repairs to Ardra Cross from Russells Hill to Ballintibbot Cross”.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that these roads are on a list of repairs.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“That the car park at Ballynamona be repaired, barrier secured and road access addressed”.

Cllr. Aherne seconded this motion.



Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that she will investigate the barrier and stated that the road access works should be rectified this season. The Engineer informed the Members that car park at Ballynamona is being dealt with presently.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“That Dungourney Road from Ballyknock Cross to Couragh being repaired and overgrown fences and ditches being cut back also repairs to Ballyknock Road – L78321-0”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

5.1.20 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018

“That the area known as “Paradise” on the cliffs at Ballycotton be restored to its original use as an amenity for all to use”.

Cllrs. Twomey, Linehan Foley & Collins seconded this motion.

This is private property. Concerns were raised with the Council’s Water Safety Development Officer and the matter was referred to the Irish Water Safety, the statutory established to promote water safety in Ireland, for consideration and advice e. Through Irish Water Safety a Risk Assessment Report was carried out by a federated member of the International Lifesaving Federation of Europe (ILSE).

The Report described the access as “Clearly very dangerous and unsuitable for use” and without complete demolition or reconstruction of the step structure, described as “in itself a dangerous task” recommended that the access to the public be permanently closed to the public and the erection of additional signage to emphasise the danger. The Report further advised that mobile phone coverage is almost non-existent at this location and that in the event of an emergency only helicopter rescue would be possible. A copy of the Report was sent to the owner of the land and step structure and it was advised that it would be prudent that liabilities arising for the landowner would be given urgent consideration and that appropriate action be taken as soon as possible. It was also advised that the Council intended to erect warning signs and fencing at the edge of the Cliff Walk in this vicinity, as recommended in the Report to inform members of the public of the hazards/risks arising and as identified in the Risk Assessment Report. The Council’s Water Safety Development Officer requested that assistance of the Senior Executive Engineer in implementing the recommendations in the Risk Assessment Report in relation to fencing and additional signage.

## **6 Correspondence.**

None

## **7. Any Other Business:**

1. Cllr Twomey asked if there was any response from Bus Eireann in relation Aishlinn Road. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer was going to raise the matter with Bus Eireann and An Garda Síochána.
2. Cllr. Twomey asked if there was any response from Bus Eireann in relation to Bus Shelters. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he has received no reply to date and also informed the Members that Bus Eireann have contracted out the provision of Bus Shelters.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the matter of the provision of Disability Bus Stop for Youghal be kept on the Agenda.
4. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of the L7630 at Broomfield Village and stated that part of the road has been badly damaged by Farm Machinery and asked if landowners could be contacted. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer will investigate.
5. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of potholes on the road from Ballymacoda to Ladysbridge.
6. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of pothole repairs at the L7825 at Kilcounty Bridge and asked if the rest of the road at this location is due for resurfacing work. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will investigate.
7. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of potholes at the Quarry Road, Youghal between McDermotts and the Garden Centre.
8. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the shrubbery at Blackwater Heights to Cork Hill and also on Kilcoran Road be cut.
9. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she was contacted by Residents of The Tallow Road requesting that 'cats eyes' be installed on the road. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will discuss the matter with Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. at Mall House, Youghal.

**This concluded the business of the Meeting.**