

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 2nd July, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 5th June, 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May, 2018, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th June, 2018.

1.1 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the Pedestrian Crossing at Lower Aghada and asked if he could have a cost estimate for the works. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will request same from the Non National Roads Design Office.

2. Consideration of Report and Recommendations.

2.1 N25 Lakeview Roundabout: Managers Report on Part 8 Planning.

Finola O' Riordan, S/Design Executive Engineer, Non National Roads Design Office gave a brief synopsis to the Members on the Part VIII Planning Report for the N25 Lakeview Roundabout Slip Road Scheme which proposes construction of a slip road to the South West of the existing roundabout which will allow traffic from the south to merge with the N25 in a westbound direction bypassing the existing Lakeview Roundabout and other necessary associated works.

The Engineer informed the Members that the following four submissions were received:

1. Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
2. Bus Eireann.
3. An Garda Síochána.
4. Coakley O' Neil on behalf of Circle K the owner of the service station on the Whitegate Road.

Finola O' Riordan informed the Members that the proposed works are required to increase the overall capacity of the R630 southern arm of the roundabout at Lakeview and will allow continued growth for both the Ballinacurra area and for the eastern side of Cork Harbour in general and stated that the proposals are in keeping with the proper and sustainable development of the area and there is overall support for the scheme in general.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if the design might incorporate lengthening the slip road as traffic is restricted coming from the R360 onto the N25. Finola O' Riordan informed the Members that works are restricted at this location and in order to move back the slip lane it would require the compulsory purchase of land.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if any consideration could be given to the provision of traffic lights at this location to give way to traffic coming from Castlemartyr. Finola O' Riordan informed the Members that the works due to take place at this location are a short term measure and stated that the provision of traffic lights at this location could be considered in the long term.

Cllr. Hegarty requested the cost of the works. The Engineer informed the Member that costings will be available at detailed design stage.

Cllr. Collins requested the provision of adequate signage in the area. The Engineer noted his request.

2.2 Part 8 – Water Rock Infrastructure Project.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part VIII Process for the Water Rock Infrastructure Project.

2.3 Proposed Development of 70 Social Housing Units at Abbeywood, Midleton under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2017.

Keith Jones Senior Engineer circulated drawings to the Members in relation to the proposed development of 70 Social Housing Units at Abbeywood, Midleton under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2017 and stated that he is seeking the approval of the Members for the Part VIII Process to commence this week.

Mr. Sean Hegarty, DFJ Engineer Services Ltd gave the following report to the Members:

Introduction.

Cork County Council proposes to develop a new housing scheme of 70 houses on a green field site at Abbeywood, Baneshane, Midleton.

This scheme was granted planning permission by Cork Council in December 2016. It was appealed to An Bord Pleanala which then granted full planning permission in May of 2017.

Previously, 74 residential units were granted permission in 2006 on this site.

The planning application process for this scheme which ran from December 2015 to May, 2017 involved several requests for further information and several revisions to the original submission to address issues raised by the Area Engineer, Senior Planners and others in particular with regard to traffic, flooding and services.

This Part VIII submission is similar to the scheme already granted permission and incorporates all the measures introduced to satisfy Cork County Council and An Bord Pleanala.

The only proposed alterations to the previous scheme relate to slight modifications in house sizes and design to satisfy the area requirements of the Department of Housing for social houses. No additional houses are proposed.

Traffic.

Detailed and comprehensive Traffic and Transportation Assessments were carried out by JB Barry and Partners for the scheme which has been granted full planning permission by An Bord Pleanala. These included assessments on the basis of the Gaelscoil being open and further development in the Abbeywood area. They also included further analysis of the slip road onto the N25.

The findings of the Traffic and Transportation Assessments were that while there are some capacity issues at peak times relating to the Gaelscoil, the proposed development actually had a net positive impact on traffic as it was a reduction on the previously granted 74 houses.

Flooding.

An existing stream flows through the site and through existing undersized culverts. Existing undersized culverts contributed to flooding upstream of the site in the past, most recently in December 2015.

The proposed development includes a new culvert to divert the existing stream to allow for development and a new culvert to by-pass the existing undersized culvert running under the Baneshane road and behind the Gaelscoil.

The proposed new culverts will significantly reduce the risk of flooding upstream of the site. Flood analysis has predicted that the flood levels will drop by over 1.5m in extreme flood events in comparison to the current situation.

It is proposed to leave a portion of low-lying lands adjoining the site which are in Cork County Council ownership to flood in extreme events to provide additional robustness to the proposed flood alleviation measures.

The current proposal is a result of detailed Flood Risk Assessment which included flow monitoring on site to provide further details of underground water flows. This proposal has been accepted by Cork County Council and An Bord Pleanála.

Furthermore, we are liaising with the Cork Council Team working on the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme who have commenced more detailed mapping of the hydrology in this area.

In addition the proposed culverts will be subject to a Section 50 application to the Office of Public Works. We have already met with the OPW engineer responsible for this area.

Feedback on the current proposal from both the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme Team and the OPW will be reflected in the final detailed design of the culverts and stream diversion to ensure that the constructed scheme improves the current situation significantly and helps to provide a robust long-term solution to flooding upstream of the site.

Services.

The site is well served by ESB and telecom utility providers.

A new pumping station will be provided for foul drainage. This has been agreed with Irish Water as part of the previous application for the site.

Cllr. Twomey asked if a playground would be incorporated into the development. Mr. Keith Jones, Senior Engineer informed the Members that the development would not incorporate a playground.

Cllr. Twomey asked how many three bed houses would be available. The Engineer informed the Members that 45 three bed dwellings are to be constructed and also stated that two especially adapted bungalows are to be constructed.

Cllr. McCarthy welcomed the report and thanked The Engineer for same. Cllr. McCarthy requested the provision of lighting for the nearby flyover to ensure safety for the residents of this area.

Cllr. Hegarty asked why the development was to proceed to Part VIII. Mr. Keith Jones, Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council sought legal advice and were informed that they could be open to challenge if they did not proceed to Part VIII.

Cllr Hegarty requested the provision of an additional slip lane to alleviate traffic as it is chaotic here at peak time. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy advised him that this was a housing development and while the roads proposal was relevant it was outside of the site and beyond the scope of the Housing Directorate to deal with and was an issue for Cork County Council to raise and address with the TII. The Municipal District Officer stated that the Members are being asked to approve the Part VIII Process for the housing development, and once this process has commenced a Managers Report regarding submissions will be brought back to the Members for further consideration of the proposal.

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On the proposal of Cllr. Aherne which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part VIII Process for the Proposed Development of 70 Social Housing Units at Abbeywood, Midleton.

2.4 Housing Report for East Cork.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Housing Report for East Cork to the Members:

1. Waiting List Report:

It should be noted that as an applicant can choose up to three areas of choice, there can be an element of double/triple counting in the figures outlined below:

Municipal District	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom	Five Bedroom
East Cork	861	797	755	126	1
	One Bed Adapted	Two Bed Adapted	Three Bed Adapted	Four Bed Adapted	
	3	15	17	1	

2. Vacant House Report:

East Cork	Total
Casual Vacancies	5
Long Term Voids	6

3. Affordable Housing Incl. Leasing of Unsold Affordable Units:

Total Number of Unsold Affordable Housing Units Leased to Approved Housing Bodies: 262
 Total Number Approved for Short Term Letting to Approved Housing Bodies: 0

4. Housing Construction Programme – Local Authority Development/Voluntary Housing:

Acquisitions	House Type 2 Bed	House Type 3 Bed	House Type 4 Bed	Total No of Units
Totals	1	1	0	2

TAS (Technical Architectural Support)	Property Type	Total No. of Units	Comment
1. Quakers Cottage, Youghal	2 Roomed	1	Proposed Heritage Site
5 Alms Houses	2 Bed End Terrace	1	Secured – Awaiting

				Inspection
AHB Programme	Construction	No. of Units	Comments	
Respond! St. Francis Court, Beecher's Yard, Youghal		4	Stage 3 submission to Department not approved due to cost. Request for alternative proposals from the AHB.	
Total		4		

	No. of Grants Received to-date	No. of Grants Paid to-date	Amount paid out to-date	No. of Grants approved but not paid out to-date	Amount approved but not yet paid out to-date	No. of unapproved applications on hand to-date	Amount of unapproved applications on hand to-date
Housing Adaptation Grant	19	8	€53,406	22	€252,552	27	€675,000
Mobility Aid Grant	18	5	€24,282	11	€58,261	15	€90,000
Housing Aid for Older People Grant	17	12	€46,705	10	€50,682	17	€102,000
Totals	54	25	€124,393	43	€361,495	59	€867,000

6. Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Applicants in Receipt of RAS	No.
East Cork	74

HAP No. of Households: East Cork Municipal District	492
% of Overall HAP Properties	16%

7. Disabled Persons Grant Report:

DPG Minor Works	Total
M1	1
M3	2
M4	7
M5	9
M6	11
M7	5

Total	35
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DPG Extensions	Total
E4	4
E5	1
E6	1
Total	6

8. Energy Retrofitting and Planned Maintenance Programme.

Planned Maintenance Proposed 2018.	Upgrades	No. of Units
Chimney Repairs		8
Heating Ventilation and Insulation Works		1

Energy Efficiency Work Proposed 2018	No. of Units
Cavity Wall & Attic Insulation	80 Approx

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked what is the delay in allocating the two vacant houses in Youghal.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy suggested that the Members make representations to the Housing Department.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that the Quaker Cottage had been assessed and will not be used for Social Housing as it is not up to the required standards due to its Protected Structure Status.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that this matter be brought to the Housing SPC. Cllr. Hegarty seconded this proposal.

2.5 Proposed Disposal of Property.

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

Situation: Rectification of boundaries at Parklands, Youghal.

Area: 0.03 hectares

From Whom Acquired: Youghal UDC

To Whom It Is Proposed

To Dispose: Redbarn (Youghal) Construction Limited

Consideration: €1 plus payment of Council's administrative and legal costs.

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

2.6 Consideration of request that deputation from Rostellan Road Safety Action Group be heard at September Meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. Collins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Rostellan Road Safety Action Group be heard at the September Meeting of East Cork Municipal District.

2.7 Progress Report on Roads Programme:

East Cork Municipal District – Roads Programme 2018 – Progress Report 2nd July 2018.					
Funding Grant Category	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of Works (m)	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance	R	-	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	8,150	0%
Restoration Maintenance	L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	15,120	44%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3815-49	Aghavine X to Connell's X	1,917	90%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7675-0	Ballinrostig to Ballysovane (Part)	1,330	0%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7694-21	Ballynaclashy (Part)	1,550	50%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-78311-0	Ballynascarthy	481	0%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7610-0	Ballyvatta	1,917	100%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-36014-0	Carrigogna	1,145	100%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7894-0	Clashadunna to Ballyhobert	1,500	90%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7856-0	Finisk to Gortnagark	1,219	100%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-38091-0	Glenane More to Glenane Beg	2,283	15%

Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7825-0	Kilcounty X to Dangan X	2,850	0%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3601-53	Castlelyons Road at Rathgire	1,550	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3816-0	Knockadoon Road (Part)	739	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-38233-0	Mary Street, Youghal	90	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-9402-0	Park Street, Midleton	160	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	R	R-626-0	R626 at Broomfield West	343	100%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-633-31	R633 Clonpriest to Crompaun	1,371	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	R	R634-16	R634 Moll Goggins	500	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	R	R-908-0	R908 Railway Hill and Front Strand	500	0% (tender awarded)
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-76592-0	Scarriff to Kilva	1,470	0% (tender awarded)
Local Improvement Scheme	-	-	Glenally, Youghal	175	0% (tender awarded)
Community Improvement Scheme	LT	L-78321-0	Ballynascarthy	880	0%
Community Improvement Scheme		LT-78122-0	Carriganassa	401	0%

Cllr. Aherne asked when works are likely to proceed on the road from Kilcounty to Dangan. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the scheme is due to commence in late August/early September.

Cllr. McCarthy asked for a ballpark time for works on the Ballinrostig Road to Ballysovane, again the Engineer informed the members that these works area due to commence in late August/early September.

Cllr. Twomey asked for a timeline for the works due to be carried out by a contractor. Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the works at Moll Goggins will be carried out after the Tourist Season and stated the more rural jobs such as Clonpriest will be complete by August.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the cul-de-sac at Murphy's Road, Kilcoultry and stated that quite a number of roads at this location are in need of repair. Cllr. Linehan Foley also requested that works continue into the cul-de-sac at this location. The Senior Executive Engineer stated that he will investigate the possibility of carrying out extra works of 20/30 metres on this road towards the junction. The Engineer suggested that the residents of this cul-de-sac apply for a CIS.

Cllr. Aherne raised the issue of the Whitegate to Midleton Road and asked if this road could be considered for an upgrade to a national road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will check into the status of this road and will revert back to the Members at the September meeting.

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. Danielle Twomey, received on 6th June 2018

"Can the Engineer take a look at the set down area outside Cloyne National School, which is Council owned property, with the view of implementing flexi bollards to stop motorists parking at the set down area and provide an extra level of safety for the children attending the school".

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he examined this area in the last week and stated that it would benefit from refreshing road markings. The Engineer stated that he will highlight the situation with An Garda Síochána to ensure people park in a proper and safe manner.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 11th June 2018

“Can this Council please erect a “Slow Down, Children at Play” sign at the Cloyne playground to help alert speeding motorists to children being present”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that signage is warranted for this area.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 13th June 2018

“Can the engineer please put painted lines in the communal parking area in the top square of Forrest Hill to mark out sufficient car parking spaces”.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer will inspect this area.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 13th June 2018

“Can the Engineer please add the Rostellan crossing to the shortlist for the Low Cost Safety Scheme Projects”.

Cllrs. Collins and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there are quite a number of schemes on the Low Cost Safety Scheme and stated that a variety of factors are taken into account from all submissions such as road safety, and junction improvements where landowners would be willing to cede land. The Engineer stated that the scheme for Rostellan will be considered with all other schemes.

Cllr. Twomey stated that the Local Community are willing to contribute towards the scheme.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8th June 2018

“That Council repair existing seaside seating at Garryvoe sea front and the provision of additional seating thereat”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Twomey supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty requested the provision of a yellow box adjacent to the wheelchair access at this location. Cllr. Twomey seconded this proposal.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that there are 4 sets of picnic benches at this area and also stated that there are two benches on the play area and an additional bench on the walkway. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will investigate the provision of funding for additional seating as the budget provided for beaches would not cover same.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8th June 2018

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion.

“That a report be made available on proposals agreed at Municipal level and the subsequent long delays in having them implemented for example a) Public street light approved for Thomas Street, Midleton and yet to be set in operation b) one way traffic zone for Drury’s Avenue, Midleton to be progressed and reported on in 2016.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that public lighting in Thomas Street was recently completed and he will check to see if they are energized.

In relation to the one way system for Drury’s Avenue which was considered in the 2010 Midleton to Carrigtwohill Transportation Study the Engineer stated that he is not in favour of carrying out works at this location until the Northern Relief Road is completed. The Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council has advertised on e-tenders for phase two of the Northern Relief Road.

The Engineer informed the Members that he is continuing to evaluate the provision of a Yield Sign at this location and he will revert back to the Members on same at the September meeting.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8th June 2018

“That road traffic signage in the interest of road safety be improved at Lower Church Lane, Midleton and roundabout fronting Park Hotel, Midleton”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that road markings at Church Lane are in good condition and signage is in place at this location also. In relation to the roundabout at the Park Hotel, Midleton the Engineer informed the Members that overlay works are due to take place here in the coming year. The Engineer will investigate the possibility of refreshing road markings at this location in the meantime.

5.1.8 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8th June 2018

“That Council give consideration to the provision of pedestrian crossings at Coolbawn Corner and the Rock, Midleton”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that Coolbawn Corner will be incorporated into the Midleton Town Centre Improvement Scheme which is being progressed currently. In relation to the provision of a pedestrian crossing at The Rock the Municipal District Officer could make no commitment presently.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 6th June 2018

“Could ECMD look at providing a walkway / solar lighting Tarmac on Slob bank walkway in Youghal into the future as it is an amazing walkway and used by people every day”.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that some low cost remedial works took place at this location recently and stated that an application for funding has been made in relation to the completion of a footpath at the entrance to the Slob Bank and also for the provision of railings and seating.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th June 2018

“Asking ECMD to look into a Skate Park for Youghal area, bearing in mind I had this passed at meeting few years ago”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that both the provision of funding and a location for the provision of a skate park need to be considered and stated that the provision of same would need to go to public consultation.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 14th June 2018

“Asking ECMD to provide a disabled mat on Front Strand from the wheelchair and buggy access down to the water”.

Cllrs Hegarty and McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will raise this motion with the Beach Management Section and the Beach Lifeguards.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st June 2018

“Could ECMD look into a Footpath from Radharc Na Mara to Summerfield Cross in the interest of safety”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the provision of a footpath from Claycastle to Summerfield Cross be included in this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he would be in agreement with the provision of a footpath from Claycastle to Summerfield Cross but stated that funding would be a problem for same. In relation to the provision of a footpath from Radharc na Mara to Summerfield Cross the Engineer will investigate the possibility of extending the footpath at Shanavine onto Summerfield Cross.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th June 2018

“That traffic calming and signage be erected from the approach road from Cloyne to Ballinacurra R6290 to Kearneys Cross”.

Cllrs. Collins and McCarthy fully supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has examined this location and stated that while road markings and the road surface are in good condition the line of sight at the exit from Rose Hill East is not up to standard. The Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate the provision of a “Junction Ahead” sign and “Slow Down” road markings for this location. Cllr. Hegarty welcomed same.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th June 2018

“That a detailed cost be provided for the Street Enhancement works at Killeagh and also the reconstruction works at Ballybane Bridge, Shanagarry”.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that Eoin Bennett be invited to attend the September meeting of the Municipal District Council. The Engineer will contact Eoin Bennett on same.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th June 2018

“Progress report on road repairs in Cloyne/Shanagarry and Killeagh/Mount Uniacke and at Ballymacoda environs”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion and requested that Ball Alley Road, Ballymacoda be included.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that staff are currently carrying out road restoration improvement works on the main roads and are also assigned to beach duties presently. The Engineer stated that works have taken place at Ballyannon Beach and a number of roads in the Killeagh area have been attended to.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th June 2018

“What areas within the East Cork Municipal District with over hanging trees have been listed to pursue the various responsible owners”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act the owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

The Engineer informed the Members that letters have been issued to landowners over the last 12 months and stated that hedge cutting/pruning is permitted from September to March 1st.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that the Members be circulated with a copy of Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked who is responsible for overhanging trees onto the public road from private property. The Engineer informed the Members that this is a civil matter for the property owner. Cllr. Hegarty asked what the situation is if the property is Council owned. The Engineer informed the Members that it would then be a matter for the Housing Department.

5.1.17 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of traffic calming measures for Ballymacoda Village.

Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the members that he will reinstate partial slow symbol on the road in the village and is also investigating an appropriate location for a Driver Feedback Sign.

6. Correspondence:

Cllr. Linehan Foley received the following e-mail from Paul Power, Treasurer, Castlemartyr Community Council regarding the progress to date in relation to the flooding of Castlemartyr Village.

Since our public meeting of the 14th May, we have been compiling the information required to formulate an application to Cork County Council for a Minor Works Scheme to begin work on river maintenance, removal of debris etc. and pruning of trees. We will need your assistance in this regard, in particular to have Cork County Council allocate an engineer for our project and formulate the application for submission to the OPW. This application involves obtaining permission from landowners to work on the River Kiltha adjacent to each property involved. So far we have had a tremendous response. Andrew Gillespie IFI has walked the areas with us, and has been very supportive, giving suggestions for the proper maintenance of the waterways, and also control of weed etc. Coillte staff have also walked the area with us and given a verbal commitment to remove any trees causing a blockage of the river as it flows towards the adjacent village of Ladysbridge, an access to the river will be maintained. Work to commence July 2018.

The Castlemartyr Resort have also expressed great interest in having the river maintained and trees pruned, their property i.e. lower and upper lakes cleaned and the maintenance of the channel which supplies water from the Kiltha River north of Castlemartyr, via a sluice, to the Resort. Following a meeting with Management, a budget is being compiled by them, to be put towards a substantial part of the cost of these works, to be carried out by the Resort. (August 2018).

We have been asked by the Resort Management if some funding can be made through Cork County Council now, to ensure that all this work can be completed before next autumn. We urge our representatives to have this request brought to the next area meeting. Compiling an application for a Minor Works Scheme will still need to be completed particularly for the section of the river as it flows through Castlemartyr Village. Currently 100% funding will be granted for each scheme by OPW.

Basic river cleaning (weeds, debris) has already been undertaken by the residents during May and June, which has greatly enhanced the Village. The current dry spell has created a perfect opportunity for the above works to be carried out.

We urge you our representatives at Dail Eireann and Cork County Council Municipal District to lobby for funding now via a minor works scheme, to complete what will be a vital step towards alleviating further flooding of Castlemartyr Village during the winter months.

All Members fully supported this request. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that it is crucial that this e-mail be forwarded to the Council Engineer to release funding to support these works.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer stated that he will refer this matter to the County Engineers Department for their attention.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of anti social behavior taking place at Council land at the rear of Amber Service Station and asked if anything could be done to address this problem. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that all Council land is firmly secured and stated that the property is being accessed over a wall on adjoining private property.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of speeding on the roads from Mogeely to Killeagh Village particularly at Killeagh Graveyard and asked if the Gardaí could be informed of same. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a Driver Feedback sign is due to be installed at this location.

3. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of material excavated from graves being dumped in the old cemetery in Killeagh. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that this material appeared to be left over by gravediggers and that the practice is completely unacceptable and disrespectful.

4. Cllr. Twomey asked if there was any response from Bus Eireann regarding parking at Aishlenn Road. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Transport Manager has inspected same and has liaised with bus drivers to encourage them not to park on the road at this location.

5. Cllr. Twomey requested that the picnic bench at the Nellie Cashman Statue on Riverside which was damaged at the weekend be repaired.

6. Cllr. Twomey requested that the owners of the multi storey car park in the Main Street, Midleton be contacted regarding advertisement of closing times. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that there is a sign at the entrance to the car park advertising opening and closing times.

7. Cllr. McCarthy requested that two dog litter bins which had been removed from the walkway running parallel to the N25 in Midleton be reinstated. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he is not in favour of reinstating these bins which he stated were installed by Midleton Tidy Town who agreed to service same as no resources were available from Cork County Council.

8. Cllr. Hegarty requested that the access road to Ballycunnane Beach be investigated.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on September 3rd at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton.

This concluded the business of the Meeting

