

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 4th April, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. at Aras Cuimhne an Phiarsaigh, Youghal Road, Middleton.

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

Ag Freastal: Mr. Maurice Manning, S/Director of Services
Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Christy Ring, Executive Engineer
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, East Cork Municipal District Officer
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

1. Minutes of Meeting Held on 7th March, 2016.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March, 2016 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O' Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Collins and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report from Mr. Martin Walsh, Regional Manager, Bus Eireann, Cork.

Cllr. Hegarty referred to motion no. 5.1.10 regarding the bus service to Cloyne town and its environs and requested Mr. Martin Walsh to investigate the provision of both a 10.00 am – 10.30 am & 2.00 pm – 2.30 pm bus slot be considered for the town.

Mr. Walsh informed the Members that the provision of an extra Public Service Obligation route would require funding and approval from the National Transport Agency. Mr. Walsh also informed the Members that reviews of Carrigaline, Ballincollig and the City Centre are taking place at present with a review of the East Cork Area lined up to take place this year and stated that the company would welcome any comments taken on board from the Members.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that while he welcomed the review of the East Cork Bus Service it was important that the views of both the members and the public be taken into consideration.

Cllr. Collins informed the Members that he has corresponded with the Transport Manager regarding the bus service for Upper Aghada and requested that the service from Ballinacurra to Whitegate be extended. Cllr. Collins also stated that a bus service to facilitate the 3 nursing homes at Leamlara, Lisgoold and Churchtown South would be of great advantage.

Cllr. Twomey requested the provision of a bus service to Dungourney and stated that the population of this village has increased and also has a large school in the vicinity.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that she reiterated what Cllr. Collins had stated regarding Whitegate and informed the Members that she has received complaints from constituents in relation to the non provision of a bus service after 6 pm.

Cllr. Hegarty queried who was responsible for the erection of bus shelters Mr. Martin Walsh informed the Members that bus shelters were erected by Clear Channel but stated that there was a limited amount of funding for the provision of bus shelters and also stated that towns and city centre would come high on the priority list as the population density would be high with the provision of more frequent services.

Cllr. Hegarty thanked Mr. Walsh for his attendance and requested that he return later in the year with an update for the Members.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 Request that Deputation from Knockadoon Enhancement Project be received.

This item was deferred until the May meeting of the Municipal District Council.

2.2 Schedule of Works.

The Municipal District Officer circulated the following Schedule of Municipal Works to the Members:

Service Code	Service Description	Exp Annual Budget
B01	NP Road – Maint & Improv	65,721
B03	Regional Road – Maint & Improv	608,812
B04	Local Road – Maint & Improv	3,068,063
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Educate	51,439
B09	Car Parking	101,560
Total B: Road Transport & Safety		3,895,595
C04	Operation & Main Public Conv	211,873
Total C: Water Services		211,873
D06	Comm & Enterprise Function	44,444
D11	Heritage & Conservation Serv	142,000
Total D: Development Management		186,444
E05	Litter Management	36,980
E06	Street Cleaning	469,207
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	157,795
E10	Safety of Structures & Places	166,781
Total E: Environmental Services		830,763
F01	Leisure Facilities Operation	189,000
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Oper	518,841
F04	Comm, Sport & Rec Development	414,218
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	90,000
F06	F Agency & Recoupable Services	2,500
Total F: Recreation & Amenity		1,214,559
G01	Land Drainage Costs	22,466
G02	Op & Maint of Piers & Harbours	19,067
G03	Coastal Protection	5,756
Total G: Agri, Educ, Health & Welfare		47,289

H06	Weighbridges	2,000
H07	Operation Markets/Casual Trade	5,174
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,301
Total H: Miscellaneous Services		9,475
Total East Cork MD		6,395,998

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of item no. B08 and asked if any extra school wardens have been provided. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that no extra School Wardens have been provided.

Cllr. Hegarty requested a breakdown of the amount spent on public convenience and stated that the public toilets at Garryvoe and Ballycotton are in serious need of an upgrade.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of item no. G02 and asked what kind of works were undertaken under this category. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that general maintenance works were undertaken to keep up the operation of piers and harbours.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of G09 and requested a list of burial grounds that are being maintained.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the maintenance of public conveniences and stated that the public toilets at Claycastle are in need of upgrade.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of item E05 and asked where the Litter Warden is based. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that the former Midleton based Town Foreman presently acts as a Litter Warden and also informed the Members that the amount stated in the budget relates to the Litter Warden operating within the entire Municipal District.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested the presence of the Litter Warden for Youghal occasionally as dog fouling is a major issue within the town. The Municipal District Officer will investigate this issue.

In relation to item no. E10 Safety of Structures and Places Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the replacement of the viewing balconies at Moll Goggin's Corner would come under this section. Mr. Maurice Manning, S/Director of Services informed the Members that the amount in the budget stated for this item relates to water safety and the cost of lifeguards during the summer season and also stated that no surplus funding is available.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that there is an increase in fly tipping along roads in rural areas and also stated that Ballycraheen Beach is a regular spot for dumping at present.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Environment Department deal with the issue of illegal dumping, sometimes arranging clean up.

Mr. Christy Ring, Executive Engineer informed the Members that one school in Ballinamona regularly take part in beach cleanup and stated that the possibility of other schools taking part could be investigated.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of item no. D06 and stated she knew little of what the figure applies to. Mr. Maurice Manning S/Director of Services informed the Members that this amount applies to wages for the Gateway Foreman and supplies or the scheme.

Cllr. McCarthy referred to item no. H07 and stated that Casual Trading provides a fantastic service to the public.

Cllr. O' Sullivan stated that he wished to reiterate what Cllr. Linehan Foley had stated relating to the Litter Warden situation and stated that some form of presence of a Warden within Youghal would be most welcome.

Cllr. O' Sullivan raised the issue of item no. G03 and asked what exactly the amount is being allocated to and if the figures are fairly static as to last year. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the East Cork area has a huge coastline to maintain and also stated that the figures are fairly static as to last year.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue if item no. E06 and asked if it related to the provision of dog fouling bins. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that dog fouling bins are provided at locations where there is most dog fouling activity and stated that new bins are provided yearly.

2.3 Grants 2016.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated to the Members a report on the East Cork Municipal District, Community Grants Scheme 2016 and informed the Members that over 150 applications have been received.

Cllr. O' Sullivan requested time to digest the figures and to consider them in more detail.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that the allocation of grants be finalised at the May Monthly Meeting.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he is anxious to pay out the grants and suggested that a he was awaiting a date for the Local Area Plan Review Meeting which was due to take place shortly and suggested that the report might be discussed at that meeting.

The Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

2.4 Disposal of Property.

2.4.1 Proposed Disposal of Freehold at Dr. Patrick O' Sullivan Terrace, Aghada, Co. Cork.

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

Situation: Dr. Patrick O' Sullivan Terrace, Aghada.

Area: 0.044 hectares.

From Whom Acquired: Council Housing Land – acquired in 1970.

To Whom it is Proposed
To Dispose: Aghada Community Playgroup Ltd.

Consideration: €1

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

3. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at Meeting.

None.

4. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting.

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st March, 2016

“Asking that engineers have a look at Bawnmore / Willie Johns, Youghal”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will investigate this matter.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st March, 2016

“Update from TII and Cork County Council on safety measures for Killeagh National School”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that Mr. Tom Stritch, Director of Services for Roads has sought an update from the Roads Design Office regarding this motion and once he has received the report he will circulate it to the Members.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 22nd March, 2016

“Asking that if monies are left over from footpath programme for 2016 could Raheen Road be looked at please as its a health and safety issue”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke will investigate this area and will look at what solution could be considered here.

Cllr. Linehan Foley also raised the issue of Strand Street and informed the Members that one area of footpath remains unfinished and is a potential trip hazard. Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that no works are due to take place here presently.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 24th March, 2016

“Calling on East Cork Municipal to get signage for Gallypot Lane in South Abbey which was approved at Town Council Level”.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer, Youghal Office will investigate this matter.

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

"That the East Cork Municipal District recommend to its parent body to request the Government thus – that responsibility for the maintenance and up keep of rivers and waterways that flow through our towns and villages, be transferred from the O.P.W to Local Authorities, and that the necessary finance be made available to Local Authorities to carry out this work”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that while there is merit in this proposal, necessary funding and the availability of staff would have to be forthcoming to carry out these works.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 29th March, 2016

“That this Municipal District call on the new Government to nominate Midleton and Youghal, as locations for the decentralisations of a Government Department”.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. O’ Sullivan.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 29th March, 2016

“That road shores in St. Mary’s Road be cleaned and that consideration be given to larger shores to help eliminate flooding of property, which occurs all too frequently”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that there is not enough road drainage provided on St. Mary’s Road and stated that these works could be looked at under the Road Resurfacing Programme or the Flood Relief Scheme for Midleton.

5.1.8 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 29th March, 2016

“That membership of this Municipal Council of East Cork, request a once yearly meeting, with County Engineer and County Manager, to discuss any current issues in their work, with a view to having them resolved”.

This motion was agreed by all Members.

Mr. Maurice Manning, S/Director of Services stated that the Members had long since been given the opportunity to make submissions regarding proposed boundary alterations. The boundaries created do not reflect the submissions from Cork County Council. The County Engineer reports to the Council twice a year and the Chief Executive has stated that he is fully available to the Members. This matter has now been closed.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2016

“Repairs to road from the old Church of Ireland Church, Ballycotton and from Ballycrennane to Kilcredan Old School”.

Mr. Christy Ring, Executive Engineer agreed to investigate this matter.

5.1.10 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2016

“What is the up to date report from Bus Eireann re: improved bus service to Cloyne town and its environs”.

This motion had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

5.1.11 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2016

“That the village of Ballinrostig be facilitated with speed limit signs, road repairs to the entrance of Ballinrostig Village and repairs to Ballysavage Bridge, Ballinrostig”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that part of the wall at Ballysavage Bridge need to be repaired and stated he will do some more inspections at both locations.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2016

“Update on Ardnahinch Cross, on the Garryvoe/Shanagarry road”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will investigate this motion.

5.1.13 Cllr. Aaron O’Sullivan, received on 30th March, 2016

“That the East Cork Municipal District agrees to extend the opening hours of North Abbey cemetery in view of increased hours of day light this time of year”.

Cllr. O' Sullivan requested that the opening hours be extended from the month of April in 2017.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer, Youghal Office informed the Members that the amount of anti social behaviour taking place at the Cemetery remains a problem but stated that she will look at the possibility of extending the opening hours for 2017.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

5.1.14 Cllr. Aaron O'Sullivan, received on 30th March, 2016

“In view of the commitment by Cork County Council to have visitor moorings in place in Youghal this June, the East Cork Municipal District undertakes to advertise the installation of the moorings so as to maximise the benefit they will give to Youghal this upcoming summer season”.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer, Youghal Office informed the Members that Part VIII of the Public Consultation Process will finish on April 19th next with a view to having same ratified at the next meeting of the Council in order to obtain a foreshore licence and also stated that each mooring will be registered and located by G.P.S. and are also identified on a shipping chart which is held by the Department of the Marine. The Chamber of Tourism and Commerce will also be informed of the installation of the moorings which will also be advertised on their facebook page.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business.

1.Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that at the March meeting of the Council it was requested that a representative from Irish Water attend a meeting of the Council to discuss the boiled water notices for the Whitegate Regional Water Supply but was disappointed that no response was received from Irish Water. Cllr. Hegarty stated that a commercial premises in the area had an independent sampling done on March 24th last which proved there was no problem with the water quality. The Members agreed to bring this matter up at a Southern Committee meeting and suggested that representatives from both Irish Water and the HSE attend.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested clarification on the following items:

- Update on Aldi Supermarket
- Ballybrangan Strand
- Lights at Spa Hill, Youghal and Ladysbridge.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the process regarding the Aldi Development is ongoing and that this is a matter for Aldi.

Regarding the lights at the Spa Hill, Youghal and Ladysbridge, Mr. McCarthy informed the Members that a department at County Level is dealing with public lighting.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that lights on the footpath from Bridgetown Close to Castlemartyr are still not energised.

The Members suggested that Dermot Kelleher from Public Lighting attend the next meeting of the Council.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on May, 3rd at 2.00 pm. at the Youghal Office and this was approved.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.