

**Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. at The Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

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**I LATHAIR:** Cathoirleach Cllr. Michael Hegarty presided.  
Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Collins, Buckley, McCarthy & O' Sullivan.

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

**1. Minutes of Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan.

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

**2.1 Store Street/Lower Browne Street Improvement Plan, Youghal: Commencement of Part 8 Planning Procedure.**

Mr. Peter O' Donoghue circulated the following report prepared in conjunction with Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer to the Members in relation to the Store Street/Lower Brown Street Improvement Plan for Youghal.

Existing Situation:

1. The area in question is located between New Catherine Street, Lower Brown Street and Green's Quay, in Youghal Town Centre.
2. The area comprises former industrial buildings some of which are in use and some of which are unused. The area could benefit from renewal and investment in public infrastructure.

Planning Context:

The Youghal Town Plan 2009 contains a number of objectives which are relevant to this proposal. The Town Centre Development and Zoning Objectives are stated in Section 3 of Volume 2 of the Youghal Town Plan 2009. The following are extracts from the Plan:

- It shall be an objective of the Plan to maintain the old town centre as the primary commercial, retail, civic, social and symbolic centre of the town and to maintain the dynamic of its mix of uses while recognizing the unique historical and heritage character of the area and also recognizing that certain modern uses, due to either their scale or infrastructural requirements may no longer be appropriate to the town centre.
- It shall be an objective of the Plan to improve congestion control and access management of the Main Street area with the objective of enhancing the amenities and tourist potential of the area with due regard for the commercial, social and cultural life of the town core.
- It shall be an objective of the Plan to enhance facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in the town centre.

The Plan also contains the following Development Control Objectives which are relevant:

- Proposals for retail development within Youghal town centre will normally be permitted subject to:
  - Provision of pedestrian links and circulation around the site and access for people with disabilities; and infrastructure and access provision; and parking provision.
- To promote the development of the town centre as a primary location for retail and other uses that provide goods or services to members of the public.
- It shall be an objective of the Plan to take into account the needs of pedestrians and cyclists when considering proposals for development, particularly for residential, educational, employment recreational and other uses. It shall be an objective to promote designs and layouts for development schemes that encourage efficient and safe use by pedestrian and cyclists and to discourage development schemes that focus solely or primarily on access by private car.
- The role, functions and objectives of the town centre need to be more clearly defined and an accessibility strategy to facilitate these objectives needs to be put in place balancing the needs of all modes of mobility and stakeholders in the process. It shall be an objective of this plan, subject to the availability of resources, to explore these matters to produce an optimal solution.
- It shall be an objective to explore further the possibility of enhancing pedestrian amenities and spaces in the town centre and to ensure the provision of car, cycle and bus parking facilities. It shall be an objective of the Plan, subject to the availability of resources, to explore possibilities for the enhancement of the town centre in this regard.
- The Council will more actively promote the rights of pedestrians by maintaining footpaths to high standards and upgrading and increasing the number of pedestrian crossings on the road and the main thoroughfare through the town centre.

Current Proposal.

1. ALDI Stores (Ireland) Ltd recently obtained planning permission from An Bord Pleanála for a Discount Supermarket at New Catherine Street, Store Street, Green's Quay and Lower Brown Street Youghal. Planning Ref. No. 14/5523 and PL.04.244504 are relevant.
2. Condition no. 11 of this Permission required that "all access and parking arrangements, including any alterations to the public road, shall comply with the requirements of the

planning authority for such works and services. All such works shall be at the developer's expense".

3. Proposals have been developed by the Council for improvement works to Store Street and Lower Brown Street, as shown on drawing entitled "Store Street/Lower Brown Street Improvement Plan Youghal – Proposed Layout for Part 8 Planning". It is considered that these works would be sufficient to comply with Condition no. 11 of the Permission.
4. The main physical elements of the proposal are:
  - a) Provision of a 2.0m wide continuous footpath along the western side of Store Street.
  - b) Provision of a 1.8m wide footpath along the northern side Lower Brown Street contiguous with Store Street.
  - c) High quality public lighting on Store Street and lower Brown Street.
  - d) Undergrounding of all necessary services on these streets.
  - e) Improved road drainage on these streets.
  - f) Resurfacing of Store Street and Lower Brown Street with high quality Wearing Course.
  - g) Provision of a Raised Table type treatment of the junction of Store Street and Lower Brown Street as a traffic calming and pedestrian priority measure.
  - h) One way traffic flow westwards on Lower Brown Street between Store Street and New Catherine Street.

Benefits of this proposal:

- A. Very significant urban renewal in key town centre location, in compliance with the Town Plan objectives for the area.
- B. Very significant upgrade of public infrastructure on Store Street and Lower Brown Street.
- C. High quality provision for pedestrians in the area making the area more attractive and safer for pedestrian use.
- D. High degree of traffic calming incorporated in the proposal thereby encouraging lower traffic speeds and higher standards of safety throughout.
- E. Improved traffic flow arrangement by reducing conflicting movements thereby improving mobility in the area generally.
- F. Significant uplift in the Store Street/Lower Brown Street and Green's Quay area which will act as a catalyst for further improvement/investment in this area and will support economic activity in Youghal Town Centre as a whole.

Note: If this development proposal successfully achieves Part 8 Planning Approval, further statutory processes may need to be undertaken so as to enable the project to proceed as intended. These processes may include:

- Extinguishment of Public Right of Way.
- Land Disposal.
- Taking in Charge as a Public Road.

The Members thanked Mr. O' Donoghue for the report which they stated was a very positive move for the town centre and proposed the development go forward and get started.

Mr. O' Donoghue informed the Members that he recommends starting the Part VIII Process for the development shortly which consists of a 6 week public consultation period with a further two weeks for the receipt of submissions and stated that if the Part VIII process is successful works on the development should commence within 18 months. Mr. O' Donoghue also stated that the planned regeneration of this area would help support the economic future of Youghal town.

## **2.2 Report on Impact to Local, Regional and National Roads outside of Main Urban Areas from Severe Winter Weather.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer prepared the following report on the impact to Local, Regional and National Roads outside of main urban areas from severe winter weather:

The list of damaged and or/ flooded roads is not exhaustive. It lists roads where significant damage has been caused by the series of winter storms - in particular Storm Frank and the cumulative (ongoing) record breaking rainfall. Average annual recorded rainfall at Cork Airport is 1228 mm. Actual rainfall of 642.5 mm from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 is equivalent to over half a year's rainfall.

The most significant factor in the road damage has been the extremely elevated water table. There has been little reduction as yet. Where the water table has risen to close or even above the road surface, liquefaction can occur with trafficking. This results in complete structural failure of the road. Significant damage has also occurred to roads used as detour routes during the closing of the N25 – in particular an approximately 1.1 km section of the Mogeely to Killeagh road.

The number of impassable roads peaked at 24. This does not include the many locations that flooded for a time during Storm Frank and where flood waters receded fairly soon thereafter. 15 Roads have been reopened. Repairs - some interim in nature - have been carried out at other locations as per the attached Table.

While flooding has generally receded in most locations, there are a few areas where the extremely elevated groundwater levels are resulting in persistent or recurring flooding - although at reduced levels from that experienced following Storm Frank.

Priority continues to be the reopening of closed roads, where feasible having consideration for engineering and cost factors. In deciding on priority, the level of impact on the local community is a significant consideration. On behalf of Cork County Council I would like to thank landowners who have assisted with drainage works on their land to assist in resolving some of the issues to date.

Cork County Council has estimated the cost of the damage to roads Countywide at €11,764,761 and the Chief Executive has written to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in this regard seeking funding to repair the damage. Of this €1,695,319 relates to roads in East Cork. The average cost of the damage per kilometre of total roads is €932 countywide. The average cost of damage per kilometre of total roads in East Cork is €1,741.

Cllr. Collins requested the roads at East Ferry and Jamesbrook which he stated are in an atrocious condition be given immediate attention.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that the cul de sac at Elfordstown, Midleton be further repaired. Mr. Dave Clarke informed the members that there were 2 issues regarding this area, one being localised flooding which has resulted in the road being closed and the second being a drainage issue which had been agreed in principle with the landowner and was subsequently resolved and stated that the overlay of this road could be looked at in conjunction with the CIS Scheme.

### **2.3 N25 Killeagh Village - Transport Infrastructure Ireland options.**

Mr. Tony Murnane, Senior Engineer, NRDO circulated the following report on the N25 Killeagh Project Works to the Members:

The contract for Killeagh Village Pavement Strengthening Scheme went to tender last October and tenders were returned in late November, 2015. This contract included pavement upgrade, watermain upgrade, undergrounding of overhead services, street lighting, footpaths and included the principles in the Design Manual for Unban Roads and Streets. Due to the significant cost of the scheme (approximately €3.0m) T.I.I., (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) requested that the option of a relief road be looked at as an alternative strategy. It is estimated that this option could be delivered for approximately €5.0m.

The contract for N25 Castlemartyr East was ready to go to tender in late 2015. However, pending the decision on Killeagh Village the tender process was not completed and is on hold as certain pavement repair works in Killeagh Village would be included in this contract if the N25 Killeagh Relief Road option was chosen.

TII has indicated that they will only be in a position to fund one scheme for Killeagh, either the Relief Road or the pavement strengthening/traffic calming scheme. They do not have the resources to fund both.

The current position is as follows:

N25 Killeagh Village Pavement Strengthening;

Design complete, tenders are returned, contractor to be appointed and works to commence in the coming months, following official approval if this option is to be pursued.

Engineers Tony Mullane and Eoin McCarthy of the National Roads Design Office attended the meeting to seek the Members views prior to bringing the issue to the full County Council for decision.

Mr. Mullane informed the members that the tenders for the Killeagh Village Pavement Strengthening Scheme were received last November and stated that the contract included,

pavement upgrading, water main upgrading, the undergrounding of overhead services, street lighting and traffic calming. The estimated cost of the scheme was €3m which caused the TII to consider a relief road which was estimated at €5m and would be more cost effective.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that the tender scheme has to be put out and would include new pavements and improvement works for Killeagh with safety features put in place at St. Fergal's National School. Mr., Eoin McCarthy informed the Members that 2 new safety signs have been ordered.

Mr. Mullane stated that if the Council decided on the relief road, a reduced version of the pavement scheme would be incorporated into the N25 Castlemartyr East Road and Pavement Strengthening Scheme, which is due to go to tender later this year and also informed the Members that the N25 Castlemartyr East contract was ready to go to tender in late 2015 but was withheld pending the decision on Killeagh.

Mr. Mullane stated that should the relief road go ahead the design process could commence. This he stated would require land acquisition and could take up to two or three years before construction could commence.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of funding which was allocated in 2015 for the Pavement Strengthening Scheme/Traffic Calming Scheme and asked if this funding was still available. Cllr. McCarthy stated that while she was very much in favour of the Bye Pass option could an alternative route be investigated regarding the upgrading of the footpaths at Castlemartyr.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of safety measures at Killeagh National School and requested that some short term safety measures take place here.

Cllr. Buckley stated that road improvements were badly needed in Castlemartyr and Killeagh and informed the Members that given the need for school safety he favoured the provision of the pavement scheme.

Cllr. Collins asked if any landowners had been approached as of yet.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer questioned what would the reduced pavement improvements be should the relief road option go ahead and stated that he was concerned that the upgrade works would fall on Cork County Council should the relief road go ahead.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that the Members would need to view the tendering documents to see what works are included in them.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Council take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to consider a draft Roads Programme for 2016 and full details in relation to the Killeagh Project Works as tendered last year and full details of alternative works which might be proposed for Killeagh should the option of a By Pass be approved.

## **2.4 Draft County Wide Road Schedule.**

A Draft County Wide Schedule of Roads 2015 was again circulated to the Members for their information and for the submission of observations they may wish to make thereon.

## **2.5 Reports on Motions deferred from Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“That funding be made available in the 2016 Road Grants Programme for the completion of footpath and infrastructure in Elsinore Heights and Rise Estates, Midleton and the adjoining Avoncore Bungalows Estate”.

Response: Footpath works in Elsinore Heights and Rise Estates, Midleton and the adjoining Avoncore Bungalows Estate will be considered when preparing the 2016 Footpath Programme.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“Progress report of road safety measures at all schools in Midleton town”.

Response: There are planned road safety measures on Aislin Road and CBS Road and as previously advised the design is being progressed by the Councils Roads Design Office.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“Progress report on the proposed development works on Gooses Acre Roundabout, Midleton town and Lakeview Roundabout”.

Response: There are currently no planned development works on the Gooses Acre Roundabout. The Lakeview Roundabout, being on the N25, is a matter for TII.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“Public lighting requested at Carrigshane Cross, Lower Bailick Road and Waterrock Cross to Healys Golf Course and Restaurant, Midleton”.

Response: Carrigshane Cross, being on the N25 is a matter for TII. Public Lighting on the Youghal road will be extended as far as Ros Na Coille – the necessary civil works completed last year. Lighting the regional road out to the N25 in advance of lighting the actual Carrigshane junction could give rise to a situation where drivers coming out from town suddenly have to adjust their night vision just as they come onto an unlit junction – and this is a busy junction. The Public Lighting Engineer is contacting TII to see what their plans are for lighting the junction.

As previously reported the Lower Ballick Road was inspected by the Public Lighting Engineer and assessed as being adequate.

Waterrock Cross to Healys Golf Course and Restaurant, Midleton is in the Cobh MD as previously advised.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

“In siting the zebra pedestrian crossing in Rostellan Village – Council locate same on the western end of the village e.g. outside Neptune Kayak”.

Response: The 2009 Midleton to Whitegate R630 Traffic Management Study makes a number of recommendations for traffic calming/road safety improvements on the Whitegate Road at Rostellan. The main traffic calming recommendations consist of narrowing the road to 7 metres and realigning/reducing junction radii at junctions and facilitating pedestrians crossing the road. Some of the recommended works under the Study have been completed. However, there is no obvious immediate source of funding available for the remainder of the works. The narrowing of the road / road junctions will be incorporated into the next overlay of the road which can be considered in any future Restoration Improvement programme.

The proposed controlled pedestrian crossing could be a candidate under the Low Cost Safety Schemes and will be kept under consideration. Funding under this scheme is targeted at areas where there has been an accident history. Records available do not however indicate a particular accident history cluster at this location.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“Calling on East Cork Municipal to look at signage or road markings for Bawnmore Youghal , as a health and safety measure”.

Response: “Slow” road markings to be provided at either side of both bends in road lining contract.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015

“Calling on East Cork Municipal to resurface Castle Road, Knockadoon as a matter of urgency , the school bus is unable to collect children for school with pot holes”.

Response: This is a private road and not maintained by the Council

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“Calling on East Cork Municipal to liaise with IW to repair numerous manhole covers in Youghal”.

Response: This matter has been repeatedly raised with IW. Complaints in the first instance should be made directly to Irish Water as the defect lies with IW infrastructure.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“Calling on East Cork Municipal to make sure Irish Water reinstate Tides Carpark now that work is complete”.

Response: IW have confirmed that reinstatement of carpark is included on the snag list. Details of proposed reinstatement requested.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“That the Municipal District undertake to clean up and light up the laneway adjacent to Ballycotton Seafood that leads to Distillery Lanes Car Park. Many people feel that this is unsightly and badly lit, and attracts anti-social behaviour, and do not use it as a consequence. It is the shortest route from the large car park at Distillery Lanes to the Main Street, and as people do not wish to use this laneway, it is a deterrent for some, from accessing free parking off the Main Street”.

Response: Consideration to improving public lighting can be given in the Public Lighting Programme. Members could also consider allocating funding from the Town Development Fund.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“That a junction box be marked on the Gyratory at the top of the Main Street at the very busy Mill Road Exit. Many residents from the North end of the town have complained that during peak times it is impossible to access the roundabout, even if the inner lane is free, as traffic in the outer lane bars access completely”.

Response: The provision of junction boxes on roundabouts is not recommended.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“To carry out a review of the traffic lights at the junction of Riverside Way with Church Lane and the bridge to Lidl. Despite previous assurances from Council, many users complain of long delays and assert that it contributed to the gridlock at the gyratory in the run-up to Christmas. Also, that alternatives be considered such as periodic use in order that users can avoid long delays during off-peak times”.

Response: Prior to the installation of the traffic lights at the junction of Riverside Way with Church Lane and the bridge to Lidl, traffic congestion on Riverside Way occurred during heavy traffic, with tailbacks to the gyratory and to Coolbawn. The traffic lights provide a very significant improvement to road safety at the junction – particularly for pedestrians.

5.1.16 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“That Council contact the TII/NRA requesting that a traffic island be introduced at the Knockane junction on the Castlemartyr to Killeagh section of the N25. There have apparently been a number of fatalities at this spot in the past and residents find it difficult to turn off, especially as the direction arrows have also recently been removed”.

Response: The provision of the turning lane at the Knockane Junction has been raised with the National Roads Design Office.

5.1.17 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

“That this Council investigate the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the western end of Rostellan Village (near Neptune Kayak shop). This follows a resolution passed by the Rostellan Development Association and should be given careful consideration”.

Response: As per earlier motion on the same issue.

### **2.6 Draft Cemetery Bye Laws.**

Mr. Maurice Manning, S/Director of Services informed the Members that Cork County Council Cemetery Bye Laws which were adopted in 2006 have been amended and reviewed with some minor amendments made and advised that the Members ensure that the same Bye Laws will apply in all of Cork County Council Cemeteries.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if a Caretaker/Registrar is present in each graveyard. Mr. Maurice Manning S/Director of Services informed the Members that there is not a Caretaker/Registrar in each Cemetery but a registrar is present in most cemeteries.

### **2.7 Standing Orders.**

The S/Director of Services, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the full Council Standing Orders were amended in the last year and stated that the Corporate Policy Group have stated that each Municipal District be left to adopt Standing Orders for their district. The S/Director of Services informed the Members that he would circulate part of the Corporate Policy Groups document to the Members for their consideration and for adoption at the March Meeting of the Municipal District, if so desired.

### **3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or resolutions of the Municipal District Members for Transaction at Meeting.**

None.

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

None.

## **5. Notices of Motions.**

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“In the interest of tourist promotion, Council resurface roadway to Pilmore Strand and sports-field, Youghal, almost impassable with major potholes, briars and weeds.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the public road to Pilmore Strand and public carpark is in excellent condition and stated that the roadway to the sports field is a private road and therefore is a matter for the landowner.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Commencement date for footpath repairs in Woodbrook Estate, Lisgoold to allow accessibility and therapy for a resident confined to a wheelchair – same included in 2016 Roads Programme”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the footpath Programme 2016 will be brought before Members once funding for the programme is confirmed. Woodbrook Estate will be considered for inclusion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Fresh painting of yellow road safety lines in Whitegate in close proximity to Lawton Lodge and monitoring of traffic speed as requested by residents. Similar problem with the latter at Dwyers Road, Midleton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that road markings will be inspected and included in the next road marking contract as appropriate and stated that the monitoring and enforcement of speeding is a matter in the first instance for An Garda Siochana.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That this Council request Coillte Teo to carry out major improvements to the walkways and tree/hedge surgery in Ballyannon Wood, Midleton, before the summer months descend”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that this was a matter for Coillte and that he would forward the details of this motion to Coillte and ask them to consider same favourably.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“To facilitate pedestrians in Kilva, Council progress the continuation of the footpath from Green Acres, Bawnard to Kilva”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the adopted 2009 Midleton to Whitegate R630 Traffic Management Study examined the infrastructural needs for the Whitegate Road. The study neither identifies the existence of a public footpath at the location nor recommends the provision of one between Bawnard Cross and the Junction of the L7722. However the study recommends the provision of new footpaths at various locations along the Whitegate Road including Saleen which has recently been completed. The Engineer stated that a report from the District Supervisor in January 2015 states that there has been no footpath at this location for in excess of 15 years.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That the East Cork Municipal District request that the Government include Midleton Town and Environs for flood defence funding under the recent EEC Flood Funding Programme for Ireland”.

This item has been covered under item 2.2

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Request from Lauriston Resident’s Committee Midleton re: immediate response from Cork County Council on the Health and Safety issues resulting from the recent flooding”.

This item has been covered under item 2.2

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Asking East Cork Municipal to remove build up of sand at entrance to Front Strand Car Park”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to assess the position.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Calling on East Cork Municipal to liaise with Eircom regarding trees in station at Windmill Hill”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will inspect this area and will contact Eircom.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Just wondering if there's any update on resurfacing Kilcoran Place, Belmont Terrace and Prospect Hill in Youghal town as they have deteriorated badly over the last few weeks again”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that both Kilcoran Place and Belmont Terrace would be suitable candidates for CIS Schemes, the Engineer informed the Members that Prospect Hill could not be considered for resurfacing until the issue

of the collapsed private wall is resolved but stated that all three locations will be listed for repairs.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“Asking for a full report and update on the works which are ongoing in Paxes Strand Youghal re: outfall and collapse of same over Christmas period

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed her that this was a matter for Irish Water and stated that Cllr. Linehan Foley should have gone directly to that agency. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she had contacted Irish Water but did not get a favourable response.

Mr. McCarthy stated that he had sent a query on the matter to Irish Water who replied to him stating that the manhole cover on the outfall pipe on Paxe’s Strand had been removed, which allowed beach material to lodge in the outfall pipe. The material had later been removed and the manhole cover replaced. The report stated that there had been no collapse on the outfall pipe.

5.1.12 Cllr. Aaron O’Sullivan, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That the East Cork Municipal District undertakes to facilitate the setting up of a flood committee similar to that of Bandon in both Youghal and Midleton to act as a central body to communicate flood risks and issues between those at risk of flood damage and the relevant authorities”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he has met with the representatives of the Midleton Chamber of Commerce and stated that they discussed the matter of setting of a flood committee similar to that in Skibereen. Midleton Chamber of Commerce indicated their intention of meeting with the Skibereen Group and a contact has been provided.

The Engineer suggested that Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce might wish to consider a similar arrangement, or might wish to sign up for Cork County Council’s map alerter.

Cllr Buckley informed the Members that Midleton man Fergus Dunlea, who is an instructor and a member both of Cork First Responders and Rescue 3 Ireland, wished to make a presentation at March meeting, with a view to establishing a flood response team in the Midleton area. Cllr. Hegarty, Cathaoirleach, suggested that Cllr. Buckley provide further information before the request was considered.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That the Arups Consulting Engineers findings and reports be made available to the Members of East Cork Municipal District ASAP”.

This item has been covered under item 2.2

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That road repairs be carried out at Coolcap and Daingean, Killeagh”.

This motion was noted.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That road repairs be carried out at Ballyduff”.

This motion was noted.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That road repairs at Ballybranagh and Commons East, Cloyne be attended to”.

This motion was noted.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“What measures are being put in place to address the flooding at Lauriston and Sherwood Walk and Bonnog, Midleton?”

This item has been covered under item 2.2

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That the road from Ladysbridge to Ballymacoda onto Knockadoon be repaired”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that drainage maintenance works would benefit the regional road and repairs as required and stated that this location will be examined when drawing up the Roads Programme.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

“That a representative from Bus Eireann come to our next meeting with a view for an improved bus service for the town of Cloyne (bus no. 261)”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy agreed to request same.

## **6. Correspondence.**

6.1 Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that all applications in relation to the CIS Scheme be submitted to the area office by the end of February.

6.2 It was agreed that a special meeting take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February next to discuss the Roads Programme for 2016 and also to discuss any updates on the Killeagh/Castlemartyr Project Works.

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

1. Cllr McCarthy said there were serious drainage issues on the Guileen road, which were causing the road to disintegrate.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that flooding was occurring from high land which he stated was not an easy issue to solve. The Engineer agreed to investigate the matter.

2. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the electric car charging box in Midleton and stated that the charging spaces were not marked in green-as they were in other areas.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the ESB were currently upgrading their marking standards.

3. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that Youghal 4 All have requested that the umbrellas at Nealons Quay and The Clock Gate be lit up green for St. Patrick's Day.

Correspondence had been received indicating that Youghal 4 All intended to light up the Clock Gate themselves.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested the provision of a sign in relation to the twinning of Youghal with New Bedford should any miscellaneous funds be available.

5. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested the provision of a Disabled Parking Space at 24 Dermot Hurley Estate.

6. Cllr Linehan-Foley informed the Members that she had received a report from Mr. Tom Stritch, Cork County Council on the proposed repairs for the Moll Goggin's Corner viewing balcony and stated that the report stated the following quotes as €650,000 for the reinstatement of one balcony, €420,000 for another plus €25,000 for the reinstatement of the viewing platform

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will examine the report and revert back to the Members at the March meeting of the Council.

7. The Cathoirleach, Cllr. Michael Hegarty wished Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Buckley the best of luck with their campaign for the forthcoming election.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11.00a.m. at the Youghal Office.

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