

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

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

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

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and Minutes of Special Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and minutes of special meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

**Deputation from Aghada Community Council:**

Mr. Tom Morrissey and Mr. Shane Russell had previously circulated an Aghada Community Council Roads Report to the Members. Mr. Morrissey informed the Members that there is concern within the community in relation to the state of roads surrounding Aghada/Saleen/Whitegate which he stated are continuing to deteriorate and requested that the Cork County Council Village Enhancement Scheme which is presently on hold be implemented for the area. He also stated that the closure of Ballybrannigan Beach is a major issue presently and requested the provision of appropriate signage advising caution in relation to slippage due to erosion.

Mr. Morrissey stated that he was looking forward to working with the County Council and was hoping for a favourable reply in writing.

Mr. Shane Russell addressed the Members on the following issues:

- The R630 roads from Rostellan to Whitegate is in an appalling condition due to trucks carrying heavy loads from the Oil Refinery.
- The provision of pedestrian crossing in the area

Mr. Russell stated that rate contributions are being paid to Cork County Council from various industries in the Whitegate/Aghada area and requested that this be used to commence urgent roads repairs throughout the villages of Rostellan, Lower Aghada and Whitegate.

The Members stated that they were aware of the issues raised and also of the anger and frustration of the general public regarding the overall condition of the roads not only at this location but in the East Cork Area, the members also stated that extra funding is required for the upgrade of the roads in this area from Central Government.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that works due to storm damage in Whitegate Village had been included in a tender for localized repairs and works should be complete within the next three months. The Engineer stated that he will report back to the Members on the issues raised at the September meeting of the Municipal District and a report will then be forwarded onto the deputation.

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

### **2.1 Presentation in relation to proposed scheme at Townparks, Cloyne:**

Mr. Keith Jones, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Department, Cork County Council circulated a proposed design to the Members in relation to the development of 9 housing units at Townspark, Cloyne consisting of two and three bedroomed houses and also a separate application for a community centre adjacent to the community open space. Mr. Jones informed the Members that they are confident that the design approach meets with requirements of the Department of the Environment to secure budgetary approval for the development.

Mr. Paul O' Brien from Malachy Walsh Partners informed the Members that a green area or a play area will be introduced to the front of the site with the provision of 2 car parking spaces per unit and overflow spaces for visitor use.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty thanked both Keith and Paul for their work over the past number of weeks to fast-track this development to secure funding from the Department and stated that it is fantastic for Cloyne and is a practical and very presentable approach and hopes there will be no undue delays as services are readily available and the design is not an issue.

### **2.3 Draft Local Economic and Community Plan LEPC.**

Mr. Muiris Quinn, Executive Planner, Planning Policy Unit circulated the Draft Cork County Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 to the Members and thanked the Members for their input into the plan which he stated was quite well received with no further consultation required and requested the Members adopt the following statement:

“This Municipal District has considered the Draft Cork County Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 and is satisfied that the economic and community elements of this Plan are consistent with the following:

- (i) The core strategy and objectives of the Cork County Development Plan 2014 – 2020.
- (ii) The South West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010 – 2022.

(iii) The economic and community elements of the Draft Local and Economic Plan for Cork County are consistent with each other”.

This was adopted by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

## **2.2 Speed Limit Review 2015 – 2017.**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the Speed Limit Review was launched in July 2015 and stated the process itself is quite lengthy and is envisaged to be completed in March 2017. The Engineer informed the Members that the review is currently at non statutory consultation process but will go to public consultation in the next month or two.

Mr. Clarke informed the Members that a lot of secondary national roads will drop from 100 kph to 80kph and asked if the Members were in agreement with the proposed changes in the review.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any reply from the TII regarding the 30kph speed limit for Killeagh. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer stated that no reply has yet been received. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested a report on same.

Cllr. Hegarty requested clarity on the 50kph speed limit sign at 24 Ardnahinch which is to be extended towards the Garryvoe end. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this sign has been moved 140 metres towards Garryvoe.

Cllr. Twomey asked if it was too late to include the crossroad at the Mill Road heading towards Lisgoold where she stated cars speed up as soon as they depart the traffic lights. The Engineer informed the Members that planning permission which was granted for an Educate Together School at this location was under appeal to An Bord Pleanala at present and stated that if this planning does not take place he would investigate this area again.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan raised the following issues:

- (i) The welcoming of the periodic speed limit at South Abbey National School
- (ii) An extension of the 50kph speed limit at the eastern side of Castlemartyr village.
- (iii) Cllr. O’ Sullivan stated that while he appreciated the work that has taken place in Strand Street he was of the opinion that the speed limit of 50kph was very fast for this area and requested that it be reduced. Cllr. Linehan Foley was in agreement with this request.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the guidelines do not suggest bringing the speed limit down to 30kph at this location and stated that rubbing strips at the right hand side of Strand Street and flexible bollards were to be provided for this area. The Engineer stated that he was of the opinion that speed issues at this location started at The Mall but he would keep this area on the radar.

The Speed Limit Review 2015 – 2017 proposals were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

## **2.4 Cork County Council Lands at River Street, Cloyne – Cloyne District Community Council Ltd.**

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy circulated a letter from Cloyne District Community Council regarding Cork County Council Lands at River Street, Cloyne in relation to the possible construction of a purpose built community hall and an additional car park on the Council owned site and a map detailing same. Mr. McCarthy stated that he sought the Members approval for this project.

The Members fully supported and approved this proposal on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy and stated that it was a significant site and a very sensible and much needed facility for Cloyne. The Members also wished to commend and congratulate Cloyne District Community Council on the great work achieved within the community.

## **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.**

The Members agreed that Cllr. O’ Sullivan’s motion be heard first as he had to leave the meeting early.

5.1.17 Cllr. Aaron O’Sullivan, received on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

"That the issues raised by the residents of Radharc na Mara, Youghal be resolved and that a written progress report be provided before the end of this month"

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clark requested a previous list of requests in order to investigate necessary works.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Could our engineers look at footpaths in certain locations in town with a view to patching where they are bad as they are a health and safety issue as I’m aware our footpath programmes are already in progress and these areas are not on a programme”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate this matter.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the road at Prospect Hill in particular which was in urgent need of resurfacing.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Asking that something be done ASAP with Prospect Hill as in the filling in of potholes”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that resurfacing works would be carried out here shortly.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Major infrastructural works needed – a) on Old Cork and New Cork Roads, Midleton, to protect lives and house foundations – letter with Senior Executive Engineer, b) completion of development works on Cotswolds Estate Piers”.

In relation to item a) the Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that old Cork Road is in good condition but stated that some work will need to be done on the new Cork Road and stated that the first task would be to improve the drainage at this location which would be funded from a Special Development Contribution from the former Midleton Town Council with resurfacing works to take place in 2017/2018. The Executive Engineer informed the Members that in the meantime remedial works will be carried out to address the issue.

In relation to item b) Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that works were complete on the first pillar with works almost complete on the second pillar.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“That this Council renew talks with Irish Rail, with a view to reopening the Cork/Youghal rail line”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Maurice Manning, S/Director of Services informed the Members that Iarnrod Eireann have no immediate plans to develop this train line presently and stated Cork County Council have been given access to study the lands to develop a greenway but stated there is an issue here presently with agricultural lands and the provision of funding also.

The S/Director of Services stated that Clare Cronin attended a recent Municipal District Meeting regarding the greenway project and would be happy to update the Members on the progress of same.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that if the Greenway Project was to be progressed it would not be currently feasible to seek the provision of the re-opening of the railway line.

Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that it was important the Members are aware that there was no question of both projects taking place

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that this motion be deferred until Clare Cronin attend a future meeting of the Municipal District Council to advise of the progress of the Greenway Project. The Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

5.1.5 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“That this Council report on what proposals, if any, are envisaged to provide, in conjunction with Cork County Council, a cemetery for the Midleton region, and verdict on geophysical tests carried out, some time ago, for the proposed development, in the Knockgriffin area of Midleton, and Waterock, Midleton, where is was proposed, some years back, to approve a shared cemetery between Midleton and Carrigtwohill, where grave space is fast running out, in both areas”.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he acknowledged the urgent need for a site to be identified for the provision of a new graveyard in Midleton. Cllr. Hegarty stated that Cork County Council has a lot of land in the Knockgriffin/Broomfield area which could be considered.

Mr. Maurice Manning S/Director of Services informed the Members that Cork County Council are aware of the need for a new cemetery for the Midleton area and stated that the Property Section have been actively pursuing land which could be considered for same and also informed the Members that the provision of new cemeteries is a matter for Divisional Services.

5.1.6 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

"That Council give a general clean up to the Cliff Walk, Ballycotton and paint and sanitise the harbour toilet”.

Cllrs. Twomey, McCarthy and Hegarty supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that a section of the cliff walk to the Pier Head was closed off and stated that this was raised at Coastal Management level as further erosion will take place if no works take place at this location.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“That the Engineer have a look at and to make good the falling wall and river bank along the Woodlands Estate and Owenacurra River as it is highly dangerous and a hazard to the local residents and children playing in the area and could the river be cleared in this area in particular of debris”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that a number of trees at the Cork Road Bridge need to be taken down first with the reconstruction of the wall to take place by the end of September.

In relation to the debris at the bridge at Aldi supermarket the Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a private bridge and he will bring it to the owners attention.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Can I get a report on the drains in Midleton. In particular the location of drains, when they are cleaned and how often”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the drains were routinely cleaned and in some specific areas gullies received specific attention. The Engineer stated that storm sewers were regularly jetted which have flat gradients which cause waste to accumulate.

In relation to the storms last December the Engineer informed the Members that the drains had been cleaned prior to the floods and stated that a mix of fluvial and pluvial flooding resulted in the river rising above the level of Main Street preventing the drains from emptying and stated that an upcoming flood relief scheme will address this problem.

Cllr. Twomey asked if the drains are all cleaned collectively.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the drains were generally cleaned in individual sections.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the jetting out and cleaning was done by a contractor. The Engineer informed the Members that routine cleaning was carried out by Council staff while based on inspection a contractor could be deployed to carry out jetting works.

Cllr. McCarthy requested a written report on this motion.

5.1.9 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“That the Engineer have a look at the wheelchair ramp on the Boardwalk, at Youghal Beach as the ramp leads onto soft sand and is essentially unfit for purpose”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the ramp was provided for all beach users and stated there is always difficulty going onto an active beach given the nature of the situation.

5.1.10 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Repairs to road at Ballyhonock these services are a very popular lake/lough for pike and coarse fishing and residential properties”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate same.

5.1.11 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Road repairs to sections of Ballykinealy, Ballymacoda in urgent need of repair, also Ballybutler link road and Ballyferode Road to the coast”.

This motion was noted.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

Road at Drishane More and Drishane Beg, Killeagh and road at Glenane More and Glenane Beg, Killeagh almost impassable”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer agreed to investigate same.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Road collapse on the main Garryvoe Road close to the village and also at Loughane/Ballybane, Shanagarry, and that appropriate signage be erected at Silverstrand, Ballynamona North and Ballynamona South and Ardnahinch beaches to prevent illegal camping, lighting of fires, littering etc”.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Maurice Manning, S/Director of Services informed the members that he will investigate the erection of appropriate signage for these areas.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that signage will not address the issues raised and stated that Gardaí need to deal with illegal activity.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“That Council make good to the wall at the Owennacurra River and where it borders the Woodlands estate at Riverside way. This was damaged during the flooding of December/January last and has been seriously compromised, and is now in danger of collapse. Also, to dredge the river farther downstream where debris has built up and remove any other obstruction (a small tree under the Cork Road bridge)”. Considered with Motion 5.1.7

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

“Seeking an update on repair of the border wall of Lauriston and Tattan's Yard which was damaged during the same flood period”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that it is proposed to re-build the boundary wall and stated tenders are currently being sought for this work.

5.1.16 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016



“That Council report on cleaning of storm drains both prior to and after the flooding of December/January last and any related repair/replacement works”. Considered with motion 5.1.8.

## **6. Correspondence.**

Correspondence was received from Castlemartyr Disability Group regarding a disabled parking space in the village which was in need of re-painting and stated that a contractor was willing to carry out the work free of charge.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that once the contractor registered with Cork County Council he could proceed with the work.

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

1. Cllr. Collins raised the issue of correspondence from Youghal 4 All which was forwarded to both the Youghal & Middleton Municipal District Offices regarding the provision of a Moby Dick Sculpture at Market Dock and stated they were unhappy that they had been refused permission for the erection of the sculpture.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that as currently proposed the sculpture does not comply with the Youghal Public Realm Plan and advised that alternative locations had been suggested to the group. Mr. McCarthy also stated that the group were advised that it was within their remit to apply to the Planning Department for planning permission to erect same should they so decide.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that a meeting be arranged between Youghal 4 All and the Heritage Committee to discuss this matter.

2. Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that he had received a nasty e-mail from a Member of the Whitegate Residents Association that had addressed an earlier meeting of the Municipal District Council regarding a report on the matters raised by the deputation which had not yet been received.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the report was put on hold due to challenges encountered arising from the storms which occurred after Christmas and further on in 2016. The Engineer stated that the concerns raised by the deputation consisted of the order of parking on the Main Street, painting of speed numbers on the road surface of Whitegate Village and the provision of a delivery area to the right of the supermarket.

The Executive Engineer informed the Members that a report will be available for the September meeting.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m at the Midleton Office.

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