

Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 2nd March, 2015 at 11.00 a.m. at The Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

I LATHAIR: Mayor Noel Collins presided.
Cllrs. O' Sullivan, McCarthy, Linehan Foley, Hegarty & Buckley.

Ag Freastal:: Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.

Christy Ring, Executive Engineer.
Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Helen Mulcahy, Municipal District (Youghal Office).
Geraldine O' Connell, Municipal District (Youghal Office)

Apologies were received from Mr. Maurice Manning, Senior Executive Officer & Mary Flynn, Assistant Engineer.

Due to a family bereavement relating to Cllr. Hegarty, and on the basis that Cllr. Hegarty would be leaving the meeting early the Members unanimously agreed to hear from a deputation from the Board of Management of Ballincurrig National School and also for Cllr. Hegarty to put forward his motions before the confirmation of the Minutes.

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

3.1 Hearing Deputation from the Board of Management of Ballincurrig National School.

Mr. Stephen Doyle, Board of Management, Ballincurrig National School gave a presentation to the Members outlining their concerns in relation to the extremely poor condition of the road area adjacent to the parking area at the school and also the lack of public lighting on the road outside of the school.

The presentation concluded that the Board of Management would request that with significant traffic movements along a busy road with consequent safety issues, the road in question should be prioritised for the necessary repairs within this year's road allocation and also requested that the issue of public lighting be looked at again.

Cllr. Collins thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that he trusted a favourable response will be forthcoming

Motions from Cllr. Hegarty.

5.1.11 Cllr. Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2015.

"Repairs to road adjacent to Walsh's Caravan Park in Garryvoe and road at Knockglass, Ladysbridge".
Cllr. Hegarty stated there were problems on what was a busy road, with people swerving to avoid the broken surface.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the road would be inspected.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2015.

"Cutting of trees on the Lisgoold to Ballincurrig Road".

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

5.1.13. Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2015.

"Provision of yellow line markings at the Pier, Ballycotton, and at the Old Parochial House, Castlemartyr".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the line marking contractor was commencing works in the next week and this item is on the list of works.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2015.

"That the public lights at Carriag Liath and Ros na Coille Estates, Midleton be attended to".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that these lights have been re-energised at the request of Cork County Council and he would have a better update on this motion at the April meeting.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2015.

"Update in relation to the Footpath Repair Programme for 2015".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that there was still some works being completed from the 2014 programme of works. The Executive Engineer informed the Members that the East Cork area was allocated €106,050 for footpaths for 2015 and asked that the Members consider footpath requests made under previous motions for the April meeting and also informed the Members that the footpaths from Bridgetown to Castlemartyr would be done in the next week.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he would investigate resurfacing works at Glenbower View and look at costings for these works as general funding is down by 2.5%.

1. Confirmation of Meeting held on 2nd February, 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2015 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy and unanimously adopted by the Members.

1.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of 2nd February, 2015.

1.2.1 Footpaths at Elsinore Heights.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the footpaths in Elsinore Heights.

The Senior Executive Engineer referred to works already carried out and previously advised to the Members and he informed the Members that further works would be considered in future footpath programmes.

1.2.2 Sign for Ballincurra at the Lakeview Roundabout.

The Members were informed that this sign is now in place.

1.2.3 Update on footpath at Willie Johns.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an update on the provision of a footpath at Willie Johns.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he was preparing to draw up a list of possible footpath repairs and provision and stated that the provision of a footpath at this location would be considered.

1.2.4 Update on crossroad at Golf Links Road/Colaiste Eoin.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an update on the crossroad at Golf Links Road/Colaiste Eoin.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he is presently looking to come up with a traffic design for this area. The Executive Engineer informed the Members that once a report is prepared it will be circulated to the Members.

1.2.5 Resurfacing of Creighmore.

The Senior Executive Engineer stated that this item be considered in the context of the Roads Programme.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 Proposed Amendment to the Midleton Electoral Area Local Area Plan to incorporate the Water-Rock Master Plan.

Mr. Andrew Hind of the Planning Policy Unit, Cork County Council circulated to the Members the Proposed Amendment to the Midleton Electoral Area Local Area Plan to incorporate the Water-Rock Master Plan which would require the approval of the Members. The main proposals of the plan are the following:

Potential for 2500 houses on 160ha
3 School sites.
Linear park, small parks, greenway.
Business uses, neighbourhood centre.
Employment potential - Dawn Meats Complex.
2nd Railway station.
Raod Network, Road Bridge, Pedestrian Bridges.

Mr. Hind informed the Members that it is intended to hold a further meeting to discuss this plan following the public consultation process which will begin on the 17th July next.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the land west of Water-Rock which falls to the Cobh area. Andrew Hind informed the Members that this will be discussed at the next Meeting of Cobh Municipal District

Cllr. Hegarty thanked the Members of the Planning Policy Unit for their presentation. Cllr. Hegarty stated that he would have concerns in relation to the phasing of the plan as there are 19 individual landowners to be dealt with and requested flexibility on different phases to deal with debates and discussions on this matter.

Cllr. Hegarty also raised the issue of the proposed railway station at Water Rock and asked who would be responsible for the construction of same. Andrew Hind informed the Members that Section 49 Development Contributions paid to Cork County Council was earmarked for railway related development and this fund will be used to build the bridge over the railway line, this he stated will be constructed in the latter stages of Phase 2. In relation to Phasing, there would be no more than 2 landowners in each zone and this should facilitate agreement to progress development.

Cllr. McCarthy stated she had concerns in relation to traffic management as Midleton town has huge issues with traffic Management presently especially around the Northern Relief Road.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that an upgrade at the junction at Knockgriffin was crucial due to the volume of traffic here at peak times and the possible inclusion of a filter lane would be welcome at this location.

Andrew Hind informed the Members that all issues can be addressed at a further meeting in June next.

2.2 East Cork Municipal District - Roads Grants Programme 2015.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy circulated to the Members the East Cork Municipal District - Roads Grants Programme for 2015.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke gave the following report to the Members regarding the Roads Grant Programme 2015.

The proposed 2015 Roads Grant Programme consists of 21 projects in the East Cork Municipal District.

16 of the Projects are funded under the Restoration Maintenance Grant at a total cost of €428,140. Approximately 30.5 km of local primary, secondary and tertiary roads will be surface dressed after completing required preparation works and drainage maintenance works.

A further 5 projects are funded under the Restoration Improvement Grant. Approximately 6.5 km of local and regional roads will be resurfaced at a cost of €1,098,500.

In addition to the above Kileendooling cul de sac, north of Midleton will be completed under the CIS Programme. This programme is carried over from 2014. Applications by communities under the CIS programme can be made to either of the Municipal District offices. Details are on the Council website. There have been a number of changes in the programme from last year. The local contribution has reduced from 20% to 15%. However after a number of years where the Department funded the balance of the cost, this now falls to the local authority coming out of the general roads grant allocations.

Also a further road project will be completed in the Midleton Town on the Youghal Road, consisting of footpath and public lighting extension to Ros na Coille, narrowing and resurfacing approximately 300 metres of road. This scheme is being funded under the former Midleton Town Council development contribution scheme.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the Block Grant of €163,000 received by the former Midleton and Youghal Town Councils and asked where this money has gone. Cllr. Linehan Foley suggested that a letter be written to the relevant department querying same.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that there has been a substantial cut in road grants last year in comparison to 2014 and that the overall cuts have resulted in a smaller number of schemes taking place in 2015.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she would raise this issue at County Level. The Members unanimously agreed with this.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed the adoption of the road grant and to request extra funding.

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

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 30th January, 2015.

"Tree surgery requested at rear of 10 Glenbower Estate, Killeagh, present situation impairing day light to householders also, residents of the said estate request a general clean up of backway to houses".

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

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of trees in Castleredmond Estate. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Member that this estate is not in the charge of the Council.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of a resident from Meadowlands in Broomfield who wishes to hire a tree surgeon to trim back branches of a tree hanging into her garden from a neighbouring property. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a private matter but stated that a resident was entitled to trim a neighbour's tree which was infringing onto their property and the branches returned to the owner of the tree.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 30th January, 2015.

"Major indiscriminate dumping in the following areas - a) Avoncore Place, Midleton, b) Ashbrook Estate, Castleredmond, Midleton.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the proper procedure for indiscriminate dumping is to report the problem to the Anti Litter Unit who will record and investigate and contact the local area office to remove same. The Executive Engineer informed the Members that a fly tipping unit under the Environment Department is due to be set up and will be based in the Landfill Site in Youghal.

5.1.3 Cllr Noel Collins, received on 30th January, 2015.

" Progress reports on the taking in charge of Ashwood Crescent Estate, Midleton and the broken down condition of footpaths in Elsinore Estate, Midleton and the NRA related problems in the Lakeview/Rocky Road area of Midleton".

This matter had been dealt with in the interim.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 30th January, 2015.

"Council report when the flooding zones of Midleton town will be addressed i.e. 1. at cross roads fronting Riverside Park, 2 outside Holy Rosary Church and Medical Surgery, St. Mary's Road, Midleton, 3. Lower Main Street, Midleton".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the area outside the Medical Surgery on St. Mary's Road had been mostly resolved by gully replacements. In relation to Riverside Park and Lower Main Street the engineer informed the Members that these areas are to be looked at under a larger study under the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th February, 2015.

"To make funding available ASAP for footpath repairs in Ladysbridge".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he would carry out a survey of this area and stated that the provision of a bollard could provide a safety solution here. The Engineer informed the members that under the 2015 Footpath Programme it was intended to prioritise existing footpaths in bad repair and with higher footfalls and also areas where no footpath existed.

5.1.6 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 24th February, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District address the following issues of concern for parents of children attending Inch School, devise solutions accordingly and provide a written report for same.

- (a) Provision of traffic calming measures.
- (b) Improved road signage.
- (c) Provision of disabled parking spaces.
- (d) Provision of lighting.

These being matters of safety particularly given the volume of vehicles, children and parents in the vicinity of the school at drop off and pick up times and the excessive speed of some irresponsible road users".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will examine this area and revert back to the Members with a report on same.

5.1.7 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 24th February, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District write to the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Alan Kelly TD and Minister of State for the Environment Paudie Coffey TD requesting a clear written response as to why a foreshore licence has not yet been granted to allow construction for the Youghal Waste Water Treatment Plant. This letter should state in the strongest possible terms that this development is of great importance for Youghal and that any further Government inaction cannot be tolerated".

Cllr. Buckley stated that he wished to second this motion and informed the Members that he had requested an update on the situation from the CEO of Cork County Council and would furnish the report as soon as he received same.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she has raised this motion at the Southern Division Meeting and was also awaiting a report.

5.1.8 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 24th February, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District examine the possibility of permanently repairing the Coast Road between Ballymacoda and Garryvoe and provide a written report for same. This road is a very important artery for a large rural population. While the recent repair works a welcome a more permanent solution is required urgently".

Cllr. Buckley seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this road was currently practically pothole free and stated that any works to take place here would come under the 2016 roads grant programme at the earliest.

5.1.9 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 24th February, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District undertakes to paint the public toilets at Garryvoe Strand particularly in light of the upcoming summer season".

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Paul Murray informed the Members that these public toilets needed a full upgrade but works were restricted here due to lack of funding. The Engineer stated that an application for funding could be made to Divisional Services for an overall upgrade of these toilets.

5.1.10 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan, received on 24th February, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District investigate whether the lands at Tower View, Cloyne are in the possession and/or ownership of the Council; the properties and land being dilapidated and in a state of disrepair. Furthermore that the council investigate the possibility of demolishing the existing structures and clearing the site and that a written report be provided for same".

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy agreed to write to the Housing Directorate regarding this motion.

5.1.16 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 25th February, 2015.

"That the East Cork Municipal District will undertake to make wheelchair accessibility a central focus in all of it's infrastructure improvement and development projects. This should include a written report on best practice in relation to footpath accessibility for those with disabilities and an undertaking that this will be applied in any future footpath repairs or construction. While the footpath upgrades are most welcome and I am hesitant to criticize the long overdue and the very high standard of repair works, it has come to my attention that the footpaths are not wheelchair friendly".

Cllr. O' Sullivan requested that this motion be deferred to the April Meeting as he was meeting with disability representatives and would have more information for the next meeting.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

5.2 Information.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Any Other Business:

7.1.1 Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the renaming of the Catherine Street Car Park. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that this matter has been resolved and a new sign is due to be erected shortly.

7.1.2 Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the provision of a sign for Ladysbridge on the N25 approach road. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will investigate same.

7.1.3 Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issued of the damaged seat at Summerfield which was removed last year be replaced by a seat at the viewing stand at the Lighthouse.

7.1.4 Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that she had received a complaint from a resident from Cloyne highlighting dangerous potholes in the road from Kilbay Cross towards Churchtown South, and also stated that the Paddock Road at Ballyfin was in need of repair. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate same.

8. Votes of Sympathy and Congratulations.

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty on the death of a relative.
The family of the late Eric Staunton.

Cllr. Collins proposed a vote of congratulations to Fr. Denis O' Hanlon P.P., organisations, sporting clubs and residents of Lisgoold/Leamlara in relation to their very successful preparations to date for the Inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade and wished good luck and success to the people of Lisgoold/Leamlara on their first Dt. Patrick's Day Parade.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING