

Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Held on 6th October, 2014 at 11.00 a.m. at The Lodge, Midleton, Co. Cork.

**LATHAIR:**

Mayor Noel Collins presided.

Cllrs. Hegarty, O' Sullivan, McCarthy, Linehan Foley & Buckley.

**Ag Freastal:**

Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.

Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.

Christy Ring, Senior Executive Engineer.

Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Mary Flynn, Assistant Engineer.

Maurice Manning, S/director of Services.

Helen Mulcahy, Municipal District (Youghal Office).

Geraldine O' Connell, Municipal District (Youghal Office)

**1. Minutes of Meeting Held on 1st September, 2014.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 2014 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

1.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting of 1st September, 2014.

1.2.1 Mullins Cross:

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of Mullins Cross and sought an update on a request for enhanced traffic calming at this location. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this matter remains on the list with two low cost safety initiatives, one which would see increased signage warning of emerging traffic coming from Garryvoe and the other invoked reducing a crest south of the junction on the Garryvoe side that was restricting vision. The Engineer also stated that there are seven or eight other potential schemes vying for funding also.

1.2.2 Midleton Town Council Budget:

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the Midleton Town Council Budget and stated that he was dissatisfied that his request for written details of signed contracts and agreements entered into by the previous Midleton Town Council had not been met. His concerns he stated centered on the fact that it might have a relevance to a Draft Budgetary Plan for 2015 which is featured on the meeting's agenda.

The S/Director of Services, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the figures are available on the former Midleton Town Council Budget but these figures have nothing to do with the business regarding the Draft Budgetary Plan to be addressed later in the meeting. The Draft

Budgetary Plan refers to Revenue Budgets for 2015 whereas the figures sought by Cllr. Hegarty refer to Capital Budgets approved by the former Midleton Town Council in 2013 and 2014.

Cllr. Hegarty begged to differ stating that the members need to know which projects were committed and entered into.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy cululated the following information to the Members:

#### DIVISION D – Development Management

Included in this Division is the Manager's Report on Capital Programme pursuant to Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001, indicating the Programme of Capital Projects proposed by Midleton Town Council for period 2014 – 16, having regard to the availability of resources.

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS 2014 – 2016

Reference has already been made to the severely limited availability of funding from central sources. The Members are aware that the first phase of the Main Street Access and Improvement Project and the Laneways Surfacing and Upgrading Project (Coach Horse Lane and Broderick's Lane) have now been completed. Having regard to the wishes of the Members and the objectives they would like to have achieved the following Capital Projects are proposed:

Town Centre Access and Improvement Project 2013/2014	€2,000,000
New Decorative Public Lighting Fair Green 2013	€ 30,000
Multi-Use Games Area (subject to Approval and Site Identification)	€ 40,000
Public Sculptures and Promotion of Heritage, History and Tourism (subject to Approval and Site Identification) (2014) (Neillie Cashman, The Fair Green, Aid from Native Americans during the Famine, The Goose's Acre, Foundation of Midleton, The Fenian Man 1798)	€ 400,000
Replacement Bridge at Baby Walk, Chimes Midleton Library Clock, Maintenance and repair of Council's Property at Midleton Lodge	€300,000
Christmas Lighting – renewal and extension 2014	€100,000
Traffic and Parking Management and Improvement (subject to Consultation and Approval)	€1,000,000
CCTV System for Midleton 2014	€ 100,000
Youth and Community Facility	€ 70,000
Flooding (including mains, water and sewerage, pipework, pumping station, storage, storm water – separation and drainage improvements as may be necessary.	€1,200,000

All of the foregoing projects will attract funding from Development Contributions and other sources. The members will be kept informed at each stage of progress such as tenders, costings and contracts as these arise. The established practice of bringing proposals for new works to the attention of the Members in accordance with approval requirements under statutory approval procedures and otherwise will ensure that the Members are fully informed and enabled to exercise their duties and functions in relation to financial overview and policy direction of the operations of the Council.

Development Contributions Scheme:

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Opening Balance 01/01/13</b>	<b>Income to 30/11/13</b>	<b>Expenditure to 30/11/13</b>	<b>Balance at 30/11/13</b>
Public Lighting	151,756.00	-	-	151,756.00
Roads	113,687.00	14.00		113,701.00
Footpaths	21,156.00	42.00		21,198.00
Car Parking	1,109,899.00	174.00		1,110,073.00
Water Supply	639,113.00	1,319.00	-	640,432.00
Storm Water	5,889.00	-		5,889.00
Sewerage	616,885.00	2,638.00		619,523.00
Rail Project	1,377,809.00	1,263.00	1,101,590.00	277,482.00
Amenity	526,283.00	890.00		527,173.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,562,477.00</b>	<b>6,340.00</b>	<b>1,101,590.00</b>	<b>3,467,227.00</b>

as per CCAS report to 30/11/13

1.2.3 Rivers – Midleton:

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the dredging and river bank improvement of the two rivers flowing through Midleton and requested an update on same. The Senior Executive Engineer Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the OPW is gathering information with a view to securing a consultant to begin a flood relief scheme.

1.2.4 Potholes/Footpath Repairs:

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the potholes in Woodbrook Estate, Mill Road, East Ferry and Jamesbrook and also the issue of footpath repairs from Scartleigh Upper to Saleen National School which still remain undone. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the works in East Ferry were complete and a contractor would be commencing €150,000 worth of

footpath repairs across eight locations in the coming week.

#### 1.2.5 Public Lighting:

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of lighting at Oakhill and The Estuary Estates and asked if there was any update on same. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate same.

#### 1.2.6 Footpaths – Mogeely:

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of footpaths at Mogeely and enquired if there was any update on funding for this matter. The Members were informed that this would be discussed under the motion of traffic calming.

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

2.1 Notice of Public Consultation regarding Youghal Heritage – LED Regeneration Plan to 2020 was brought to the attention of the Members.

### **3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Order or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at Meeting:**

3.1 Request that Deputation from Youghal Chamber of Commerce be received.

The Members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Development attend the November Meeting of the Municipal District Council.

3.2 Request that Deputation from Residents of Elsinore Heights/Rise be received.

The Members unanimously agreed that a Deputation from Residents of Elsinore Heights/Rise attend the November Meeting of the Municipal District.

3.3 Request that Deputation from Youghal Sailing Club be received.

The Members unanimously agreed that a Deputation from Youghal Sailing Club attend the December meeting of the Municipal District

3.4 CCTV System – Midleton:

The Municipal District Officer advised details of project for the provision of a Community CCTV System for Midleton, which had been approved and supported by way of grant by the former Midleton Town Council and approved by the Midleton Joint Policing Committee. In the context of changes in the structure of Local Government and for continuity the Municipal District Officer

asked that the Members consider and approve the project including the provision of 12 cameras on poles at various locations. The Members unanimously supported and approved of the project.

### 3.5 Consideration of Draft Budgetary Plan for the East Cork Municipal District.

The S/Director of Service, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the General Municipal Allocation was calculated on the basis of the existing community grant fund of Cork County Council, the grant funds from former Town Council and the estimated surplus from paid parking and any property tax money that would become available to the Town Councils. The sums for grants involved were €635,000 and €166,200 respectively. Mr. Manning informed the Members that the allocation was not related to the general funding approved from central funds at the year's end and it was money the Members could spend in whatever way they choose.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy, the Members unanimously agreed the allocation be adopted.

### 3.6 Nomination to Youghal Heritage Committee:

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. O' Sullivan be nominated to the Youghal Heritage Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Buckley the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Linehan Foley be nominated to the Youghal Heritage Committee.

### 3.7 Tenders – Remedial works to the wall of St. Mary's Collegiate Garden.

Three tenders in connection with remedial works to wall of St. Mary's Collegiate Garden were opened.

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

### 4.1 Presentation by Atkins regarding progress on the Youghal Main Drainage Scheme Project.

Brian McKavanagh, Wills Brothers, Aiden Fahy, Atkins and Shane Kennedy, Project Engineer, Cork County Council gave a presentation to the Members regarding the Youghal Main Drainage Scheme. Brian McKavanagh gave their apologies for not attending the September meeting.

The Members thanked the group for attending the meeting and queried if the works at The Mall/Strand Street would be complete within the 18 day period stated. The Members were informed that a road closure is in place so the works would have to be complete within the

specified time line. They gave the following progress report on pipelaying to date and informed the Members that approximately 70% of the works were completed overall.

Raheen Road	100%
Lighthouse Hill – Lighthouse Road	100%
Catherine Street – Greens Quay	100%
Upper Strand – Front Strand	99%
Foxhole	95%
Windmill Hill – South Main Street	90%
Cork Hill	70%
South Abbey/O’ Brien’s Place	100%
The Mall – Catherine Street	15%

In relation to the outfall licence Brian McKavanagh informed the Members that there was an issue to the titlehold of the River Blackwater but they were now in the process of lodging the application for the licence.

Cllr. Buckley raised the issue of the condition of the road surface at present and asked if the roads would be resurfaced once the works are complete. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that it was just a temporary road reinstatement at present and once the works are complete the contractor will be responsible for the area for the next 2 years.

4.2 Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the Rocky Road and requested an update on his request for the provision of a slip road at the access to Middleton’s Lake View Roundabout. The engineer informed the Member that he was of the opinion that the NRA had no plans for this area, but he stated that he would request a copy of a report furnished around six years ago in which a resurfacing project also saw turning lanes installed which would enable traffic more easily to access the roundabout and eliminated the need for vehicles coming from Cork to traverse the roundabout and stopping to traffic on the N25 to turn right on the rocky Road. Cllr. Collins stated that he had already rejected this report and insisted a slip road would be safer.

## **5. Notices of Motion.**

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 1st September, 2014.

“In the 2015 Road Funding Programme, Council include the following:

- a) Construction of footpaths in Elsinore Heights and Rise and completion of road works in Avoncore Bungalows Estate, Middleton both on a waiting list over 20 years.
- b) Completion of road works in Riversfield Estate”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the overall length of the footpaths in Elsinore Heights amounted to 1.9 kilometers. He stated that rehabilitation work had taken place along 200 metres in 2012 and 50 metres in 2012. The County Council has a €1m footpath restoration programme with €125,000 earmarked for the Middleton electoral area. This the Engineer stated focused on eight locations including 50 metres in Elsinore with the cost of reconstructing the remaining 1.6 km would be about €150,000 and would have to be considered on a phased year by year basis as there were worse areas with higher footfalls to

consider. The Engineer informed the Members that a percentage of the footpaths had been replaced in Avoncore and resurfacing had been implemented on one section of Riversfield.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 1st September, 2014.

“Progress report from Public Lighting Engineer, on need for public light at Upper Scartleigh, Saleen, details with Council”.

The Senior Executive Engineer Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that Cork County Council had made provision for new public lighting in its 2014 budget but only focused on maintenance and infrastructure, the Engineer informed the Members that they would install a duct between the road and boundary ditch for future lighting installation.

5.1.3 Noel Collins received on 1st September, 2014.

“Traffic Control monitoring requested at Lakeview Roundabout Midleton, particularly for traffic coming from St. Mary’s Road”

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the issue of upgrading the junction was referred to the NRA on an annual basis by Cork County Council but the issue of funding remained unclear. The Engineer informed the Members that the area from Lakeview is now run by a company by the name of Egis Lagan and road issues should be referred to this company rather than Cork County Council.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins received on 1st September, 2014.

“Repair road to Ahenesk Strand/Brown Island and leisure walkways in the said area and progress report on major road repairs in Jamesbrook/East Ferry, Midleton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the road to Ahenesk Strand was repaired last summer for a charity road race. The Engineer stated that Strand maintenance and cleaning could be addressed under the Labour Activation Scheme for the long term unemployed.

5.1.5 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received on 28th September, 2014.

“That the uneven surface and potholes at the junction of Cork Road and Knockgriffin be addressed as soon as is possible”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that there is a significant volume of work which needs to be done at this area and was on the capital projects list. The Engineer informed the members that he would investigate the filling in of potholes at this area in the short term.

5.1.6 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received on 28th September, 2014.

“That immediate attention be given to the road at Ballycraheen East. This road has not been treated for some time and has deteriorated considerably over the last few winter months, resulting in large parts of it being washed away, some sections of which are becoming almost impassable”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this could be looked at in the 2015 Works Programme. The Executive Engineer, Mr. Christy Ring stated that this

matter could be investigated under the Community Involvement Scheme which would provide materials for the community to undertake the work.

5.1.7 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received on 28th September, 2014.

“That a list of the lands owned by Cork County Council in the East Cork district, or a map of same, be made available to Councillors”

The S/Director of Service Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that he will have a copy of the Fixed Assets Register circulated to the Members. Mr. Manning also stated that Mr. Richard Keating in the Property Section of Cork County Council can be contacted for any information needed on this matter.

5.1.8 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.

“Updated progress report regarding Boardwalk Repairs, Moll Goggin's Corner and Drainage Scheme”.

The S/Director of Service, Mr. Maurice Manning informed the Members that the closing date for tenders in relation to the Boardwalk is October 24th, 2014, and that a contractor should be on site by the end of the year with works completed by next May.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that works should be completed at Moll Goggin's Corner by Christmas or January at the latest, but reminded the Members that works in relation to the Main Drainage Scheme would mean the lights would remain in place a little longer.

Cllr. Linehan Foley queried if funding could be accessed for the Black and White Viewing Stand. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this could be looked at under Heritage Funding.

Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer informed the Members that an application for funding was made by the former Youghal Town Council to either remove or retain the balconies but no funding was available.

5.1.9 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.

“That Council seeks to install a pedestrian Crossing in Killeagh on Mount Uniacke Road from Church to opposite side of the street”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that a fully designed traffic calming scheme had been designed in 2009 and included a corner at the junction of The Thatch to slow traffic heading to Mount Uniacke but unfortunately no funding was made available. The Engineer informed the Members that this item be kept on a programme of works.

5.1.10 “That Council seeks to install a hand railing on footpath in Killeagh from Bridge to Thatch Restaurant that area of footpath bringing pedestrians in close proximity to passing traffic”.

The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to investigate same but once again reminded the Members that funding would be an obstacle and the Members should endeavour to make representations to the NRA for same.

5.1.11 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.



"That provision be made in the 2015 Budget for full repairs to be made to the entrance to the Rise/Green Estate, Youghal".

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

5.1.12 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.

"That Council seeks to install traffic calming measures on the entrance to Killeagh Village from the eastern side".

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

5.1.13 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.

"That Council seeks to install 'speed ramps' as a speed reduction measure in The Willows, Castlemartyr".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the Department of Transport may soon issue guidance on grants for Council Estates.

5.1.14 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.

"That this Council make inquiries regarding a "clean up" of the Seafeld Fabrics site recognizing that the site is in private ownership".

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy agreed to write out to the owners of the Seafeld Site.

5.1.15 Cllr. Aaron O' Sullivan received on 29th September, 2014.

"That Council seeks to install traffic calming measures on the entrance to Castlemartyr Village from Eastern side".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that Phase 2 of a fully designed traffic calming scheme for the village was awaiting NRA funding. The Engineer stated that the 60 k.p.h. speed limit could be moved back towards Killeagh.

5.1.16 Cllr. Linehan Foley received on 29th September, 2014.

"Calling on Cork County Council to put safety measures in place at St. Fergal's National School, Killeagh and also put safety measures in place at Golf Links Road for South Abbey National School ASAP".

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that both himself and Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will arrange to meet with the school Principal of St. Fergal's National School with the possibility of the attendance of the local Gardai. The Engineer informed the Members that the flashing lights on the Cork side of the school had been upgraded and that he would investigate the possibility of refreshing road markings at this location.

In relation to South Abbey National School, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that a meeting similar to Killeagh National School be arranged. Mr. Clarke also stated that he would investigate the cost of the installation of flashing lights at this location.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 30th September, 2014.

“When will repairs commence on Main Street, Ballycotton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that road markings would be refreshed here in the coming weeks.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 30th September 2014.

“Replace directional signs indicating Ballycotton and associated facilities at the Bog Road, Ballycotton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will endeavour to get this work done.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 30th September, 2014.

“Replace or repair footpaths at Garryowen, Cloyne”.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Christy Ring agreed to investigate same.

5.1.20 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 30th September, 2014.

“That traffic calming measures be installed at Killeagh Road, Mogeely”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to inspect same. The Engineer informed the Members that a special development contribution of €47,500 was levied in respect of a nearby housing estate and that the provision of footpaths would greatly enhance pedestrian safety here.

5.1.21 Cllr. Michael Hegarty received on 30th September, 2014.

“That sections of the Mount Uniacke Road to Dangan to Rathcanning to Dungourney in need of urgent replacement or repair”

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this item would be given due consideration for the 2015 programme of works.

5.1.22 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received 30th September, 2014.

“That funds be made available to have a traffic warden reinstated in Midleton. A situation has arisen where cars are parked on the Main Street for the entire business day. This results in substantial losses of revenue to traders”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that previous Traffic Wardens had retired under the Cork County Council retirement scheme and lack of staffing resources within Cork County Council prevented the reinstatement of a warden. However, Mr. McCarthy informed the Members that he would investigate the possibility of recruiting a part time warden from existing resources.

5.1.23 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received 30th September, 2014.

“That a budget be allocated to the construction of a footpath in Castlemartyr from the junction at the bridge out to Bridgetown Close. There have been a few minor incidents and parents have raised concerns for children walking home from school”.

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

## **6. Any Other Business:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of a fallen tree which damaged the bridge opposite the grotto at Inch. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke agreed to investigate same.
2. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of Fly Posting on the Northern Relief Road and stated that Midleton Tidy Towns had contacted her as they were concerned that a large junction of this road as covered in posters which looks unsightly. The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that this is a matter for the Planning Department, Cork County Council.

### Votes of Congratulations:

Cllr, Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulations to Geraldine O' Connell, on her 50th birthday.

### Votes of Sympathy and Condolences:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to Ollie & Aileen Steele, Whitegate and their family on the tragic death of their son Robbie Steele.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on November 3rd at 11.00a.m. at the Youghal Office.

This concluded the business of the Meeting