

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 3rd April, 2017 at 2.00 p.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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

Leathscéal: Cllr. Twomey.

Ag Freastal:: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer
Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6th March, 2017 and Confirmation of Minutes Special Meetings held on 6th March, 2017.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March, 2017, and Minutes of two Special Meetings held on 6th March, 2017 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Collins. .

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.2 Deputation from Churchtown South Community Council.

Marie O' Connell on behalf of the Churchtown South Community Council gave a presentation to the Members highlighting their concerns on the condition of the roads, the lack of public lighting and directional signage around Churchtown South and also raised the issue of Ballybrannigan and Ballylanders beaches which have been closed to the public for the past two years.

Marie O' Connell informed the Members that the village is in dire need of re-surfaced roads and stated that added pressure from a high volume of traffic has been put on the roads leading to Ballycroneen beach due to the closure of Ballybrannigan and Ballylanders beaches.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation and informed them that Malachy Walsh & Partners are currently preparing a report on Ballybrannigan Beach.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that funding for the repair and upkeep of rural roads is an issue which needs to be canvassed. Cllr. Hegarty asked if the deputation had been in contact with Dail Eireann Representatives. Marie O' Connell informed the Members that they had passed all their information on to Deputies Stanton and Buckley.

The Members informed the deputation that they had their unanimous support and stated that they would revert back with a full report on their concerns.

2.1 Deputation from Ballycotton.

Stephen Belton gave a presentation to the Members on behalf of the residents of Ballycotton highlighting the issue of traffic congestion. Mr. Belton informed the Members that there is only one access road into the village which is causing severe traffic congestion and also stated that there is a lack of footpaths on the Main Street and in the vicinity of the school.

Mr. Belton informed the Members that they have concerns regarding delays in emergency services accessing the village as an ambulance could not pass through last year due to gridlock and asked the Members to commit themselves to develop a plan to solve the traffic problem within the village, and also stated that a submission had been prepared and submitted to the Draft East Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan by McCutcheon Halley Chartered Planning Consultants on behalf of Ballycotton Development Community Association identifying the following main issues within the village:

1. Traffic Problems.
2. Wastewater Infrastructure.
3. Public Amenities.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation which clearly outlined the problems associated with Ballycotton.

Cllr. Hegarty congratulated the Ballycotton Development Group on the excellent work they have carried out in the area. Cllr. Hegarty stated that the onus is on the East Cork Municipal District to raise the concerns of the deputation to senior level at Cork County Council and stated that a traffic management mobility study will need to be conducted in the area.

The Members informed the deputation that they will revert back to them with a report at the next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

2.3 Mr. Martin Walsh – Bus Eireann.

Mr. Walsh did not attend.

2.4 Presentation by the NNRDO of the Part 8 Managers Report for the L3622 CBS Road and L3677 Aishlin Road Improvement Scheme.

Mr. John Laphorne, Senior Engineer, Roads Design Office informed the Members that the Managers Report for the improvement scheme works on both the Aishlin Road and the CBS Road issued to the Members in advance of the decision being taken by the members on whether or not to proceed with the scheme as proposed.

Mr. Laphorne informed the Members that the civil works had gone to tender, a contractor has been appointed and works were due to commence in early July.

The Members asked if the works would be carried out together or consecutively and also requested the costing and the completion date of the works.

John Laphorne informed the Members that the works should be completed by the end of August.

Cllr. Linehan Foley congratulated the Engineer on the provision of both pedestrian crossings on Cork Hill which she stated are a great asset to the location.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Collins the members unanimously adopted the Part 8 Managers Report for the L3622 CBS Road and the L3677 Aishlin Road Improvement Scheme.

2.5 East Cork MD Road Maintenance Programme 2017.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Road Drainage Maintenance Programme for 2017 to the Members for their information

Road No.	Location	Works Required
R626	Broomfield to Ballyrobert	Road drainage maintenance
L3601	Walshtown Rd., Ballymacsliney to Knocknagare	Road drainage maintenance
LS7620	Ballymartin to Rathfootera	Road drainage maintenance
LS7624	Rathfooter to Ballymacole	Road drainage maintenance
LS7617	Killeagh, Midleton	Road drainage maintenance
LS7629	Killeagh, Midleton	Road drainage maintenance
R627	Killeagh, Midleton	Road drainage maintenance
LP3626	Rocky Rd., Midleton	Road drainage maintenance
LP3625	Carneys Cross to Gearagh Cross	Road drainage maintenance
LP3628	Churchtown North to Knockasturkeen Cross	Road drainage maintenance
LS7655	Glenageare Cross to Stacks Cross	Road drainage maintenance
LS7656	Stacks Cross to Wood Rd.	Road drainage maintenance
LP3676	Wood Rd. to Townparks Cloyne	Road drainage maintenance
R629	Town Parks to Ballymaloe	Road drainage maintenance
LP5630	Stacks Cross to Ballymaloe	Road drainage maintenance
LP3633	Kilboy to Ballycotton via Churchtown South	Road drainage maintenance
LP3645	Finure to Gyleen	Road drainage maintenance
LP3644	Inch Cross to Inch Strand	Road drainage maintenance
LP3642	Inch Cross to Ballynookery	Road drainage maintenance
LS7664	Ballynookery to Upper Aghada	Road drainage maintenance
LP3629	Saleen to East Ferry	Road drainage maintenance
LS7667	East Ferry to Garrandkinnefeake	Road drainage maintenance
LS7886	Dromsarane to Drommada More	Road drainage maintenance
LS7885	Glenageare East to Bohilane	Road drainage maintenance
LS7884	Garranasig	Road drainage maintenance
LS7864	Knockglas to Ightermuragh	Road drainage maintenance
LP3819	Knockadoon to Mountcotton	Road drainage maintenance
LS7890	Curragrine	Road drainage maintenance
LS7831	Ballinacole Cross South	Road drainage maintenance
LP3805	Castlequarter	Road drainage maintenance
LP3815	Glendine Bridge to Gurteen	Road drainage maintenance
LS7814	Ardglass to Gurteen	Road drainage maintenance
LP3802	Murleys Cross Ballyknock	Road drainage maintenance
LS7824	Ballyeightragh to Ballyre	Road drainage maintenance
LS7826	Ballyre to Corbally	Road drainage maintenance
LP3804	Dangan Bridge to Mount Uniacke	Road drainage maintenance
LS7804	Knockacool	Road drainage maintenance
LS7812	Ballinteosig	Road drainage maintenance

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a section of road at Knockglass, Ladysbridge which is constantly flooding.

The Engineer agreed to add this section of road to the programme of works.

2.6 East Cork MD Presentation of Towns Programme 2017.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer gave the following report to the Members on the East Cork MD Presentation of Towns Programme 2017:

Cork County Council has allocated funding under an initiative for the enhancement and maintenance of the main road approaches to towns so as to improve the overall impression or presentation on approach. This is of particular importance to our towns in East Cork, where tourism is an important element of the local economy. The 2017 allocation for East Cork is:

- Midleton - €46,000
- Youghal - €36,500

The programme is focused on improving the aesthetic appearance of town approaches by more frequent maintenance of soft landscaping, weed control, litter control and cleaning of signage. Should funding permit, enhancements can also be considered e.g. topsoil and seeding/landscape areas/signage improvements/kerbing etc.

Cork County Council recognizes and commends the ongoing work carried out by Tidy Towns/community groups in both Youghal and Midleton. The presentation of Towns Programme will compliment work already carried out by these groups and the Council's own staff. In sections where grass and landscaping is already maintained by Tidy Towns and community groups or residents it is intended (indeed hoped!) that these efforts will continue.

Approach roads to be included in the programme are as follows:

1. Slip roads on Youghal Bypass at Ballyvergan West and R634 to Kennel/Ballyvergan East.
2. Slip roads on Youghal Bypass at Clashadunna East to approach to Pobalscoil Na Trionoide.
3. R634 approach to Youghal from the Stone Bridge.
4. R630 Whitegate Road at Rosehill to the Dark Road.
5. R907 Youghal Road from N25 to corner at St. Brigids NS.
6. R627 Dungourney Road from corner at 'Kathleen Doyles' Hill to junction for Broomfield.
7. R626 Mill Road from junction at East Cork Oil to Elsinore.

The target to be achieved is cutting grass every two weeks during the growing season, weed spraying/removal to achieve weed free entrances to the town approaches/cleaning of signage/soft landscaping maintenance. It is also proposed to target the removal of unauthorized advertising signage on these approaches.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that if any funding is available in September upgrading of signage and the provision of kerbing could be considered.

Cllrs. Collins and Hegarty stated that they were opposed to the removal of signage on the approach roads as advertising is very important to sustaining businesses, particularly in periods of economic difficulty.

The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to remove the last sentence regarding signage in light of the fact that this matter is before the Strategic Policy Committee for consideration. The East Cork MD Presentation of Towns Programme 2017. Was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy.

2.7 Report on Deputation from residents of Brookdale, Avoncore and Broomfield.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Janette Kenny Executive Engineer gave the following Report on the L7630 from Mill Road Junction at R626 to Western Entrance to Broomfield Village following Deputation by the Residents and Stakeholders along said section of L7630 at the February Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

Traffic Speed & Traffic Volumes:

In response to the concerns of the deputation mobile traffic detection equipment was erected on the route from the 24th February to 3rd March 2017, recording data outside Cope as it was felt this is where traffic is at its fastest. The radar based detection device recorded Bi-directional speeds and traffic volumes as well as vehicle classifications. The results detailed an average daily traffic of 4,803 vehicles per day. The average speed recorded was 45km/h uphill and 49km/h downhill. The average speed is therefore below the 50km/h speed limit. The 85th percentile speed recorded up hill was 53km/h and downhill towards the traffic light junction as 56km/h. Some drivers are exceeding the speed limit.

The traffic volumes are not unusual for a busy link road. Phase One of the Midleton Northern Relief road was completed in 2008 linking the Cork Road to the Mill Road. Phase 2 is proposed to continue the relief route from the Mill Road junction to the Dungourney road. The preferred route is South-East of the L7630 (see map below).

Construction of Phase 2 of Midleton Northern Relief Road would reduce traffic volumes on the L7630 significantly and almost completely remove the presence of HGV's.

Controlled Crossing points:

Controlled crossing point locations are difficult to site on this route due to the horizontal and vertical alignment and the presence of numerous road junctions. The feasibility of installing a controlled pedestrian crossing requires a detailed design and this matter has been referred to the NNRDO (non-national road design office), for assessment between Avoncore and Brookdale. There are many constraints to positioning the pedestrian crossing such as the distance between the train station road junction and the Brookdale junction (which is only 67m) and the presence of vehicular entrances to private dwellings.

A second controlled crossing (Zebra crossing) would be possible east of the turn into Broomfield Village between the green area at Brookdale (east) and Broomfield Ridge. It was noted on numerous site visits that a school bus drops adjacent to Broomfield Ridge thus this locus for a Zebra crossing would link said Bus drop off point with the Brookdale Estate & Abbeylands.

The provision of the zebra crossing and the traffic light pedestrian crossing (if feasible) could be considered under low cost safety funding.

Car Parking:

With regard to crossing points at the play school it is noted that there are currently existing dropped kerbs directly adjacent and opposite the play school. The play school is 55m from the Mill Road controlled Junction where there are already pedestrian phases. Pedestrian footpath routes to the junction are available and in very good condition.

The deputation suggested that the green area opposite the playschool be removed to provide car parking for parents collecting and dropping to the playschool. This green area developed from the detailed design of the Northern Relief Road junction. Prior to the relief road there was a vehicular junction from the L7630 into Avoncore. As this junction would have been too close to the traffic lights it was closed on road safety grounds by the design team and a cul-de-sac formed in Avoncore. The hammer head turning area of the cul-de-sac provides a very safe car parking area for parents using the play school. This area benefits from the buffer of the grassed area also. No alteration is recommended.

Footpaths:

The deputation highlighted that a footpath east of the Railway Station road junction is very narrow for a short distance and that it inadequately caters for vulnerable road users, wheelchair users or buggies. It is recommended that this footpath be locally widened as far as possible by the junction and it will be noted for future footpath programmes.

Traffic Management:

The sequence of the traffic lights at R626/ Northern Relief road junction was identified by the deputation as an issue in the mornings with long tailbacks along the L7630 into Broomfield Village. The photos below detail traffic queues identified during a site visit on the 14th February 2017. The sequence of the traffic lights at R626/ Northern Relief road junction is constantly under review and has been adjusted on numerous occasions since September 2016. The installation of a new traffic loop from the L7630 is recommended and is to be undertaken by Cork County Councils Traffic Light maintenance contractor.

The need for a yellow box at the entrance to the Cope Foundation was highlighted by the deputation. This is recommended as it will allow for in bound right turns during morning peak traffic tail backs. The yellow box road markings were installed on the 14th March 2017.

Yellow box road markings were installed at the entrance to the train station road to also allow for in bound right turns during morning peak traffic tail back.

Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the report will be circulated to the residents of each estate.

2.8 Pride of Place.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy had circulated to the Members the Pride of Place Competition Entry Details for the Pride of Place Competition 2017.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the closing date for nominations is May 5th and stated that any nominations be submitted to the Municipal District Officer.

2.8 Community Grants:

Cllr. Linehan Foley & Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is important that Cork County Council and the East Cork Municipal District are recognized in its efforts to support local community groups, clubs. Cllr. O' Sullivan was in full agreement.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that one more amendment was made to the Schedules of Community Grants as recommended and stated that the amount of €20,000 allocated towards the Midleton Christmas Lighting be reduced to €17,000 with the amount of €3,000 allocated to the Midleton and Area Chamber of Commerce for the production of 10,000 brochures. The schedules of grants, as amended, were approved for payment by the Members.

2.9 Municipal District Civic Receptions:

The Municipal District Officer circulated the following report to the Members in relation to Municipal District Civic Receptions:

Part 2 of Schedule 14 A of the local Government Reform Act 2014 sets out the *“reserved functions that may be performed in respect of a Municipal District by Municipal District Members or the Local Authority”*.

The Council agreed in May 2015 that a decision to confer a civic honour on a person who is local to the municipal district and whose achievement is of local or county significance is a reserved function of a Municipal District. The decision to confer a civic honour on a person who has achieved national or international significance is a reserved function of the County Council.

On the 9th of January 2017 the Corporate Policy Group agreed the following protocol in respect of Civic Receptions at Municipal District level:-

1. A Civic Reception may be extended by the Council to an individual or an organisation in recognition of an achievement at local or county significance.
2. There will be a maximum of two full Civic Receptions per Municipal District annually. The Municipal District Members will decide when the civic reception is to be held and where appropriate evening events may be held. It is important that all Municipal District Members attend the Civic Reception. The following procedures shall apply in relation to consideration for the holding of a Civic Reception:
 - Member/members to submit proposal for Civic Reception to the Municipal District Officer.
 - Proposal to be considered by the Municipal District Officer, the Chairperson of the Municipal District and the Senior Executive Officer.
 - Recommendation to be submitted to the Municipal District for approval.
 - The Mayor's Office is to be informed of all Civic Receptions.
3. The Civic Reception will be held in the Council Chamber, unless otherwise decided.
4. The Municipal District Officer will organise the attendance of the representatives from the organisation or guests of the individual in whose honour the reception is being arranged and if necessary, invitations will be issued.

5. The Chairperson will receive the representatives of the organisation or the individual prior to the beginning of the Reception.
 6. The Chairperson will open the ceremony with a speech and will present a certificate in recognition of the Civic Reception to the organisation or individual. Other Councillors will then be invited to speak.
 7. The representative of the organisation or the individual will be invited to reply.
 8. Refreshments may be served after the Civic Reception and will be arranged by the Municipal District Officer.
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**

“It was agreed to hear Cllr. Sullivan’s motions first as he had to leave the meeting early. Cllr. O’ Sullivan’s motions had been brought forward from the March Meeting of the Municipal District”.

5.1.13 Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan, received on 23rd January, 2017.

“That Council attends to repair of roads in Knockmonlea area – the roads being in an appalling state of disrepair”.

This motion was marked noted.

5.1.14 Cllr. Aaron O’ Sullivan, received on 1st February, 2017.

“That Council repair road from Connells Cross to ‘FON Ballymacoda Ltd. Community Complex in Aghavine, Ballymacoda”.

This motion was marked noted.

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th March, 2017.

“In the development and construction of the proposed flood defences in Midleton, Council consider the inclusion of footpath repairs, which are needed in Main Street, plus the renewal of larger road shores. If all such works are addressed simultaneously, it will ease the financial pain and strain, on the commercial life of the town, struggling to meet the payment of rents and rates, should undue delay arise”.

This motion was seconded by Cllrs. Hegarty & McCarthy.

In response to queries from Councillors Mr. Sean O Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer gave the following timeline for the completion of the public realm works on the main street in Midleton:-

- County architects Dept will be out to tender for consultants by the end of April 2017,
- With the appointment of Consultants by the end of June 2017.
- Allow three months to prepare tender documentation to finalise by early October 2017 and out to tender by end of October
- Tender period of approx four months including tender assessment to the end of February 2018.
- Contract commencement March 2018, contract period say 12 months, with a completion date of February 2019.

Cllr. Hegarty voiced his concerns at the amount of monies unspent in Midleton given the amount of necessary works in various areas required all over the East Cork Municipal District.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that these monies had been ringfenced by the former Midleton Town Council the Midleton Town Centre Access and Enhancement Project and could not be spent anywhere else in the district.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that the Municipal District make a submission to Arups highlighting their concerns regarding the dredging of the river.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th March, 2017.

“That Council repair the almost impassable roads in Lahard, Ballyshane Cross and link roads. Remaining on road works, when can residents expect such be addressed in Gurteen, Dungourney (funding approved) and adjoining roads to include cul-de-sac serving Garry Cotter, Garryduff, plus commencement of road works in Ballyvodock, Midleton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke stated that the roads in Lahard, Ballyshane Cross and Link Roads will be inspected for interim repairs. In relation to Gurteen the Engineer informed the Members that an offer of a Community Involvement Scheme has been accepted and works have commenced at this location. Works have been completed at Ballyvodock.

Cllr. Collins thanked the Engineer for his report.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th March, 2017.

“To conjoin with the Flood Defences for Midleton town, Council request the O.P.W to dredge the two rivers, Owenacurra and Roxborough that flow through the town thus making this East Cork Shopping area – a flood free zone”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will make a submission to the consultants currently preparing a report on the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme regarding this motion.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th March, 2017.

“To ease traffic congestion at the approach to Lakeview, Midleton, Council set in motion a traffic management plan for early implementation”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer agreed to discuss same with Mr. Tom Stritch, Director of Services, Road Directorate.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st March, 2017.

“Calling on East Cork Municipal District to contact Eir about their service to paying customers in the East Cork Area. Eir states that their service is up to 1000mb in all areas but the majority of houses and businesses have less than 10mb bearing in mind that many depend on this for work etc.”

All Members fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that a representative from Eir attend a meeting of the Municipal District Council.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st March, 2017.

“Could we replace a dangerous ladder on quayside in Buttimers Dock”.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that a full inspection had been carried out on the ladders in the quayside for which the Council is responsible and all were found to be in full compliance under Health and Safety requirements.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st March, 2017.

“Following an earlier motion on the steps that are dangerous on the jetty, could we please look at extending or adding a small pontoon area to enable fishermen and tourists on pleasure boats to access their boats safely”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that all works carried out on the jetty had been done in compliance with building regulations.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the matter was being handled by the Coastal Management Department of Cork County Council and a response will be available for the next meeting of the Council.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21st March, 2017.

“Calling on our Engineer to speak with contractors to clean up site area in Sweetfields, Youghal where they fitted footpaths”.

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

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2017.

“That we initiate the abandonment of a section of the L36102 at Elfordstown as per attached map from the last house towards the junction of L7618 with Ballyspillane approximately ½ mile in length and initiate the extinguishment of the public right of way”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, McCarthy and Collins supported this motion.

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

5.1.20 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2017.

“That a public car park be provided at Killeagh Village”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that a plot of ground will be made available for this car park by the Church Authority and stated that parking in the village will be reduced further due to the enhancement works taking place presently.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that once work has been completed in the village the situation can be reviewed.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he is not prepared to wait until the works in Killeagh are completed to have this matter progressed.

5.1.21 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2017.

“Road repairs in Upper Aghada Village from the Hall to Dr. O’Sullivan Terrace, from Hillside at Upper Aghada to Lower Aghada known locally as Heartbreak Hill cleaning outside wall at All Saints Cemetery, Whitegate, replace sign for Ballinrostig at Ballinookera”.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that these road repairs have commenced and the sign at Ballinookera will be replaced shortly.

5.1.22 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2017.

“Repairs to roads in and around Churchtown South and the reopening of Ballylanders beach to access a popular amenity”.

Cllrs. Collins and McCarthy seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that interim works have commenced in Churchtown South. In relation to the reopening of Ballylanders beach the Engineer informed the Members that regrettably no budget is in place for such works presently but stated that if the weather remains reasonable in-house works could take place at this location.

Cllr. McCarthy’s motions brought forward from the March meeting:

5.1.23 Cllr. McCarthy, received on 28th February, 2017.

“That the pavement outside Killeagh Community Centre be repaired/replaced as soon as possible. It may be worth investigating the possibility of carrying out these works simultaneous with the footpath upgrade works in the Main Street”

Cllr. Hegarty fully supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will refer this motion to Eoin Bennett A/Executive Engineer, Cork County Council National Roads Design Office for consideration.

5.1.24 Cllr. McCarthy, received on 28th February, 2017.

“That roads at Kilcrone, Ballyfind, Violet Hill and Ballywilliam be included in the 2017 programme of works”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that routine maintenance works will take place in the next few weeks.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following letter from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 stating that as part of the Budget 2017, the Minister has secured increased funding of €12 million for an enhanced Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2017. The scheme will focus on improving the economic development of towns and villages.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the announcement from Minister Creed, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine regarding the provision of funding in the amount of €112,500 towards a pontoon for Youghal.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that the Members will be calling on Cork County Council to make available the balance of funding.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer stated that this allocation of funding is very welcome for Youghal and suggested the Members await official notification on same.

3. Cllr. Linehan Foley received a letter from Seamus Ó Ceallacháin, Secretary of the Board of Management, Pobalscoil Na Tríonóide in support of the Parents' Association conveying their concerns regarding safety of pedestrians on the New Line between Summerfield Cross and the road adjacent to Pobalscoil Na Tríonóide and requested that the road be assessed with a view to providing a footpath for school children and other pedestrian users as a matter of health and safety.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that a Member of the Board of Management was the landowner in question who agreed to cede some of the land required to construct the footpath. Cllr. Linehan Foley agreed to make contact with the Board of Management to establish if this was still the case.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the speed limit review and requested the provision of a ‘Driver Feedback Sign’ on the road from Ballymacoda to Ladysbridge.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that under a policy passed at full Council Driver Feedback signs can be provided where deemed appropriate with a 50% contribution from the local community.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on May 2nd at 2.00 p.m.at the Midleton Office.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.