

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 6th March, 2017
at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Mary Linehan Foley presided.
Cllrs. Hegarty, Collins, & Twomey.

Leathscéal: Cllrs. Aaron O' Sullivan & Susan McCarthy.

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
Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Mr. Gary Smith, Executive Engineer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6th February, 2017.

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

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 N25 Killeagh Footbridge Part 8 Report.

Eoin Bennett & Eoin McCarthy from the Cork National Roads Office informed the Members that the Part VIII process in relation to the N25 Killeagh Footbridge was completed on Friday 24th February 2017 and informed the Members that two submissions had been received from both the TII and Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Mr. Eoin Bennett recommended that the Members move to proceed with this project and also make an application to the TII to fund this project.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is crucial that the Members approved the Part VIII process and also stated that all assistance be given to allow the TII fund these works. Cllr. Hegarty asked if an indication could be given to the costing of the footbridge.

Mr. Eoin Bennett informed the Members that the cost of construction of the footbridge would be in the region of €100,000.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Collins the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with this project subject to funding.

2.2 Draft Policy on the Licencing of Street Furniture.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy circulated to the Members the Draft Policy on the Licencing of Street Furniture and stated that the purpose of the Draft Policy is to

outline the provisions of national legislation relating to street furniture and to ensure a consistent scheme operates throughout the County.

Cllr. Hegarty welcomed the report but queried the amount of €125 per year per table and 4 chairs outside of a premises that might only have seasonal business.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that applicants also have the option to apply for short term licences at a rate of €12.50 per month.

Cllr. Hegarty asked who will be responsible for the issuing and enforcement of the licences and if a premises is in breach of their licence who will enforce proceedings against such entities.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that each Municipal District will deal with the processing of applications, the issuing of licences and if needed the commencement of enforcement proceedings.

Cllr. Twomey queried if the policy applies to businesses that are located in a cul-de-sac area.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the legislation applies to all businesses providing street furniture on public property and stated that the regime would not apply to any private courtyard area but informed the Members that planning permission would need to be applied for, for the use of such an area.

Cllr. Linehan Foley suggested that the Members look at the Draft Policy in detail.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the policy gives consideration to members of the public with limited mobility and also for parents trying to negotiate the street with prams and buggies. The Senior Executive Officer also stated that all concerns from the Members will be brought before the SPC.

2.3 Taking in Charge of Estates.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy circulated the following report to the Members:

Development Name	Development Address	MD	Developer	Planning No	Who Applied?	Category
Ard na Corann	Broomfield, Midleton	East	Bauschaft Ltd.	01/3541	Developer	3
Ardan na Mara	Youghal	East	Church Hill Builders/Murphy Constr.	P01/03	Developer	5
Bridgetown	Castlemartyr	East	Caraden Construction	02/2280	Developer	5
Bromley Court	Midleton	East	Heritage Developments	P95/56032	Residents	5
Careystown Meadows	Ballincaroonig, Whitegate	East	Bauschaft Ltd	02/3523	Developer	3
Careystown Woods	Ballincaroonig, Whitegate	East	Bauschaft Ltd	99/4162	Developer	3

Castleredmond	Midleton	East	Castlelands	98/3336	Residents	5
Cois Farraige	Mosestown, Whitegate	East	Bauschaft Ltd	04/9112	Developer	3
Cois Maigh	Mogeely	East	Joseph Lane	06/9348	Developer	5
Gleann Fia	Mogeely	East	Hazelwood Developments	05/1611	Developer	5
Gleann Turaigh	Youghal	East	Brompton Homes	03/3327	Developer	5
Gort Fada	Glounthane	East	Joseph Lane	06/9931	Developer	5
Larchfield Rise	Youghal	East	O' Neills	P15/94	Residents	5
Na Banta	Ladysbridge	East	Joseph Lane & Sons Ltd	05/2827	Developer	3
Radharc na Mara	Rostellan	East	Robert Rutledge	99/3556	Residents	5
Rooskagh Valley	Shanagarry	East	Orchard Partnership (in Receivership)	03/2617	Developer	2
The Meadows	Mogeely	East	Hazelwood Developments	99/1993	Developer	5
Tir Chluain	Midleton	East	Flemings (in Receivership)	04/6170	Developer	5
Thornton Park	Whitegate	East	JC Dev. Ltd. (gone)	98/3340	Residents	5
Willowbank	Broomfield West, Midleton	East	Bauschaft Ltd.	95/0661	Developer	3

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the Taking in Charge of Oakhill Estate in Youghal. Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer will investigate same.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that this Estate was essentially complete with many years and should be taken in charge.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of the delay in the taking in Charge of both Willowbank, Midleton and Tir Chluain, Midleton and also stated that the front part of The Meadows Estate, Mogeely is without public lighting.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the 1st Estate on the left hand side at the entrance to Ballymacoda and stated that the public lighting is out of order and also stated that the poles are not numbered for identification.

Cllr. Collins requested that the taking in charge of Broomfield Estate in Midleton be expedited by the Council.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he will forward all their queries to the Estates Department of Cork County Council and once he has received a report on same he will revert back to the Members.

2.4 East Cork MD Roads Restoration Improvement Programme 2017.

2.5 East Cork MD Roads Restoration Maintenance Programme 2017.

2.6 East Cork MD Footpath Programme 2017.

All the above items were deferred to the end of the meeting to be held In Committee.

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.

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2017

“That this Council, due to major indiscriminate dumping on the scenic route, through Ballyannon Wood, from Dwyer Road, request Coillte Teoranta to give the area a general clean up, and erect “No Dumping” signs, with the penalty inscribed thereon for offenders”.

All Members were in agreement with this motion.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2017

“That this Council have the ESB check out the poor quality of public lighting in the town, with a view to replacing the present unit of electric power, plus the completion of the CCTV in the town thus helping to keep the burglars at bay, and the total estimate of cost for such improvements, compared to the figure levied for the present power system”.

In relation to the public lighting issue Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the public lighting system within the town is adequate but stated that he would refer the matter to the Public Lighting Section.

In relation to the completion of CCTV in Midleton town the Municipal District Officer informed the Member that tenders had been received and examined, a contractor had been recommended and that works should be starting shortly.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that a request be sent to Dermot Kelleher, Public Lighting Engineer to attend a meeting of the Municipal District Council.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2017

“When residents in Elsinore Heights/Rise Estate and Avoncore Bungalows Estate, Midleton can expect completion of footpath infrastructure in their respective estates”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this motion would be dealt with under item no. 2.6.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 17th January, 2017

“Council report what remedial works will be carried out on the Garryduff/Gurteen Road, Dungourney, now almost impassable with major potholes and rivers of waters and if Council propose to erect danger road signs under and when major funding is available to carry out full infrastructural road and drainage works to the said roads to include also roads & footpaths.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that no consideration is given for the provision of footpaths in rural areas but stated this item could be discussed under item no. 2.6.

Cllr, Hegarty supported this motion.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 23rd February, 2017

“This Council request an Engineer’s report regarding the working condition of the sluice gates, at the slob bank Youghal”.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a grant of €25,000 had been received from the OPW to maintain drainage districts and stated that the maintenance of these gates was on a Programme of Works for this year.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 9th January, 2017

“That road repairs are done in Hydes Park, Ballinacurra as a matter of urgency”.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that pothole repairs will be done in localized areas shortly and also stated that the residents of this area come together and apply for funding under the CIS scheme.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 12th December, 2017

“This council repairs lighting issues at the Railway Road, situated on the Forest Hill side of the Railway Station entrance”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer agreed to refer this matter to the public lighting section of the Council.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 12th December, 2017

“That the footpath from the Lakeview Roundabout to Ballinacurra namely the area between Castleredmond and the Lakeview Roundabout to be repaired. And that this footpath be included in the footpath programme for 2017 for severely needed maintenance works and that this be made a priority”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this motion would be dealt with under item no. 2.6.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 11th January, 2017

“Asking that Cllrs. get some type of list or email of all roads that have been reported for resurfacing/repair of potholes on a regular basis so we can report some type of timescale back to residents”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following reply to the Members:

While it is understandable that a Member would like to be able to contact residents of a particular road to advise that pothole filling would be happening next week or in a months time there would be resource issues in producing and disseminating such a list. Not to mention explaining why the plan changes as it does for all sorts of operational reasons and constraints and in particular as new issues arise and where for road safety reasons priority is reassessed and changed.

Members, where requested, are currently readily facilitated with an update on the status of repairs on a road by road basis”.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th January, 2017

“Calling on East Cork Municipal District to provide drains and shores on the right going up Quarry Road to alleviate flooding”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will put this on a list of medium-priority works and will be completed by the end of the year should funding become available.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th January, 2017

“Calling on Bus Eireann to attend meeting of East Cork Municipal District to discuss in full the proposed cut to bus routes in East Cork Area”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy agreed to write to Bus Eireann requesting same.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25th January, 2017

“Asking the East Cork Municipal District to look at the cliff face in Knockadoon urgently as it is in danger of collapse onto a public pathway. Maybe ask Cork County Council to assess under the Coastal Management SPC and also to look again at Moll Goggins it’s in a similar state and a danger”.

In relation to the cliff face at Knockadoon Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is private land and stated that the residents are carrying works here and have made the area safe.

In relation to Moll Goggin’s Corner Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that a quarterly monitoring scheme has been put in place to assess the condition of the wall.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the cost of these works would be quite significant.

Cllr. Hegarty fully supports this motion.

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”.

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”.

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

“That Council undertake to resolve lighting issues at housing estate Inch”.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan’s motions will be put forward to the April meeting.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st February, 2017

“Repairs to fence at Maplewoods, Ballinacurra”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the receiver has taken responsibility for this repair and stated that a contractor will carry out the works shortly.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st February, 2017

“Update on Ballybrannigan Beach reopening”.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Malachy Walsh and Partners have been appointed to compile a report on the reopening of this beach which should be completed by the end of April. It will then be circulated to both the Coastal Management Section and the Members for consideration.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st February, 2017

“Road repairs at Ballymaloe, Ballyduff and Common East”.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that crews are presently working on the regional road and stated that they had completed works at Ballymaloe and were presently moving onto Ballycotton and Cloyne.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st February, 2017

“Update on Speed Limit Review and implementation of same”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has been in contact with Michael Cotter in the Mallow Office who informed him that they are presently working on the Speed Limit Review Draft Bye Laws which will go to full Council in April/May and should come into effect one month later.

5.1.20 Cllr. Susan 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 on the Main Street”.

5.1.21 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28th February, 2017

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

Cllr. McCarthy’s motions will be put forward to the April meeting.

6. Correspondence.

1. A letter was received from Cumann na Daoine complaining of a blocked drain outside of The League of the Cross Hall. The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke will investigate this matter.

2. A letter was received from the residents of Fishermen’s Dock Apartments requesting the provision of a yellow box at the entrance to the parking area which is presently being blocked due to Members of the public parking at this location. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to investigate same.

3. The Mayor informed the Members that a letter had been received from Youghal 4 All Group inviting the Members to join the group at the viewing stand at the Post Office for the forthcoming St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Cllr. Linehan Foley congratulated Youghal 4 All on their organisation of this year’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade but informed the Members that the Local Council had always viewed the parade from the viewing stand at the civic offices and stated that she would prefer that the situation would remain as is. All Councillors were in agreement with this.

4. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Churchtown South/Cloyne & Ballycotton Community Council attend the next meeting of the Council.

As the Members had received an invitation from Midleton CBS Secondary School to attend Mass for their 150th Year Anniversary in Midleton it was agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on April 3rd at 2.00 p.m at the Youghal Office.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.