

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

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**I LATHAIR:** Cathaoirleach Susan McCarthy presided.  
Cllrs. Collins, Hegarty, Linehan Foley and Twomey.

**Leathscéal:** Cllr. O' Sullivan.

**Ag Freastal::** Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.  
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.  
Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.  
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)  
Ms. Susan Murphy (Midleton Office)

**Greenway – Midleton to Youghal.**

The Cathaoirleach, Ms. Susan McCarthy welcomed Ms. Clare Cronin, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. Helena O'Riordan Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Vincent Florish, Executive Engineer to the meeting.

Ms. Clare Cronin addressed the Members and advised them of the potential the Greenway had. She explained that the Part 8 for the Cork Harbour Greenway was passed, they were successful in getting a grant of €1million and she hopes to secure the same for the Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

Ms. Cronin also advised that contact had been made with the landowners and they have also liaised with Irish Rail. She explained that the Greenway is a three step process 1. Obtain Planning Permission (Part 8). 2. Secure funding. 3. Begin the project.

The Cathaoirleach stated that she welcomed the project wholeheartedly and that it was great to see something like this in East Cork and that it would be invaluable to the local community.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty agreed with the Cathaoirleach and praised other Greenways stating that he can see that it revitalises businesses and that it will be a great boost for East Cork.

Cllr. Danielle Twomey welcomed the project and asked about the land belonging to Irish Rail and would it be accessible to all.

Ms. Cronin explained to Cllr. Twomey that it would be accessible to all and that Cork County Council would obtain a long term lease from Irish Rail similar to what happened with other Greenways in the Country.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley welcomed the project and said that it would open up the whole of East Cork.

Cllr. Noel Collins also fully supports the project.

Mr. Seán O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Part 8 will be published in a few weeks and this is when the public can make submissions on it. He also acknowledged the work that Ms. Clare Cronin, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. Helena O’Riordan, and Mr. Vincent Florish, Executive Engineer have been doing.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Collins.

### **Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017.**

1.1 A report was circulated in relation to the Midleton Town Centre Improved Access and Enhancement Project.

Mr. Seán O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer advised the Members that Ray Keane and Associates Consulting Engineers have since been selected, following a competitive procurement process, as the Engineering Led Design Team to prepare the detailed design, tender documents, tender assessment and to supervise the project.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if members of the public could make submissions on the project. Mr. Joe McCarthy advised that this has already gone through the planning process (Part 8) and that members of the public had previously been able to and had made submissions in relation to the proposal.

1.2 Barrier for Raheen.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that Mr. Michael Cotter examined the barrier and has made a recommendation to the Non National Roads Design Office.

1.3 Wall at Oakhill.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that this was referred to the developer for attention and that the wall had been deemed to be safe.

Oakhill has not been taken in charge by Cork County Council.

1.4 Ballinascartha.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that he will investigate this road.

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

### **2.2.1 Ballymacotter, Churchtown South, Cloyne.**

Before notice is given to the Members of Cork County Council in relation to the proposed disposal of property in East Cork the matter is brought to the attention of the Members for the

East Cork Municipal District for their consideration. Details set out in the attached draft notice:

Property: Disposal of Fee Simple Interest at Ballymacotter, Churchtown South.

Location: Cloyne, Co. Cork.

From Whom Acquired: Unknown.

To Whom It Is Proposed  
To Dispose: Trevor and Emma Harrington.

Consideration: €350 including administration costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Collins the Members had no objection to the proposal.

### **2.2.1 Serviced Site at 14 Maigh na Greine, Killeagh.**

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Property: Disposal of Serviced Site at 14 Maigh na Greine, Killeagh.

Location: Killeagh, Co. Cork.

From Whom Acquired: Housing Land Residual.

To Whom It Is Proposed  
To Dispose: Mr. Patrick Durkin, Windmill Hill, Youghal.

Consideration: €40,000

Cllr. Hegarty advised the Members that he had been contacted by someone who wanted to purchase this site for €37,500 and that they had been informed that an offer of €43,000 had been made. Cllr. Hegarty enquired as to why the consideration is now stated to be €40,000.

Consideration of the proposal was deferred until this matter is clarified.

## 2.3 Progress Report on Roads.

East Cork Municipal District - Roads Programme 2017 - Progress Report 20th September 2017					
Funding Grant Category	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	% Completed
Regional Roads Surface Dressing	R	-	-	3,000	100%
Local Roads Surface Dressing	L	-	-	20,470	95%
Community Involvement Schemes	L	-	-	2,625	43%
Footpath Programme	N/A	-	-	770	13%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-633-0	East Cork - Redbarn Cross to Ballymadog Cross	1,471	100%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-633-0, R-633-31	East Cork - Ballymadog Cross to Clonpriest West	1,585	100%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3601-85	East Cork - Castlelyons Road at Knocknamouragh	2,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3600-0	East Cork - Coolnedane South to Two Pot X Rds	1,200	10%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7617-0	East Cork - Walshtown More East	400	100%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-7649-0, L-76492-0	East Cork - Ballyvodock East	1,230	100%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7815-0	East Cork - Monalyre X to Gurteen	1,390	100%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7814-0	East Cork - Gurteen X to Gurteen	1,500	100%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3639-0	East Cork - Ballydavid Road (part)	1,300	100%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3804-0	East Cork - Mount Uniacke to Dangan Bridge (part)	900	90%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7826-0	East Cork - Coorbally to Ballyre (Part)	1,500	90%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3810	East Cork - Upper Cork Hill (Part)	300	100%

Cllr. Hegarty advised that he is happy with the overall scheme but questioned R633. The rubbing strips on either side of the bridge are dangerous. He said that to date 5 cars have been damaged here. The width of the road has been reduced so two cars cannot pass.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer explained that the rubbing strips were used to protect the walls of the bridge from water egress but that this is being reviewed at the moment and that remedial works will be carried out.

Cllr. Hegarty also asked that the Peoples Path from Lower Aghada to Whitegate be looked at under the Footpath Programme.

Cllr. Twomey questioned as to why only 13% of the footpath works have been completed. Mr. Dave Clarke explained that Cork County Council does not have the resources to carry out the work themselves. It had been tendered and the contract was awarded. It is hoped that the works will start in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Twomey also asked if the footpaths between Elsinore and the Educate Together School would be done and if yellow boxes would be provided outside the estates on the Mill Road.

Mr. Dave Clarke hopes that the footpaths would be done during the school mid term and advised the Members that they would review the traffic on the Mill Road and if yellow boxes are needed they would be provided.

#### **2.4 Housing Report for East Cork.**

Mr. Seán O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this was for information purposes only and the report would be provided on a quarterly basis.

The Members raised their concerns in relation to Choice Based Lettings and discussed how people from North Cork could bid on houses in East Cork. The Members agreed that there is a greater demand for housing in East Cork.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley asked if it would be possible to get the percentage of people from East Cork bidding on houses outside the area.

#### **2.5 Request for Deputation from Killeagh Inch Residents.**

The Members agreed that a deputation from Killeagh Inch Residents would be received at the October meeting of the Municipal District.

### **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.

#### **Notices of Motion:**

5.1.1 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“Calling on T.I.I regarding Killeagh. Can we get an update on footbridge? Can a representative from T.I.I attend the October meeting?”

Cllr. Hegarty raised his concerns in relation to the footbridge and also in relation to the works still being carried out in Killeagh. He said it was worrying that a business had to close and said it will take a long time for the community to recover from the effect of the works.

Cllr. McCarthy also raised her concerns and agreed that a representative from T.I.I should attend the October Meeting.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley agreed but praised Mr. Eoin Bennett, Executive Engineer, National Roads Office for his help in keeping the Members up to date during the works.

5.1.2 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“Update on proposed works for Castlemartyr”.

Cllr. Hegarty told the Members that Friday was the last day for the submission of tenders for this project and he raised concerns that accepting the lowest tender wasn't always the best option.

He also requested that the local roads that were being used during the works in Killeagh be upgraded before the works in Castlemartyr commence.

All Members supported this.

5.1.3 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“Calling on Chairman of Eirgrid or equivalent to attend a meeting regarding the proposed Geophysical Marine Survey for Ballinwilling Strand, Redbarn Beach and Claycastle”.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that a representative from Eirgrid attend the October meeting to brief the Members on this proposal.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and stated that the Members needed to know what they proposed to do in these locations.

5.1.4 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and 5.1.17 motion Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> September

5.1.4 “Update on the road repairs to roads for King of the Road event at Ballincurrag”.

5.1.17 “That repairs be carried out on the Ballincurrag road (R626) prior to the King and Queen of the Roads Festival due to take place there this October. The King & Queen of the Roads is the internationally recognised premier road bowling classic and draws thousands of spectators, including large number of fans from participating countries, including the UK, USA and the Irish diaspora”.

Cllr. Hegarty and Cllr. McCarthy agreed that this is a great economic boost for East Cork and the road needed to be repaired prior to the event.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer told the Members that she had inspected the road and the velocity patcher will carry out works here next week.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“That this Council construct a new footpath from the Shanavine estate entrance, connecting to the main footpath on the Summerfield/Kilcoran Road . Also construction of footpaths in order to connect this road to the amenities in the area for example, the leisure centre and the beach for pedestrians, and residents. And that this be added to the footpath programme for 2018”.

Cllr. Twomey raised concerns that some of this road has no footpath.

Cllr. Linehan Foley fully supports the motion and asked why the footpath was stopped at Shanavine.

Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that The Walking & Cycling Strategy for Youghal Active Travel Town (June 2013) recommends the provision of a footpath along “Willie John’s Hill” to the New Line and from the New Line to the Aura Swimming Pool. Approximately 450 metres of new footpath has been provided along this route to date. Continuing to Summerfield Cross would require the construction of a further 600 metres of new footpath. Extending to Aura Swimming Pool is an additional 500 metres. The combined cost is estimated to cost €156,200. Consideration can be given to including a further section in the 2018 Footpath Programme.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“A new footpath to be constructed on the Dark Road, Midleton and this to be added to the footpath programme 2018 as it is highly unsafe for pedestrians. Also the blind corner at the end of this road (junction leading onto the L3621) can the engineer look at what safety measures can be implemented here”.

Cllr. Twomey told the Members she had serious safety concerns in relation to this area.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Collins also raised their concerns.

The motion was unanimously supported.

Mr. Dave Clarke told the Members that The Midleton to Whitegate R630 Traffic Management Study, adopted in 2009, identified the need for traffic calming and improvements to junctions and pedestrian footpaths and crossings from Lakeview to Rosehill on the Whitegate Road. Recommended traffic calming measures primarily consist of road narrowing, elimination of hard shoulders, provision of a median with turning lanes and reducing the size of junction radii. Provision of footpaths and provision / improvements to the pedestrian crossings are also recommended. Significant work was carried out several years ago between Lakeview and the Dark Road which included the provision of a number of new uncontrolled pedestrian crossings and a new controlled pedestrian crossing. This has reduced traffic speed and improved road safety along this very busy road. Regrettably funding has not been available to further advance the traffic calming works beyond the Dark Road junction. We are currently examining the possibility of advancing of number of improvements in 2018. Subsequent years with funding under Low Cost Safety and footpath programmes. The Bailick Road locally at the Dark Road where there is no footpath is also

being examined. In this regard the Council's Non-National Roads Design Office, are commencing surveys with a view to preparing designs that could be implemented incrementally as funding becomes available.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“The crossing on the R630 at Brooklands Bar junction Ballinacurra needs serious upgrading. The Crossing needs to be ramped and possibly upgraded to a push button facility. Also traffic management needs to be added to the vicinity of the crossing to help slow traffic leading up to the crossing. And adequate signage needs to also be addressed”.

Cllr. Twomey has received numerous calls and messages in relation to this area. She said that signage for the crossing was not visible and speeding was also an issue. The crossing has not been upgraded in over thirty years.

Cllr. McCarthy said that this had been raised under previous motions and that something definitely had to be done about this crossing.

Cllr. Collins agreed and informed the Members that he had raised this in the County Hall and also referred the matter to the Skibbereen Office. He reiterated the fact that something had to be done here immediately.

Mr. Dave Clarke said that signage in the area will be investigated. He said that the primary issue is the length of the crossing and the relatively high approach speeds. Upgrading the pedestrian crossing and providing footpath linkage in the vicinity is considered to be the priority. It is not considered to be feasible to upgrade the crossing in isolation, however once the above design work is completed this will be reviewed.

Funding will be a challenge given the limited funding and competing demands under the Footpath Programme and Low Cost Safety Scheme. As the area can be considered as part of greater Middleton Town, Members could consider (part) funding the works from the Town Development Fund in 2018 and subsequent years.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Twomey requested that bollards be put in place as a temporary measure.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 (received from County Council as not suitable for Southern Committee Meeting).

“That this Council request the RSA open a Driving Test Centre in the County, East of the City”.

Cllr. Twomey advised the Members that this would be of benefit to the area as the waiting lists for driving tests was too long.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded the motion.



5.1.9 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“That Council carry out a risk assessment of the following issues in Shanavine, Youghal a) lack of footpaths from Shanvine to the main footpaths and connecting to beach area and leisure centre b) lack of traffic calming in the Seafield and Summerfield area c) the hedge surrounding Shanavine frontage, in urgent need of surgery – now 20 feet thick d) rat infestation e) Council address fly tipping on the left hand side of entrance f) major improvements to public lighting on the main road of Shanavine, other lights obscured by overgrown trees”.

Footpaths dealt with under 5.1.5.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that b) traffic calming: - provision of footpaths which will narrow the road is the most appropriate traffic calming measure,

c)the hedge which forms part of the amenity landscaping of the estate – was cut back by Council on account of road safety concerns. He will inspect to see if further growth needs to be cut back.

d) & e) Rats and Flytipping this should be reported to the Environment Department

f) Public lighting – This will be referred to the Planning Department for investigation.

Cllr. Linehan Foley supported the motion and said that the hedge surrounding Shanavine was a health and safety issue.

Ms. Helen Mulchay told the Members that the hedge was cut back and a contractor had looked at it with a view to removing it but it would be at a significant cost. She advised that this may be the best option due to the close proximity to the wires.

Cllr. Hegarty agreed that this may be the best option.

Cllr. Linehan Foley advised the Members that she had contacted some residents and asked them to set up a Residents Association.

5.1.10 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“In the proposed road safety works for St. Mary’s Road, Midleton, Council repaint yellow box at entrance to “Parklands”, St Mary’s Road and if possible extend it for another metre in each direction”.

Cllr. Collins said that he had also contacted An Garda Síochána and the Road Safety Authority in relation to this.

Ms. Janette Kenny advised that this is listed for road markings.

Cllr. McCarthy said that she was also contacted by residents of St. Mary’s Road about the Bus Stop that is obstructing the free flow of traffic on the road. Buses stay here for a long period of time and the designated bus stop is out on the road on the left hand lane and asked if it could be moved. Mr. Dave Clarke advised that this was an in line bus stop and should be used for stop and drop or pick up and leave. Buses should not be parked here for long periods.

Cllr. Hegarty said that cars park here so the buses can't stop.

Cllr. Collins said that the works carried out at Convent Cross were disgraceful.

Mr. Dave Clarke stated that these works were done in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads.

5.1.11 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“In the proposed drainage works for Midleton town, Council include the dredging of the Owenacurra and Roxborough Rivers, that flow through Midleton Town and Ballinacurra Harbour”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion and stressed that focus should be given to Bailick Road to help alleviate flooding here.

Mr. Dave Clarke said that all options are being considered by the consultants, including dredging. The motion will be referred to the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme Project Team

5.1.12 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

“In the interest and protection of human life, Council consider the provision of speed ramps from Upper Mill Road, Midleton”.

Cllr. Collins clarified that this was between East Cork Oil and the Northern Relief Road.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that works had been completed close to the Educate Together School and when the footpaths are constructed from Elsinore to the school this should alleviate speeding on the Mill Road.

Cllr. Twomey told the Members that she had received an e-mail in relation to this area. She raised the issue of 60km/h sign and questioned when the traffic lights would be switched on.

Mr. Dave Clarke told the Members that all works were being carried out by the Department of Education and that the contractor was working with the ESB to have the lights switched on. He also advised that new speed signs were put up on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. He also advised that a driver feedback sign, similar to the one at Saleen, could be looked at for this area.

5.1.13 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017

“Asking East Cork Municipal District to look at what surface and filling is used to refill potholes etc as many roads in the area that have been resurfaced or refilled are back to square one in a matter of weeks”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley advised that potholes had been filled but within a number of weeks they needed to be repaired again because they were worse than ever.

All Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that staff in East Cork carry out pothole repairs in accordance with Cork County Council's *Procedure - PATCHING AND POT HOLE REPAIR*. Material used for cold pothole repairs can be one of a number of propriety pothole repair products supplied by a number of manufacturers. Material used by the velocity patcher consists of heated bitumen and surfacing dressing specification chips. The quality / performance of material supplied is routinely monitored. No doubt repairs carried out on weak damaged roads in ongoing wet weather will not perform as well as those carried out on better roads and / or in dry weather. Members are aware that Council has recently purchased a new 26 tonne velocity patcher. This will be deployed fulltime in East Cork and will be based out of the Killeagh Depot following installation of a bitumen storage tank in the coming months.

Cllr. Linehan Foley said that there is a particularly bad pothole in Kilcoran that had been filled and was now bad again. Mr. Dave Clarke advised that Irish Water were asked to investigate this and the matter is ongoing.

5.1.14 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017

“What is timescale for resurfacing works Youghal re: Front Strand, remainder of Cork Hill and Killeagh Road adjacent to McCurtainstown”.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that there is no timescale at this time. These, as with all roads will be considered when drawing up the 2018 Roads Programme. Lower Cork Hill will be dependent on when Irish Water stop digging it up and confirm no further works envisaged.

5.1.15 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017

“Update on sinking manhole covers in Youghal and Castlemartyr”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke this should be raised with the National Roads Design Office as it may be included in the contract for Castlemartyr.

5.1.16 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017

“Asking that East Cork Municipal District puts motion forward to Coastal Management SPC to hire Harber Master for Youghal Harbour”.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy seconded this motion.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty advised that this was discussed at Coastal Management SPC.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Personnel Department in relation to this.

5.1.17 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> September

“That repairs be carried out on the Ballincurrig road (R626) prior to the King and Queen of the Roads Festival due to take place there this October. The King & Queen of the Roads is the internationally recognised premier road bowling classic and draws thousands of spectators, including large number of fans from participating countries, including the UK, USA and the Irish diaspora”.

Dealt with with Motion No. 5.1.4

5.1.18 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1<sup>st</sup> September

“That the following roads be added to the schedule of works 2018: L3653-0 (Hillside, Aghada) to junction with R630 main Whitegate to Midleton rd; the L3658-0 (Heartbreak Hill) from Siddons Court up to junction with L3653-0 (Hillside); The L3648-0 main rd between Upper Aghada and Whitegate from Upper Aghada towards All Saints Cemetery”.

Mr. Dave Clarke advised that roads in the Upper Aghada Area will be reviewed prior to developing the East Cork Roads Programme 2018.

**6) Correspondence.**

None.

**Votes of Congratulations:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulations to the Tidy Towns Committee in Youghal.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley congratulated Ms. Helen Mulcahy and all involved in painting the Lighthouse in Youghal.
3. All Members wished to Congratulate Cllr. Aaron O’Sullivan on his forthcoming marriage.

**7.) Any Other Business:**

None

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 at 11:00 a.m in the Youghal Office.

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