

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017 at 11.0 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

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

**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.  
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer  
Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer.  
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office)  
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

**Launch of Logo and Brand Identity for Midleton.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following presentation to the Members on the launch of the new Logo and Brand Identity for Midleton.

Cork County Council is delighted to announce the launch of its logo and brand identity for Midleton. Funded by Cork County Council's East Cork Municipal District through the Town Development Fund, the project has been managed by The Youghal Socio-Economic Development Group (YSEDG) on behalf of Cork County Council. The design was undertaken by Cork based agency, Studio Forty9. The YSEDG also managed the brand identity for Youghal and [www.youghal.ie](http://www.youghal.ie) site on behalf of the local authority back in 2016.

The YSEDG consulted with a range of tourism and commercial representatives in Midleton and received input from Midleton Chamber of Tourism & Commerce in the development of the brief for the project.

The 6 month development process has resulted in a brand identity for Midleton that symbolises the vibrant, diverse, welcoming town that it is – right in the HEART of East Cork.

The logo will now be used across a range of promotional and marketing platforms in an effort to create an integrated, seamless approach to promoting Midleton. Users will be asked to sign up to a 'Charter' agreeing to adhere to usage guidelines for the brand.

The logo and brand identity will now also be used as the basis for the roll out of a new official website for Midleton later this year. Development of the site is continuing, and is being overseen by The Youghal Socio-Economic Development Group with input from Midleton Chamber. The site will feature businesses and tourism listings from the area, things to see and do as well as featuring festivals and upcoming events.

The Members welcomed the launch of the new Logo and Brand Identity for Midleton and congratulated the YSEDG group.

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

### **2.3 Presentation of Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department on Repair and Leasing Scheme.**

Mr. Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer gave the following report to the Members on the Repair and Leasing Scheme and informed the Members that a pilot scheme was launched in Waterford and Carlow in 2016

A key component of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness is the Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS), which targets the delivery of social housing and also ensures that existing housing stock is used to the maximum degree possible.

The principal objective of the RLS is to deliver social housing quickly, by targeting the remediation of vacant units that require only limited works.

RLS will also contribute to urban, village and rural renewal by improving the outward appearance of properties in an area.

RLS is targeted at owners of vacant properties who cannot afford or access the funding needed to bring their properties up to the required standard for rental property. It is intended that RLS will entice these owners to look afresh at the potential of their properties.

The maximum cost of repairs allowable under RLS is €40,000.

Property Owners shall appoint a contractor to carry out the required works.

#### **Requirements of the Scheme:**

The property has to be vacant for at least 12 months.

There has to be a social housing demand for the property.

The property has to be assessed as being viable to provide accommodation.

The minimum lease term is 10 years and is preferably 20 years.

The lease payments are based on the current market rental rates in the property location, less 20% to cover vacant periods and administration/management costs.

The scope of the works, and the recoupment of the cost of works through the lease payments, are agreed between the owner and Cork County Council.

RLS is not available for private renting, Cork County Council shall appoint applicants from the approved housing list.

#### **Process:**

Enquiry Form, including photographs is submitted to Grants Section.

Eligibility for the Scheme, having regard to the location and suitability of the property for social housing, is determined, taking into consideration the extent of repairs that may be required.

The property is inspected to determine suitability for RLS.

Property Owner may be requested to submit further information, e.g. BER Certificate, drawings, etc.

A Schedule of Works identifying necessary works is drawn up.

Property Owner asked to submit two detailed, itemised quotations based on this Schedule of Works.

Quotations submitted to Grants Section.

Property Owner and Contractor must be tax compliant and submit evidence of same.

Agreement reached with property owner as to cost of works, the term of the lease and repayment of the cost of works.

An agreement to Lease is signed.

Works are carried out.

Invoice submitted.

Property inspected to confirm rental standard is achieved.

Owner paid agreed sum for repairs and simultaneously signs Lease Agreement.

Lease accrues from the date of signing of the Lease Agreement. Evidence that the contractor was paid must be submitted before the first lease payment is released.

**Points to Note:**

A claw-back Clause will be included in the lease agreement to cover instances where the property is withdrawn or becomes unavailable before the end of the offset period of the lease.

The property owner can sell the property during the lease period, however the lease agreement must be transferred to the new owner.

The property will be returned to the owner at the end of the lease term in good repair order and condition, save for fair wear and tear.

Cork County Council will be responsible for internal maintenance and repairs during the term of the lease.

The property owner will retain responsibility for structural insurance, structural maintenance and structural repair and will be responsible for payment of the Local Property Tax.

**Advantages for Property Owner:**

Guaranteed Rent.

Avoid losing rent during vacant periods.

No dealing with tenants and day-to-day maintenance.

No need to collect rent or finding a new tenant.

Avoid advertising costs.

Upgrade of a property that might otherwise become derelict.

The property will be returned to the property owner at the end of the term in good repair order and condition, save for fair wear and tear.

**Buy and Renew Scheme:**

A Second Scheme, the Buy and Renew Scheme allows Local Authorities to purchase and renew housing units in need of remediation in order to make them available for social housing.

The focus of this scheme is to tackle dereliction and to improve streetscapes in urban areas and towns.

This scheme is designed to complement the RLS.

The Members thanked Seamus De Faoite for his presentation which they stated was a very welcome initiative as a lot of properties acquired by their owner cannot be maintained, however the Members asked if there was any scope to increase the amount of €40,000 as some properties which are quite old will require more than this amount to bring them up to the required standard of Local Authority requirement.

The Members also queried if applicants who will be assigned to this scheme will remain on the Social Housing List.

Seamus De Faoite informed the Members that the amount of €40,000 is an issue which has been raised at most presentations and also informed the Members that between approximately €34,500 and €36,500 is the estimated cost of refurbishing properties in Carlow which have progressed under this scheme, and stated that the scheme has taken off in the last number of week with 12 applications received in Carlow and 20 applications received in Waterford. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the amount of €40,000 is a figure set by the Department which will be open to review after a period of six months if they are of the opinion it is not working. Property owners may also invest their own money into the refurbishment of properties.

Mr. De Faoite informed the Members that applicants will be removed from the Social Housing List once allocated a property through the Repair and Leasing Scheme

### **2.1. Deputation from Cloyne District Community Council.**

Mr. Tommy Hartnett, on behalf of the Cloyne District Community Council gave the following presentation to the Members on their aim to enhance Cloyne which he stated has suffered from the recent boom and bust cycle.

Mr. Hartnett thanked the Councilors for allowing the deputation attend the meeting and stated that their aim is to continually enhance Cloyne and assess how this enhancement can be continued into the future, both in the short and long term and also outlined the following issues within the town:

- There are many vacant and derelict properties within the historic core of Cloyne which are a major problem and impediment to the enhancement and development of Cloyne.
- The road conditions and infrastructure in Cloyne have not kept pace with recent population increases, Cloyne is also on the main route to other outlining towns/villages such as Whitegate/Aghada, Churchtown South, Ballycotton and Shanagarry, which see very heavy traffic in early morning and evening times.
- Cloyne is also the so called bypass town in the event of a major incident on the main Whitegate to Middleton road. Whitegate/Aghada have some very heavy industries and this could impinge greatly on Cloyne should such an incident occur.
- Provision of litter bins and dog bins.
- Signpost at the cross.
- Upgrading of some footpaths.
- Replacement of displaced speed signs.

The Mayor thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that she was looking forward to working with the group.

The Members stated that they were pleased to see that Cloyne has been approved for funding under the Village Enhancement Fund the Members also stated that the group were very proactive in their works and the Members will do their utmost to support the group

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer stated that the East Cork Municipal District will work with the committee to address the issues they have raised and informed the deputation that once a report has been completed regarding these issues the Council will revert back to the Committee.

### **2.2 Deputation from Kilcounty, Killeagh.**

Siobhan Aherne presented a report to the Members on behalf of the residents in Kilcounty, Killeagh and informed the Members that 61 householders are affected by the horrendous conditions of the roads in the area. Ms. Aherne informed the Members that adequate drainage needs to be put in place as roads are being completely eroded by natural springs and rainfall and also stated that Kilcounty Bridge is completely overgrown with 1 section of the bridge completely missing.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that a report would be requested from Central Government regarding funding as the East Cork area is not being allocated a proportionate amount of funding to deal with road repairs

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the deputation that the roads in the Kilcounty area are legacy roads which need strengthening and stated that works have taken place on the Mogeely to Dungourney road with works from the junction at Corbally on this years Programme of Works. The Engineer informed the deputation that the level of resources are far less than recent years, 8 outdoor staff are presently employed in comparison to 25 staff being employed 15 years previous and also stated that roads in this area could be suitable for repair under the Community Involvement Scheme.

In relation to the collapse of one section of the bridge the Engineer stated that tender documents are being prepared presently and works should be funded this year through the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the deputation that a full report will be brought before the Members at the September meeting of the East Cork Municipal District and he will than revert back to the Committee.

## 2.4 Traffic Calming Measures in Housing Estates – Progress Report.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Progress Report on Traffic Calming in Housing Estates to the Members.

Housing Estate	Basic Criteria	Data Collection	Measures to be considered/comments
Cherryvale, Cloyne	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. To be confirmed</li> <li>3. N/A</li> <li>4. Yes</li> </ol>	Speed limit = 50kph Speed survey to be carried out Category 2 road (ref. page 14 of policy)	To be determined post speed survey  Note: Children sign W142 being erected as general awareness to drivers
Cloyne Meadows, Cloyne	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. To be confirmed</li> <li>3. N/A</li> <li>4. Yes</li> </ol>	Speed limit – 30 kph 85%ile speed from 2 surveys at entrance road = 43 kph (ref. page 14 of policy)	85%ile speed still greater than 30 kph following implementation of 30 kph Slow Zone combi sign – further measures to be considered e.g. build outs, chicanes, ramps.
Cypress Circus, Broomfield, Midleton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. To be confirmed</li> <li>3. N/A</li> <li>4. Yes</li> </ol>	Speed limit = 50 kph 85%ile speed from survey at Redwood Road = 40 kph (ref. page 14 of policy)	Reduce speed limit to 30 kph and provide Slow Zone combi signs as below. Note: recommended additional speed surveys on Blueberry Fields and Copperfields and consider lowering speed limit overall
Lauriston, Midleton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. To be confirmed</li> <li>3. N/A</li> <li>4. Yes</li> </ol>	Speed limit = 30 kph 85% speed from survey at entrance road = 34 kph Category 2 road (ref page 14 of policy)	85%ile speed marginally greater than speed limit. Slow Zone combi sign in place. No further measures recommended at this time.
Maple Woods, Ballinacurra, Midleton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. To be confirmed</li> <li>3. N/A</li> <li>4. Yes</li> </ol>	Speed limit = 50 kph 85%ile speed from survey at entrance road = 34 kph Category 2 road (ref. page 14 of policy)	85%ile speed less than speed limit. Reduce speed limit to 30 kph and provide Slow Zone combi signs as below. Additional children sign W142 recommended at green area as general awareness to drivers. This sign to be erected as an advance measure.
Bannog, Dwyer's Road, Midleton	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. To be confirmed</li> <li>3. N/A</li> <li>4. Yes</li> </ol>	Speed limit = 50 kph Speed survey to be carried out Category 2 road (ref. page 14 of policy)	Note: Children sign W142 being erected as general awareness to drivers.

\*Basic criteria from page 11 of Policy

1. Inside an urban 50 kph speed limit zone.
2. Significant majority of residents in favour of the introduction of traffic calming.
3. Minimum length of through road > 300 metres.
4. Minimum length of cul-de-sac road > 150 metres.

Notes: 85%ile speed is the speed at or below which 85% of all motorised vehicles were travelling.

Cllr. Twomey requested that the speed limit at Bannog be reduced and also requested the provision of further signage for Maple Woods.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that it should be mandatory that speed calming measure be put in place in all housing estates.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of Cyprus Circus and informed the Members that the need for one or two speed ramps at this estate needs to be underlined and stated that the speed limit should be lowered to 30 kph at this location.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Policy requires looking at reducing speed limits and also stated that the Slow Zone Combi signs will not be erected in estates where the speed limit exceeds 30 kph until the speed limit has been reduced to 30 kph. The Engineer informed the Members that it is proposed to complete outstanding speed surveys over the next 2 months and he will present a final report to the Members at the September meeting.

## **2.5 Fixing of Date for Annual Meeting.**

The Members agreed that the Annual General Meeting would take place in County Hall on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 a.m.

## **2.6 Proposed Disposal of Property:**

### **2.6.1 Substation at Youghal WWTP, Mudlands, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

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: Substation at Youghal WWTP

Location: Mudlands, Youghal, Co. Cork.

From Whom Acquired: Not Known.

To Whom It Is Proposed  
To Dispose: ESB

Consideration: €1.00

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

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

1.1 Cllr. Susan McCarthy requested the following amendments:

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To be inserted after first paragraph on page 2 ending '...details of contributions paid and what date they were paid over.'

- "Cllr McCarthy stated that the €2 million upgrade for Main Street had been proposed back in 2013 by the now defunct Midleton Town Council and that it should not be conflated with the Town Development Fund, which was set up in 2015. While she agreed it was reasonable to allocate the lion's share to Youghal on account of the Main street project, she felt it could not continue in this way year on year. She stated that as it is now 4 years later, it was only right that ratepayers in Midleton should also see a benefit from the fund, especially considering it was allocated entirely to Youghal in 2015 and over 90% again in 2016."

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Under Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd May, paragraph 1.1:

- "Cllr Mary Linehan Foley **read a letter**" to be replaced with "Cllr Linehan Foley **proposed to read** a letter from Christopher Carr....Men's Shed."
- Then to add the following: "Cllr McCarthy advised Cllr Linehan Foley to cease and desist from reading the letter as it was libellous and she had evidence including phone records and minutes of meetings to prove this. Cllr McCarthy refused to withdraw the motion, stating that she had worked for Mr Carr in good faith and was given the impression that he still represented Midleton Men's Shed. She had subsequently discovered that this is not the case."

Under 2.5 Town Development Fund:

- A copy of letter "**said to have come from**" Midleton and Area Chamber of Commerce and **not seen by** the Cathaoirleach was handed to the Cathaoirleach at the meeting." As this was e-mailed to the 5 Councillors with e-mail addresses on 16th May 2017 at 15.27, perhaps this should be revised to "A copy of a letter from the Midleton and Area Chamber was received by the Elected Members."
- Also, as only two elected members were permitted to speak, it may be fairer to omit the commentary here and simply report on the TDF as it was passed.

1.2 Cllr. Twomey requested that an amendment be made to the Minutes of Special Meeting under the issue of Kennedy Park to state funding be allocated towards the enhancement of flower bedding and shrubbery for the park.

1.3 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the €2m ring fenced for public realm works from the former Midleton Town Council and stated he was unhappy with the details of the general contributions paid.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that a report will be available at the September meeting.

1.4 Cllr. Hegarty asked if a reply had been received from the TII regarding his request for a representative to attend the meeting to update the Members on the works at Killeagh. Mr. Joe McCarthy stated that he would check for a reply by the end of the meeting.

### **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. Noel Collins, received on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“The residents of Ballinacurra Village request the following services to help improve the historic character of the area, namely a) dredging of harbour b) leisure walkway from Old Quay to Greenpoint c) a bus shelter at one of three bus stops in the village plus a similar facility at Convent Cross bus stop, Midleton”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“That this Council request Bus Eireann to have its Bus Service Manager attend a future meeting of this Council to help progress improvements to bus services to Whitegate, that would cover Upper Aghada, Ditto-Services also requested in Churchtown South, Dungourney, Ballincurrig and Leamlara, where the latter four areas are highly residential and include four nursing homes”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Cllr. Twomey informed the Members that she had investigated the provision of a bus shelter for Dungourney, but has not received a reply.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he had requested that a representative from Bus Eireann attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District in April last and to date no reply has been received.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he had previously written to Bus Eireann with the Members request and advised of the reply received on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 from Mr. Walsh suggesting that the Members might submit details of their

specific concerns in relation to particular routes in East Cork to this office which we can then refer to him for response and inform the Members of the outcome on receipt of his reply. Mr. Walsh advised that, unfortunately, due to industrial action, he did not receive the email of 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 inviting him to attend the Municipal District Meeting in Youghal on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Council report when road safety pedestrian measures will be provided at Coolbawn Corner, The Rock, and the redesigning of the Lakeview Roundabout, Midleton”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that Cork County Council had applied to the TII for €2m in funding for the upgrading of the Lakeview Roundabout and were informed that funding might be available at the latter end of the year. Cllr. Hegarty asked what proposals were entailed in the upgrade of this Roundabout.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the TII have suggested upgrading should be developer led, and stated that there is ongoing correspondence between Cork County Council and the TII. The Engineer informed the Members that a detailed engineering assessment was needed for these works as traffic congestion occurs from the 3 approaches to this roundabout.

In relation to safety pedestrian measures at Coolbawn Corner, Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Office informed the Members that these works would be included in the Town Centre Access and Enhancement Project for Midleton which would be going to tender shortly.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Council report on the number of lifeguards employed by Cork County Council on the beaches of East Cork”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion and also requested an update on the provision of an extra lifeguard at Ardnahinch.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there are 4 lifeguarded locations in the East Cork Municipal Area at the Youghal, Red Barn, and Garryvoe beaches. In relation to the provision of lifeguarding at Ardnahinch the Engineer agreed to refer this request to the Water Safety Department, Cork County Council.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Can the grass be cut at the Kilva L7722 junction on the Whitegate road as it is obstructing the view of oncoming traffic on the main road. Also overhanging branches at Rings, Rathcoursey House, can the landowner be contacted and asked to cut them back from the roadside”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Can the engineer please have a look at implementing safety barriers at the open space green area alongside the main road, of the An Ghrainan estate in Killeagh”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the residents could look for funding for the provision of fencing under the Amenity Grant Programme.

Cllr. Twomey stated that An Ghrainan is the responsibility of Cork County Council therefore the residents should not have to apply for funding for the provision of a fence.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Can the engineer do a speed survey and an investigation, as to implementing speed and traffic calming measures on the Bailick road in Midleton”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Collins seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Bailick Road will come under the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme and also stated that the road has been chosen as a primary cycle route and measures may be required to reduce speed levels and implement traffic calming measures at this location. The Engineer stated that he will pass on the Members concerns to Peter O’ Donoghue, Senior Engineer, Traffic and Transportation Department.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that road markings be improved at the end of the Dark Road.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“I call on this Municipal District to end in committee meetings when it comes to the distribution of public monies ie. Town Development Fund, Village Enhancement and budgets etc. The use of incamera meetings does not rest easy with constituents as we are not seen as being open and transparent. Our electorate are the ones best to advise us where money is required and it is for this reason I ask going forward we would seek submissions from community / residents organisations and the business community before a decision on spending is reached”.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy stated that the Members are circulated with a list of all applications for funding under the GMA every year and the list contains draft proposals as to how much each group will be allocated.

The list also contains information in relation to previous allocations (if any) to each group and the amount of funding they are seeking. The process for the TDF is a similar process.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that a lot of discussions in relation to the applications contain very sensitive information which should not be put in the public domain. It was not intended that these meetings would be held to hide any information but to protect the sensitive nature of the applications.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion and stated that the allocation of the Town Development Fund is a very difficult process and stated that community groups should be requested to make submissions.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that in committee meetings are used as an opportunity to seek the Members views and opinion. Meetings in Committee are part of the way in which local authorities operate. The Town Development Fund is aimed towards the economic benefit of the towns and if the Members have proposals from the business community they should be brought the attention of the Municipal District Officer who can include them for consideration if they meet the requirements of the scheme.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that the Town Development Fund does not provide for submissions from Community Groups and also stated that whatever takes place in committee has to be adopted at public meetings at Municipal level. Cllr. Hegarty rejected Cllr. Twomey's motion.

Cllr. Collins stated that he was very happy with the present procedure.

5.1.9 Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017

“Asking East Cork Municipal District to look at Barriers for Raheen Crescent”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

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

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017

“Asking East Cork Municipal District to update us on the four Seasonal workers and where they will be based”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the interview process concluded last Friday and he was awaiting a report on same from the Personnel Department.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that a lack of staff is resulting in overgrown grass across the East Cork area and asked where the additional staff will be based when in situ. The Engineer informed the Members that the need for additional staff is greater in the Youghal area but stated that they could be deployed at any location within the area.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017

“Asking engineers to look at a stretch of road in Ballinascartha, Midleton that was resurfaced and a ridge removed and never put back”

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke will investigate this.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017

“Asking that East Cork Municipal District look into a collapsed wall at Oakhill Youghal and enquire on update of the taking in charge of same”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will contact the Estates Department in relation to the taking in charge of this estate.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“That Council seeks to implement safety measures along the Mill Road in view of the new location of Midleton Educate Together National School in September, in order to ensure the safety of pupils both pedestrian and cyclists”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Department of Education was providing two push button pedestrian crossing, a 50 k.p.h. speed limit, a footpath, public lighting and school flashing signs at this area and stated that these measures would be reviewed once they are in place.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that a section of footpath near Elsinore would be completed.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“The Council repair or resurface damaged roads and footpaths at Riversfield Estate. There are only small sections remaining to be done and the estate has many elderly residents who find the surface difficult”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

5.1.15 Cllr. Aaron O’Sullivan, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

That Council undertake to cut hedging at Shanavine, Youghal as overgrowth is obstructing the view of traffic exiting the estate. Illegal dumping in the overgrowth is also an issue.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will ensure that over grown hedging will be cut back at the entrance.

5.1.16 Cllr. Aaron O’Sullivan, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“That Council undertakes to cut overgrowth at Knockaverry, Youghal”.

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

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Repair to road at Ballynascarty. (L78321-0)”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a Cul De Sac road and could be suitable for works under the CIS Scheme.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that the velocity patcher be used to undertake works here in the interim. The Engineer informed the members that the road needs overlaying and strengthening.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Repair to road at Bohillane Cross, Ladysbride and Shanavagoon to Rooskagh Cross”.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that some repairs have been carried out and the remaining works were on a list to be completed.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

“Repair of road from Innygrega to Knockastrukeen Cross”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clark, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that repairs had been carried out on this road but stated that the roads needs to be strengthened and overlaid and can be looked at in a future roads programme.

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In relation to Cllr. Hegarty’s request for an update from the TII on the works taking place in Killeagh, Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following reply from Eoin Bennett, Executive Engineer, National Roads Office.

In relation to the works in Killeagh it is anticipated that the works will be substantially complete by the end of July. The final surface course is programmed for the 17<sup>th</sup> of July and will take approximately 1 week to complete. Traffic management measures will be in place during this period and long delays can be expected. I will update the councillors with a detailed programme via email later today.

The proposed works in Castlemartyr will be tendered this month with an anticipated start date of mid to end of September.

It should also be noted that a resurfacing scheme will be undertaken in Ballyvergan, Youghal at the start of the Youghal Bypass during the month of August. We are currently in the process of awarding this contract and it is anticipated that these works will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

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Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that he had received an email from the TII stating that the footbridge in Killeagh is not being constructed and stated that he was disappointed with this decision as a footbridge which would benefit the community of Killeagh could be constructed at a very small cost

## **6) Correspondence.**

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she had received a letter from Mr. Michael McCarthy on behalf of a Youghal Community Group stating that they were unhappy that a meeting was not held to discuss their submission to the Local Area Plan for the county and were under the impression that Youghal was being ignored by Cork County Council.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that the Members were instructed by the Department of the Environment not to discuss the Youghal and Midleton areas until a later stage in the proceedings.

## **Votes of Congratulations:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulations to Kevin Flanagan, Youghal on winning a gold medal in Gymnastics Ireland National Series Super Championships.
2. Cllr. Twomey congratulated the East Cork Municipal District on the recent Chocktaw celebrations which she stated was a pleasure to be a part of.

## **Any Other Business:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the atrocious condition of the road L7820 at Leahy's Farm and requested that the Engineer investigate same.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she had received complaints regarding the gates at Youghal Shipping which are presently locked. The Engineer informed the Members that this is in the interest of public safety as the road surface is damaged at this location and stated that some interim road repairs will take place in agreement with Irish Water.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the provision of lighting for The Estuary Estate, Youghal. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a matter for the Estates Department.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District Council take place on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.at the Youghal Office.

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