

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 2nd January, 2018
at 2.30 p.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Susan McCarthy presided.
Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley, Collins, McCarthy & 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
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th December, 2017.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December, 2017, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Hegarty.

Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th December, 2017.

1.1 Cllr. McCarthy asked if the Municipal District Officer had received a reply from Dermot Kelleher, Public Lighting Engineer regarding his attendance at a meeting of the Municipal District Council. The Members expressed concerns regarding different locations in the East Cork Area with public lighting issues. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he is awaiting a response from the Engineer but will investigate the possibility of his attendance at the February meeting. The Municipal District Officer suggested that the Members submit a list of all areas with public lighting issues.

1.2 Cllr. Hegarty asked if the Municipal District Officer had received a reply from the 4 Dail Representatives regarding the issue of inadequate funding for roads in the East Cork Area. Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he has received no reply to date and agreed to send a follow up letter.

1.3 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of Ballybane Bridge and asked if there was any update on same. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has re-inspected this bridge and stated that an urgent road closure order has been made, the Engineer informed the Members that the Non National Roads Design Office will inspect the structure and once he receives an update he will proceed with the necessary works ASAP.

1.4 Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of Ballylongane. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will discuss this issue with Cllr. McCarthy to get more details of the problems at this location.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over Road No. LT-36012-0, Elfordstown, Midleton.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that this item be deferred to the February Meeting of the Council as he would like to inspect the contents of the report and submissions made regarding the extinguishment of this Public Right of Way.

Cllr. Collins seconded this proposal and suggested that the Council Officials meet with the residents of this area. Cllr. Collins queried the number of objections received.

Cllr. Twomey also suggested that this item be deferred until more information on the matter has been received.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the report on this matter is fairly complete

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the Members could be informed of the number of submissions and objections received and also the number of people who attended the oral hearing regarding this extinguishment of the Public Right of Way.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at Meeting.

None.

Other business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting.

None.

Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 15th December, 2017

“Asking East Cork Municipal District to install CCTV cameras in Youghal area to help combat the massive problem of dog owners not cleaning up after dog mess”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that this motion be amended to state the East Cork Area.

The Members fully supported this motion and stated that action needs to be taken to combat this problem which they stated poses a public health risk.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18th December, 2017

“Any update on new permanent Fire Station for Youghal”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Twomey fully supported this motion.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer will seek an update from the Chief Fire Officer for the February meeting of the Council.

5.1.3 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18th December, 2017

“Can Engineer have a look at the new resurfacing on Bog Road from Pilmore to Clonpriest”. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that while 2 sections of this road were strengthened and resurfaced, the middle section of the road received surface dressing only and is some localized failures on the edges on this middle section. He stated that he will review what remedial works are required to strengthen and repair the localised edge defects that occurred on this section.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18th December, 2017

“Any update on Safety Measures for Gortroo village entering from N25 which was discussed a few months ago”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer stated that additional markings could be provided before the junction heading into the village and stated that he will review and arrange for same.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey received on 15th December, 2017

“Update on safety barriers for An Ghrainan, Killeagh”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will investigate same.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th December, 2017

“Repairs to road at Broomfield Ridge, Midleton”

Cllr. Collins fully supported this motion

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th December, 2017

“Update on signage for Maple Woods”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members this estate is well designed in terms of road layout and stated that the speed survey recorded an 85thile speed of 34kph and that the recommendation was to introduce a special speed limit of 30kph in accordance with the Council's Policy on Traffic Calming in Housing estates. The Engineer said he will advise the Members once he is aware of what approach he is going to take for the introduction of the recommended special speed limit. The Engineer also noted that a children at play has been erected close to the entrance of the estate.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20th December, 2017

“Can the Engineer please investigate the footpath outside No. 2 Wavecrest, New Road, Whitegate to see if a drop curb can be installed to facilitate the resident whom is wheelchair dependant. Furthermore depending on viability can the curb be installed. ”

Cllrs. Collins and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there had been a previous request for a Disabled Parking Bay at this location but stated that the road width is not wide enough, the Engineer stated that a streetscape plan is to be implemented in Whitegate in 2018 which will include the provision of an appropriate no. of Disabled Parking Bays in close proximity. In the interim the Engineer agreed to inspect the report by Cllr. Twomey that there was an impediment on the footpath between 2 Wavecrest and the Main Street that blocked access along the footpath to a wheelchair user.

5.1.9 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18th December, 2017

“With a view to expediting the Flood Defences Scheme for Midleton town, this Council call on its National and European Parliamentarians, to request the D.O.E and Irish Water to give time dates for the commencement and completion, in all stages, as a matter of urgency”.

Cllrs. Twomey, Hegarty and McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there are monthly updates, in addition to other detailed information relating to the Scheme, on the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme website (www.midletonfrs.ie). The Engineer informed the Members that the scheme is currently progressing through Stage 1 Scheme Development.

The Senior Executive Engineer also informed the Members that the construction phase of the project is due to commence end of 2020. The Engineer informed the Members that he will circulate the November report on the scheme to them.

5.1.10 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18th December, 2017

“This Council request the D.O.E and National Roads Authority, for an immediate report on roads layout at Lakeview, Midleton to include slip road which proposal is with the D.O.E and NRA for over ten years”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer advised that the Director of Road Services has informed him that the Non National Roads Office is preparing Part VIII documentation for the provision of a slip lane and stated that he will contact Bob O’ Shea for an update on the timescale.

5.1.11 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18th December, 2017

“Progress report on footpath repairs in Main Street, Midleton which in parts are a danger to pedestrians”.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Consulting Engineers are working on the design for the enhancement of Public Realm on the remainder of Midleton town centre and stated that a contractor would be advertised for in late summer, the works would be a twelve month contract, the Senior Executive Officer also informed the Members that the Consulting Engineers would be liaising with OPW Consultants regarding drainage works and would also liaise with Midleton Chamber of Commerce.

5.1.12 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 18th December, 2017

“Council report on commencement and completion dates for CCTV cameras in Middleton Town and by roads”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Office informed the Members that the Civil Contractor appointed to carry out these works is currently carrying out works with Irish Water and stated that civil works on the installation of the CCTV should commence in mid January.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 21st December, 2017

“Would Council please give an update on repairs to sea wall on the peoples path at Rostellan”.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Senior Engineer in Coastal Management is investigating works on the wall today and will revert back with a cost estimate of the works.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 21st December, 2017

“That the River Tourig which flows through the grounds of Inch Roman Catholic Church and graveyard be attended to urgently to prevent flooding to church and neighbouring properties”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley supported this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Member that he will investigate the dredging of this river once the spawning season is over in April.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 21st December, 2017

Repairs to road from Ardglass cross to Gurteen – very badly damaged as a result of tree felling and transportation from nearby forestry”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that 2 roads had been strengthened at this location last year and stated that if funding becomes available in the next couple of months these roads will be flagged for strengthening. In the meantime the Engineer will inspect the road.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the motion be sent to Coillte to pursue reimbursement for road damage.

All Members fully supported this motion.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 21st December, 2017

“That a drainage program be initiated for Garryvoe and its environs”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he would refer this matter to the County Engineer's Department.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 2nd January, 2018.

Potholes at Mullins Cross.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 2nd January, 2018.

Loose manhole covers at Strand Street, Youghal.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Irish Water replaced manhole covers at this location and stated that the frames were possibly not replaced, the Engineer will investigate same.

6) Correspondence.

None

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Ballinascartha and stated that since the road was resurfaced at this location there is a problem with flooding. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has visited this area to investigate the direction of the flow of the river and stated that maintenance works may need to take place here regarding drainage and stated that he will investigate this matter further. Cllr. Collins supported this matter.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of a number of potholes in the vicinity of Youghal. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Town Foreman is carrying out pothole repairs in the coming week.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an update on the road at Clashadunna, the Engineer informed the Members that he had investigated this road and stated that some localised areas need overlay which could be looked at under Local Improvement Works.
4. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of potholes on the Garryoe to Ladysbridge road, also on the Ballybutler to the main Garryvoe road and on the slip road at Summerfield Cross. Cllr. Twomey thanked Janette Kenny and Dave Clarke for the works done on the Ballinacurra crossing.
5. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of a Cul de Sac at Vaughan's Borren at Ballyglassin, Killeagh and asked if anything could be done to repair same. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that material could be provided for localized repairs and stated that this area could be considered under the CIS Scheme.
6. Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any update on the provision of the velocity patcher for Killeagh. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the contract has been awarded for the installation of the base for the storage tank in Killeagh and stated that the new fulltime velocity patcher for East Cork should be in operation out of the Killeagh Yard by end Februaryl.

7. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the L3819 where she stated while restoration works have taken place here there is still no room on one section of the road for oncoming traffic and asked could anything be done to alleviate this problem. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that no funding is available for improvement on these type of roads but stated that he will review the situation here.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on February 5th at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.