

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 3rd September, 2018
at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Noel Collins presided.
Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley, McCarthy, Ahern & Twomey.

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

It was agreed that items 2.1 and 2.2 would be dealt with first.

2.1 Deputation to be heard from Rostellan Road Safety Action Group.

Addressed the Members with the following presentation regarding traffic calming safety measures in Rostellan Village:

Informed the Members that the committee was formed as a direct result of the growing local concerns over the volume of commercial and private road traffic passing through Rostellan on the R360 and the subsequent danger by this high level of traffic and lack of any road calming/safety measures in Rostellan.

An initial traffic management study completed in 2009 suggested that the level of traffic at that time recommended the installation of traffic calming measures and the installation of a pedestrian crossing. This work was to be undertaken as part of the next upgrade.

Traffic volumes have increased significantly in the past 10 years which is outlined in the table below which is a traffic survey carried out by local Rostellan resident Grahame Jacobs in 2015 and again in 2018, and still no work has been undertaken to introduce any calming measures which would slow down the traffic or to provide a designated safe crossing place.

	2015	2018
Cars	12,481	34,300
Vans/Lorries	3,262	6,475
Motor Bikes	126	200
Totals	24,367	43,796

This shows an increase of 19,429 vehicles from 2015 to 2018 – a 79% increase. This road has proven to be the busiest and most strategic stretch of road in East Cork given that it connects the vital businesses of Irving Oil Refinery, Aghada Generating Station and Calor Gas, to the main NRA road and the N25.

The population of Rostellan, Aghada and Whitegate villages along this road has increased considerably in the last 10 years as have the memberships of the local sports clubs along this route, namely Aghada GAA Club, Whitegate Rowing Club, Corkbeg Football Club, Aghada Tennis Club and Trabolgan Holiday Village to name but a few. The expansion of those clubs, whilst very welcome generates a large volume of traffic in its own right through Rostellan village. On the R360 in the middle of the village is a 5 way road junction at the Thomas Kent Memorial Park, this junction is also a bus stop area for both public and school buses, and is also the intersection that leads to the entrance to Aghada GAA Club. Traffic builds up here on match days and training evenings and becomes a bottle neck at this junction.

The Thomas Kent Memorial Park at this intersection attracts both locals and visitors and is an area where children play. There has already been one fatality and two serious accidents all involving pedestrians on this route.

In addition it is proposed to develop a large extension to the refinery at Whitegate and an enhancement has recently been announced of Whitegate Village which is expected in early 2019, both which will generate further heavy traffic.

The deputation also informed the Members that there is a serious lack of public lighting on the main R630 road in Rostellan and stated that lighting needs to be extended along the entire road from the signs making the boundaries of Rostellan Village.

The Deputation thanked the Members for allowing them to bring the concerns of Rostellan Road Safety village to their attention and stated that they look forward to receiving a favourable response to their urgent concerns.

The Members thanked the deputation and stated that they fully supported their concerns. The Members informed the deputation that there is an essential need to put the necessary roadworks in place especially with the forthcoming development of an extension to the oil refinery.

Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that some of the works from the Midleton to Whitegate Transportation Study which was conducted in 2009 have been carried out and stated that many other items in the study need to be completed once funding becomes available.

Cllr. Collins informed the Deputation that a report will be drawn up on the items raised and will be forwarded to them once complete.

2.2 EirGrid – Celtic Interconnector.

Mr. Eoghan Tuite of Eirgrid gave the following presentation to the Members regarding the proposed Celtic Interconnector Energy Link between Ireland and France:

Who are EirGrid:

EirGrid is the Transmission System Operator (TSO) and is responsible for ensuring a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity, across the island of Ireland – now and in the future. They develop, manage and operate the electricity transmission grid.

They are mandated to explore and develop opportunities to interconnect the Irish transmission system with other systems.

EirGrid developed the East West Interconnector linking the Irish electricity market to Wales which was delivered in 2012.

The Project:

The Celtic Interconnector will bring many benefits including:

Apply downward pressure on the cost of electricity to consumers in Ireland through enhanced market integration .

Help facilitate Ireland's transition to a low carbon energy future by facilitating a diverse energy mix.

Enhance Ireland's security of electricity supply.

Provide Ireland's only direct energy connection to another Member of State once the UK leaves the EU.

It will also include a direct telecommunications link between Ireland and France.

What Eirgrid have learnt to date:

Connection Point

Studies identified East Cork and West Wexford along the south coast. Grid assessment shows that the connection point in East Cork can accommodate interconnector flows far better than in West Wexford.

Landfall Point

Both East Cork and West Wexford found to have a range of feasible landfall point options, with 5 identified in each.

Marine Route:

Six offshore routes identified from East Cork and West Wexford to the North West coast of France.

Best performing and least constrained route identified as being from East Cork with full marine survey carried out.

Converter Station

Set of feasible converter station location zone options identified during initial studies for both East Cork and West Wexford.

Social Impact:

High level social impact assessment concluded that East Cork and West Wexford options are generally comparable. Report to be built upon in subsequent steps with input from communities, landowners and other stakeholders.

East Cork confirmed as most suitable location for the project.

Where EirGrid are now:

Confirmed East Cork as best performing connection point and a short list of five landfall locations at launch of Step 3 in February 2018.

Developed detailed project update brochure for Step 3 (2018) with infographic of project elements.

Held first round of project engagement events in May with EirGrids mobile information unit at locations in East Cork.

Step 3: Identify what our best options are and identify what areas may be affected:

Step 3 Objectives:

Identification of a shortlist of convertor station location zones.

Identification of best performing landfall options (narrow down current shortlist).

Confirmation of the best performing technology option to connect the proposed convertor station to the Knockraha substation.

Undertake further analysis on the shortlist of project options.

Consider any local feedback or insight on the range of options identified.

Propose refined shortlist of options.

Consult on refined shortlist of options and consider any feedback received.

Complete Step 3 and confirm the shortlist to be brought forward to Step 4.

Submit notification to An Bord Pleanála to initiate the two year pre-application period under the Project of Common Interest Regulation.

What Lies Ahead:

Step 4: Where to build – 2019.

Step 5: The Planning Process – 2020 – 2021

Step 6: Construction, energisation and benefit sharing – 2025/26.

The Members thanked Eoghan for his presentation welcomed the update and questioned if any structural impact will occur at landfall point once the circuit has been laid.

Eoghan informed the Members that the transition joint will be buried behind the beach at low tide to connect the cable which would be subject to an environmental assessment.

The Members asked what is the dimension of the convertor station, Eoghan informed the Members that a converter station requires an industrial type building and outdoor compound with typical approximate dimensions of 300m x 150m and an approximate height of up to 25m and stated that the convertor station will not be placed near the coast and also stated that EirGrid will be meeting with local community groups to discuss the aspects of the project.

The Members asked what is the most feasible of the 5 locations chosen. Eoghan informed the Members that no determination has been made presently but stated that the approach into Youghal has been identified as less constrained, and also stated that they are awaiting results which should be available at the end of October.

The Members asked who is going to supervise the excavation works to ensure local drainage is not damaged and will a CPO be required for the fibre optic cable cabinet.

Eoghan informed the Members 2023 would be the earliest date for road opening and stated that the CPO route will be a last resort for Eirgrid.

Eoghan also informed the Members that Michelle Walsh is the Community Liaison Officer for the project.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd July, 2018, confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 2nd July 2018 and Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th July, 2018.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July, 2018, minutes of AGM held on 2nd July, 2018 and minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th July, 2018 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Hegarty.

Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 2nd July, 2018.

1.2 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the provision of detailed costings for the Street Enhancement works at Killeagh and also the reconstruction works at Ballybane Bridge, Shanagarry which were to be provided by Eoin Bennett of the National Roads Office who was requested to attend today's Meeting.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Non National Roads Design Office will supply the information on the Ballybane Bridge, the Engineer also stated that he has tried to contact Eoin Bennett but was of the opinion that he was on annual leave. It was understood that Eoin Bennett has corresponded with the Members directly.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that Eoin Bennett be requested to attend the October Meeting of the Municipal District Council. The Members were in agreement with this proposal.

2.3 Proposed Disposal of Property:

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 are set out in the attached draft notice.

Land Held Under Leasehold

Interest: No. 41 Rosary Place, Midleton, Co. Cork.

Folio No. 8671.

Freehold Interest: Folio No. 28515

From Whom Acquired: Unknown.

Person to Whom Freehold
Interest is to be Disposed of: Breeda Parkin.

Consideration: €350.00 inclusive of administration charges

Covenants, Conditions And Agreements: Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and Landlord and Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

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

2.4 Roads Progress Report.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Roads Programme 2018 Progress Report to the Members:

Funding Category	Grant	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance		R	-	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	8,150	100%
Restoration Maintenance		L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	15,120	100%
Restoration Improvement		LP	L-3815-49	Aghavine X to Connells X	1,700	100%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7675-0	Ballinrostig to Ballysovane (Part)	1,330	50%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7694-21	Ballynaclashy (Part)	1,550	100%
Restoration Improvement		LT	L-78311-0	Ballynascarthy	481	0%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7610-0	Ballyvatta	1,917	100%
Restoration Improvement		LT	L-36014-0	Carrigogna	1,145	100%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7894-0	Clashadunna to Ballyhobert	1,500	100%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7856-0	Finisk to Gortnagark	1,219	100%
Restoration Improvement		LT	L-38091-0	Glenane More to Glenane Beg	2,283	15%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7825-0	Kilcounty X to Daingean X	2,850	0%
Restoration Improvement		LP	L-3601-53	Castlelyons Road at Rathgire	1,550	0%
Restoration Improvement		LP	L-3816-0	Knockadoon Road (Part)	739	0%

Restoration Improvement	LT	L-38233-0	Mary Street, Youghal	90	0%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-9402-0	Park Street, Midleton	160	0%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-626-0	R626 at Broomfield West	343	100%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-633-31	R633 Clonprist to Crompaun	1,371	95%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-634-16	R634 Moll Goggins	500	0% (
Restoration Improvement	R	R-908-0	R908 Railway Hill & Front Strand	500	0%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-76592-0	Scarriff to Kilva	1,470	0%
Local Improvement Scheme	-	-	Glenally, Youghal	175	0%
Community Improvement Scheme	LT	L78321-0	Ballynascarthy	880	0%
Community Improvement Scheme		LT-78122-0	Carriganassa	401	0%

By Cork County Council
By Contractor

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of roadworks from Aghavine Cross to Connells Cross which are still not complete. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works have been deferred due to culvert works which need to take place on this road and stated that the costings are slightly more than estimated due to extra stone needed to carry out these works.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the Ring Strand Road at Knockadoon and asked if works could be included for this road along with the works due to take place on the main Knockadoon Road.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of potholes on the Castlelyons Road at Rathgyre. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works should be complete on this road in the coming week.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the Ballymartle Road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road is in need of overlay and can be considered for the 2019 Roads Programme.

Cllr. Ahern asked when works will commence on the road from Kilcounty to Dangan. The Engineer informed the Members that works will commence on this road within the next two weeks.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the works at Glenane Mor to Glenane Beg are still at 15% complete. The Engineer informed the Members that the grader is currently in Midleton but should be coming to Youghal on Wednesday.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the road from Kilcounty to Dangan and asked if any funding was available to carry out works on 200m of this road.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he does not envisage carrying out any extra roadworks at this location and stated that roads in this area will be a feature on the roads list for the next number of years. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that this item be kept on the agenda.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the road at Ballinrostig to Ballysovane. The Engineer informed the Members that works on this road will be 100% complete in two weeks.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the road at Ballynascarthy and asked for a timeframe on these works. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works should commence at the start of October, weather permitting.

Cllr. Twomey requested that some potholes be filled at the road at Kilcounty. The Engineer informed the Members that some potholes have been repaired on this road with some more due to be repaired.

2.5 Hedgecutting.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following documentation on the legal position on hedge cutting and tree trimming & removal along public roads.

The legal position is set out in the Roads Act 1993 – Section 70.

(2) (a) The owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

(b) Where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of a public road, a road authority may serve a notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land on which such tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is situated requiring the preservation, felling, cutting, looping, trimming or removal of such tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation within the period stated on the notice.

Useful information is available to landowners in the Department of Environment publication Landowners and the Roads Act – A Guide.

Hedge cutting season is restricted by the Wildlife Acts to the period from 1st September to 28th February.

In the first instance it is stressed that, as set out in legislation, the obligation is with the landowner or occupier to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where it comes to the attention of Cork County Council that there are overgrown trees and hedges adjacent to the public road, which the local authority deems to constitute a hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of a public road, then Cork County Council may (in accordance with the powers under the Roads Act) issue a Notice under Section 70 of the Act requiring the landowner/occupier to take the necessary actions to address the issue.

As the permitted period for hedge cutting has now started, it is timely to highlight the need for owners/occupiers to inspect their roadside hedges and trees and take action as appropriate. As in previous years Cork County Council is initiating a countywide media campaign to highlight the issue through print, radio and social media in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the date stated is incorrect. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is anticipated that the date may be brought back to August but stated legislation to change the date has not yet been passed.

Cllr. Twomey asked if the time period for hedge cutting also applies to fallen trees as a tree at the top of Avoncore Estate has fallen out on the road. The Engineer will investigate the report of the fallen tree.

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 12th July, 2018

“That Council address, in the interest of road safety, a continuous footpath from Mogeely Village to Gleann Fia Estate plus two “Caution Pedestrian Crossing” signs from the Main Road on either side of Gleann Fia as recommended by An Garda Siochana.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that road lining including edge markings and two ‘Slow’ marking signs on the Killeagh to Mogeely road have been completed and stated that two driver feedback signs will be in place in the coming week. One will be placed on the Mogeely approach to Killeagh road and the other at the Killeagh to Mogeely approach road. The Engineer stated that consideration will be given to the provision of Pedestrian Sign Crossings for either side of the playground.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that there is increased traffic on this road in particular morning and evening time due to the ongoing works in Castlemartyr and stated that the driver feedback signs are urgently required. Cllr. Hegarty stated that the driver feedback sign proposed for the Mogeely side be erected further out. The Engineer informed the Members that the traffic calming works implemented on this road have helped and also stated that the Gardai are monitoring the situation also.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 12th July, 2018

“That Council investigate concerns about the problem of Knotweed at the rear of the “Paupers Graveyard”, Ballyedmond, Midleton.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Member that this is the responsibility of the landowner.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 12th July, 2018

“Road repairs urgently needed – Ballywilliam, Churchtown South, Cloyne, Kathleen Doyles Hill, Midleton – smothered in briars, weeds, overhanging trees and in need of urgent road repairs plus road repairs in East Ferry/Jamesbrook and Suncourt Estate now almost impassable”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Ms. Janette Jenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that she has inspected the road at Ballywilliam and it has been added to the repair list, the Engineer informed the Members that she will inspect Kathleen Doyles Hill in October once the hedgecutting season is open for a period. This season runs from September to February. In relation to Suncourt, East Ferry and Jamesbrook the Engineer informed the member that there are no open potholes in these locations presently and stated that the road at Churchtown South was surface dressed.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 12th July, 2018

“With major footpath infrastructure about to commence on Main Street, Midleton, Council advise of what concessionary measures will apply to the commercial life of the town i.e by way of parking rights, abatement in rents/rates, if shops have to close, should the development be of long duration”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that several meetings have been had with Midleton and Area Chamber of Commerce and stated that another public information meeting is due to take place soon. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the contract should be signed by February and works will be complete in 12 months and also stated a resident Engineer will be on site and regular information will be provided throughout the works.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 19th July, 2018

“Can the engineer make emergency repairs to the broken patch of footpath in the Avoncore Estate”.

All Members supported this motion.

Ms. Janette Kenny informed the Members that funding for these repairs have been secured from Estates Management and stated that the works should be complete before Christmas.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21st July, 2018

“Can the Engineer please install traffic calming measures on the North Road, Shanagarry”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will examine this road and will revert back to the member at either the October/November meeting. The Engineer suggested the residents of this area form a local action group to highlight awareness of the problems at this location.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 22nd July, 2018

“Can the footpath outside Woodview Place, Mogeely be added to the footpath programme for 2019”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that some footpath repairs have been carried out at this location, in the meantime he will examine same.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 25th July, 2018

“Can the Engineers please issue Councillors a monthly pothole repair list on a permanent basis”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the Member that resources are not available to produce and manage such a list presently and stated that he will revisit this item next February or March.

Cllr. Twomey requested a schedule of areas for the patcher. The Engineer informed the Members that this is no possible as above.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 24th August 2018

“Asking the East Cork Municipal District on update of reopening quayside at Youghal Shipping and resurfacing bearing in mind this is a very popular walkway from Slob Bank”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Youghal Shipping is gated for safety and security reasons during period of loading and unloading cargo, the Engineer informed the Members that the road at this location has deteriorated significantly due in part to the loading and unloading of cargo for Youghal Shipping and stated the area should remain closed from and health and safety aspect.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that Irish Water also carried out drainage works at this location.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if Irish Water could be pursued to reinstate the road. Ms. Helen Walsh informed the Members that there is not opportunity for re-dress by Irish Water as the contractor who carried out the works is no longer conducting business.

Cllr. Linehan Foley queried where funding could be identified.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that, as far as he knows, a number of applications have been made to the Department of the Marine for funding, with one such application being current.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the road was never designed to take equipment used for loading and unloading and stated that another contributing factor is surface water coming off the old Youghal Carpets building. The Engineer informed the Members that once the whole road is made safe it will be re-opened to the public.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 24th August 2018

“Any update on more funding becoming available for pothole repair on roads before we face into the winter months”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he made a request to Aiden Weir, Director of Services for Roads who informed him that no funding is presently available for such repairs.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 24th August 2018

“Any funding available to install stand alone showers on beach in Claycastle for next summer season to coincide with the Ironman”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that there are no plans to install stand alone showers in Claycastle for the next summer season.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 24th August 2018

“Any update on new build toilets at the prom in Youghal”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that the detailed design for these toilet facilities are complete and have gone to tender. The Senior Staff Officer

informed the Members that the Part VIII process will commence in October/November with construction commencing in January.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 24th August, 2018

“Requesting a report on the finalised route for Ironman 2019 to include a programme of works on parts of the route that may be problematic. It would be helpful to have identified sections of road that need attention, be it restoration maintenance or restoration improvement, and that these works be incorporated into the first quarter of 2019 and report to include this timetable. Also requesting an update on pavement upgrade works at the N25 Castlemartyr as well as proposed works to sliproad at junction with R630”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Report from Seán O’ Callaghan was read out by Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informing the Members Ironman assessed the routes as part of the selection of Youghal and East Cork for the event. The Council is in ongoing contact with Ironman to finalise the bike route. The Council will be undertaking repair works on selected parts of this route and obviously a further assessment will be undertaken in 2018/2019 winter. The Council is committed to ensuring that the route of the cycle and marathon are to a standard with which Ironman are satisfied with.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 24th August, 2018

“That this MD undertake to engage directly with Irish Water to underline the dire need to carry out the upgrade works to WWTP in Castlemartyr and also to deal with capacity issues in Midleton. With such increased demand for housing both private and public, and multiple large developments planned, this matter is of utmost urgency”.

Cllrs. Twomey, Linehan Foley and Hegarty seconded this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that a request be made from today’s meeting that a member of Irish Water attend next month meeting of the Municipal District Council to discuss same as this is a major issue in Castlemartyr.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer agreed to contact Irish Water to request same.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 24th August, 2018

“That the dog litter bins formerly provided by the now inactive Midleton Tidy Towns, which were removed by council, be reinstated by Council with an undertaking to maintain/empty them until such time as the Tidy Towns (or similar group)has been reinstated and is in a position to take them over again. In the absence of any other provider, I feel it is incumbent on council to facilitate maintaining our public walkways, footpaths and parks to the highest standard possible”.

The Members fully supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that it is acceptable to dispose of dog fouling waste into conventional bins and stated that the Council’s resources

are stretched to maintain litter bins which are available presently. The Municipal District Officer gave the following report to the Members regarding dog foul waste and dog foul waste bins:

The Members will recall that the matter of dog foul waste was raised as a priority issue by the County Mayor in March of 2017 and that the Chief Executive asked the Environment Directorate to review the matter of dog foul waste and dog foul waste bins and to make recommendation for the revision of the Council's policy and operation to address the matter.

Wide ranging consultation were initiated by the Environment Directorate for comments/observations/suggestions etc. As far as I know dog foul waste bins are provided by the Veterinary Department, which has responsibility for Dog Wardens who are authorized to issue notices.

The Members will be aware of the www.yourcouncil.ie platform which facilitates the logging of complaints and concerns for consideration and appropriate action by the Council and of the advice that this platform should be used as a means of informing the Anti Litter Unit in relation to littering, which includes dog fouling.

Litter and waste control and management is primarily the responsibility of the Environment Directorate with the regular assistance of the Roads Directorate, acting on an agency basis as resources permit.

I would expect that the initiative undertaken by the Environment Directorate, at the behest of the County Mayor and the Chief Executive, to properly address and resolve this matter will be finalized in the near future and that the Members will be informed of the outcome. In the meantime I will refer a copy of the resolution and the comments of the Members to the Environment Directorate for consideration.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that it is extremely important to have litter bins in place and requested that this item remain on the Agenda.

5.1.16 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 24th August, 2018

"Can we have a timeline on implementation of proposed road safety measures to be installed at Cyprus Circus to include pedestrian crossing, cutting back on planted shrubs, installation of signage and other measures".

Mr. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that €15,000 has been successfully received in additional funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme and stated that works should commence in October.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th August, 2018

"That road from Ballymacoda to Ladysbridge be included for complete upgrade/overlay as edges have disintegrated".

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Member that a section of this road is in need of overlay and is a contender for future Roads Programme.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th August, 2018
“Road from Bohillane Cross to Rooskagh be repaired/overlaid”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer stated that this road needs to be strengthened and overlaid.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th August, 2018
“Road from Church Road, Ballydaniel to Monagaul be repaired urgently”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the first couple of hundred metres on this road is on the repair list, beyond that the Engineer stated that the road is used for agricultural purposes with only one resident living on the stretch of road. The Engineer suggested that the landowners in this area apply for a CIS.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th August, 2018
“That a representative from the Sub Committee of Ballycotton Development Committee be invited to a meeting to present the Five Point Traffic Plan for Ballycotton”.

All members fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley suggested that the 4 Dail Deputies be invited to this meeting.

6) Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Collins paid tribute to Mr. Tom Stritch, former Director of Road Services on his recent retirement and wished him a happy retirement. All Members paid tribute and extended good wishes.
2. Cllr. Collins stated that he had received a complaint from a widow living alone in Rathcoursey, Midleton complaining that rubbish and mattresses are being dumped on a ditch near her home. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer stated that this matter should be referred to the Anti Litter Unit of Cork County Council for attention.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley referred to the Taking over of Estates Report circulated to the Councilors and stated that Oakhill Estate in Youghal is not mentioned on the list. The

Municipal District Officer suggested that Cllr. Linehan Foley contact the Estates Department directly for information.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the removal of the car on Ashe Street. Mr. Paul Murray, Senior Engineer informed the Members that a contractor has been appointed to stabilize the house and once the process is complete the car will be removed.
5. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an update on the resurfacing of Tides Car Park. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will keep this item on the Agenda.
6. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of a letter received from Ken Robinson of Bus Eireann stating that he has liaised with the School Transport Inspector who in turn as spoken to all drivers who are designated to pick up on Aishlin Road. Cllr. Twomey stated that there is still no regulation of parking in turn at this area. The Municipal District Officer will write back to Bus Eireann regarding same.
7. Cllr. Collins expressed his good wishes to the Dublin Football Team on their recent All Ireland win.
8. Cllr. Twomey proposed that a Civic Reception be held to honour the Midleton AFC Soccer Club. Cllr. Hegarty seconded this request.
9. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer updated Members on the 30 kph speed limit proposed for housing estates in East Cork. He advised the Members that no submission were received on foot of the recent Public Consultation in relation to the introduction of 30kph speed limits into the housing estates, outlined in the Draft A Schedule, which was on public display for the month of August. Hence, we will now proceed to the next step in the process which is to prepare DRAFT BYE LAWS REVISION B which will be presented to full Council either in late September or early October.

8. Votes of Congratulations:

Cllr. Hegarty proposed a vote of congratulations to Canon David Herlihy on his initiative to hold a ceremony for survivors of clerical abuse.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on October 1st at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.