

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 2nd December, 2019, at 10.30 a.m., at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork

I Lathair: Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Collins presided.
Cllrs. Hegarty, O'Connor, Twomey, McCarthy, Quaide.

Leathscéal: Cllr. Linehan Foley.

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

At the start of the meeting Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer suggested that the Members consider reviewing the procedure for delegations attending the Municipal District Meetings. He noted that four groups have requested to attend the January meeting. Mr. O' Callaghan stressed that any change in procedure was a matter for the members and he was just raising this as an issue as he considered that it impacts on the efficient running of the Municipal District Meetings.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that delegations should be heard on a quarterly basis which he stated is very effective.

Cllr. Quaide disagreed with this proposal and stated that pushing meetings out is going to frustrate matters further. Cllr. Quaide suggested that the Members look at putting a strict time limit on the hearing of deputations.

Cllr. O' Connor also disagreed stating that it is important for Community Groups and organizations to come to the Chamber and meet with the Members to reflect the work they would like carried out within the East Cork Municipal District.

Cllr. Twomey stated that she was in favour of a time limit or the hearing of one deputation per month.

Cllr. McCarthy suggested that deputations should be heard in order of priority.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that there is a ten minute period allotted to the hearing of a deputation under Standing Orders. The Municipal District Officer stated that if any member of a community group or organization is under the perception that the way to get work done is to present themselves before the Members as a deputation is a misconception and informed the Members that road issues are being dealt with on judgement of priority with both the Senior Executive Engineer and Executive Engineers dealing with matters effectively. The Municipal District Officer also informed the

Members that funding is provided to Local Authorities for the maintenance and repair of public roads is inadequate.

Cllr. Hegarty asked what the situation was in other Municipal Districts areas.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he is not aware of any policy in place regarding the number of deputations heard. It was agreed that the procedures in other Municipal Districts will be examined and reported back to members.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 4th November, 2019 and Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on 29th October, 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November, 2019 and the minutes of special meeting held on 29th October, 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Twomey and unanimously agreed by the Members.

Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 4th November, 2019.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any progress on traffic calming measures at Ladysbridge and Bailick Road, Midleton. Cllr. Hegarty stated that the Gardaí have indicated traffic calming measures are needed at both locations.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that certain traffic calming measures including the widening of footpaths have been made at these locations. Cllr. Hegarty asked if Reader Feedback Signs could be provided for Ladysbridge at the Garrvoe side of the village.

The Engineer informed the Members that an application can be made by the local community for grant funding towards this signage.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Municipal District Officers Report:

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following report to the Members in relation to the General Municipal Allocation (Community Fund Grants):

2019 Amenity Fund.

Under the Amenity Fund in 2019 out of a total allocation of €72,150 the sum of €38,350 has been claimed to date.

2019 Community Fund.

In 2019 the total amount allocated for Community Contracts amounts to €32,150. The sum of €13,200 has been claimed to date.

2019 Capital Fund

A total of €137,000 was allocated for Capital Fund and a total of €10,000 was claimed to date.

The sum total allocated under the General Municipal Allowance at the start of the year was €241,300 distributed as shown above. Later in the year an additional sum of €26,527 arising from old Community Fund Grants was added to the General Municipal Allocation giving a grand total of €267,557 for Community Grants. The additional €26,527 was allocated to the following groups/projects:

Youghal Twinning Association:	€300
Ballinacurra Tidy Village	€1,200 (Paid)
High Spirits:	€700 (Paid)
Midleton Bowls Club	€300 (Paid)
Mistletoe Grove Residents Association:	€300 (Paid)
Castlemartyr Community Council:	€3,000
Rostellan Biodiversity:	€1,300
Gaelscoil Biodiversity:	€1,527
Whitegate Rowing Club:	€4,000 (Paid)

Queen of the Sea: €2,000 (Paid)

East Cork Biodiversity: €1,900

Midleton Lodge and Baby Walk Public Park: €10,000

Town Development Fund:

The Town Development Fund of €120,000 was allocated by the Members as set out hereunder:

Town Development Fund 2019		Youghal	Midleton
	€	€	€
Painting Scheme Youghal	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Painting Scheme Midleton	6,000.00		6,000.00
Midleton Playground at Riverside Estate	15,000.00		15,000.00
Claycastle Multi Sports Facility	15,000.00	15,000.00	
YSEDG	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Yew Wood Venues	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Marketing of Youghal Clock Gate	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Queen of the Sea	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Landscape for the Lodge	36,000.00		36,000.00
FEAST	2,000.00		2,000.00
	120,000.00	61,000.00	59,000.00

Village Enhancement Scheme and Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019.

Details of Projects proposed for 2019 under the above schemes are set out hereunder:

Town and Village Renewal 2019/Village Enhancement Scheme 2019	
Town and Village Renewal – Candidate application Killeagh Greywood Art (Greywood Arts and Art Facility in Killeagh) for €76,000 was not successful.	
Village Enhancement Scheme 2019 Cork County Council	62,500
Killeagh Car Park – Part 8 Planning Procedure concluded 9 th September 2019 – Development may proceed	

2.2 Deputation to be heard from Strand Street and The Mall Residents Association.

Mr. Will McGoldrick and Mr. Timothy Horgan of Strand Street/The Mall gave the following presentation to the Members regarding the traffic situation at Strand Street/The Mall.

Mr. Timothy Horgan, a resident of Strand Street informed the Members that he is living on the western side of Strand Street and stated that no footpath is in place outside his premises, Mr. Horgan informed the Members that since the increased width of the footpath on the eastern side of Strand Street traffic is being pushed towards his front door, Mr. Horgan also informed the Members that his premises has been damaged throughout the years and his guttering has been damaged on three occasions.

Mr. McGoldrick concurred with Mr. Horgan regarding traffic veering to the Western Side of Strand Street and stated that traffic is inclined to speed up where the road narrows on the street which he stated is quite dangerous as the Gael Scoil Chorain Primary School is located on this stretch of road. Mr. McGoldrick requested the provision of traffic calming measures at this location.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that Cork County Council will undertake a Health and Safety Audit of the area and stated the Engineer will revert back with suggestions and to how their grievances can be dealt with.

2.3 Request that Deputation from Cloyne Community Council be heard at a meeting:

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Cloyne Community Council be heard at the January Meeting.

2.4 Request from Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce to give a presentation at a meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce be heard at the February Meeting.

2.5 Request that Deputation from Elsinore Residents Association be heard at Meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Elsinore Residents Association be heard at the February Meeting.

2.6 Progress Report on East Cork Municipal District Footpath Programme.

Project #	Location	Type of Works	Approximate Length (m)	Status
1	Ballycotton - Island View Place	Reinstatement and new hand railing	30	Complete
2	Ballymacoda Main Street	Reinstatement and localised repairs	85	Complete
3	Cloyne – Rock Street – collapsed area	Reinstatement and localised repairs	n/a	Complete
4	Cloyne – Chapel Street to St. Coleman’s N.S.	Reinstatement and localised repairs/widened footpath at school	170	Complete
5	Midleton – Bailick Road opposite Choctaw Monument	Reinstatement and localised repairs	50	Complete
6	Midleton – Cork Road (From Car Wash to Park Hotel)	Reinstatement and localised repairs	70	Complete
7	Midleton – Willowbank Estate Entrance (Northern side of junction)	Dished pedestrian crossing	10	Complete
8	Midleton – St. Mary’s Road	Reinstatement and localised repairs	40	Complete
9	Midleton – Drury’s Avenue/McDermott St	New footpath at corner	2	Complete
10	Mogeely – Woodview Place (graveyard side)	Localised repairs	12	Complete
11	Mogeely – Woodview Place (housing side)	Reinstatement and localised repairs	95	Complete
12	Mogeely Killeagh road. Connecting footpath across Eir compound and new fencing.	New footpath	12	Proposed (note land acquisition ongoing)
13	Castlemartyr Village – Disability Viewing Area (by the traffic lights)	Remedial works	n/a	Complete
14	Youghal – O’ Neill Crowley Street (northern side)	Replacement and widening of footpath including bollards and slot drains	80	Complete
15	Youghal – footpath in front of 4 Dysart Grove	Reinstatement	13	Commencing

16	Youghal Lower Cork Hill	Reinstatement	80	Complete
17	Youghal – Willie Johns Hill to Summerfield Cross Phase 3 – Section From Shanavine to L7900	Reinstatement	150	In progress

Total= 899

Funding for the footpath programme is from a Countywide Budget of €1,000,000. The budget is allocated on a “per head of population” basis with East Cork MD receiving an allocation of €135,405.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of the crossing at MyPlace and asked if the Engineer had investigated same. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that she has examined same.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the proposed new footpath at the Mogeely - Killeagh Road and stated that Eir Headquarters are holding up this process for the last 7 years and this is totally unacceptable. Cllr. McCarthy supported Cllr. Hegarty on this matter.

2.7 Hedge Cutting and Tree Trimming & Removal along Public Road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following report to the Members regarding Hedge Cutting and Tree Trimming and Removal along Public Road:

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, lopping, trimming or removal of such tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation within the period stated in the notice.

Useful information is available to landowners in the Department of Environment publication Landowners and 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.

As the permitted period for hedge cutting has been open for 3 months there has been adequate time for owners/occupiers to inspect their roadside hedges and trees and take action as appropriate. Note that Cork County Council conducted a countywide media campaign to highlight the issue through print, radio, and social media in September. The roadside hedge maintenance carried by many property owners and occupiers over the last 3 months is acknowledged. While meeting their legal obligations landowners are also encouraged to protect wildlife and promote biodiversity on all their hedgerows (including non-roadside hedges) and information is available on www.pollinators.ie

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 reasonable actions to address the issue. Failure to comply with such a notice is an offence.

Example of media campaign:

Cork County Council wishes to raise public awareness and to remind landowners, under the terms of the Roads Act, 1993, that it is their responsibility to carry out any necessary tree or hedge cutting where their lands abut the public road or public footpath.

Uncut hedges are a serious road safety hazard and are causing substantial damage to vehicles, particularly heavy goods vehicles.

Work should be carried out while hedges are dormant between now and the end of February next year.

Landowners are encouraged to protect wildlife and promote biodiversity on all their hedgerows (including non-roadside hedges) and information on this is available on pollinators.ie

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan recommends that when hedge cutting to leave one new whitethorn tree in every routinely trimmed hedgerow – a strategy to address the decline in bees. According to Teagasc, hedgerows are the most important source of flowers in the Irish farmed landscape, but are only of value to pollinators if flowers are present. Every little helps – even you can make a difference.

Further details are available on the Council's website www.corkcoco.ie.

Cllr. Quaide raised the issue of the felling of trees near Aldi/Lidl in Midleton. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that a routine inspection was carried out at this location which resulted in the felling of some trees due to disease.

2.8 Progress Report on East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme 2019.

Funding Grant Category	Project No.	Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Est Cost of Work (€)	% Completed
		R		Regional Roads Surface Dressing	4,800	164,114	100%
		L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	18,210	454,905	100%
				Restoration Maintenance Subtotal	23,010	619,019	
Restoration Improvement	1	LS	L-7814-0	East Cork – Ardglass to Gurteen	1,860	163,680	100%
Restoration Improvement	2	LP	L-3633-24, L-3638-0	East Cork - Churchtown South	690	138,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	3	LP	L-3633-0, L3633-24, L3639-0	East Cork-Cloyne to Churchtown Road at Ballyknock	2,100	254,100	100%
Restoration Improvement	4	LP	L-3601-53, L-3601-85	East Cork – L3601 Rathgire to Walshtown	1,900	284,811	100%
Restoration Improvement	5	LP	L-3802-31, L-3802-50	East Cork – L3802 Ballyre X towards Mount Uniacke	2,500	204,500	100%
Restoration Improvement	6	LP	L-3825-0	East Cork- L3825 O' Neill Crowley Street	90	39,600	100%
Restoration Improvement	7	LS	L-7622-0, -7624-0	East Cork – L7624 & L7620 Ballynacole/Ballymartin	2,000	198,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	8	LS	L-7688-0	East Cork – L7688 at Ballymaloe Beg	650	64,350	100%
Restoration Improvement	9	LS	L-7812-0	East Cork – L7812 Carriganass	1,800	177,750	100%

Restoration Improvement	10	LT	L-9528-0, L-95282-0	East Cork – L9528 Store Street/Greens Quay	150		Deferred to 2020
Restoration Improvement	11	R	R-629-59, R-629-98	East Cork – R629 at Ballymaloe	1,750	563,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	12	R	R633-103	East Cork – R633 at Ightermurragh	1,550	318,500	100%
Restoration Improvement	13	LP	L-3802-0	East Cork – Murleys X to Ballyre X	3,150	346,500	100%
Restoration Improvement	15	R	R-629-59	East Cork – R629 at junction with L3676	150	42,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	16	LP	L-3810-0	East Cork – L3810 Lower Cork Hill	200	76,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	17	R	R-634-12	East Cork – R634 Catherine Street	220	79,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	18	R	R-634-12, R-634-14	East Cork – R634 Friar Street	270	81,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	19	R	R-634-16	East Cork – R634 Moll Goggin's towards Strand Church	400	150,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	20	R	L-7817-0 & L-78171-0	East Cork – Clonmult Ambush Site	1,100	120,000	100%
				RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL*= =	22,530	3,300,791	
Former National Roads		R	R-634-20	R634 Youghal Bypass to Kennel	500	225,000	100%
Community Involvement Scheme		L	L-78261-0	East Cork – L78261 Ballyre	450	51,575	100%
Local Improvement Scheme	-	-		Bridgefield Castlemartyr	750	78,750	100%
TOTAL ROADS PROGRAMME=					4,275,135		

By Cork County Council

By Contractor

*Funded by Restoration Improvement Grant of €2,800,791 + Cork County Council IRONMAN funding of €500,000

Cllr. Hegarty congratulated the Engineer on his report.

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. Susan McCarthy, received on 21st October, 2019

“That council implement road safety measures on the R364 at Moll Goggins corner, where there is a difficulty with the slip down to Front Strand on a severe bend. Two issues with eastbound traffic attempting to turn right down onto Front Strand and traffic from the strand trying to gain access. Signage seems to be having minimal effect; road markings may improve the situation.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the junction, road lining, surfacing and traffic signs have been reviewed at this location, road markings are in excellent condition and include double centre line, edge markings with SLOW on both approaches to the bend/junction. The junction from the Front Strand includes STOP sign and associated junction road markings. The road surface on both roads at the junction and on all approaches is in excellent condition. Junction ahead signs are on both approaches on the R634. The relatively recent provision of contrasting high skid resistance surfacing clearly delineates the main road and assists unfamiliar drivers in navigating the bend staying on the main road when heading towards Cork. A right turn from the R634 onto the R908 is prohibited, the sign is appropriately located and in excellent condition. Drivers choosing to make a right turn are in breach of the Road Traffic Act, enforcement is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

5.1.2 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th November, 2019

“That the MD request TII urgently review the N25 Midleton exits both Eastbound and Westbound. The traffic situation has become increasingly dangerous and can no longer wait for the recommendations of the ongoing report. The slipway on the westbound exit to Cork is too short and it is only a matter of time before we experience a major incident. The eastbound exit into Midleton is not sufficiently lit, signposted and lacks reflective road markings with drivers not familiar with the area overshooting the exit”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this matter has been referred to Bob O' Shea, S/Senior Engineer, National Roads Design Office.

5.1.3 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th November, 2019

"Requesting a traffic warden presence in Midleton, at least on an ad hoc basis, to enforce the two hour parking and deter people from parking cars on our streets for hours on end, sometimes the entire business day, which seems to be a current practice. This would benefit both shoppers and retailers, as shoppers would be facilitated in finding free parking spaces, and retailers would benefit from an increased turnover of cars and therefore, footfall, to their businesses".

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a Traffic Warden will be allocated to Midleton on an ad hoc trial basis which will commence in January.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 26th October, 2019

"Can the Engineer please investigate the safety issues at Castleredmond Estate entrance as residents are finding it increasingly difficult to exit the estate taking a right turn. Traffic Safety measures need to be implemented here".

Cllrs. McCarthy, Hegarty and Quaide supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council's Traffic and Transportation Section has advised that this matter is being considered in the on-going design of the proposed strategic cycle corridor which will enhance cycle and pedestrian connectivity between Ballinacurra and Midleton, It is envisaged that the Project Team will be in a position to engage with Members on same in Quarter 1 of 2020.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 30th October, 2019

"Can the Engineer investigate the footpaths at Elsinore Estate and where possible allow for minor works to be done as part of this year programme and the majority to be included in next year's".

Cllrs. Collins and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that footpaths in the estate will be inspected and where works are recommended will be added to the footpath list for consideration in future programmes.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 4th November, 2019

“Can the Engineer please look at implementing footpaths on Hill Road, Whitegate to facilitate residents’ pedestrian connectivity to the Village”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Hegarty supported this motion.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th November, 2019

“For inclusion in the Midleton/Lakeview Roundabout development, council consider larger place name signage thereat to help ease traffic congestion find their destinations”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this matter has been referred to Bob O’ Shea, S/Senior Engineer, National Roads Design Office for consideration.

5.1.8 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th November, 2019

“Up to date report on CCTV Cameras in Midleton and an effort be made to have them in operation for the Christmas period”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Progress Report Midleton Town Centre Community CCTV Project to the Members:

Transmission Link

A problem arose with the transmission link from St. Mary’s Road to the receiver mast at the Garda Station resulting in intermittent video streaming. A different receiver was recently installed on the mast to resolve this problem.

Damaged mini pillar and casing at corner of Broderick Street and Main Street

A mini-pillar and casing at the corner of Broderick Street and Main Street was damaged in an incident involving a motor vehicle and is to be replaced.

Data Privacy Impact Assessment

A Data Privacy Impact Assessment was requested by the Council’s Data Protection Officer and was provided in July. This is presently being reformatted to conform with the Council’s template for such assessments.

Commissioning, Certification, Handover and Training

Commissioning, Certification and Handover has yet to be completed. Training is ongoing.

Cllr. Collins requested that motion 5.1.8 be removed and replaced by a request for a deputation from Killeagh Community Council to be heard at the January Meeting. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer advised Cllr. Collins that this was not on the Agenda and was not in keeping with Standing Orders.

On the proposal of Cllr. Quaide which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the members unanimously agreed that a deputation from Killeagh Community Council be heard at the January meeting.

5.1.9 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 4th November, 2019

“That a pedestrian crossing be established at Broderick Street/Coolbawn Corner, Midleton due to the density of traffic now impassable for pedestrians”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council’s Traffic and Transportation Section will be requested to consider this matter in the aforementioned proposed strategic cycle corridor.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 16th November, 2019

“Asking that Sweetfield Estate, Youghal be resurfaced ASAP as was agreed last year and dangerous over hanging tree be looked at”.

In the absence of Cllr. Foley this motion was moved by Cllr. Collins which was supported by Cllr. Hegarty.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 16th November, 2019

“Any update on lighting programmes for Inch for 2020”.

In the absence of Cllr. Foley this motion was moved by Cllr. Collins which was supported by Cllr. Hegarty.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 22nd November, 2019

“Repairs to road L.7860-0, L.866-0 Ightermurragh, Ladysbridge to Kilcredan and a link road off of that cemetery road L.78651-0 to Garryvoe Upper”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that these roads are on a list of works and stated that the velocity patcher is back in this location this week.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that pothole repairs will be concentrated on between now and Christmas and these roads will be re-inspected and prioritised.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 22nd November, 2019

“Road flooding at Glenageare Cross Roads and Repairs”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that works crews have cleared drains in this area recently, the Engineer informed the Members that she will inspect this road for works to come under the Main Drainage Programme 2020.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 22nd November, 2019

“Road repairs at L.78501-0 at Garrymore, Killeagh”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Garrymore cul-de-sac has a number of locations with potholing (inspection 08/11/2019). Local agricultural activity is likely to be a contributory cause to at least some of these, however having regard to relative priorities it will at least be a number of months before this road could be attended to. The Engineer informed the Members that the Council will provide pothole material to property owners on such cul-de-sac roads if they are in a position to carry out repairs themselves. If property owners are interested, one representative should contact Paul Murray, Executive Engineer in this regard.

5.1.15 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 27th November, 2019

“That the Midleton/Youghal Municipal Council would provide improved signage for the Midleton Tourist Office”.

Cllrs. Collins and Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this is a matter for the Tourist Office and that the location of the Tourist Information Office is indicated at twenty points around the town.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the East Cork Municipal District provides funding to the Chamber of Commerce once a year and stated that this grant is to support the operation of the Tourist Office.

5.1.16 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 27th November, 2019

“That the Midleton/Youghal Municipal Council would write to the Minister for Education highlighting the shortage of secondary school places in East Cork, asking that an updated formal assessment of the need for a secondary school be carried out immediately and that a patronage campaign be initiated soon afterwards, in the event of such an assessment confirming that need”.

All Members fully supported this motion.

5.1.17 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 27th November, 2019

“Could the Midleton/Youghal Municipal District answer the following interrelated questions about roadworks undertaken for laying a waste-water pipe from Dairygold's Mogeely cheese plant to East Ferry:

(1) How much money has been spent by the Council on these roadworks? How much funding has been contributed by Dairygold?

(2) How was the decision made to undertake these roadworks prior to the waste discharge licence being granted by the Environmental Protection Agency?

(3) In the event that the EPA waste discharge licence is not granted and the pipe has to be re-routed will the Council have to fund new roadworks?”.

Cllrs. Collins and Twomey supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council granted planning permission, planning reference 16/7031 to Dairygold Co-operative Society Ltd. for the construction of a new cheese production facility and a significant upgrade of the existing Dairygold Food Ingredients facility at Mogeely. The decision to grant was appealed to An Bord Pleanala who upheld the planning permission (ref PL 04.249108). The permitted development included the installation of an underground pipeline to convey treated water from the facility to a discharge point at an existing outfall at Rathcoursey West, Midleton, 10.6 kilometres to the south-west of the facility. The discharge licence in this case is a matter for the EPA and is not a matter for the planning authorities.

The Engineer informed the Members that the “roadworks” referred, permitted by the planning permission have been undertaken wholly by the developer and fully at his cost. The decision made to undertake these roadworks prior to the waste discharge licence being granted by the Environmental Protection Agency was and is a matter for the developer.

The Engineer asked that the Members note that Cork County Council intends to carry out road strengthening and resurfacing on some of the roads on the pipe route over the next couple of years, these works are required on their own merit and indeed some of these

proposed surfacing works were deferred in the knowledge that the road was on the planned pipe route.

6) **Correspondence.**

None.

7) **Any Other Business.**

1. The Mayor wished everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.