

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 10.30 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

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**I Lathair:** Cathaoirleach Mary Linehan Foley presided.  
Cllrs. Hegarty, Collins, McCarthy, Quaide, O' Connor & 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  
Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.  
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).  
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Twomey.

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

**2.1 Municipal District Officers Report.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Municipal District Officer's Report – January 2020 to the Member:

**2019 Amenity Fund.**

Under the Amenity Fund in 2019 out of a total allocation of €72,150 the sum of €49,650 has been claimed to date.

**2019 Community Fund.**

In 2019 the total amount allocated for Community Contracts amounts to €32,150. The sum of €15,000 has been claimed to date.

**2019 Capital Fund**

A total of €137,000 was allocated for Capital Fund and a total of €78,000 was claimed to date.

**Town Development Fund:**

The Town Development Fund of €120,000 for 2019 was allocated as approved 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Development may proceed	

**2.3 Deputation heard from Killeagh/Inch Community Council.**

A deputation consisting of Anne O' Neill, Niall Fitzgerald, Catherine Foley and Seán Foley made the following presentation to the Members on behalf of the Killeagh/Inch Community Council.

**Item 1: Water Supply/Reservoir Upgrade.**

This upgrade was never done and must be included in future developments. Currently an ESB power cut results in 'no water' after 10 minutes.

**Item 2: Rural Roads.**

Many of the secondary roads in the surrounding community are in a sub standard condition. Whilst we acknowledge works which have already been completed, there are still many home owners who have to travel in very dangerous conditions to make it home safely, especially in the winter months. There is also the need for an increase in the 'hedge cutting' and general upkeep of the roadside areas.

**Item 3: Mogeely Road Graveyard Extension.**

An extension to the Mogeely Road Grave Yard should be included as the initially proposed one for the Glenbower Wood Road has been removed. Existing plans for Inch and Ballymacibot and the new school site on Mogeely Road should also be included.

**Item 4: New Bridge at Killeagh.**

We acknowledge the installation of the new pedestrian bridge, and enormous benefit it brings to all users. However, for many years, we have maintained a range of floral hanging baskets on each side of the bridge, these have now been removed and we are looking for the reinstallation of same to match baskets hanging on the other side and this included the water feed feature.

**Item 5: Parking.**

Since the completion of the main village road works, there has been severe limitations to car parking for access to local business in the village.

The current plan states:

*'Local business is the only source of employment as the previously proposed business park was never progressed on the Youghal road'.*

There are currently at least 16 active local businesses located in the heart of the village and many more on the peripherals. From the Cork junction to the bridge, there are only 17 car parking spaces, however due to high kerbs and not being rounded at the edges, this has restricted much of the space capacity.

**New Church Car Park:**

Again, we welcome the proposed new car park at the Killeagh Church. However, it should be noted that this will remain the property of the church. The car park will also be locked at night time and will have limited access during occasions of weddings, funerals and church celebrations. Also it is not in reasonable walking distance for the main street business user.

Hence, we do not feel that this car park is feasible for the purpose as an on-street car park.

**Proposal:**

With the urgent requirement for additional on street parking, the Killeagh/Inch Community Council would like to propose the purchase of the existing house and land on the 0.2 acre site which is located in the heart of the village. This would provide the required additional parking for the village businesses with easy access and egress.

As mentioned previously, we are limited to 17 spaces and there are at least 3 business owners, 8 residents in 5 houses with cars. As well as in the middle of this 2 bus stops which utilise 8 valuable car park spaces. We also have 1 disability spot which is not easily accessible.

We feel that this property on the main street would provide an ideal parking area to serve the whole community and give that all important access to the village for this rural community. We would appreciate your urgent consideration on this proposal.

**Item 6: Pedestrian Crossing.**

The length of time for the lights to change once the button is pressed on the lights is taking far too long. We have been advised of two issues here.

No. 1. The vehicle detectors are pointing back too far, almost to the bridge, so even if one car is detected at this mark, then it delays the change to the green man.

Proposal: If the vehicle detector could be tilted down slightly to reduce the range, this would reduce the wait time.

No. 2. The existing 'pedestrian detectors' do not seem to be functioning properly. If these could be repaired, it would reduce the amount of time wasted on the main road for vehicles stopping for so called phantom pedestrians, i.e. when the pedestrian button is pressed and the pedestrian decides not to wait, these detectors should then cancel the demand.

Item 7: There are no reflectors on the poles at Castlemartyr Road.

Item 8. There is still water lodging on the street outside 'Tattans Bar' and there is a loose cover outside 'O' Neill's Hardware'.

Has MEIC completed the snag list?

There is still water lodging on the street outside 'Tattans Bar' and there is a loose cover outside 'O' Neill's Hardware'.

Some of the new public lighting staying on 24/7

Some of the new landscaping is dead

On behalf of Killeagh/Inch Community Council, thank you for your continued support.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that she appreciated the amount of work put in as a committee.

In relation to the water supply issue Cllr. Twomey informed the deputation that she will investigate Irish Waters 4 year programme and stated also that a lot of drainage and repair issues need to take place on rural roads in the East Cork area. Cllr. Twomey requested that the deputation supply a list of specific areas which require hedge cutting.

In relation to the water supply Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that a landowner was approached in relation to a trial hole site investigation by Irish Water 2 years ago and has had no come back since that date. Cllr. Hegarty suggested that pressure be applied on Irish Water to revert back on this matter.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he was not aware that the proposed new church car park was to be locked at night time and stated that he will seek clarification on this matter.

Cllr. O' Connor stated that the parking on the main street in Killeagh village is a serious concern and stated that Cork County Council liase with Bus Eireann to move the bus stop further down the road towards the community centre.

Cllr. Collins informed the Members that he has liaised with Ritchie Keating, Property Department regarding the property in the centre of Killeagh which the deputation has requested Cork County Council purchase for extra car parking spaces and stated he has received no response to date.

The Mayor and Members once again thanked the deputation for their presentation. The Mayor stated that the Members will follow up on the request for the purchase of the property for a car park and informed the deputation that there will be a full report on their requests at the February meeting of the Municipal District Council.

## **2.2 Deputation heard from Cloyne Community Council.**

Mr. Tommy Hartnett, Chairperson and Lisa O' Lomasney, Treasurer made the following presentation on behalf of Cloyne Community Council:

The aim of Cloyne District Community Council is to continually enhance Cloyne and assess how this enhancement can be continued into the future, both short and long term for the better of cultural, social and economic benefit of its community. Cloyne District Community Council aims are set out in its VEP which was commissioned in 2013.

- Footpaths and Lighting in Cloyne.  
Some works have already been carried out on footpath repair, but more required. Footpaths are being done in sections, could a long term plan be put in place so that they are repaired one whole footpath at a time and just not in sections? Could we have nicer footpaths at the cross in line with Cloyne being a place of archaeological interest?
- Lighting:

Could we have some uniformity? Different streetlights with various bulbs at the moment.

- Parking issues:  
In particular parking on Church Street. Also, proposing some areas be marked with double yellow lines (St. Coleman's Terrace and Church Street in particular). Issues with residents having problems exiting estates near school around school times, hence request for double yellow lines. Could Church Street have parking one side only?
- Drainage issues outside the National School.  
This continues to be an ongoing issue during times of heavy rains and residents have health and safety concerns. School yard was flooded last year. Could Irish Water be contacted?
- Derelict Buildings.  
We at Cloyne District Community Council continually strive to have no derelict buildings in our village. In this age of housing shortage, we implore all concerned to make these buildings assets, not eyesores.
- Signage in Cloyne, and road markings, in particular Cloyne crossroads and outside Cloyne GAA Gym and sign+ towards Midleton.  
The signage at Cloyne Cross is a pure mish mash, with signs of various colours, size and strange angles. This could surely be easily rectified. There is no sign for Midleton on exiting bypass from Garryowen beside the gym. Road markings are very poor also. Can we get better signage and road markings? Especially at Cloyne Cross.
- Post Office closure.  
We feel that Cloyne was dealt an unfair blow with the recent closure of its Post Office. Many Cloyne residents must now travel to Midleton or Shanagarry to access PO facilities. This is difficult for people with no cars, given that the transport infrastructure is poor or non-existent, as it is in many other rural areas too.
- Buses, bus stop and timetable.  
There are no buses for people of Cloyne between 11 am and 5.30 pm. We don't have a bus shelter and there is no time table visible. This is surely not a 2020 service for a town such as Cloyne that has seen a huge growth in population in the past 15 years.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation and informed them that in relation to public lighting a programme for changeover to LED lighting is to commence in 2020.

The Members stated that parking issues for Cloyne are being addressed bit by bit.

The Members requested that the deputation highlight specific buildings regarding the issue with derelict buildings.

In relation to signage the Members stated that signage in particular signage for Cloyne Crossroads will be looked at.

The Members proposed to continue to apply pressure to Bus Eireann in relation to the provision of bus services, bus stops and a timetable for Cloyne.

In relation to the closure of the Post Office Cllr. Hegarty stated that he had received correspondence from An Post stating that it is no longer financially viable to re-open the Post Office in Cloyne, Cllr. Hegarty stated that this issue needs to be pursued at a higher level.

The Members once again thanked the deputation for their presentation and informed them that a full report will be available for the March Meeting of the Municipal District.

#### **2.4 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.

Situation:	Claycastle, Youghal, Co. Cork.
Area:	0.0020 hectares/0.0049 acres.
From Whom Acquired:	Unknown – in Council ownership since 1971.
To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose:	RTE
Consideration:	€6000 per annum.
Term:	10 years (rent review after 5 years).

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

#### **2.5 Report in relation to Municipal District Deputations.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following report in relation to Deputations heard by Municipal Districts in 2018 and 2019 to the Members.

Deputations heard by Municipal Districts in 2018 and 2019 were as follows:

Carrigaline – 1

Cobh – 1

Kanturk/Mallow – 0

Clonakilty – 1

Bandon/Kinsale – 5

Macroom – 0

Fermoy – No Reply

East Cork – 12

Total: 20

Of the total number of deputations heard 60% were heard by the East Cork Municipal District. The average number of deputations heard was 2.857 per Municipal District of 7 Municipal Districts over a two year period. Clearly the hearing of deputations in the East Cork Municipal District differs significantly in comparison with all other Municipal Districts and needs to be considered and addressed as the hearing of so many deputations is affecting the effective operation of meetings.

A review of the issues raised by the deputations heard by the East Cork Municipal District in 2018 and 2019 shows that most such issues refer to roads matters such as repair, surfacing and drainage of roads and footpaths, provision/improvement of public lighting and provision of traffic management and/or safety signage and road markings. Such road issues are dealt with as a matter of course by way of various roads and footpaths/maintenance and repairs programmes, as enabled by the budgets provided by Government and the Council, presented by the Senior Executive Engineer each year and approved by the Members and as part of ongoing operations as issues present. The procedure in place addresses roads issues in an efficient and effective manner having regard to resources and priorities and taking into account the representations made by the Members on behalf of our communities throughout the Municipal District and a similar procedure is applied in relation to matters, other than roads, such as beaches, amenities and parks and open spaces, as may arise. In these circumstances the hearing of a deputation will not change the situation and is not necessary.

It is recommended that consideration be given to putting in place a procedure whereby requests for the hearing of deputations are first submitted in writing to the Municipal District Officer setting out in detail the presentation proposed to be made in deputation for consideration by the relevant officials and the Cathaoirleach to ascertain whether the hearing of a proposed deputation is warranted to address a matter of significance and importance which could not otherwise be dealt with through the primary representational role of the Elected Members making representations and proposing motions for resolutions at meetings or through the facilities provided by the Council to enable communication by any person directly with the Council.

The Members agreed that while the hearing of deputations provides an excellent opportunity for different groups/organizations to present proposals regarding their relevant areas before the Members there is a problem with the volume of deputations which has come before the East Cork Municipal District Members. The Members also agreed that the Members pose questions only regarding the presentation made by any deputation which should be kept as brief as possible.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer stated that road repairs & hedge cutting are issues, that are dealt with quite effectively by programmes drawn up by the Senior Executive Engineer and which are considered, debated and approved by the Members and suggested that if a Member is approached by any group/organization wishing to present themselves as a deputation at a Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District, the Member should advise them to submit their request in writing to the Municipal District Officer setting out in detail the case to be represented which will then be considered by the Municipal District Officer, the Senior Executive Officer and the Cathaoirleach.

This was unanimously agreed by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey.

Following on from this Cllr. Linehan Foley advised the Members that she had received a request from Youghal 2020 to make a presentation to the Members at the February meeting. Cllr. Linehan Foley explained that the presentation was to inform the Members of the group's plans to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary's Church and the funding they would require to do so.

Cllr. Twomey stated that only two deputations were permitted for the February meeting and it was already agreed that they would be Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Elsinore Heights Residents. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the Members would consider deferring one of the deputations to the March meeting.

Cllr. Twomey was not in agreement as it was agreed by all the Members at the January meeting that these two deputations would be heard at the February meeting.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that over 100 applications are made under the Community Grants Scheme each year and none of these groups were afforded the opportunity to make a presentation to the Members in relation to their proposals so it would not be appropriate to hear this presentation from one perspective group.

The Members agreed to proceed as planned with the two deputations for the February meeting as already approved and the Municipal District Officer would advise the Youghal 2020 Committee of the Council's decision.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that a deputation from Shanagarry that attended the October 2019 meeting of the Municipal District has not received a report on the matters raised to date.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has investigated the issues raised by the Shanagarry Deputation and stated that a technical report needs to be drawn up.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Senior Executive Engineer reverts back to the Members with most reports on issues raised by

deputations the following month and stated that in some instances the reports may require technical inspections or surveys which may be difficult for other departments to facilitate.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that it should be indicated that a report will issue in due course when deputations are heard.

**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. Danielle Twomey, received on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

“Can a stop sign be installed at the exit point of the Avoncore Estate into the spine road of Elm Grove”.

This was seconded by Cllrs. Collins and O’ Connor.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that traffic exiting out of this estate has to give way to traffic coming from the right and stated that road markings are very evident at this location.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

“Pothole Repairs required on the Mogeely to Kilmountain road, the L3628 Two Mile Inn to Cloyne road, Cloyne to Ballymaloe road, Ballinacurra to Ladysbridge”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Hegarty and McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the remedial works required on the Mogeely to Kilmountain Cross to Two Mile Inn were being carried out by a contractor for Dairygold Co-op, works on the Cloyne to Ballymaloe Road have been carried out and 2 potholes on the road from Ballinacurra to Ladysbridge will be filled shortly.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

“Could the Engineer please address the dangerous situation for pedestrians and motorists at the pedestrian crossing by the Midleton Courthouse. There is no line of sight for motorists or pedestrians. Could a mirror be installed here?”

Cllr. Quaide seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate this matter and stated that this crossing was implemented in Phase 1 of the Midleton Public Realm Plan. The Engineer will update the Members on this issue at the February meeting of the Municipal District.

5.1.4 Cllr. James O' Connor, received on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

"That this Municipal District calls on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to cover the cost of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) for local roads that were badly damaged during 2016 flooding of the N25 between Castlemartyr and Killeagh. This follows on from the proposal having been raised by Cllr. James O'Connor at the Transport and Roads SPC meeting of Cork County Council. It received the full support of the Transport and Roads SPC and the Director of Roads stated that "it is worth pursuing"."

All Members supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the flooding of end 2015 / early 2016 caused widespread damage throughout the county and in particular the East Cork area. The DTTAS provided special funding for the repair of roads where damaged in this flood event. Separately, during the major road works on the N25 in Killeagh Village, local roads experienced a much higher level of traffic resulting in damage. The Engineer informed the Members that the estimated cost of this damage was €289,510 and that Cork County Council sought funding for the repair works from the TII but were informed by TII that it is not the policy of the TII to provide funding for non national roads. Ultimately some of the roads so damaged were surfaced under RI programme e.g. road by Fr O'Neills , Ballymacoda.

Cllr. O' Connor stated that he will raise this motion at the next Transport SPC meeting.

5.1.5 Cllr. James O'Connor, received on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

"That this Municipal District calls on Cork County Council to redevelop Midleton Library and to restore the entire building to full working condition. This will provide a purpose-built civic area on Midleton Main Street for the people of Midleton and the surrounding areas".

Cllrs. Collins, Quaide and McCarthy supported this motion.

Cllr. Collins, Chairperson of the Midleton Library Committee informed the Members that proposed plans for Midleton Library should be available in early 2020.

Cllr. McCarthy expressed her wishes to see the Cupola repaired.

Cllr. Twomey stated that the Department of Education should provide funding for these works.

5.1.6 Cllr. James O'Connor, received on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

“That Cork County Council carries out a safety audit outside South Abbey National School on the Golf Links Road. The current situation regarding road safety is a danger to children, parents and staff as the area is not sufficiently serviced with appropriate traffic calming and safety measures”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council have in the relatively recent past carried out footpath renewal works in the vicinity of the South Abbey National School, these works included the provision of bollards opposite the school to inhibit the inappropriate parking by parents on that side and resultant random crossing of the road by young pupils. The Engineer informed the Members that there is a generous length of footpath on the school side to adequately facilitate the safe pickup and drop off of pupils by parents/guardians). In the last speed limit review a periodic 30 kph zone was introduced to address the concern about speed on this relatively lightly trafficked road at school opening/closing times, the signs are combi school ahead flashing signs that also light up with the 30 kph speed limit at school opening and closing times which are highly visible to approaching drives. The Engineer stated that one of these has recently been replaced following damage in a wind storm. Road markings are in good condition and in addition to the signage SLOW SCHOOL AHEAD road markings are in place on both approaches. The Engineer stated that the request for traffic calming on the Golf Links Road is already listed as a potential road safety scheme, this can be considered when funding for such traffic calming becomes available. For information, the school management has requested that a school bus setdown area be marked outside the school and this can be facilitated.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“That this Council, due to the chronic shortage of social and affordable housing, request the Minister for Housing and Local Government to give immediate consideration to bringing undeveloped zoned building land under the management of Local Authorities”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Hegarty supported this motion.

5.1.8 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Residents of Upper Aghada and Whitegate renew their appeal via this Municipal District to have Bus Eireann extend the hourly bus service to Ballinacurra to serve Upper Aghada and Whitegate due to the major increasing population figures”.

Cllr. Collins also requested that this motion include a bus shelter for Whitegate.

Cllr. Twomey fully supported this motion.

5.1.9 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Council report when development can be expected to commence on footpath repairs in Main Street, Midleton”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that works are due to be advertised in mid January with tenders due to be returned in mid February, a Contractor will be appointed in mid March and works should commence in Mid April.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Asking ECMD to look at public lighting on Raheen Road and Spa Hill”.

Cllr. O’ Connor seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has spoken to Dermot Kelleher, Public Lighting Engineer. The non functioning lighting is associated with the Estuary Housing Estate and has not yet been taken in charge. The Engineer advised that that Cork County Council managed to commission 3 of these lights on Spa Hill but the balance have to be fed from the housing estate. The Engineer informed the Members that this estate is not in the charge of Cork County Council, but stated that he has requested a report from the Housing Estates Department as this is a public safety issue and will follow up on same.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Asking ECMD to include Raheen Road and Cork Hill in the footpath programme for 2020 as they are a serious health and safety issue.”

Cllr. O’ Connor seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will take these works into consideration under the footpath programme.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Asking ECMD to help with getting lights switched on on the Spa Hill Youghal , I have tried all angles with Estates Dept and Airtricity to no avail.”

This Motion had been dealt with earlier in the meeting (5.1.10).

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Repairs to Upper Garryoe, Kilcredan, School Garden/Rathaha Roads”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and O’ Connor supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the southern end of the L783 at Garrvoe Upper has a number of potholes requiring attention, the southern end (approx 400 metre) of the L78651 School Garden/Rathaha Roads is in poor condition, while repairs will assist, this section of road is in need of strengthening. The rest of this road is in good condition. The L3815 from the R633 through Kilcredan to Garryvoe Lower has a number of potholes requiring attention. The Engineer informed the Members that these roads will be repaired in order of priority.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“Chapel street Cloyne major road subsidence and road surfaces deteriorating”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that she had inspected these roads in the last week and they have been added to the road repair programme.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“That a resolution towards traffic congestion in Ballycotton be implemented as a matter of urgency”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Cllr Hegarty elaborated that the traffic congestion in Ballycotton was no longer just a summer time issue. Cllr Hegarty stated that the recently installed smart traffic lights working very successfully at Inniscarra Bridge should be applied in Ballycotton even on a trial basis. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer that the application of this shuttle system in an urban setting would not be as straightforward due to side roads and entrances that could result in traffic emerging turning against the flow of traffic.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will forward this motion to the Director of Roads for consideration.

Cllr O'Connor stated he would like to see the proposal for a relief road included in the next development plan.

5.1.16 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“That the Municipal Council would prioritise Leamlara village for the installation of footpaths to ensure safety and peace of mind for pedestrians there”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Leamlara is categorized as a Village Nuclei in the East Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan. Planning objectives relevant to the motion include:

- (i) The development of lands closest to the village nuclei centre is proposed in the first instance, and the development of good pedestrian and amenity links with the village core are considered to be an important part of any proposed scheme.
- (j) Encourage the provision of public footpaths and public lighting to serve the whole of the village nuclei and where practicable, to provide for the under-grounding of utilities.
- (k) Roadside development within the village nuclei should be sited and designed to ensure that the development potential of backland sites is not compromised and that suitable vehicular and pedestrian access to these lands is retained.

Within the development boundary of Leamlara there currently exists 38 residential properties, a church and national school. The majority of the houses are within the Carrig Rí housing estate which is served by footpaths. The road frontage in front of the estate and between the church and the school is also provided with a footpath. Provision of footpath extensions to serve undeveloped areas included in the Local Area Plan would need to be development led.

5.1.17 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“That the Municipal Council would write to the Competition Authority to express concern about vehicle fuel prices, particularly diesel prices, that have remained unusually high in Midleton compared with neighbouring areas over several years. An investigation of these fuel prices could be undertaken by the Competition Authority”.

The Members fully supported this motion.

5.1.18 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

“That the Municipal Council would develop segregated cycle lanes linking Whitegate all the way to Midleton. This infrastructure would ease traffic congestion and improve safety on our roads. It would also bring health benefits and enhance East Cork's tourism potential”.

Cllrs. Collins and Twomey fully supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this was a matter for the Traffic and Transportation Section.

## **6. Correspondence**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she has received correspondence from Youghal 2020.
2. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the junction at the Rock.

## **7. Any Other Business.**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of two motions she had at the December meeting regarding potholes and overhanging trees at Sweetfield Estate and stated that she had received a reply from the Engineer suggesting that the residents apply for a CIS scheme for this Estate. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that the residents of Sweetfields Estate are not in favour of applying for this scheme. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that this matter be kept on the Agenda and investigate whether it is financially viable to keep filling potholes. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that CIS Schemes are generally to encourage Community Groups to avail of Government funding for road repairs.
2. Cllr. O' Connor requested that the road at Ballydaheen Cross be resurfaced for the point to point races.
3. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of Hyde Park, Ballinacurra and stated there is no tarmac left on the road, Cllr. Twomey stated that most residents in this estate are elderly. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate same.
4. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of two sinkholes in the green area at Midleton Downs and also Castlerock Mew. The Engineer informed the Members that Castlerock Mews is not in the charge of Cork County Council.
5. Cllr. O' Connor stated that he would like to see a crew from Cork County Council operate the velocity patcher at all times.
6. Cllr. Hegarty asked if a request was made for a driver for the velocity patcher for the East Cork Municipal District area. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that Fleet Management were unable to appoint a driver for a number of weeks.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.