

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District
Held on 8th September, 2020 at 10.30 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

I Lathair: Cathaoirleach Michael Hegarty presided.
Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Quaide, Collins, McCarthy, Ahern & Twomey.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)
Mr. Richard Fenton, Executive Architect.
Mr. James Keane, Senior Executive Officer.
Ms. Linda Roberts, Senior Executive Engineer.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the issue of free parking in Youghal until 2021. All Members were in agreement with this request.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan Senior Executive Officer, stated that free parking was working very well to date, that wardens were still in place to monitor the situation of illegal parking and that he has no issue with extending the time period to December 2020.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 6th July, 2020 and Special Meeting held on 6th July, 2020.

Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 6th July, 2020 and Special Meeting held on 6th July, 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Ahern and unanimously agreed by the Members.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

No matter arose.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.3 Housing Part 8 Proposal for Avoncore, Midleton.

Mr. Richard Fenton, Executive Architect and Mr. James Keane, Senior Executive Officer circulated the Managers Report on the Part 8 Planning for a proposed Social Housing Development for Avoncore, Midleton.

Richard Fenton informed the Members that the original application consisted of the construction of 16 no. two storey residential housing units, comprising of; 9 no. 2 bed houses, 6 no. 3 bed houses and 1 no. 4 bed house. The modified development proposed a reduced number of units from 16 to 10 comprising of 4 no. 2 bed houses and 3 no. 3 bed houses which will allow for increased green areas which will be located at the entrance to

the development and to the southern part of the site which can be shared by the overall community.

The Architect informed the Members that there were concerns regarding the overflow visitor parking stating that the provision of 29 spaces including visitor parking is underprovided, it is believed that 16 dwellings would require 32 parking spaces.

Cllr. Hegarty asked when construction would commence on the proposed development and stated that it needs to be confirmed that Irish Water can facilitate the connection for this development.

Cllr. Collins requested that a serviced playground be considered for Avoncore Place.

Cllr. Ahern thanked Mr. Keane and Mr. Fenton for their report.

Cllr. Twomey welcomed the layout of the proposed development which will address the residents' concerns regarding drop off on the very busy R626 at school times.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that it was great to see green space provided for in the propose development.

Mr. Richard Fenton, Executive Architect informed the Members that the provision of a playground could be facilitated within the proposed development but stated that funding for same comes from a different source.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that funding for the provision of a playground be sought through Municipal District Funding.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Ahern the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part VIII Procedure for a proposed Social Housing Development for Avoncore, Midleton

3.4 Taking in Charge of Road at Abbeywood, Baneshane, Midleton.

Linda Roberts, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 Cork County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a Order under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to declare the road set out at Abbeywood, Baneshane, Midleton, 535 linear metres, to be public.

The Engineer informed the Members that a map was available for inspection in the Reception Area, Floor 1, County Hall and Council Offices, Cork County Council, Area Engineer's Office, Youghal Road, Park South, Midleton for a period beginning on 12th June 2020 and ending on July 13th 2020. Following the submission period no objections or representations were received.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously declared the road at Abbeywood, Baneshane, Midleton, Co. Cork, to be a public road.

3.1 Progress Report on the East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme, 2020.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme, 2020 to the Members:

EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT – ROADS PROGRAMME 2020							
Funding Grant Category	Project No.	Road Class	Road No.	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	Estimated Cost of Work	% Completed
	-	R	-	Regional Road Surface Dressing	5,900	232,210	71%
	-	L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	26,000	533,210	59%
Restoration Maintenance Subtotal =					31,900	765,420	
Restoration Improvement	1	LP	L-3601-53	East Cork – L-3601 Walshtown	1,600	240,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	2	LP	L-3679-0	East Cork – L3679 Cliff Road Ballycotton	600	90,000	Works Ongoing
Restoration Improvement	3	LP	L-3642-25, L-3642-28	East Cork – L3642 Ballyvoon to Ballynookery	1,000	150,000	0%
Restoration Improvement	4	LS	L-7690-0, L7691-0	East Cork – L77691/L7690 Glengarrif More, Dundullerick West and Ballynaskeha	2,150	268,750	100%
Restoration Improvement	5	LP	L-3628-0	East Cork – Whiterock from N25 to Thades Cross	1,500	225,000	0%
Restoration Improvement	6	LS	L-3629-0, L7657-0	East Cork – L3629 Bawnard to Rathcoursey to East Ferry	4,000	500,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	7	LP	L3602-16	East Cork – L3601 (Part) at Broderick's X	600	175,500	Contract Awarded

Restoration Improvement	8	LT	L-9528-0, L95282-0	East Cork – L9528 Store Street/Greens Quay	150	72,000	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	9	R	R-633-31, R-633-67	East Cork – R633 Crompaun to Gortavadda	2,300	563,500	100%
Restoration Improvement	10	LS	L-7814-0	East Cork – L7814 Ardglass towards Gurteen Phase 2	350	52,500	90%
Restoration Improvement	11	LS	L-7825-0, L78251-0 (part)	East Cork – L7825 Kilcounty X to Ballyre X	1,200	150,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	12	LS	L-7839-0, L-7840-0	East Cork – L7840 Drishane More	1,500	163,764	100%
Restoration Improvement	13	LS	L-7811-0	East Cork – L7881 Rooskagh Shanagarry	1,700	212,500	85%
Restoration Improvement	14	LS	L7806-0, L-7806-31	East Cork – L7806 Lyre to Breda Road	1,000	112,500	50%
RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL* =					19,650	2,976,014	
TOTAL ROADS PROGRAMME =					51,550	3,741,434	

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the works at Store Street, Youghal and asked what the timeline was for the completion of these works. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works should be completed in 3 – 4 weeks.

3.2 NTA Covid ACT Project Report.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following NTA Covid ACT Project Report on Youghal and Middleton Town to the Members.

On foot of a countywide application for funding to the NTA under the Project Act funding initiative, East Cork MD has been successful in winning approval for an allocation of €185,900.00 for COVID interventions in our two towns. Details are given below.

The interventions represent a significant investment in improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities in high footfall locations and, importantly, will also yield traffic calming benefits by locally narrowing the carriageway and/or incorporating ramps where appropriate.

Works on Interventions A & B is substantially completed. Work on Intervention G is progressing with Intervention F programmed to follow on later in September/October.

A Section 38 Public Consultation Process has commenced for Interventions C, D and E with the project advertised on the 28th August inviting observations and comments.

Documentation is available for inspection at the MD Offices. Subject to completion of the Section 38 process, works will be carried out in October and November.

Municipal District	Location	Description	Estimated Project Cost	Status
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention A – Main Street (R907), Midleton, Co. Cork – Temporary relocation of the bus stop from outside Midleton Library to a location approximately 200m to the southeast on Main Street opposite the junction with Distillery Lane	€20,000	Works substantially completed
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention B – New controlled pedestrian crossing (zebra) to provide connectivity to bus stops	€25,000	Works Substantially Completed
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention C – New signaled ramped pedestrian crossing on Youghal Road, Midleton (adjacent to St. Coleman’s) widening of footpath between St. Coleman’s crossing toward the Rock.	€46,900	Section 38 underway
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention D – New controlled ramped pedestrian crossing (zebra) at Credit Union	€25,000	Section 38 underway
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention E – New controlled ramped pedestrian crossing (zebra) between Fire Station and Mall Lane	€29,000	Section 38 underway
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention F – Upgrade of existing controlled pedestrian crossing at Garda Station	€20,000	Works Programmed September/October
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention G – Upgrade of existing controlled pedestrian crossing at Strand Church	€20,000	In Construction

Cllr. McCarthy thanked the Engineer for this report and stated the relocation of the bus stop is working very well in Midleton. Cllr. McCarthy requested that works on the junction upgrade at The Rock remain on the Agenda for future programmes.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Engineer for the works which took place at the Strand area especially the removal of trees.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if any works could take place at Strand Street in relation to traffic calming and stated that there is a lot of turmoil amongst the residents here regarding the speed of traffic.

The Engineer informed the Members that the provision of the controlled ramp pedestrian crossing between the Fire Station and Mall Lane should benefit the residents of Strand Street.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the Engineer meet with the Residents to explain what is going on regarding relaying plans in relation to safety measures at Strand Street.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the relocation of the bus stop to the lower end of Midleton is a temporary measure.

The Engineer informed the Members that this is what was agreed and stated that there will be no change of measure throughout the COVID period.

3.5 Village Enhancement Scheme 2020.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that their approval was needed for a connecting footpath to connect Castlemartyr Village with Castlemartyr Resort, under funding from the Village Enhancement Scheme 2020, the Senior Executive Officer stated that these works would regulate and improve parking at this location if funding will stretch to it.

The Members fully approved these works.

3.6 Municipal District Officer's Report for September 2020.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following report to the Members.

General Municipal Allocation 2020 (Community Fund Grants).

At their meeting held on the 3rd June, 2020, the Members considered 108 applications and approved grants totalling €241,300 to community, arts and heritage and sporting groups throughout the Municipal District.

2020 Amenity Fund.

A total of €110,425 was allocated to the Amenity Fund for 2020 and a total of €2,600 has been claimed to date.

2019 Community Fund.

A total of €55,875 was allocated to the Community Contracts Fund for 2020 and a total of €9,200 has been claimed to date.

2020 Capital Fund

A total of €75,000 was allocated for Capital Fund for 2020 and nothing claimed to date.

Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

The contract for vegetation clearance for the Midleton Youghal Greenway is now being finalised. Topographical survey of the route is ongoing and will continue over the coming months. Tenders for a Landscape Architecture and Interpretive Planning Brief have been sought and are currently being evaluated and a brief for the engagement of Engineering Consultancy Services is now in preparation.

Midleton Town Centre Improved Access & Enhancement Project, Phase 2.

Members will be aware of the ongoing work being undertaken to finalise the design and tender documentation for this complex project. Whilst it was expected to go to tender in March, this did not happen as there were additional amendments required to the tender documentation to incorporate the recommendations of a pre-construction Stage 2 Road Safety and other Accessibility Audits.

Current indications are that the Consultants working on behalf of Cork County Council will have the final set of amended tender documents available this week for review by Cork County Council in advance tender advertisement.

It is imperative that the tender documentation issued is as comprehensive and complete as possible to enable contractors to submit tender prices and to mitigate the risk of additional cost and delays arising during the construction phase of the works.

It is envisaged that tenders for the construction Contract will be advertised at the end of next month and assuming that there are no issues with the tender process, the appointment of a Contractor will occur in Q1 of 2021.

There is a 15 month construction period allowed for the works.

St. Mary's Collegiate Church – Youghal.

The Voices of St. Mary's.

Fully completed. Handed over to Cork County Council and unaccompanied and accompanied tours are now available.

Phase 2 of the Youghal Eco Boardwalk.

50% complete. Completion date is the 31st October, 2020, for this 1.2km of the Boardwalk.

Front Strand Public Convenience & Lifeguard Facility.

Construction is due to start by end of 2020. To be completed Q3 2021.

Youghal Lighthouse Project.

An Architect is currently preparing designs for Phase 2 of the works which involves the construction of a viewing area on the seaward side of the building to facilitate proceeding with the Part 8 planning procedure.

Youghal RRDF Application (Courthouse) – and Public Realm.

Design Team has been appointed. Going out to tender shortly.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018 – Cloyne.

Litton Fountain.

As previously advised this project is essentially completed except for the following additional minor works yet to be carried out, which should be completed shortly.

Connection to water supply,
Connection of pump to electricity supply,
Provision of connection on street for festive lighting to Christmas tree,
Installation of seating and planter on street,
Filling and planting up of planter,
Inscription of brass panel.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018 – Youghal.

Market Square Dock.

This project provides for new quality, natural stone paving, revised parking facilities and the installation of Moby Dick Sculpture at Market Square Dock.

This Project is now completed with the unveiling of the Moby Dick Sculpture by The Mayor of Cork County, Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley on the 12th August, 2020.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2019.

In late 2019 the Council was notified that it had been successful in its 2019 Town & Village Renewal application for East Cork for the installation of a series of 8 space 'bike racks' in designated car parking locations throughout the towns and villages of East Cork. The proposal will promote cycling throughout East Cork, and aid the transition at a local level to a low-carbon economy.

The inclusion of these bike racks will further enhance the reputation of East Cork as an outdoor haven for cycling enthusiasts; following the hosting in East Cork of the international first full Ironman competition in the region on 23rd June 2019. Approximately €50,000 will be spent on this project.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

Accelerated Measures in Response to Covid-19.

There is a new strand of the Scheme for 2020, focused on delivering immediate interventions that can be delivered in the short-term to assist towns and villages in adapting to Covid-19. It will target towns and villages with a population of under 10,000. The Council was successful and received a grant of €38,000 for a joint Cork County Council, Youghal Tidy Towns and Tesco Youghal proposal to develop a community garden including an urban orchard, raised beds, seating and courtyard.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

Main Strand.

This will operate on the same basis as has been delivered in recent years, albeit with a particular focus on projects delivering an economic dividend and enabling towns and villages to respond to Covid-19 challenges. The Department is committed to ensuring that towns and villages in most need of support and towns and villages that have not previously been funded under the scheme will benefit under the Scheme in 2020.

Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM).

On the 19th of May, 2020 Cork County Council received a grant of €394,500 for Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructural Development across County Cork. There are thirteen (13) projects included in the Scheme which cover twenty one (21) separate piers. This grant represents 75% of overall project cost and Cork County Council will fund the remaining 25% (€131,500). Three projects are located in the East Cork Municipal District as follows:-

Youghal Harbour – Nealon's Quay, Market Dock and Green's Quay. Project Description:

Safety Improvement Works – (1) Essential Safety Measures to include handrails, toerails, replacing ladders, mooring rings, mooring bollards, storm weather gate (2) upgrade existing steps and carry out remedial works to pier wall and re-deck slipway.

Estimated Cost €80,000 – Grant €60,000 – Match Funding €20,000

Ballycotton Pier. Project Description:

Fishermen Improvement Works: (1) Provide additional berthage at the deepest section of the pier by infilling steps (2) Fit 1. No. new navigation light at harbour entrance to improve safety of navigation (3) Install new fenders at head of main pier to prevent damage to the concrete piles supporting the main pier.

Estimated Cost €30,000 – Grant €22,500 – Match Funding €7,500

Knockadoon Pier and Slip. Project Description:

New concrete deck on upper section of slipway. Provide section of vertical toerails on both sides of slipway. New section at Beach and Breakwater – replace 2 No. ladders at head of Breakwater. New surface water drain with gulley adjacent to gabions. Install standardised Health & Safety (warning) signage.

Cost. €18,000 – Grant €13,500 – Match Funding €4,500

This report was marked as read.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

None

5. Notices of Motions.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 23rd July, 2020.

“Any update on the provision of ramps or rumble strips for Michael Collins Square and Park Street by the Playground”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that Michael Collins Square is a candidate for a road safety scheme. In relation to Park Street the Engineer informed the Members that there has been no accident history at this location but he will conduct a speed survey here.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 31st July, 2020.

“Can this Council request a Lifeguard Station for Inch Beach”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, McCarthy & Quaide seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following report he received from Caroline Casey, Water & Road Safety Development Officer to the Members:

Risk assessments have been completed on this beach every 3 years. Inch Beach is dangerous for swimming. Providing a service would not be best practice as it would encourage more people to use this location, which is known as an unsafe area for swimming. A further risk assessment can be requested from Water Safety Ireland should the Council wish.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that when lifeguards are located on a beach it gives the indication that the beach is safe to swim and stated that it can be arranged for a further survey to be undertaken by Water Safety. The Senior Executive Officer also informed the Members that Cork County Council rely on the expertise of Water Safety Ireland to advise on best locations for Lifeguard Stations and best areas for swimming. Budgetary requirements also arise.

Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that there is a policy set out to provide facilities on beaches over the next number of years.

Cllr. Twomey requested that adequate signage be installed at this beach to highlight safety issues should the report come back negative.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that Caroline Casey, Water Safety Development Officer be invited to attend a future meeting of the East Cork Municipal District. All Members were in agreement with this proposal.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 3rd August, 2020.

“Can a feasibility study be conducted for a beach wheelchair for Garryvoe Beach”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley, Collins, Ahern and McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Cork County Council will certainly support this facility; however, he informed the Members that he attended a trial session of a beach wheelchair in Claycastle Beach, Youghal which proved unsuccessful due to the nature of the beach. The Senior Executive Office stated that the will look into engaging with Caroline Casey, Water Safety Officer on this motion.

5.1.4 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th July, 2020.

That Council look into the possibility of providing a Lifeguard at Inch Beach, considering the frequent riptides it experiences and the high volume of users, with both car parks reaching capacity almost on a daily basis”.

This motion was dealt with under Motion No. 5.1.2.

5.1.5 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th August, 2020.

“That MD Members would agree in principle to the funding of commissioning a feasibility study for a public swimming pool/sports complex for the town of Midleton to serve our fast increasing population, with particular consideration to the educational requirements for the school going student demographic and Council plans for significant growth areas including the Waterrock master plan”.

Cllrs. Quaide, Hegarty, Collins, Twomey and Linehan Foley fully supported this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will look at the 2019 allocations for the Community Grants Scheme and Town Development Fund to see what funding has been returned and will revert back to the Members at a future meeting.

5.1.6 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th August, 2020.

“Bus Éireann to make urgent changes to schedule to accommodate passengers frequently left at the side of the road due to insufficient capacity, particularly between Castlemartyr/Midleton and Cork. Also to request that the Whitegate to Midleton route terminus be extended from Main Street to the Midleton Train Station to facilitate passengers wishing to continue their journey to Cork with Irish Rail”.

Cllr. McCarthy also stated that the fare situation to Cork from Youghal and Midleton needs to be investigated.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion and proposed that we formally write to Bus Eireann to request a representative to attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal Council. All Members were in agreement.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24th August, 2020.

“That Council, in the interest of health and safety risk to families and properties, address the urgent need for major tree-surgery, some 100 feet high, and lie on the border between, property of Mr. Lambe, Sycamore Drive, Dwyers Road and Westbrook Court. Photos and correspondence of the problems, with Municipal Council Engineers, for attention”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will examine this matter and revert back to the Members. The Engineer reminded the Members that the responsibility for trees lies with the landowners, if a member of the public brings a matter regarding dangerous trees to our attention a visual assessment will take place in the interest of road safety and also informed the Members that the ESB, as a utility provider, has the right to cut private trees should they pose a health and safety danger.

Cllr. Quaide stated that trees which enhance the public realm should be assessed by a qualified tree surgeon.

5.1.8 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24th August, 2020.

“With the Winter months fast approaching, Council enter into talks with Bus Éireann, with regard to expediting the construction of two bus-shelters – one at Convent Cross, Midleton, and one in the shopping area of Whitegate Village, approved ten years ago”.

All Members agreed with this motion.

5.1.9 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 24th August, 2020.

“Council consider the provision of CCTV, at the rear of Housing Estates in Midleton town”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that Data Protection issues surrounding the provision of CCTV in Midleton town needs to be considered by An Garda Síochána and a Government Department. The Municipal District Officer also stated that any extension of the scheme would be dependent on funding being made available.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th August, 2020.

“Asking that speed safety measures be put in place for Golf Links Road, Youghal, from cross at Colaiste Eoin, down as far as Maureen Walsh’s shop”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Golf Links Road is a candidate for a Road Safety Assessment and he will investigate same.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th August, 2020.

“That East Cork Municipal District look at installing a Sensory Garden in the Youghal and Midleton area”.

Cllrs. Quaide, McCarthy and Ahern supported this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that we are looking into an arrangement with Tesco, Youghal Tidy Towns and Cork County Council in respect of a development of a community garden at the old Bridewell Gaol, Mill Road, Youghal which will target the vulnerable, the elderly and the Men’s Shed Association.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that communities should be encouraged to incorporate pollinator supporting and natural biodiversity when considering installing sensory gardens

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th August, 2020.

“(a) Look at the speed at Tesco/Aldi area (b) look at safety measures coming into Tallow Street”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this area has seen a growth in traffic but stated that this area has a low accident history. The Engineer will put this matter on a list to be investigated.

5.1.13 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 31st August, 2020.

"Possibility of pedestrian crossings at:

- Dr. O'Brien's Bridge (formally Lewis Bridge),
- Bailick Road by Bailick Park/Entrance to Balyannon Woods Walk,
- Riverside Way by O'Farrell's Funeral Home".

Cllrs. Collins and Hegarty supported this motion.

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

5.1.14 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 31st August, 2020.

“Cleaning of Road Signage and clearing around signs in particular rural/country areas where growth is interfering with the visibility of the signs”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that Cork County Council are presently publicly advertising asking landowners to cut back hedges which needs to be done in an appropriate manner, in the meantime he will investigate this matter.

5.1.15 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 31st August, 2020.

“Cork East MD seriously considers that zoning of further lands that would be serviced by the Midleton Treatment Plant be delayed until such time as Irish Water give an undertaking, commitment and start date to the upgrading of the plant and infrastructure to facilitate existing land that has been zoned and said lands where planning permission has been granted”.

Cllrs. Collins and McCarthy fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Collins suggested that a representative from Irish Water be requested to attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that lack of capacity is a huge issue and stated that we should not blanket stop the zoning of land.

Cllr. Hegarty opposed the consideration of not zoning any more land as it would play into the hands of Irish Water which would be a disservice to Residents.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer proposed the following amendment to the motion:

East Cork Municipal District has serious concerns on rezoning of further land serviced by the Midleton Treatment Plant. The Members ask that Irish Water give an undertaking, commitment and start date to the upgrading of the plant and infrastructure to facilitate existing land that has been zoned and said lands where planning permission has been granted. Furthermore, that Irish Water be invited into a future meeting of the Municipal District to discuss this serious issue.

Cllr. Ahern agreed to this amendment.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st September, 2020.

“That the Sea Wall at Jamesbrook, East Ferry Road, be repaired urgently”.

Cllrs. McCarthy & Collins supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a number of interim repairs have been carried out on the sea wall, and stated that the issue has been with the National Roads Design Office since 2019. Engineer informed the Members that a consultant has been appointed to design sections of this wall with a report due this month and that he would update Members on same. The Engineer also informed the Members that some surface dressing had been done from East Ferry to Saleen with the remaining works completed by the end of October.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st September, 2020.

“That this Municipal District put in place a planned works procedure for cleaning and maintenance of our drainage system for inlets and gullies”.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that quite a percentage of discretionary maintenance is spent on drainage maintenance, with more planned maintenance under investigation. The Engineer informed the Members that other factors come into play, such as the recent heavy rainfall which had increased the level of drain maintenance.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st September, 2020.

“That a reoccurring water spring just beyond Garryvoe Hotel on the Shanagarry Road be attended to”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer is arranging to have this spring cleaned out.

5.1.19 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 1st September, 2020.

“That the Midleton / Youghal Municipal Council would write to Water Safety Ireland to request the employment of a lifeguard on Inch Beach during the summer months when the beach is busiest. Also, that the Council would provide public toilets for the beach, and manage them, given the volume of visitors there”.

This motion was dealt with under Motion No. 5.1.2.

5.1.20 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 1st September, 2020.

“That the Midleton / Youghal Municipal Council would increase traffic calming measures on the approach to the railway bridge before the entrance to Broomfield on the Dungourney Road, Midleton. This bridge is currently dangerous for motorists and pedestrians”.

Cllrs. Collins, Hegarty, Ahern and McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there has been no accident cluster associated with this bridge and stated that a speed survey has taken place here with warning signs erected in 2016 and public lighting provided. The Engineer informed the Members that a junction is being installed a short distance from the bridge

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that some form of bollards be provided by the footpath at this location.

The Engineer stated that the footpath here is very narrow but stated that he will review road signage and markings here.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that a ‘Driver Feedback ‘ sign be provided for the location.

5.1.21 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 1st September, 2020.

“That the Midleton / Youghal Municipal Council would provide signage (see example attached) in areas popular for feeding waterfowl - such as by the bridge in Rostellan village - giving the public information on foods that are healthy for birds and foods that should be avoided”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that attractive, well designed and quite large signage in relation to the East Cork Bird Trail are in place in the following locations:

- Ballyvergan
- Foxhole (Slob Bank)
- Loughaderra
- Pilmore
- Ring
- Garryvoe
- Ballinamona
- Ballycotton
- Whitegate
- Aghada (Pier)
- Rostellan (Lake)
- Saleen (Creek)
- Midleton Estuary (Bailick Park)

The Municipal District Officer also informed the Members that all signage contain a panel regarding the “Leave no Trace National Initiative’ – Whatever you bring take it home, and advises that birds are wild creatures and should not be fed bread because it causes problems for the birds and the environment.

6. Correspondence.

No Correspondence was received.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.