

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held virtually on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at 10.30 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

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

**Leathscéal:** Cllr. Collins.

**Ag Freastal:** Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.  
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).  
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

**2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

No matters arose.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

None.

**4. Business Prescribed by Statute.**

None.

**5. Notices of Motion.**

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

“That this Municipal Council lend its support to Cork Council’s proposal, calling on the Department of Finance to provide lottery funding for major improvements to footpaths, tree surgery plus public lighting in Ballyannon Wood, Midleton, with security measures, thus converting the area, to yet another splendid and secure attraction for tourist and native”.

The Members agreed to move Cllr. Collins motion in his absence.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

“That this Council request the Minister for Finance to amend the Valuation Act, 2001 to allow the business community to improve the fronts of their shops, without excess increases in valuation”.

The Members agreed to move Cllr. Collins motion in his absence.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

“That Local Authorities be empowered to deal with the nuisance and odours caused by vehicles carrying offal and other offensive material, through urban areas, in order, that the matter be dealt with more effectively and efficiently, as requested by many residents affected”.

The Members agreed to move Cllr. Collins motion in his absence.

5.1.4 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“That immediate repairs be made to improve the condition of the road (L-7653-0) adjacent to Ballintotas Castle. Also, to ensure Irish Water repair the main water leak reported last November in order to ensure repairs achieve the best standard”.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked the Engineer for works that took place on this road recently.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has inspected and listed this road for repair.

In relation to the water leak the Engineer will bring this matter to the attention of Irish Water.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

5.1.5 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“That the East Cork Municipal District would provide the additional €2,500 funding required to make up the cost of an information panel commemorating the 1920 Midleton Ambush on the Main Street, a key event in the War of Independence. This proposal was last discussed at our March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 meeting. In December, the Midleton & Ballinacurra Historical Society was awarded a grant for 50% of the cost by Cork County Council’s Heritage Office. This information panel – which would be vandal proof and age resistant – would be a significant marker of Midleton’s heritage and would enhance the tourism potential of the town.

Cllrs. Twomey and McCarthy seconded this motion and both Councillors stated that it is of great importance to mark these historical occasions.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that there is no provision in the Council’s current revenue for this project but stated that a funding application could be made through the East Cork Municipal District Amenity Fund or Town Development Fund.

Cllr. Quaide stated that there is a serious time pressure to complete this project and asked if any funding allocations which were not exhausted in 2020 could be allocated towards this project.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that any unspent monies from the 2020 funding allocations had been re-allocated at the November meeting of the Municipal District Council.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, suggested that an allocation for this funding be made through the 2021 Town Development Fund and stated that he would revert back to the Members at the February Meeting to discuss same. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Town Development Fund is not allocated until next April/May.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that the group could also apply for funding through the Commemoration Committee.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the group are carrying out any fundraising events. Cllr. Quaide will investigate this.

5.1.6 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

That representatives of the East Cork Municipal Council would meet with the Clean Coasts Youghal volunteer group to see how best the group can systematically reinforce the Council's waste collection work and address chronic illegal dumping in particular areas of the town and its environs.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that the Ballinamona Clean Coast Group are a very active group and work in conjunction with the Environment Department.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that the motion be amended to state that both the Clean Coast Youghal Group and the Ballinamona Clean Coast Group be invited to meet with the representatives of the East Cork Municipal District.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that meetings could not be held but stated that she was happy to take a call from these groups at any time.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, stated that the Litter Warden is very active in pursuing illegal dumping around Youghal and recently inspected rubbish dumped at Pilmore Beach. The Warden found evidence of the culprits name and address which resulted in a fine being issued and subsequently paid.

The Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that additional dog fouling signage has been erected around the town.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that the group email Helen with any suggestions they may have.

5.1.7 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Resurfacing of the Whitegate to Trabolgan road by the East Cork Municipal Council is badly needed”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that extensive drainage maintenance works have been carried out on this road over the last couple of years and these works will continue over the next few years. The Engineer informed the Members that Irish Water has lodged a planning application for the provision of a Waste Water Treatment Plant which will include pipe laying on the Whitegate Road.

The Engineer informed the Members that extensive repairs have been carried out in Whitegate Village with the velocity patcher.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Asking for solar lighting on Boardwalk as it’s such a great amenity and is used day and evening and winter time can be dangerous”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this matter could be examined in conjunction with Phase II of the Boardwalk.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Can we look at speed limits on Pilmore Road and Gortroe leading down to the beach. Residents have contacted me on above”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Pilmore Road joins the R633 which is a regional road and stated that he will forward this matter onto the Road Safety Office Section to be considered in the next speed limit review.

The Engineer informed the Members that he will consider the provision of a second junction warning sign for the crossroads at Gortroe.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Update on speed calming measures for Cross Lane and Emmet Place areas of Youghal”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has examined both areas with the Road Safety Officer and stated that works for these areas have been proposed under the Road Safety Scheme, The Engineer informed the Members that he is

awaiting an allocation from the Department for 2021. The Engineer informed the Members that a 30kph speed limit is in effect at Emmet Place/Church Street.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked when the Members can expect the announcement from the Department and also requested the Engineer email the Member with the plans in place for this area.

The Engineer informed the Members that an announcement can be expected from the Department in January/early February. The Engineer also informed the Members that a Section 38 application and a Public Consultation Process will be required for the proposed works and stated that he will brief the Members in advance of the Public Consultation Process and will also circulate the Members with the proposals received.

5.1.11 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“That the council erect barriers on the R627 by "The Glen" outside Dungourney Village from Dungourney to Midleton where the ditch has fallen away and look at the road verges from Dungourney Village to Clonmult Village”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the width of the road from Dungourney Village to Clonmult is not quite wide enough to permit two cars to pass and stated that there is some damage to the verges here, in the meantime he will investigate same.

In relation the erection of barriers at “The Glen” outside Dungourney Village, the Engineer informed the Members that he will refer this to the Roads Design Office for examination.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

5.1.12 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“The council address the current condition of road L7877-1 in Ballymacoda. This has become a popular route for walkers and it is currently impassable and dangerous”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this has not operated as a road in excess of 30 years and asked if any local community group would be interested in developing a walking trail in this area. In the meantime the Engineer will examine same.

Cllr. Hegarty complimented the Senior Executive Engineer on the works which were carried out from Church Road to Monagaul.

5.1.13 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“That this council ask representatives from Eirgrid to our next meeting to discuss that this welcomed project will be done without any major disruption to roads and services in the laying of cabling from Youghal to Carrigtwohill”.

All Members supported this motion.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Flooding at Mogeely village to be attended to. Also as promised and committed to over 2 years ago Ballymacoda village adjacent to the residence of Noel/Mary O’ Driscoll and Ger/Deirdre Finn”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate this matter further.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Update on implementation and construction of a footpath from Summerfield Cross to Pobal Scoil Youghal”.

Cllr. Mary Linehan supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is quite a significant project and the cost of same could not be funded under the Footpath Programme. The Engineer informed the Members that the Active Travel Initiative could be a potential funding stream.

The Engineer informed the Members that the Roads Design Office has been tasked with getting a more accurate costing for the works and also identify the land take that would be needed.

The Engineer agreed to liaise with Cllr. Linehan Foley regarding various landowners in the area.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the Department of Education could be contacted as they gave a commitment for the provision of a footpath on the New Line when Pobal Scoil na Trionoide was being constructed.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the East Cork Municipal District write to both the Department of Education and the Cork ETB in relation to the provision of this footpath.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

“Road repairs on roads from Garryvoe Beach to Ballybutler and on to Kilcredan School”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will liaise with the District Supervisor regarding these repairs.

#### **6. Correspondence.**

None.

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

1. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the lack of litter bins in the Midleton area. Cllr. McCarthy stated that while she is aware that staff resourcing is an issue she is making an appeal to address this matter. All Members supported this matter.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that there is a public responsibility and duty on dog owners and walkers to be more responsible regarding the disposal of litter/dog foul.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that dog fouling bags can be disposed in any type of bin.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested a list of areas that are being salted during icy road conditions.

3. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of a broken water main on the road outside Cloyne Church. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate same.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley extended her best wishes to both Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer and Cllr. Noel Collins and wished her fellow Councillors a Happy New Year.

#### **8. Votes of Congratulations.**

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulations to Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, her staff and also to Adrian Budds on the erection of the monument dedicated to all those buried in the Garden of Remembrance in North Abbey Cemetery, Youghal.

The Next Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February next.

**This concluded the business of the Meeting.**