

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held virtually on 1st February, 2021 at 10.30 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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

Leathscéal: Cllr. Collins.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.
Ms. Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Cormac O' Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 4th January 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th January 2021, 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.

3.1 Municipal District Officer's Report.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer circulated the following Municipal District Officer's Report to the Members.

General Municipal Allocation 2021 (Community Fund Grants).

The Community Fund opened for applications on Monday January 11th and will close at 4pm on Friday February 19th. This should allow for allocations to be agreed at March MD meetings.

Applications are to be made via www.yourcouncil.ie The preference is for all applications to be made online, particularly in light of COVID-19, however in exceptional circumstances a hard copy application form can be requested from Sophie Ryan (copied).

In 2020 a PR and Promotions Policy for the Community Fund was developed by the Social Inclusion, Community and Rural Development SPC and approved by CPG. The summarized version is attached and should be applied to all existing approved applications and to the 2021 allocations.

The PR and promotions policy refers to the provision of a branded CCC plaque where appropriate. This is to be provided by CCC and displayed by Community Fund recipients. Supplier details, costs etc. for plaques will be provided to each MDO in the coming days by Sarah O' Sullivan.

Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

A contract has now been awarded for the appointment of a Landscape Architect-led team to prepare a Landscape Masterplan and Interpretive Plan to guide the implementation of the project and develop proposals to enhance the unique character and heritage of the line.

Cork County Council is currently progressing the design and procurement for the early construction stages of the project which will be dependent on Covid Level 5 restrictions being lifted or altered.

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.

Cork County Council have spent the last number of months reviewing draft tender documents and making recommendations to our appointed Consultant regarding necessary changes required to these Draft documents to mitigate against the risk of additional Construction cost, Contractor claims and delays that could be attributed to Cork County Council during the construction phase of the works. It is imperative that the tender documentation issued is as comprehensive and complete as possible to enable contractors to submit fixed tenders prices and remove uncertainty. The final peer review of the documentation is underway and the intention is to advertise the construction contract in Q2 2021. Subject to the completion of a successful tender process, construction should commence in Q3 2021 with completion in Q1 2023.

Front Strand Public Convenience & Lifeguard Facility.

Construction tenders have been received and are currently being assessed. Subject to a successful tender review a contractor will be appointed when the current restrictions are lifted/amended.

Youghal RRDF Application (Courthouse) – and Public Realm.

Regeneration of the Town Centre through public realm renewal and the development of a future vision for the discussed former Courthouse. This funding also provided for the acquisition of the former soup kitchen property which has now been completed.

The Stage 1 Report on the redevelopment of the former Courthouse building incorporating the adjoining discussed shed has been finalised and will now move on to detailed design and planning. The redevelopment will provide a new lease of life for two unused buildings.

The main concept for the refurbished building is a permanent exhibition of a unique collection of household items of historical and social importance spanning the century 1850 to 1950. This collection has been acquired by the Council.

Commencement on the design and planning of the public realm element of the project has commenced.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

Glenbower Wood.

An application for funding to facilitate the replacement of 3 no. footbridges in Glenbower Wood, Killeagh, has been successful and the Department have allocated €36,000 to this Project. The procurement of the works will commence as soon as construction restrictions as a result of Covid 19 are lifted.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 Accelerated Measures in Response to Covid-19.

This was a new strand of the Scheme for 2020, focussed 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.

Old Bridewell Gaol, Youghal

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 at the Old Bridewell Gaol, Mill Road, Youghal. The project will consist of a gated community garden including an urban orchard, raised beds, seating and courtyard. Detailed design complete, Invitations for tender have issued. Work will commence as soon as restrictions on construction works are lifted.

Castlemartyr.

A grant of €25,000 has been approved to part fund the development of a linear walkway from Castlemartyr village along the Ladysbridge road to the entrance to Castlemartyr Resort. This project will be undertaken as part of the Village Enhancement Scheme for 2020. A detailed design is currently being drawn up.

Accelerated Measure – Large Towns.

Midleton.

A grant of €36,000 was approved for the installation of a pedestrian bridge in the Baby's Walk Park and the creation of three access points connecting three public parks (Roxboro Park, Baby's Walk Park and Midleton Lodge Park) in the town centre, improving permeability and interconnectivity of these public amenities. This was originally an initiative proposed under Project ACT (Activating County Towns), 2020, suggested by the Project ACT Town Team for Midleton. Works are 100% complete.

PROJECT ACT (Activating County Towns), 2020 – MIDDLETON

The installation of two wheelchair accessible picnic benches, one in Baby's Walk Park and one in Midleton Lodge Park. Funding of €700.00 was approved and benches have been installed.

The installation of 8 sets of seating and planters combined at various locations throughout the town and in two public parks. Funding of €35,528.00 was approved. Works are 50% complete. Remainder of project will be completed once Level 5 Restrictions are lifted.

The creation of 3 entrances and the installation of a pedestrian bridge to connect three town centre public parks and significantly increase accessibility and permeability of these attractive public open space amenities.

A grant of €36,000 has been approved under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020, Accelerated Measures Round 3 – Large Towns. Works are 100% complete.

Pontoon Walkway.

As you are aware the upgrade works on the Pontoon Walkway include the widening of the bridge located along the path. When the pathway re-opened in December these works were welcomed by all.

By way of update, fabrication of the bridge is on-going and once complete it will be galvanized. It is currently envisaged that it will be ready for installation in the next 3-4 weeks. Until that time the temporary fencing will remain in place. The structure to be installed is quite substantial and will require the temporary closure of the path for a number of days. It is appreciated that this will discommode users but the final result will be worth the inconvenience. We are currently working with the contractor to ensure the programme for the works minimises the time needed to close the path. Once this has been agreed I will revert with advance notice of the closure and the associated duration.

Phase 2 Of Youghal Boardwalk.

Members will be aware of the significant progress made on Phase 2 of the Boardwalk from Claycastle to Redbarn, which has been the subject of very positive comment. Works have ceased in accordance with the Level 5 requirements. There is approx. 6 weeks work left to complete the project which will commence when the current restrictions are lifted/amended.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

This Municipal District submitted two applications for funding:-

Measure 1 – Pathway to Whitebay beach, Roches Point. This application was successful and €20,000 was awarded.

Measure 2 – Peoples Path, Whitegate/Rostellan: An application for works costing €223,000 has been submitted. The successful projects have yet to be announced. I will keep members updated.

Village Enhancement Scheme 2021

Members are aware that this is a Council funded scheme aimed at enhancement in the key villages in the Municipal District. The value of the works cannot exceed €68,500. Members can also include villages from 2021.

2017 Key Village Cloyne – Community Car Park

2018 Key Village Whitegate/Aghada – Enhancements to village green area. Funding set aside for works to be undertaken post Irish Water works.

2019 Key Village Killeagh – Community Car Park

2020 Key Village Castlemartyr – amenity walkway from village to Resort Hotel / Forestry Area.

The Villages in the Municipal District are Mogeely, Dungourney, Ladysbridge, Ballymacoda, Shanagarry/Garryvoe, Saleen, Ballycotton and Churchtown South.

Members are requested to contact Helen Mulcahy, before the next meeting with any proposals for consideration.

This item was marked as read.

3.2 Disposal of Land at Woodview Court, Youghal.

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:	Land adjoining No. 17, Woodview Court. Youghal, Co. Cork.
Area:	0.00172 hectares (0.00425 acres) – part of Folio CK77333F.
From Whom Acquired:	Previous in Town Council ownership now Cork County Council.
To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose:	Maria Walsh & Eamon Walsh
Consideration:	€1,500

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

3.3 Managers Report for Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway.

Mr. Cormac O' Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer circulated the Managers Report for the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway and informed the Members that Cork County Council intends to construct a pedestrian and cycle route (hereafter referred to as 'cycleway') which will connect Ballinacurra, Midleton and Water Rock including the residential areas in Ballinacurra, Midleton and Water Rock including the residential areas in Ballinacurra and future residential development in Water Rock with the Town Centre. The scheme connects Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann with the town centre via an off-road greenway. There are other schools located along the route which can also be integrated onto the scheme. The scheme also connects with Midleton Train Station and the Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

The Engineer informed the Members that the proposed route is circa 6.0 km in length and passes through the townlands of Ballinacurra, Midleton, Broomfield West, Knockgriffin, Townparks, Castleredmond, Loughatalia, Garryduff and Oatencake, Co. Cork and stated the purpose of the scheme is to provide safe pedestrian and cycling facilities along the route as well as facilitating a switch to an alternative and sustainable form of transport for the settlements of Ballinacurra and Midleton.

The Members thanked Cormac O' Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer for all his work undertaken on the proposed scheme and stated the scheme is a fantastic initiative and something Cork County Council can be very proud of.

The Engineer informed the Members that there is also great credit due to Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer and to Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer for their input into the scheme.

Cllr. McCarthy asked what is the overall cost of the proposed scheme. The Engineer informed the Members that the scheme is at detail design presently with an estimated cost of 13 - 15 million euro.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Ahern the Members unanimously agreed to complete the Part VIII Planning Process for the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway.

3.4 Proposal for Virtual Celebrations for St. Patrick's Day.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that all parades for St. Patrick's Day have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and stated that she is open to any ideas or suggestions on virtual celebrations from the Members. The Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that the Town Hall & the Clock Gate Tower will be lit up green to mark the occasion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she will liaise with Youghal 4 All in the hope that a special online celebration could be achieved for St. Patrick's Day.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that Members relay their suggestion for discussion at the March meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

3.5 Progress Report on NTA COVID Project ACT Interventions.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Progress Report on NTS COVID Project ACT Interventions to the Members.

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	Completed
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention B – New controlled pedestrian crossing (zebra) to provide connectivity to bus stops	€25,000	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	Completed
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention D – New controlled ramped pedestrian crossing (zebra) at Credit Union	€25,000	“In Construction”
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention E – New controlled ramped pedestrian crossing (zebra) between Fire Station and Mall Lane	€29,000	“In Construction”
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention F – Upgrade of existing controlled pedestrian crossing at Garda Station	€20,000	Completed.
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention G – Upgrade of existing controlled pedestrian crossing at Strand Church	€20,000	Completed
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention H – Provision of Bollards	€15,000	Procurement Stage

Note* the pedestrian crossings have been deemed as essential works have been approved to continue during the current Level 5 COVID Restriction.

This item was marked as read.

3.6 Project Report on East Cork MD Active Travel Measures.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Project Report on East Cork Municipal District Active Travel Measures to the Members.

East Cork Municipal District – Active Travel Measures – Progress Report 27 th January 2021				
Road Number	Description of location of proposed scheme	Details of Active Travel Scheme	Length (m)	Status
L-3656	Kennel Road, Knockgriffin, Midleton	Widen existing very narrow footpath	165	Completed
L-3679-0	Cliff Road, Ballycotton	Resurfacing of shared surface road, provision of road markings and bicycle stands	635	Completed*
R-626	Elsinore to Elm Grove, Midleton	Reconstruction and widening of footpath linking main residential area to Educate Together National School	80	Completed
L-3805	Castlemartyr to Mogeely Road	Widen existing footpath in order to improve accessibility	150	Programmed for 2021 post Level 5 COVID restrictions
R-907	Main Street Midleton adjacent to junction of Connolly Street	Raised controlled pedestrian crossing (zebra)	N/A	Completed
R-632	Ladysbridge to Castlemartyr Road	Provision of road markings and bollards to delineate footpath	170	Completed
L-9425	Broomfield Village Spine Road	Provision of 2 raised uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, 1 controlled raised pedestrian crossing, and replace existing deficient ramps; associated road resurfacing and relining	700	Main surfacing completed. Provision of pedestrian crossings and replacement of remaining speed control ramps will be carried out in 2021. Section 38 process progressing.
L-3810	Upper Cork Hill, Youghal	Widen existing footpath in order to improve accessibility	150	Programmed for 2021 post Level 5 COVID restrictions.
L-9528	Store Street, Youghal	New footpath/improved footpaths and associated drainage	75	Completed.
L-7900-0	Ballyclamasy, Summerfield, Youghal	Provision of new footpath & public lighting	135	Programmed for 2021 post Level COVID restrictions.

R-634	Youghal	Relining approach roads to Youghal Town to visually narrow road	4,000	Completed.
R-634	Youghal	Driver feedback signage – 3 locations	N/A	Completed

This item was marked as read.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 7th January 2021.

“Can signage be installed on the new pontoon walkway, Midleton.

1. Signage at each entry point alerting users that there are no bins on the route and that any rubbish must be taken back to their cars/homes.
2. Standard Dog Fouling and litter signage”.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy seconded this motion and proposed that a signage and awareness campaign in conjunction with primary school children be mounted similar to that in both Youghal and Cobh.

Cllr. McCarthy also requested that extra litter bins be provided for Midleton Town Centre.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if it was possible to pursue people abusing the situation of dog fouling through CCTV. Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that there is no availability of CCTV in Youghal and stated that Clodagh Meade, Litter Warden is very active in the East Cork area and was behind the school children’s competition which was held in both Youghal and Cobh, this could also be initiated in the Midleton area once schools re-open. All Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 8th February 2021.

“Can this council immediately engage with the Coastal Department in Cork County Council to resolve the serious issue in Ballycronneen/ Ballybrannigan beach of the cliff erosion. Also to contact the Environment Department to remove the abandoned caravan that I have been asking them to remove for 2 years now. Work also needs to be done on the carpark as it has fallen into disrepair”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and informed the Members that the strip of land which holds the abandoned caravan is privately owned. Cllr. McCarthy requested that we write to the landowner requesting that the caravan be removed.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Council has undertaken substantial remedial works at the car park and slipway at Ballybrannigan Beach. The Senior Executive Officer stated that damaged signage on the beach is to be replaced and also informed the Members that the Council's Coastal Management Unit are planning to carry out a full risk assessment with a 3rd party on Coastal Erosion Study for the whole of the Cork Council Coastline.

Cllr. Hegarty also supported the motion and requested that Ardnahinch be also taken into consideration as it is littered with potholes.

Cllr. Twomey thanked the Senior Executive Officer for his report.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 25th January 2021.

"Resurfacing works and drainage works severely needed for the Whitegate to Guileen Road. Can this be considered for the 2021 programme, at least on a phased basis".

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that extensive drainage works have been carried out on a section of road from Whitegate to Trabolgan over the last 18 months and stated that this road will be considered in future road programmes.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25th January 2021.

"Asking East Cork Municipal District to include Dermot Hurley Estate and section in Ladysbridge in the footpath programme for 2021".

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he is not clear as to what level of funding will be available for footpath repairs for 2021, in the meantime he will list both areas as priorities for repair.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25th January 2021.

"Could we have an update on fines etc. that have been issued by litter warden on dog fouling in the East Cork Municipal District, and maybe draw up a plan to deal with this ongoing issue".

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that 57 Litter Fines were issued in 2020 for illegal dumping and fly tipping.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer stated that this is a problem for all Municipal Districts and for all local authorities. He stated that it is very difficult to issue dog fouling fines as the offence needs to be seen with the owner present. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that a discussion took place at full Council and Southern Committee

to increase education through signage as is in Cobh and Youghal highlighting the dangers of dog fouling and stated that Cork County Council are doing all they can to tackle this ongoing problem and are open to suggestions.

Cllr. Twomey stated that some Council's in the U.K. have set up a task force to tackle this problem.

Cllr. Quaide stated that it is one of the main local issues which does not seem to be resolved and suggested that more bins be made available and also consider graphic signage to highlight the dangers of dog fouling.

Cllr. Ahern stated that culprits need to be named and shamed and informed the Members that in some estates in London there are bins available at each end of the estate which dog fouling bags available in the centre of the estate.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if CCTV could be used to issue fines should members of the public be caught on camera.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Members for their support and suggested that the motion be amended to Cllr. Twomey's suggestion to set up a task force and proposed that the motion be sent to the Environment Department and Southern Policy Committee. All Members fully agreed with this proposal.

Cllr. McCarthy suggested that an awareness campaign be set up on Social Media and also through broadcasting.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25th January 2021.

"Asking that we invite someone from the national broadband to come in to give us a rundown on the rollout plans in the area".

Cllr. Hegarty Seconded this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that she will forward the motion to Dan O' Sullivan, Dedicated Broadband Officer.

5.1.7 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th January 2021.

Road repairs on road from Dungourney Village to Clonmult Village adjacent to Dungourney GAA pitch"

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works will be complete this week.

5.1.8 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th January, 2021.

“Road repairs on road from Ballymaloe Cross to Ballyrussell, Sleveen and over to Loughane Cross”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that he is awaiting a price for these works from the contractor and once he has received same he will revert back to Cllr. Hegarty.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 26th January 2021.

“That we initiate the process re-naming the footbridge to Ballyannan Woodland Park, Midleton”.

Cllrs. McCarthy, Linehan Foley and Ahern fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that the footbridge be named after Cllr. Noel Collins who was responsible for getting the bridge built some years ago and also to honour Cllr. Collins 53 continuous years serving as a public representative in Cork County and Midleton town.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, agreed to have the plaque made up with appropriate wording.

It was agreed that a special naming ceremony take place in the near future.

5.1.10 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 26th January, 2021.

"That the Town Development Fund / Amenity Fund would provide the additional €2,500 required to make up the cost of an information panel commemorating the 1920 Midleton ambush on the Main St., a key event in the War of Independence. This proposal was discussed at our March 2020 meeting and our January 2021 meeting. In December the Midleton & Ballinacurra Historical Society was awarded a grant for 50% of the cost by Cork Co. 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."

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the 1st part of this project will be funded out of the Town Development Fund and suggested that Cllr. Quaide liaise with Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, regarding details of same.

5.1.11 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th January 2021.

“That Council mount a campaign for walkways/paths in the Midleton area similar to that carried out in the towns of Youghal and Cobh on the issue of dog-fouling. The campaign to

have two strands: a) Signage to be erected in conjunction with primary schools to get children involved in design of same and b) Education, through the schools as outlined in part (a) but also awareness campaign to be conducted on all forms of media; print; broadcast and social media”.

This was dealt with under motion no. 5.1.1

5.1.12 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th January, 2021.

That the issue of road safety on the Garryvoe Road at Monacreagh be addressed following the recent accidents there and in advance of a potentially more serious one occurring at that spot in the future”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion and stated that there is a stretch of road from Mullins Cross to Ladysbridge that is extremely dangerous.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road is not a priority route on the Council’s Winter Maintenance Programme and stated that he will refer this motion to Michael Cotter, Road Safety Officer to see if he can provide a safety crash barrier at this location.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th January 2021.

“That some of the general litter bins that have been removed in the town centre be reinstated to accommodate pedestrians in the town especially with the increase in pedestrian and cycle ways planned for the area”.

Cllrs. Twomey, Ahern, Quaide and Hegarty seconded this motion.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if both the bins at the Park Hotel and Mill Road be reinstated and also requested that bins be provided for at the side of bus shelters in Midleton town.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there are currently 22 litter bins in Midleton, 3 bins having been removed to make way for Social Distancing, the Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that €284,000 has been spent on street cleaning and litter control in Midleton and also stated that there has been an abuse of litter bins which resulted in staff members having to come out during the 1st lockdown to remove the amount of domestic rubbish placed in street bins.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, stated that bins had been removed to allow for Social Distancing measures and this position is to be reviewed at a later date.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Seán for his comments and asked if a review for the provision of extra bins in Midleton especially at points such as bus stops be looked at.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that the Municipal District will look at the possibility of relocating some bins which will be discussed with members.

5.1.14 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 26th January 2021.

Update on the road at Caher, Tallow, Co. Cork (Leading to P51 DR77 for identification purposes) following damage on the road as a result of heavy lorries from Coillte Property with the removal of trees.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road has been inspected and has been listed for some drainage maintenance and also stated that the road is also a candidate for road strengthening, the Engineer will investigate further what damage has been caused by the forestry operation.

5.1.15 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 26th January, 2021.

That the Council strictly enforce fines and prosecution for illegal dumping/fly tipping in all areas as it has increased drastically. If it is also possible to embark on a marketing/advertising campaign to highlight illegal dumping”

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this motion is a matter for the Environment Department to undertake or could be raised at Southern Committee.

Cllr. Ahern agreed to raise the matter at Southern Committee.

5.1.16 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 26th January 2021.

“That this Municipal District Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to publish revised wind energy development guidelines as soon as possible due to the current guidelines being severely outdated”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

6. Correspondence.

None.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she had received an email from Michael Brookes requesting an update on the Slob Bank, Barry’s Lane, the quayside and the commemoration plaque for the Golf Links Road.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, gave the Members the following report:

Cork County Council are presently working on a plan to enhance the slob bank area with a view to making a submission for funding in 2021.

4 public lights have been installed in Barry's Lane and are fully operational.

The 1st wearing coat of tarmacadam has been laid on the quayside before Christmas, the final coat has been suspended until temperatures are suitable to do so. Once these works are complete the gates will be re-opened.

In relation to the commemoration plaque for the Golf Links Road Mr. Brookes has been advised to contact the Commemoration Committee of Cork County Council.

2. Cllr. Ahern requested that Eirgrid be contacted to see if it would be possible to hold an online meeting with the Members of the East Cork Municipal District.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that an online meeting be held with Eirgrid at 9.30 a.m. on March 1st before the monthly meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

3. Cllr. Quaide asked if the Planner's Report on the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway was a public document.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the document cannot be made public until after the matter is resolved by Members at the next full Council meeting.

The Next Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on 1st March next.

This concluded the business of the Meeting