

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held virtually on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 1.40 p.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.  
Ms. Jeanette Kenny, Executive Engineer.  
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.  
Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.  
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).  
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. McCarthy.

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

2.1 Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer raised the issue of motion no. 5.1.17 regarding repair works to the R626 road from the Midleton Relief Road to the Educate Together School and informed the Members that it is proposed to carry out 300 metres of road reconstruction from Avonmore to Elsinore Rise and stated that a budget of €200,000 has been funded for these works from special development contributions.

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

**3.1 Disposal of Land at Lagile, Killeagh.**

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: Grant of Right-of-Way at Lagile, Killeagh, Co. Cork.

From Whom Acquired: Sean Murphy.

To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Dorothy Heaphy.

Consideration: €1

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

### **3.2 Disposal of Land at Owenacurra Business Park.**

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: Owenacurra Business Park,  
Midleton,  
Co. Cork.  
Area: 0.036 hectares (0.0889 acres) as per Folio CK91554F  
From Whom Acquired: Glanmire Precision Limited.  
To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Timothy McGillicuddy & Noel Leonard.  
Consideration: €25,000 - by way of a 999 year lease.

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

### **3.3 NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grant 2021.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive4 Engineer circulated the following NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grant Report 2021 to the Members:

Cork County Council Ref. No.	Location of Scheme	Scheme Details/Description	Category	Stage	Estimated Expenditure 2021 (€)
<b>Youghal</b>					
EC 1.1	L3822/L3823 junction at St. Raphael's and South Abbey National School, Youghal.	Narrow junction and improve footpaths at junction to provide narrower uncontrolled crossing points, provide controlled pedestrian crossing in vicinity of primary school	Improved crossing facilities for pedestrians/cyclists including raised surfaces, zebra crossings, provision of lighting and signalized junctions	Outline Planning & Design	€65,000.00
EC 1.2	Quarry Road (L3807), Youghal	Footpath (1.0 km) to provide pedestrian connectivity for 63 residential properties within the town boundary. Potential to construct in phases.	Provision of new/widened footpaths and segregated cycle tracks.	Outline Planning & Design.	€100,000.00

EC 1.5	Summerfield Cross to Aura Leisure Centre (R908), Youghal	Footpath (0.5 km) from Summerfield Cross along R908 to provide connectivity to swimming pool/beach area/holiday parks/leisure walking route/Youghal boardwalk (Measures YL19+ of Walking & Cycling Strategy for Youghal Active Travel Town).	Provision of new/widened footpaths and segregated cycle tracks.	Outline Planning & Design	€25,000.00
EC 1.6	R634/R908 from Greenway to Greenpark/South Abbey, Youghal	Footpath and cycle facilities to provide connectivity for cyclists & pedestrians from terminus of Midleton Youghal Greenway to Youghal Town Centre (1.0km). (Measure YL138 of Walking & Cycling Strategy for Youghal Active Travel Town) + controlled crossing at Clancy's Railway Bar.	Provision of new/widened footpaths and segregated cycle tracks	Feasibility & Optioneering	€20,000.00
EC 1.8	Youghal Town – various locations Footpath renewals/provision of dishing/tactiles at junction/crossings	Footpath renewals/provision of dishing/tactiles at junctions/crossings	Reconstruction/renewal of defective footpaths or cycle tracks.	Design & construction	€50,000.00
<b>Ladysbridge</b>					
EC 2.4	Ladysbridge Village	Footpath renewals/provision of dishing/tactiles at junctions/crossings	Reconstruction/renewal of defective footpaths or cycle tracks.	Design & construction	€25,000.00
<b>Midleton</b>					
PL 15	Whitegate Rd, Ballinacurra, Midleton (R630-0)	Provision of low level lighting to light existing zebra crossing	Improved crossing facilities for pedestrians/cyclists including raised surfaces, zebra crossings, provision of lighting and signalized junctions	Feasibility & Optioneering	€5,500.00

PL 16	Lower Mill Rd, close to Fire Station (R626-0)	Provision of low level lighting to light existing zebra crossing	Improved crossing facilities for pedestrians/cyclists including raised surfaces, zebra crossings, provision of lighting and signalized junctions	Feasibility & Optioneering	€5,500.00
PL 17	St. Mary's Road, close to schools, Midleton (R630-0)	Provision of low level lighting to light existing zebra crossing	Improved crossing facilities for pedestrians/cyclists including raised surfaces, zebra crossings, provision of lighting and signalized junctions	Feasibility & Optioneering	€5,500.00

Cllrs. Linehan Foley & Hegarty thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for his report which they stated was very welcome.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is worth noting that this is a new form of funding available to the East Cork Municipal District from the NTA.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if additional funding will be needed to carry out the works for both the St. Raphaels and the Quarry Road Projects.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that €65,000 has been allocated to the St. Raphael's project which should be adequate to fund the works proposed, but that additional funding might be required following design stage.

In relation to the Quarry Road the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the funding allocated will cover the cost of a certain length of footpath and stated that land acquisition may be required and that further funding would be required for the delivery of the entire footpath proposed.

### **3.4 Community Fund Grants Scheme 2021.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the Members unanimously adopted the Community Fund Grant Scheme 2021.

### **4. Business Prescribed by Statute:**

None.

**5. Notices of Motion:**

5.1.1 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Concurrent to the coastal management feasibility study being carried out in East Cork, the council put boulders in place on the shore where it borders St. Ita’s GAA pitch to protect the pitch & grounds due to the damage being caused by the coastal erosion”

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that he spoke to Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer in the week previous regarding this motion and stated that the area in question is private property and it is a matter for the property owners and not Cork County Council to undertake any coastal protection works.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer proposed that the motion be referred to the Coastal Management Section.

Cllr. Ahern agreed with this proposal.

5.1.2 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“That our Municipal District write to the appropriate authority for a preservation order to be placed on the Holy Well & Graveyard at Kilteskin/Titskin, Rostellan, Midleton, Co. Cork where headstone currently dates back to 1731”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that she will refer this motion to the Council’s Heritage Officer.

5.1.3 Cllr Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Due to the severe damage being done to country roads during wet weather conditions, a special programme be set aside for the inspection and clearing of country drains/gully/culverts where they may be blocked due to non-ongoing maintenance”.

Cllr. Hegarty fully supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that road drainage maintenance is a cornerstone of general road maintenance and stated that over the last number of years Cork County Council have managed to increase the proportion of road maintenance budgets spent on drainage maintenance. The Senior Executive Engineer stated that gully cleaning and jetting of pipes is done on a proactive basis.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Can the reduction of the speed limit for the R639 be considered for the next speed limit review, particularly approaching the junction of the R629 and L3629, known locally as Bowles Gate, where there have been numerous accidents over the years and some fatalities”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this junction will be logged for consideration for the next speed limit review.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Can we have an update on when the following roads will be considered for minor repair works, from previous motions:

Cork Road, Midleton, Tower Road, Cloyne, Lower Road, Ballinacurra”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that some repairs have been carried out on the Cork Road and stated that pothole repairs will be carried out on the Cork Road later this week/early next week.

In relation to Tower Road, Cloyne the Engineer informed the Members that Irish Water have been asked to prioritise this road and will be considered in the 2022 Roads Programme, the Engineer informed the Members that pothole repairs are due to take place on the Lower road, Ballinacurra.

5.1.5 (a) Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

Can this Council investigate the possibility of rolling out a solar operated compactor bin programme, on a pilot basis, as is done in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and to also note the online petition for more bins in the Midleton area that has gained almost 1000 signatures.

Cllrs. Quaide, Hegarty & McCarthy supported this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that she will refer this motion to the Environment Department.

Cllr. McCarthy requested a list of bins in the Midleton area to show where they are located.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the meeting that Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer had prepared a map identifying the location of bins in the Midleton area which she will issue to all Councillors and stated that they can contact the S/ Municipal District Officer with their comments on same.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Asking ECMD to look at resurfacing Glenbower View, Killeagh”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this area is on a candidate list for resurfacing but could not give any commitment as to when this will be done.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested this item be kept on the Agenda.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Asking Cork County Council to look into the resurfacing of Tides Carpark Front Strand Youghal ”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that most of the works undertaken by Irish Water at this car park have concluded and every effort will be made to secure funding for the resurfacing works at Tides Carpark.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked the Senior Executive Engineer if the carpark could be patched presently. The Engineer will investigate same.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

“Asking that Cork County Council look at potholes on Main Street Ballycotton and look at resurfacing same”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that funding for these works is an issue presently but stated that he will update the Members on same in due course.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on permanent reinstatement of works due from Irish Water.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that she has no update presently but will revert back to the Members as soon as she receives same.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

" A Cul De Sac sign to be erected in the environs of Joseph Ahern Terrace, Knockgriffin Midleton"

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer will put this item on a list of works.

5.1.10 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"Update on Footpath Repair Programme for Marian Terrace Aghada, Ballymacoda and Ladysbridge Villages".

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that upgrade of footpaths in Ladybridge would be as set out under the NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grant 2021 Report. Both Marian Terrace, Aghada and Ballymacoda village will be considered for inclusion on the 2021 footpath programme which will be presented at the May Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

5.1.11 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"Progress Report on the reopening of River Street, Cloyne to all road users as it is having a detrimental effect on the business community and daily commuters".

Cllrs. McCarthy and Twomey seconded this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the meeting that Consulting Engineers has been commissioned to survey the building. This would determine Cork County Council's next steps and stated that the report is expected this week.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will look at the provision of additional "Children at Play" signage for this location.

Cllr. Twomey stated that some speed bumps at this location are not sufficiently marked. The Engineer will investigate same.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"Urgent Repairs to the L3819 Road at Mountcotton, Ballymacoda".

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will investigate this matter.

5.1.13 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"That the East Cork Municipal District would follow on from the success of the Midleton Lodge wildflower meadow by applying the same meadow management practices to the area around Burgess Cross on the N25, allowing the many wildflower species there to bloom throughout the year, providing much needed food for our pollinators as well as natural beauty; and that an annual cut and lift would take place in September".

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that verges on the N25 are currently maintained as semi natural grassland, the verges are cut once or twice per year by Cork County Council with funding provided by TII for the maintenance of the N25 in East Cork, the verge cutting is carried out to maintain forward visibility and sightlines from junctions/entrances, the number of cuts depends on growth conditions.

The Engineer informed the Members that an initial cut is required every year, typically during May or early June, current practice is to mow and leave the cut material in order to consider the request the additional cost of lifting, removing and disposing of the cut material will need to be determined and a quotation will be sought, it is noted that the initial cut is carried out later than April so that important early flowering food sources e.g. dandelions are not impacted.

The Senior Executive Engineer offered to meet with Cllr. Quaide at Burgess to consider the locations requested.

5.1.14 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"That the East Cork Municipal District would resurface the road through Ballinrostig Village, the approach road from Whitewell Cross and the road from Ballinrostig onto Inch".

Cllrs. McCarthy & Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the road from Lower Whitewell to Ballinrostig is in poor condition and will be considered for funding in 2022.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"Looking for update on speed measures for Kathleen Doyle's Hill".

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the request for a lower speed limit raised under Any Other Business at the June 2020 meeting of the East Cork Municipal District and was emailed to the Roads Office in Mallow for logging and consideration in the next Speed Limit Review.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that 1 decent sign be provided, alerting drivers to be aware of their speed.

The Senior Executive Engineer will review the signage for this area.

5.1.16 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"That Council seek to surface car parks at local beaches such as Whitebay and Inch (far entrance) in light of the fact that restrictions are expected to continue throughout the summer and the majority of the population will be staycationing again this year".

Cllrs. Twomey and Hegarty supported this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy/ S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that funding has been received under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for the resurfacing works on the footpath at Whitebay from the car park to the beach and informed the Members that while no more funding is available presently every avenue will be explored to seek same.

#### **6). Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Office of the Minister of State re: Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.

The Members agreed that this item be placed on the Agenda once the final document is available.

#### **7). Any Other Business:**

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer gave the following report to the Members on the Water Rock LIHAF Initiative received from Michael W. Lynch, Director of Services, Planning & Development Department:

Further to the briefing of both East Cork and Cobh Municipal District Members on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021, in respect of the draft Water-Rock Development Contribution Scheme, wish

to advise that the draft scheme was published for public consultation on 20<sup>5</sup><sup>th</sup> February 2021 with submissions due by close of business on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

It is intended to present the Chief Executive Report and the final draft development contribution scheme for resolution at Full Council on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2021. It has been requested that the Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team (HIIT) would brief East Cork and Cobh Municipal District Members prior to presentation at Full Council.

**This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.**