

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held, virtually,
on 8th June 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.
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 4th May 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th May 2021, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Ahern.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

2.1 Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any update on the condition of the road at Whitegate.

Cllr. Twomey supported Cllr. Hegarty's comments and stated that Cork County Council are awaiting Irish Water to undertake works on this road but informed the Members that there is no proposed date for these works.

Cllr. McCarthy also supported Cllr. Hegarty's comments and stated that something needs to be done as the road in question serves a large population.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer had circulated the following email to the Members:

The Council has recognised that a 500 metre length of the R630 regional road through Whitegate Village requires full road reconstruction. Currently Irish Water are progressing a major sewerage project through the Planning Stage for Whitegate to address untreated discharges to Cork Harbour. The proposed works include significant pipelaying within the R630 carriageway in Whitegate. To achieve best value for money, road resurfacing works would normally follow the completion of the major utility works and this was the Council's plan for the R630 in Whitegate. Interim repairs were carried out late 2020. However, the road pavement structure has further deteriorated over the very wet winter, and earlier this week issues have arisen with tar melting. The Council is currently considering 2 options for the main carriageway of the R630 in Whitegate: immediate temporary surface overlay with road reconstruction to follow the planned Irish Water works; or immediate road reconstruction. A technical and cost appraisal is underway, and the Council will proceed with the option that represents better value for money. It is envisaged that the appraisal

will be completed by end of next week and the preferred option to proceed immediately following procurement of a contractor.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Youghal Lighthouse – Part 8.

Mr. Joseph Mackey, Joseph Mackey Architects gave a presentation to the Members of the proposed viewing platform at Youghal Lighthouse.

Mr. Mackey informed the Members that plans are in place to open the lighthouse ground to the public, with a new entrance from the Lighthouse Road and also stated that the proposed viewing platform will be placed on the eastern side of the lighthouse which will be placed in a space currently occupied by a defunct plant room and would be surrounded by glass which would have a corrugated rib pattern and will also have accessibility for wheelchair users.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Lighthouse is a jewel in the necklace of tourist attractions for the town of Youghal and the planned proposal for a viewing balcony will see the opening up of the Lighthouse grounds to the public.

Cllr. Hegarty thanked Joseph Mackey for his presentation which he stated will be a huge boost for another tourist attraction for the town of Youghal and also the East Cork area.

Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the project and thanked everyone involved and asked what are the timelines on the project.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there is no timeline presently for the proposed project.

Cllr. Ahern asked if funding has been secured for the project.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that once planning is agreed all avenues will be explored to secure funding.

Cllr. McCarthy also welcomed the project and asked if the proposed rib glass surrounding the platform might pose a concern as it might need additional cleaning maintenance.

Mr. Joseph Mackey informed the Members that the ribbed glass should not cause any additional maintenance.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that all types of glass surrounding the viewing platform will require some form of maintenance due to salty nature of the air.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part VIII Process for the Proposed View Balcony for Youghal Lighthouse.

3.2 Town Development Fund 2021.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer circulated the following report to the Members on the Town Development Fund 2021.

Town Development Fund		2021	
Painting Scheme Youghal (already agreed)		10,000	
Yew Wood Venues		3,000	
Marketing of Youghal Clock Gate		10,000	
Jail Steps repairs		10,000	
Youghal Chamber (up to a maximum of)		8,000	
Upgrade Market House		6,000	
Millennium Park Pond Reinstatement		13,000	60,000
Midleton Chamber (up to a maximum of)		3,500	
Painting Scheme Midleton (already agreed)		10,000	
Project ARCC		-	
Midleton Ambush Plaque (already agreed)		2,500	
Rejuvenation of Roxboro Park (Distillery Walk)		22,000	
Public Realm enhancement works at 'Boy & Geese sculpture at Gooses Acre		14,000	
Public Realm enhancement works adjacent to Courthouse/Oliver Plunkett Place		8,000	60,000
Allocation 2021	120,000	120,000	

This item was marked as noted.

3.3 Nominations to Celtic Interconnector Forum.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer circulated an email received from Seamus Boland, CEO, Irish Rail to the Members informing the Members that Irish Rural Link has been appointed as the Celtic Interconnector Community Forum's independent facilitator and have invited the local authority to be represented on this forum.

The email states that the purpose of the forum is to ensure that stakeholder and community views are understood and properly considered prior to and during project delivery. The group will provide a forum for dialogue between stakeholders with interests in the project and the project team. Community forum members will also be invited to input on the design and implementation of the Community's Benefit Fund.

To ensure a fair representation, Cork County Council is invited to nominate two elected representatives per impacted Municipal District (Cobh and East Cork) under the terms of reference.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hegarty represent East Cork Municipal District on this forum.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Ahern represent East Cork Municipal District on this forum.

3.4 Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund 2021.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following report detailing individual projects to the funded and the related allocation amounts on the Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund 2021.

Cork County Council – Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund			
No.	Project name	Description	Allocations
1	Watergrasshill Public Realm	Develop village open space to provide a village amenity focal point and create a safe public space where people can gather outdoors	€90,000
2	Carrignavar Public Park	Repair and resurface pathway along river and provide recreational seating and picnic benches in park area.	€30,000
3	Kilcoolishall Public Park, Kilcoolishall	Repair and resurface pathway along park and provide recreational seating and picnic benches	€30,000
4	Little Island, Open Spaces	Place seating and picnic benches at green space locations along public walkways on the R623 road to provide improved amenity facilities where people can gather and relax outdoors. Proposed works include: Provide recreational seating and picnic benches	€20,000
5	Reallocation of Parking Bays to Outdoor dining Midleton	Provision of bollards, planters etc to provide for outdoor dining areas in parking bays (seating to be provided separately by business operator).	€20,000

6	Youghal Town Picnic Area (Greenpark & Front Strand).	Provision of fixed seating and tables complete with surfacing in amenity green areas adjacent to businesses serving takeaways etc.	€25,000
7	Reallocation of Parking Bays to Outdoor Dining Youghal	Provision of bollards, planters etc to provide for outdoor dining areas in parking bays (seating to be provided separately by business operator).	€20,000
8	Picnic Seating Areas Rostellan, Lower Aghada & Whitegate.	Provision of fixed seating and tables complete with surfacing in amenity green areas adjacent to businesses serving takeaways etc.	€30,000
9	Redbarn Pedestrian Walkway.	Provision of footway extension to provide safe access to boardwalk / beach. Scheme will narrow the roadway and prevent inappropriate parking by inclusion of bollards.	€15,000
10	R639 Fermoy North – Cycle Lanes	(i) New cycle lane(s)	€85,000
11	Partial & Periodic Pedestrianisation Main Street, Mallow	The project involves the partial pedestrianisation of the Main St (Davis St) in Mallow in the evenings and the weekend from its junction with O'Brien St to the junction with the N72. To achieve this the existing eastbound one-way traffic flow on the Main st will be diverted northbound onto O'Brien St., by means of installing bollards. Additionally, southbound traffic on O'Brien St will need to be diverted eastbound onto Muddy Hill – this will consequently allow for potential part pedestrianization of the O'Brien St south bound lane. The scheme aims to create a balance between the demand for increasing personal mobility and economic	€25,000

		growth, while also meeting the need to respect the environment and provide an acceptable quality of life for those residing in the town.	
12	Upgrading laneway to facilitate Outdoor Dining/Activity, Mallow	Upgrade surfacing and street furniture in laneway, including decluttering, to facilitate provision of outdoor pedestrian activity including dining in a safe, attractive and enhanced environment, promoting an inviting ambience adding vitality to the town and contributing to the social reopening of services in a Covid 19 compliant manner. The works will involve restriction of vehicular access during specific time periods.	€35,000
13	Removal of roadside parking outside two premises in Main Street, Macroom, realignment of footpath, roadside bollards/barriers Main Street, Macroom.	Remove parking and divert footpath on former parking area. Provide screen/barrier between busy N22 and temporary footpath.	€30,000
14	Construct footpath buildout in Fitzgerald's Street, Macroom to facilitate outdoor dining – lining works, etc Fitzgerald's Street, Macroom.	Widen footpath to provide temporary dining area.	€7,500
15	Traffic diversion for proposed marquee in Town Square, Macroom.	Provide traffic diversion for June, July and October – block road, signage etc for diversion related to temporary dining area in the Town Square.	€5,000
16	Footpath improvements in Aherla.	Connect village centre to picnic area on outskirts of village.	€30,000
17	Bantry A New Street, Bantry, enhance pedestrian facilities, provision of safe seating and bicycle parking.	Enhanced pedestrian facilities, provision of outdoor seating and cycle parking to promote regeneration of under-utilised areas within the town centre and to support commercial activity within the town, by encouraging	€55,000

		visitors by making the town more pleasant and safer to negotiate.	
18	SCHULL A Schull outdoor meeting places.	Improvements to public realm areas by provision of outdoor seating. Works will include new picnic tables in outdoor green areas to allow outdoor meeting. Previously there has been a focus on seats/benches but picnic benches are a more suitable option for people to meet and also provide wheelchair accessibility. Some benches will be provided where space is limited.	€29,280
19	CTB A Allihies safe seating area with bicycle parking.	To permanently apportion car parking spaces to create safe off street outdoor seating areas. Also, to incorporate RS retention sockets which would be available for the erection of canopies/creation of parklets.	€27,000
20	BANTRY B Main Street, Scart Road/William Street, Bridge Street, enhance pedestrian facilities, safe seating and bicycle parking.	Enhanced pedestrian facilities, provision of outdoor seating and cycling facilities to promote regeneration of under-utilised areas within the town centre and to support commercial activity within the town, by encouraging visitors by making the town more pleasant and safer to negotiate.	€25,000
21	SCHULL B Ballydehob Outdoor meeting spaces.	Improvements to public realm areas by replacing/upgrading of outdoor seating. Works will include new picnic tables and seats in outdoor green areas to allow outdoor meeting. This will compliment work carried out last year. Picnic tables will be placed on new concrete plinths with space to cater for wheelchair users for buggies for small children.	€21,420
22	CTB B Castletownbere link to	To permanently apportion car	€21,000

	pocket park and safe seating area with bicycle parking.	parking spaces to create safe off street outdoor seating areas.	
23	BANTRY C Kealkill, enhance pedestrian facilities, safe seating and bicycle parking.	Construction of pedestrian facilities and outdoor seating area. As is evident in the photograph, the centre of the village is undefined and lacking delineation. It is hoped that this proposal would be the first phase of a number of phases, which would create a more defined village centre and consequently a safer environment in particular for pedestrians and cyclists.	€30,000
24	SCHULL C Ballydehob street space reallocation.	Re-allocation of street spaces to provide space for outdoor meeting/dining using bollards and signs. This scheme does NOT include any street furniture.	€5,800
25	CTB C Ardgroom safe seating areas with bicycle parking.	To enhance a village amenity with kerbing, safe seating, bicycle parking and to install RS retention sockets outside village bar/restaurant to allow for canopies/parklets.	€9,000
26	CTB D Castletownbere safe seating with bicycle parking.	To create a town network of safe seating areas with accompanying bicycle parking racks.	€21,000
27	North Street, Skibereen, One-way.	Make the R595 North St Skibbereen one-way inbound. This will create available space at The Square which needs to be levelled and re-surfaced to provide for additional outdoor seating area	€30,000
28	Glandore, One-way.	Make part of the R597 at Glandore Skibbereen one-way from Rosscarbery towards Leap. This will create available space in the centre of Glandore to facilitate additional outdoor seating.	€20,000
		Total:	€792,000

Cllr. Hegarty thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for his report which he stated was very welcome.

3.5 Municipal District Officer Report June 2021.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/ Municipal District Officer circulated the following Municipal District Officer's Report June 2021 to the Members:

Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

Works on the construction of the Midleton Youghal Greenway have now recommenced following the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions for essential infrastructure under national guidance. As a result of Covid 19 restrictions on construction activity over the past year, the programme for the delivery of the Greenway has been impacted and the completion of the overall project is now planned for Q1 2023. Cork County Council will seek to identify opportunities to open completed sections of the Greenway on a phased basis in advance of completing the overall route.

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

The design and tender documentation for the project was reviewed by a Construction Claims Specialist in Q1 2021. As previously explained this review was necessary to reduce the risk of additional Construction cost due to Contractor claims and associated delays during the construction phase. Issues identified by the review are currently being resolved by our Consultants and once these have been addressed the project will be advertised for tender this July. Subject to the completion of a successful tender process, construction should commence in Q4 2021 with completion in Q1 2023.

Front Strand Public Convenience & Lifeguard Facility.

The tender process for this development was deemed unsuccessful and the decision was made to retender. The contract will be re-advertised on Friday the 30th of April with a closing date of the 31st of May. Members will be kept updated on the tender process.

Youghal RRDF Application (Courthouse) – and Public Realm.

This project involves the 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.

CCC has advertised for specialist external consultants to join CCC's architect led design team for the refurbishment and re-development of the courthouse and soup kitchen.

All tenders have been returned across multiple individual competitions and are currently under assessment. Letters will go out to tenderers this week requesting the submission of supporting documentation. A final tender report and recommendation will be issued by May 14th.

Initial work has commenced on the scope and design of the public realm enhancements.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

Glenbower Wood.

An application for funding to facilitate the replacement of 3 no. footbridges in Glenbower Wood, Killeagh, was successful and the Department allocated €36,000 to this Project. The Council is liaising with the Community and 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

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. Tenders have been received and are currently being assessed. Work will commence as soon as restrictions on construction works are lifted.

Castlemartyr.

A grant of €25,000 was 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.

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 are almost complete.

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. The works are now 100% complete.

Measure 2 – Peoples Path, Whitegate/Rostellan: An application for works costing €223,000 was submitted but the application was unsuccessful.

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 can submit proposals for consideration to the Municipal District Officer.

New Library for Youghal

Cork County Council has secured funding to the value of €4,822,511 for two projects in the Government's Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

Youghal has received one of the highest funding allocations at €4,048,511 with Cork County Council providing an additional €449,835, for a new town library. A collection of derelict buildings on North Main Street will be renovated and extended to create a modern and fully restored library. The new library will reinvigorate the town centre and provide essential community facilities and services, including remote learning resources and an accessible public space in the town for residents and visitors.

Water Sports Facility for Claycastle

Garrylucas and Claycastle Beaches to benefit from new Water Sports Activity Facilities.

Cork County Council has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin, that Cork County will benefit from the construction of Water Sports Activity Facility Centre's at Garrylucas and Claycastle beaches.

This follows applications by Cork County Council in December 2020 under the Fáilte Ireland 'Platforms for Growth' Water Sports Activity Facility Centre's funding call. The funding approvals will facilitate the construction of new state-of-the-art facilities at both locations, the key components of which will be sustainable and accessible design, toilet & shower

provision, all weather changing facilities, secure storage, induction space and equipment wash down facilities.

The facilities will be of great benefit to the existing water sports activity businesses who operate from the two beaches and will also encourage new businesses to offer services from both locations.

This item was marked as noted.

3.6 East Cork Municipal Roads Programme 2021 Progress Report.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Regional & Local Roads (Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance) Programme 2021 to the Members.

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance	RM 1	LP	L-3602	East Cork – L-3602 (part) Kearney's X to Moanbaun	2233	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	LS	L-7609	East Cork – L-7609 Pigeonhill to Brodericks Cross	2515	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	LP	L-3604-0	East Cork – L-3604 (Leamlara to Condonstown)	1480	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 4	LP	L-3601	East Cork – L3601 (part) at Rathgire	3005	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 5	R	R-627	East Cork – R627 (part) Donnicksmore to Murleys X	5047	60%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 6	LS	L-7804	East Cork – L7804 (part) Ballyknockane	2911	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 7	LS	L-7803	East Cork – L7803 Kilnafurry	1281	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 8	LP	L-3814	East Cork – L3814 (part) Redbarn	1125	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 9	LS	L-7861	East Cork – L-7861 Pilmore Road	1524	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 10	LP	L-3816	East Cork – L-3816 (part) Ballymacoda to Knockadoon Road	1065	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 11	LP, LS	L-3630	East Cork – L3630 Stacks Cross to Knockasturkeen	1702	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 12	LP	L-3818	East Cork – L3818 (part) Ballyrussell	2600	0%

				to Loughane		
Restoration Maintenance	RM 13	LS	L-7683	East Cork – L7663 (part) Monagoul to Ballyduff	1800	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LP	L-3642	East Cork – L3642 (part) Ballyvaloon	705	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 15	R	R-630	East Cork – R630 Whitewell to Rostellan Shanagarry	2267	0%
		RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =			31,260	
Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3601	East Cork – L3601 Monaleen	1658	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	LS	L-7834	East Cork – L7834 Coolcap	1906	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 3	LT	L-38061	East Cork – L38061 (part) High Road Killeagh	400	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LS	L-7839	East Cork – L7839 Dishane	800	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LS	L-7828	East Cork – L7828 Ballyglavin	1491	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	LS	L-9509	East Cork – L9509 (part) Sweetfield Estate	80	Tender Stage
Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LP	L-3813	East Cork – L3813 Beanfield Cross towards Gortroe	1387	10%
Restoration Improvement	RI 8	LP	L-38165	East Cork – L3816 (part) Knockadoon	1400	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 9	R	R-633	East Cork – R633 Lisquinlan	2000	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	R	R-629	East Cork – R629 Approach to Ballycotton	306	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LP	L-3642	East Cork – L3642 Ballyvaloon	931	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	LP	L-3630	East Cork – L3620 Stacks X to R629 Ballymaloe	1850	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 13	LP	L-3809	East Cork – L3809 Kilmountain X to Mogeely	2000	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	LP	L-3628	East Cork – L3628 Whiterock (part)+ Thades Cross	210	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 15	LP	L-3626	East Cork – L3626 'Rocky Road' at Copperingerstown	850	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LS	L-7650	East Cork – L7650 Carrigagour	1299	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	R	R-630	East Cork – R630 Loughatalia to	672	Contract Awarded

				Rosehill		
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-9402	East Cork – L9402 Park Street Midleton	156	Contract Awarded
		RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL =			19,396	

By Cork County Council

By Contractor

This report was marked as read. The Members thanked the Engineer for his report.

3.7 Disabled Persons Parking Space Request at Main Street, Whitegate.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke, circulated a map and photograph for a request of a Disabled Persons Parking Space Request at Main Street, Whitegate, Co. Cork.

This item was marked as noted.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

4.1 Deciding on a date for the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District, 2021.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District on July 5th 2021.

5. Notices of Motion:

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 24th May 2021.

“Can the footpaths at Fr. Murphy’s Place be inspected and added to the footpath programme as a matter of priority”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this footpath has been logged and inspected and will remain on the list to be addressed once funding is available

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 24th May 2021.

“Road repairs needed for the R626 Midleton to Lisgoold Road ”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works are ongoing at the Bridge at Lisgoold and stated that repair works are scheduled for on the R626 Templebody to Ardglass road this week.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 24th May 2021.

“Update on previous motion of request of resurfacing for at Church Street, Cloyne, and also any update from Irish Water on works needed for Tower Road. I believe we were going to contact them?”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Irish Water intend to replace the asbestos line on Tower Road and stated that he will endeavour to contact Irish Water to get an update on this matter.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Cork County Council are awaiting a proposal from the Solicitors in question regarding the derelict site on Tower Street.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Solicitors in question have indicated that works are imminent.

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

“Could we look at maybe deep cleaning Barry’s Lane and maybe include some removable flower pots similar to Kent Street ones, I know the new theme in Barry’s Lane is for Town Plaza Market Area but if we had small removable I think it would help brighten up the area”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that Barry’s Lane was funded as a multi-purpose area for the use of Farmer’s Markets and outdoor concerts and stated that removable flower pots will not make any impact at Barry’s Lane as the area is too vast. In the meantime Helen will have the area deep cleaned.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the area be inspected and kept on the agenda.

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

“Could engineer look at the resurfacing of Belmont Terrace as its in terrible condition and also relook at the traffic calming measures on Golf Links Road and Maureen Walshe’s area”.

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the road at Belmont Terrace is in poor condition and needs road drainage works, the Engineer stated that these works can only be advanced as a candidate on the Roads Programme for 2022.

The Senior Executive Engineer stated that traffic calming measures for Golf Links Road and Maureen Walshe’s area are on a list for Safety Improvement Works.

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

“Any updates from Engineers on Traffic Plan for Ashe Street, Strand Street , and Tallow Street - these areas have being discussed with years and was hoping speed studies might have taken place to give an update”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that an approved scheme for Ashe Street is currently at design stage and will be circulated to the Members in due course.

In relation to Tallow Street the Engineer informed the Members that no approved scheme for traffic calming measures are funded presently. The Senior Executive Engineer also informed the Members that a speed survey will take place at Strand Street later in the year.

5.1.7 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th May 2021.

“That Council request TII to install a pedestrian crossing in Castlemartyr on the N25 at the junction for Tuairin Alainn and the Willows. This would serve the busy primary school as well as the heavily populated estates on the Killeagh Road”.

All Members supported this motion.

5.1.8 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th May 2021.

“An update on the works to roads and footpaths I requested in Riversfield Estate. The temporary filling has all come away and resurfacing works are urgently needed at this stage”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Twomey supported this motion.

Cllr. Twomey requested that a policy be introduced on regular inspections of older estates.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer stated that footpath works in Riversfield will be carried out during the summer period. In relation to regular inspections of older estates the Engineer stated that staff are currently under resourced to carry out any extra works and stated that areas of a higher population of people using footpaths will get priority.

5.1.9 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 2nd June 2021.

“That Council request TII to install sound barriers on N25 Midleton at the Bailick flyover. Residents have had to sustain constant increase in noise pollution through the years and it also affects local amenity such as the Kindred Spirit Park and the Bailick and Pontoon walkways”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Quaide supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will refer this motion to National Roads Design Office and to TII.

5.1.10 Ann Marie Ahern, received on 31st May 2021.

“The council engage with the Principals in local schools to work a better system at school times to stop cars from blocking/parking at estate entrances and stopping ongoing traffic in the local areas affected”.

Cllrs. Twomey, Quaide and Linehan Foley supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a lot of schemes on improved walking and cycling initiatives are being advanced presently, the Engineer also stated that this matter could be brought to the attention of the traffic section of An Garda Síochána.

5.1.11 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 31st May 2021.

"The council erect "Cyclists Must Yield" signs on the bicycle paths in Midleton ".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will examine this issue on the Northern Relief Road and will discuss same with the Traffic and Transportation Section.

5.1.12 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 31st May 2021.

“The council engage with representatives of local groups regarding the location & number of bins in Midleton”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that a number of weeks ago the Members had been circulated with a map identifying the location of all bins in Midleton. The Members were asked for feedback in relation to this, no feedback was received.

The S/Municipal District Officer stated that if Cllr. Ahern wished to liaise with the groups in question to identify any particular issues they had with the location of certain bins this could be communicated back to her.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st June 2021.

“Repairs to road L7657 from Green Acres to Murph’s pub in East Ferry”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a number of potholes have been listed for repair on this road and will be considered in the 2022 roads programme.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st June 2021.

“Repairs to the regional road from Midleton to Dungourney”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that repairs were completed on this road in the last week.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1st June 2021.

“Provision of a goal post barrier at Ballycraheen Strand and appropriate signage to deter camper vans”.

Cllrs. Twomey and McCarthy supported this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, S/Municipal District Officer informed the Members that Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer, inspected this area and advised that the nature of the car park does not lend itself to the provision of a barrier as the whole area is open and stated the only way to achieve this would be to fence off this entire area which is neither practicable nor feasible.

5.1.16 Cllr Liam Quaide, received on 2nd June 2021.

“That the East Cork Municipal District would write to Mr. Kevin Morey, County Engineer, to emphasise the urgency of repairs to the sea-wall in Roche's Point protecting the Coastguard Cottages terrace as well as people on the beach below”.

All Members fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Ahern informed the Members that she has raised this motion at Coastal Management.

5.1.17 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 2nd June 2021.

“That any timber arising from tree- removal/tree-surgery on East Cork Municipal District land or on estates taken in charge be retained by the MD, either for the MD's own use or sale, or that it be made available to community groups such as Men's/Women's Sheds or to woodwork classes in local schools”.

All Members fully supported this motion.

5.1.18 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 2nd June 2021.

“That the capacity issue at Lisgould cemetery be addressed as a matter of urgency”.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Cork County Council looked at this cemetery a number of months ago and stated that he will bring the matter to the attention of the Director of Services and will follow up on the matter and revert back to Cllr. Quaide directly.

6). Correspondence:

No correspondence was received.

7). Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of a compact stone footpath on the Garryvoe to Ladysbridge road which she stated in unmanageable and asked if anything could be done to resolve this problem.

Cllr. Hegarty fully supported Cllr. Twomey on this matter and stated that the footpath should be on the opposite side of the road, Cllr. Hegarty stated that a permanent resolve is needed for this issue.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a trail road installed by community initiative which is susceptible to damage and stated that funding has been sought from the OPW

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this was a community led project which was funded under a national scheme to provide linkage for a ring walk and stated that no sooner had the footpath been in place it was badly damaged after a storm. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will meet with the Senior Executive Engineer to discuss same.

3. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the grant of €15,000 allocated to Midleton Community Sports Centre for the preparation of a facility study and stated that the lowest tender for the study was just under €15,000 + VAT which results in a shortfall of €3,375. Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any unspent monies which could be allocated to make up the shortfall.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there are unspent monies in the GMA fund and also stated that some minor adjustments could be made to the Town Development Fund.

All Members fully agreed that the shortfall of €3,395.00 be allocated from the GMA Fund.

8. Votes of Congratulation:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulation to Cllr. Liam Quaide and his wife in the birth of their son.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District take place virtually on Monday 5th July at 10.30 a.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.