

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held virtually on 6th September, 2021 at 10.30 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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

Leathscéal: Cllr. Collins.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.
Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office).
Mr. Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer.
Ms. Clara O' Neill, Respond.
Mr. Richard Vaughan, Respond.

Cllr. McCarthy proposed a suspension of Standing Orders to afford Cllr. Quaide the opportunity to raise motion no. 5.1.8 regarding the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton. The Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

5.1.8 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st August 2021

“That the East Cork Municipal District would collectively write to Mary Butler, Minister for Mental Health and Older People, and Michael Fitzgerald, HSE Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, urging the following:

That necessary funding for construction/rebuild works on the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton would be committed to, as has been the case for other long-stay mental health facilities at St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork and St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, as well as at the high support unit in Carraig Mór, Shanakiel, Cork. The Owenacurra Centre is the only HSE long-stay and respite residential mental health facility in East Cork. Its permanent closure would involve far-reaching negative consequences for current service-users as well as future service-users who would avail of placement and rehabilitation there. The closure would also place considerable strain on the local Community Adult Mental Health Team which is not resourced to meet the needs of the client group served by the Owenacurra Centre.

That a binding commitment be made to retain at their current location the long-stay and respite mental health placements as well as the day service of the Owenacurra Centre which is currently home to nineteen residents, some for many years, and which has been recognised as an essential part of the local mental health services for several decades. The centralisation of these supports to facilities outside East Cork would be at odds with the HSE's own policy on community-based rehabilitation for people with long-term mental health placement needs”.

The Members fully supported this motion and commended Cllr Quaide on raising the motion. The Members stated that it is vital that this service be retained within the community as it would be a huge loss to the East Cork area.

Cllr. Quaide thanked the Members for their support and informed the Members that he has liaised with Neasa Hourigan Green Party TD and also a qualified Architect who assured Cllr. Quaide that the residents of the Owenacurra Centre are in no immediate danger and stated that there are structural issues with the boiler that need to be addressed.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 5th July 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2021, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Ahern.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.4 Chief Executive Report – Part 8 Planning – Lands at Barrack Field, Youghal. (Report emailed to Members by Mary McHugh Creedon).

- Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer presented to the Members the Part 8 Development of Lands at Barrack Road, Youghal. The construction of 28 no. 1 and 2 storey residential housing units comprises of 10 no. 2 bed houses & 18 no. 3 bed houses with provision for to 28 no. car parking spaces.

The Senior Executive Officer thanked Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer and his team for their input into the layout of the site and the planned roads and footpaths.

The public notice for the development was advertised on 28th May and the closing date for submissions was 12th July. One submission was received from a neighbouring landowner.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he was seeking approval to commence with the Part VIII Process for this development and to go to full Council next week for consideration.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked Seamus and his team and stated that the development was welcomed for both the Youghal and East Cork area.

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 construction of 28 no. 1 and 2 storey residential housing units at Barrack Field, Youghal.

Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that The Irish Council for Social Housing had shortlisted the following two Cork County housing projects for the ICSH Allianz Community Housing Awards 2021:

1. 85 North Main Street Youghal – Circle VHA - 15 apartments
2. Páirc De hÍde, Duntahane, Fermoy – Respond - 46 units.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that both projects were entered and deservedly shortlisted under the “Collaboration” category of the competition. Both Schemes have involved a strong partnership between our own Housing Directorate and the individual Approved Housing Bodies (Circle and Respond) in getting both completed and allocated to our approved housing applicants and stated that voting is open from the 6th – 13th September with the winner being announced at the ICSH Biennial Housing Conference on the 23rd September and urged Members to support these projects.

3.1 Municipal District Officers Report September 2021.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Municipal District Officers Report 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. The Members will be kept informed of significant progress such as stage completions or section openings as they arise.

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. Subject to the completion of a successful tender process, construction should commence in Q4 2021 with completion in Q1 2023.

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 Centres 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 Centres 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 which operate from the two beaches and will also encourage new businesses to offer services from both locations.

Front Strand Public Convenience & Lifeguard Facility.

At a previous meeting members were updated on the need to retender this project following on from an initial unsuccessful tender process. The second tender process failed to deliver what the Council considered to be an economically viable tender. The Council is now considering all its options and members will be kept updated.

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 disused former Courthouse. This funding also provided for the acquisition of the former soup kitchen property which has now been completed.

A multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed to draw up plans for the refurbishment and re-development of the courthouse and soup kitchen.

The County Architects Dept. are progressing 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 detailed design has been completed and tenders will be sought shortly.

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. Work has commenced and is expected to take 8 weeks to complete.

Castlemartyr.

A grant of €25,000 was approved under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 Accelerated Measures to part fund the development of a linear walkway from Castlemartyr village along the Ladysbridge road to the entrance to Castlemartyr Resort/ Forestry

entrance. A further €68,500 was allocated to this project from the 2019 Village Enhancement Scheme. A contractor has been selected to undertake the works and we are currently programming this work into his very busy schedule. Members will be kept updated.

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.

Cork County Council has commenced with the Procurement process for the appointment of a consultant design team.

Midleton Library

The emergency cupola works are completed. We are delighted that these works are done to protect the cupola before another winter of storms would cause further damage. The exterior of the cupola has a temporary protective finish until the proper conservation and repair works progress. Cork County Council is currently procuring consultants to prepare preliminary design work for possible future conservation works for the building.

This item was marked as read.

3.2 Statistics for the East Cork Beachguard Stations 2021 to the end of August.

Beachguard Station	Rescues	1st Aid	Missing person	Advice Given	Accidents Prevented
Claycastle		55	5	537	180
Front Strand	4	46	6	1307	795
Redbarn		29	0	1198	200
Garryvoe		215	2	1475	1011
Totals for East Cork Beaches	4	345	13	4517	2186

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this report brings information to the Members on services provided at local beachguard stations and shows how active our lifeguard services is on the ground.

3.3 Chief Executive Report on Lighthouse, Part 8 Planning.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this report is not prepared and proposed that a special brief meeting be held with the Members in the coming week to bring before full Council.

3.5 Section 38 Report: Proposed Traffic Calming Works at R630 Rosehill, Midleton, Co. Cork.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that due to a technical issue this report has not been prepared and proposed that this item be deferred to coincide with the meeting to be held in relation to the Part 8 Planning for Youghal Lighthouse. All Members were in agreement with the proposal.

3.6 Section 38 Report: Proposed Traffic Calming Works at The Rock, Midleton, Co. Cork.

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3.7 East Cork Municipal District Regional and Local Roads (Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance) 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	100%
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) Donnackmore 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	100%
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	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 12	LP	L-3818	East Cork – L3818 (part) Ballyrussell to Loughane	2600	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 13	LS	L-7683	East Cork – L7663 (part) Monagurra to Ballyduff	1800	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LP	L-3642	East Cork – L3642 (part) Ballyvaloon	705	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 15	R	R-630	East Cork – R630 Lower Aghada to Whitegate	2267	100%
RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =					31,260	
Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3601	East Cork – L3601 Monaleen	1658	5%
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	LS	L-7834	East Cork – L7834 Coolcap	1906	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 3	LT	L-38061	East Cork – L38061 (part) High Road Killeagh	400	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LS	L-7839	East Cork – L7839 Dishane	800	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LS	L-7828	East Cork – L7828 Ballyglavin	1491	50%
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	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 8	LP	L-38165	East Cork – L3816 (part) Knockadoon	1400	100%
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	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LP	L-3642	East Cork – L3642 Ballyvaloon	931	5%
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	LP	L-3630	East Cork – L3620 Stacks X to R629	1850	100%

				Ballymaloe		
Restoration Improvement	RI 13	LP	L-3809	East Cork – L3809 Kilmountain X to Mogeely	2000	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	LP	L-3628	East Cork – L3628 Whiterock (part)+ Thades Cross	210	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 15	LP	L-3626	East Cork – L3626 'Rocky Road' at Copperingerstown	850	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LS	L-7650	East Cork – L7650 Carrigagour	1299	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	R	R-630	East Cork – R630 Loughatalia to Rosehill	672	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-9402	East Cork – L9402 Park Street Midleton	156	100%
RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL =					19,396	

By Cork County Council

By Contractor

This item was marked as read.

3.8 East Cork Municipal District Footpath Programme 2021 – Progress Report:

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Footpath Programme 2021 to the Members.

Status	Location	Type of Works	Approx Length (m)	Status
1	Marian Terrace (outside #1), Aghada	Replace Existing	10	Completed
2	Lower Aghada (outside Siddons Court Estate)	Relocate ESB pole, modify wall/connect footpaths	5	Contract Awarded
3	Ballinacurra Village	Replace Existing	85	Contract Awarded
4	Ballymacoda Village	Replace Existing	80	Contract Awarded
5	St. Coleman's Terrace (outside 19B), Cloyne	Replace Existing	12	Completed
6	Rock Street, Cloyne	Replace Existing	30	Contract Awarded
7	Chapel Street, Cloyne	Replace Existing	70	Contract Awarded
8	Leamlara (by National School)	Build Outs	N/A	Completed

9	Elsinore Estate, Midleton	Replace Existing	150	Contract Awarded
10	St. Mary's Road, Midleton	Replace Existing	25	Contract Awarded
10	L-7725 Junction with Cork road (Oatencake), Midleton	Replace Existing	10	Contract Awarded
11	Dwyer's Road (at entrance to Industrial Estate), Midleton	Replace Existing	10	Completed
11	Riversfield Estate, Midleton	Replace Existing	50	Contract Awarded
12	Broomfield Hill (next to pedestrian crossing lights), Midleton	Replace Existing	10	Completed
13	South of entrance to Lauriston Estate entrance, Midleton	Replace Existing	5	Completed
14	R626 Mill Road (outside Pre-school), Midleton	Replace Existing	5	Completed
15	Redbarn	New Footpath	30	Completed
16	Upper Range (outside # 3), Rostellan	Replace Existing Kerb	N/A	Completed
17	Cois na Mara, Whitegate	Replace Existing	10	Completed
18	Thomas Davis Terrace, Whitegate	Replace Existing	10	Completed
19	Lower Road, (outside 2 Wavecreast), Whitegate	Replace Existing	6	Completed
20	Father Murpohy Terrace, Ballinacurra	Replace Existing	Localised Repairs	Completed
21	Cois na hAibhainn, Cloyne	Replace Existing	Localised Repairs	Completed
22	Laurel Court, Midleton	Replace Kerbs	Localised Repairs	Completed
23	Cork Road Bridge, Midleton	Replace Existing	Localised Repairs	Completed

Funding for the footpath programme is from a Countywide budget of €900,000. The budget is allocated on a per head population basis with East Cork Municipal District receiving an allocation of €123,178.

This item was marked as read.

3.9 Disabled Persons Parking Space Request at Upper Strand, Youghal.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated a map to the Members detailing the location of a request for the provision of a disabled persons parking space at Upper Strand, Youghal.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the Engineer could liaise with Bus Eireann regarding the removal of a bus stop sign at this location as the bus stop is now located near Perks Funfair and also at the Strand Church.

Cllr. Linehan Foley also asked if the proposed change for the disabled persons parking space at Raheen Park be included.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will email Bus Eireann regarding the removal of the bus stop sign at the proposed location.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that disabled persons parking spaces are not for the exclusive use of any one individual, it is important to note that they are for the benefit of all disabled drivers.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute:

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 28th July 2021.

“Can a plan be put in place for the Riverside Walkway (Main Street Relief Road), from the Cork Road bridge to the Lidl bridge and beyond, that this area would be developed as a public amenity, walkway, picnic area, in the future. So that the full potential of this area be utilised.”

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that Cormac O’ Suilleabhain Senior Engineer, Traffic and Transportation Section has undertaken a detailed design of the Ballinacurra to Middleton Cycleway and stated that this route will come up along Riverside Way and would be developed from the car park at Bailick Road which will run up to Dwyer’s Road.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Traffic and Transportation Section have done an excellent job on the walkway and cycleway and stated that a high standard will be delivered along Riverside Way area and also from Kennedy Park up to the Cork Bridge which in turn will be given full attention to dramatically improve these areas.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked the Municipal District Officer and Janette Kenny, Senior Engineer for the work done in this area.

Cllr. Twomey thanked Joe for a positive response to her motion.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of a grate that has been removed from under the Cork Bridge and stated that she has had a request from residents of the area to have same reinstalled.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this is not public property and cannot envisage Cork County Council being responsible for same.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th August 2021.

“Can the engineer investigate the L3656 for traffic calming measures”.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer that the footpath has been replaced at the Lower Section of Market Green providing traffic calming measures and stated that the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the soccer club is a candidate for funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme for 2022.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th August 2021.

“Can this MD actively source any relevant funding streams and allocate such to the Garryvoe Playground that is in urgent need of upgrading”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Hegarty supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that this was the first playground set up by Cork County Council and is the only playground in Cork County that does not have perimeter fencing and stated that the onus is on Cork County Council to give this playground a decent upgrade.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that repairs have been carried out on and off at this playground and stated that it is remarkable that it has survived for so long.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the usual procedure in relation to playground is to look towards local communities to fundraise, however with the playground at Garryvoe and having regard to its location which provides a good amenity for children over a large area, the Municipal District Officer stated that he will discuss the upgrade of this playground with the Engineer and discuss the recommendations and considerations including the provision of funding for this playground including the provision of fencing. In the meantime he informed the Members that a grant could be made available from discretionary funding and suggested that the local community group in Garryvoe make an application to Cork County Council for same.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there is a grant of between €7,000 - €15,000 available from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and stated that the playground that will be developed at Garryvoe will be appropriate to children’s needs. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will revert back to the Members in the coming months with a plan to fund same.

Cllr. Twomey thanked both the Municipal District Officer and the Senior Executive Officer for their comments and asked if the equipment at the playground be looked at as she stated it is not accessible for everyone.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that there is no specific funding stream for playground equipment.

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

"Asking Engineer to look at safety signage for Kilcoran Road beyond roundabout on entrance to Kilcoran Park, highly dangerous for residents trying to exit properties and speed is an issue, could verges be cut back and maybe signage and ramps.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will meet with Cllr. Linehan Foley at this location.

5.1.5 Cllr Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25th August, 2021

"Asking Engineer to look at more parking spaces in Dun Coran in grass area and an access area across green for wheelchair users as the ramps are dangerous on roadway".

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that Cork County Council do not have resources for the provision of extra car parking spaces within estates. Once an estate is taken in charge by Cork County Council roads and public lighting are maintained by the Council with water services being in the charge of Irish Water

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

"Asking that a survey be done in areas in Youghal on manhole covers a lot of them are loose – Copperally Close, Kilcoran Road, North Main Street to name a few".

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and also asked if the manhole covers outside Keary's Garage on the Cork Road, Midleton and outside the Baby's Walk could also be included.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that 95% of utility covers are not the responsibility of Cork County Council but stated that if the Members could forward photos of same and their detailed locations he will refer them onto the utility provider in question.

5.1.7 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st August 2021

“That the East Cork Municipal District engineers would consider possible ways of addressing an issue with the junction between Riverside Way, Church Lane and the 'Waters Edge' Bridge (Lidl bridge). Concerns involve vehicles coming from the northern end of town driving onto the footpath in order to bypass the vehicles stopped in the box which are awaiting a right turn arrow to Water's Edge. Also, vehicles coming from Church Lane attempting to turn right onto Riverside Way can be forced to wait until the stopped vehicle has left this box”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there is a private residence to the north east corner of this junction and stated that land acquisition could be necessary to widen the junction.

The Engineer informed the Members that a detailed design for this area will be looked at in conjunction with the new proposed cycleway and stated that the provision of a bollard at this location could be looked at in the short term, in the meantime he will have the ground loop checked out at the yellow box at Water's Edge in case there is a fault here.

5.1.8 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st August 2021

“That the East Cork Municipal District would collectively write to Mary Butler, Minister for Mental Health and Older People, and Michael Fitzgerald, HSE Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, urging the following:

- That necessary funding for construction / rebuild works on the Owenacurra Centre, Middleton would be committed to, as has been the case for other long-stay mental health facilities at St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork and St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, as well as at the high support unit in Carraig Mór, Shanakiel, Cork. The Owenacurra Centre is the only HSE long-stay and respite residential mental health facility in East Cork. Its permanent closure would involve far-reaching negative consequences for current service-users as well as future service-users who would avail of placement and rehabilitation there. The closure would also place considerable strain on the local Community Adult Mental Health team which is not resourced to meet the needs of the client group served by the Owenacurra Centre.
- That a binding commitment be made to retain at their current location the long-stay and respite mental health placements as well as the day service of the Owenacurra Centre which is currently home to nineteen residents, some for many years, and which has been recognised as an essential part of the local mental health services for several decades. The centralisation of these supports to facilities outside East Cork would be at odds with the HSE's own policy on community-based rehabilitation for people with long-term mental health placement needs”.

This motion was dealt with at the start of the Agenda.

5.1.9 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st August 2021

“To ask that an extension to Lisgoold cemetery be progressed as a matter of urgency. The capacity issue in the existing cemetery has been raised by the Lisgoold/Leamlara Community Council with the Municipal District since February 2020, and most recently at our June 2021 MD meeting, apparently without progress”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that a directive has been received from the Director of Services to approach the landowner and stated that the land in this vicinity will need to be surveyed to see if it is suitable for use as a cemetery.

5.1.10 Cllr. Ann- Marie Ahern, received on 1st September 2021

“The road from Corbally to Ballincurrig be resurfaced as it is in an impassable condition (continuation of the current surfacing).”

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

5.1.11 Cllr. Ann- Marie Ahern, received on 1st September 2021

“That an extra light be put at the top of the Old Road in Ballycotton due to lack of sight in the dark (Top of the Road after the Thatch Cottage)”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

5.1.12 Cllr. Ann- Marie Ahern, received on 1st September 2021

“Due to numerous crashes on the R626, that white lines be redone on the road (from East Cork Oil to Ballyedmond Bridge)”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will inspect and prioritise same.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received 1st September 2021

“That traffic calming measures and reader feedback signs be installed in Ladysbridge Village also appropriate line markings”.

Cllrs. McCarthy & Ahern seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate the lining in the centre of the village.

In relation to driver feedback sign the Engineer informed the Members that the local community be requested to submit an application for same and informed the Members that 50% contribution of the cost of same will be required towards the provision of same.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received 1st September 2021

“That immediate action be taken with regard to the traffic lights frequency “Stop Go” at Castlemartyr”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the management of these lights is an ongoing task and stated that this traffic light junction does not have the capacity to get the high volume of traffic at this location through especially as peak time at this junction now runs from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

The Engineer stated that the Mogeely Road has reopened since last Friday evening which may bring some relief to traffic on the N25 heading east and also stated that the volume of traffic heading east in the four week closure of this road increased to 226,000 vehicles, the amount of vehicles for the equivalent period of time in 2018 was 186,300 which is an increase of 21%.

The Engineer informed the Members that traffic heading to Castlemartyr on the approach from Ladysbridge will experience significant delays until there will be a Castlemartyr bypass.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received 1st September 2021

“Update on repairs to the parapet walls at Garryvoe, Ightermurragh etc”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the bridge at Garryvoe is on the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme with a design being carried out & environmental consent has been sent to An Bord Pleanala.

The Engineer will inspect the walls at Ightermurragh this week and will revert back to Cllr. Hegarty.

5.1.16 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 1st September 2021

“Can we have an update on the risk assessment from Water Safety Ireland last summer following requests for a lifeguard at Inch Beach. Also, request to have Caroline Casey, Water Safety Development Officer for guidance for support in the absence of a lifeguard at said popular beach location”.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this matter was raised last July and Cork County Council had engaged with Water Safety Ireland who conducted a risk assessment of Inch Beach which had been rejected by Cork County Council,

a more recent risk assessment has been conducted and Cork County Council are engaging with Caroline Casey, Water Safety Officer in respect of its recommendations.

The Senior Executive Officer also informed the Members that increased signage has been erected alerting beach users to rip tides in this area and what measures to take if caught in one and advising them of lifebuoys available also.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that when lifeguards are located on a beach it gives the indication that the beach is safe to swim in and advised that it is not safe to swim at this location and also stated that the public need to be aware and exercise personal responsibility.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked the Senior Executive Officer for his comments.

6). Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7). Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of awarding contract regarding road resurfacing works in particular on the Ballymacoda Road close to Kilcreda School and stated that the road closure notice clearly states that there is local access only to the school and asked if road signage could be amended for future contracts going forward to include school buses.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that once Cork County Council grants a road closure consideration is always given to the necessity of the road closure and stated that the work that is taking place presently on the R633 is an overlay job and it would not be feasible to allow traffic to go through these works and stated that to allow school buses to run through while works are taking place would add to the timescale of the works and further increase costs.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if this matter could be looked at going forward.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.