

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held via MS Teams
on 1st November, 2021 at 10.30 a.m.**

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).

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

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

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matter arose from the minutes.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.3 Part 8 – Fana na gCrann, Dungourney.

Karina Cremin and Joanne Crossland of the Architects Department gave the following brief synopsis of the Chief Executive's Report on Part 8 Planning for the construction of 2 new houses at Fana na gCrann, Dungourney, Co. Cork.

Notice in respect of the proposed development was published in the Irish Examiner dated the 27th August 2021 in accordance with Article 81 and Article 83 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

(a) Nature and Extent of the Proposed Development.

Cork County Council proposes the construction of residential housing units, comprising of; 2 no. three bedroom houses. Extension of existing access road and parking. Hard landscaping, including new boundary walls, footpath and street lighting. Soft landscaping including green areas and planning. Connecting to public utilities. All associated site works.

(b) Implications with respect of Planning and Development of the Area.

The proposed development conforms for the provisions of the County Development Plan and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

(c) Public Consultation.

The closing date for the receipt of submission and observations was Friday the 8th of October 2021.

The following Statutory Body was notified:

- Irish Water.

The response from Irish Water stated, 'no objection'.

No submissions were received from the public.

Karina Cremin recommended that the proposed development proceed in accordance with the drawings accompanying the Chief Executive's Report.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part 8 Process for the proposed development of 2 new houses at Fana na gCrann, Dungourney, Co. Cork.

3.1 Presentation by Youghal Family Resource Initiative.

Shirley Smyth, Project Coordinator, Youghal Family Resource Initiative gave the following presentation to the Members on the Youghal Family Resource Initiative.

Background:

- In March 2021, a steering group of organisations in Youghal established Youghal Family Resource Initiative.
- Long-term Goal is to be funded by TUSLA under the National Family Resource Centre programme.
- Currently a part-time one year project coordinator post.

Steering Group:

- Barnardos (lead agency)
- Cumann na Daoine
- Youghal Community Health Project
- Foróige
- YANA Domestic Violence Project
- Cork County Council
- Cork County Childcare
- Youghal Residents Network

Vision:

- A Community where all services, voluntary, statutory and community work together to improve the development, social, emotional healthy and educational and outcomes for children, young people and families.

Benefits:

- Universal and early intervention and prevention supports for children and families.
- Focus on Social and emotional supports for children and families.

Key Objectives:

- To improve children's social and emotional wellbeing.
- To improve parental wellbeing.
- To enhance parenting skills and increase parent's capacity to support their children's development.
- To ensure high-quality evidence based responses (based on models of practice and delivery proven to be successful) are delivered to families accessing services.
- To bridge a gap in service provision experiences in Youghal as a result of being an area of disadvantage with families of wide-ranging needs.

Why?

- Shortage of support services for children and families.
- Improve social and emotional well-being for children and families.
- Other agencies have identified gaps in service provision.

Profile:

- Over 3,000 people in Youghal Urban can be considered "disadvantaged" or "very disadvantaged" (Hesse & Ptatschke Deprivation index scores, (2016).
- Families with children under 15 years have 1 – children.
- The combined total of children under school age in Youghal is 669.
- 500 children do not have access to childcare due to capacity issues in registered childcare services in Youghal.

How You Can Help?

- Youghal needs a Family Resource Centre and for this to be included in the County Development Plan.
- Support us to have a permanent building in Youghal.
- Help us to spread the word about the supports we offer parents and children.
- Help us grow to meet demand! We are just starting out and have limited funding.

The Members thanked Shirley for her presentation which they stated was an absolutely imperative service to have within the community and stated that they would give their full support to the initiative.

3.2 Presentation in relation to Youghal Blue & Green Community.

Maria Power, Cumann na Daoine, Youghal gave the following presentation to the Members regarding the Youghal Blue and Green Community.

Vision:

- To ensure Youghal is the healthiest, cleanest, environmentally sustainable town to live and work in for all of our lives and generations.

Aims & Objectives:

- To work together in order to strengthen and support each other's work in relation to responding to climate change, enhancing biodiversity, ensuring clean beaches, healthy marine and coastal life while being sensitive and careful of our wildlife, woodlands and green environments.
- To do this through collaborating with each other and with agencies concerned with Youghal.
- To attract larger scale resources to deliver on our vision for Youghal.
- To promote the reduction of carbon emissions, renewable energy and support the development of clean energy efficient communities.
- To build greater awareness across the whole community of Youghal and bring all citizens with us.
- To share information, work together and agree on priorities for the Network.

Values:

- We will work together using community development principles of inclusion, empowerment, equality and acknowledging everyone's human rights.
- We will listen with respect to all members' views and the views of others who we come into contact with.
- We will be transparent and honest in our communications and negotiations with others.

Current Focus of our Work:

- Community Garden, Re-Wilding and Tree Planting.
- Funding submissions x 6.
- Attending webinars and weekly meetings/presentation inc. Q & A.
- Co-ordinating Energy Master Plan for Youghal (Sustainable Energy Community).
- Network development: Web/Social Media/Blog, Presentations.
- Guided Tours x 5 (seaweed, rivers, wild walks, bees, foraging) and Coastal Surveys.

- Fishing Families Story Board.

Presentations to the Network January – October 2021.

- UCC – BCOMAR/MaREI project on flooding.
- Eirgrid – Celtic Connector.
- UCC – Recycling Wind Turbines.
- The Ark – Mary Reynolds on Rewilding.
- Wildworks – Local Biodiversity Plan.
- UCC – Delta Lady ‘Blackwater Estuary’
- SEAI – Sustainable Energy Community.
- Eanna Ni Lamhna – Trees.
- CEF – Marine Protected areas.
- Dave Beecher – Soil.
- Ray McNally – Plan Energy.

Membership.

- The Network is open to individuals and representatives of other organisations who wish to work together on Blue and Green actions. Members are those who are committed to the Networks vision, aims and objectives and to proactively working together.
- Members include individual activists and experts (5) and representatives of the following community groups, Cumann na Daoine, Tidy Town, Active Retirement, Gael Scoil Chorain, Foroige, Community Health Project, Community Bus, Links CoOp, Clean Coasts, Bee Conservation Ireland, Community Garden Group, Community Radio, Eco Congregation Ireland, Cork County Council/Councillor, Bru na Sí.

The Members thanked Maria and commended both Maria and the Community Network on a very positive presentation and stated that it is very encouraging to see the involvement of community groups.

Cllr. Twomey asked what age range is involved. Maria informed the Members that it is an intergeneration project with Foroige and stated that they are hopeful that Pobal Scoil Transition Year Students will become involved.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy wished the group every success going forward.

3.4 Municipal District Officers Report November 2021.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Municipal District Officers Report November 2021 to the Members:

General Municipal Allocation 2021 – East Cork €241,300

Allocated as follows:

Amenity Grants €89,000– 44 organisations/groups received funding.
Capital Grants €85,000 - 7 organisations/groups received funding.
Community Contracts €51,000 - 30 organisations/groups received funding.

Town Development Fund 2021: €120,000

- Painting Scheme for Midleton & Youghal.
- Signage Scheme for Midleton & Youghal.
- Marketing and Development of Youghal Clock Gate Tower.
- Repair of historic Jail Steps in Youghal.
- Financial support for Midleton & Youghal Chambers.
- Upgrade of Market House, Youghal.
- Millennium Park Pond reinstatement.
- Signage to commemorate the Midleton Ambush
- Rejuvenation of Roxboro Park Midleton.
- Public realm enhancement works at 'The Gooses Acre'.
- Public realm enhancement works at the courthouse/Oliver Plunkett Place.

Project Act 2021

- The installation of two wheelchair accessible picnic benches, one in the Baby's Walk Park and one in Midleton Lodge Park. This initiative was proposed by the local Older Persons Council representative who is a key advocate for people with disabilities. The picnic benches were manufactured locally and have been installed in the parks and are proving to be very popular.
- The installation of 8 sets of seating and planters combined located throughout Midleton town in Baby's Walk Park, Midleton Lodge Park, Riverside Way, Bailick Car Park and Midleton Courthouse.
- Introduction of one way pedestrian system on the North Main Street and access to Dolphin Square Car Park in Youghal
- High visibility bollards at areas around Youghal where illegal parking created difficulties for social distancing.
- Road lining improvements throughout Youghal.
- New pedestrian crossings and speed ramps at Grattan St & Kent Street, Youghal.
- New picnic area in Greenpark, Youghal.
- New picnic benches at the Front Strand, Youghal.

- 12 outdoor dining applications granted.

Youghal Boardwalk Phase II . An additional 1.2km of boardwalk stretching from Claycastle to Redbarn was completed and opened in 2021. Its completion has created a continuous seaside walkway stretching 5 kilometres from Youghal Town Centre to Redbarn.

Midleton Pollinator Plan : Promotion of Midleton Pollinator Plan and extension of pollinator and biodiversity supporting community projects throughout the Municipal District, including Youghal, Ballinacurra and Saleen.

NTA funded project, Midleton.

The NTA funded the upgrading and enhancement of the amenity walkway from Bailick car park to Gaelscoil Mhainister na Corann. This is Phase 1 of the Ballinacurra to Midleton Pedestrian Walkway and Cycleway which will strongly integrate Ballinacurra and Midleton and will facilitate access to the MY (Midleton-Youghal) Greenway for pedestrians and cyclists.

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.

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. The project will be fully delivered in 2021.

St. Marys Collegiate Church, Youghal: The Voice of St Mary's is an immersive visitor experience at St Mary's Collegiate Church which was launched in 2021. Using a variety of interpretative media, you can engage with the 'Voices of St Mary's' and explore the meaning and significance of the site.

Conservation and Cleaning of Public Sculptures and Monuments.

In this year of commemorations and anniversaries the Municipal District arranged for the conservation and cleaning of public sculptures and monuments including:-

The Clonmult Monument, Midleton.

Nellie Cashman, Angel of the Cassiars, sculpture, Midleton.

Gyrators, sculpture, Midleton.

Sheep and Post, Sculpture, Fair Green, Midleton.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if the painting scheme was used to its full capacity.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that the painting scheme was fully subscribed to with 24 applications received in the Youghal area and 2 applications received from the Midleton area.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the closure of River Street, Cloyne and asked if it funding could be made available from the Town Development Fund to have painting works carried out here. Cllr. Twomey supported this request.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Town Development Fund does not extend to the Cloyne area.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if an exception could be made for this request due to the disruption that has taken place at River Street and asked if the scheme could be amended to facilitate Cloyne.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will investigate the possibility of funding which may be available from reserve discretionary funding or from the Town Development Fund which could accommodate this request.

3.5 Section 183 Notice – Grant of Right of Way at Owenacurra Business Park, Midleton to Priority Geotechnical Ltd.

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 Owenacurra Business Park, Midleton, Co. Cork, for access to industrial site.

To Whom It Is Proposed

To Dispose: Priority Geotechnical Limited.

Consideration: €1

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

3.6 Section 183 Notice – Disposal of site at Ballylongane, Garryvoe.

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Situation: Disposal site at Ballylongane, Garryvoe.

Area: c.0.60 acres.

To Whom It Is Proposed

To Dispose: Mr. Tony Perry, Breda Buckley, Pat Costigan & Rosie Buckley.

From Whom Acquired: Historic CCC Site.

Consideration: €95,000.00

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

3.7 East Cork Municipal District Regional & Local Roads (Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance) Programme 2021 – Progress Report.

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	0	Deferred to 2022
Restoration Maintenance	RM 5	R	R-627	East Cork – R627 (part) Donnackmore to Murleys X	3000	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 6	LS	L-7804	East Cork – L7804 (part) Ballyknockane	2911	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 7	LS	L-7803	East Cork – L7803 Kilnafurry	1281	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 8	LP	L-3814	East Cork – L3814 (part) Redbarn	1125	100%
Restoration	RM 9	LS	L-7861	East Cork – L-7861	1524	100%

Maintenance				Pilmore Road		
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	0	Deferred to 2022
Restoration Maintenance	RM 15	R	R-630	East Cork – R630 Lower Aghada to Whitegate	2267	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM Extra	LS	L-7804	East Cork – L7804 (part) Ballyknockane	1000	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM Extra	LT	L-78041	East Cork – L78041 Glenacrogbery	800	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM Extra	LP	L-3646	East Cork – L3646 Trabolgan Road	1500	100%
			RESTORATION MAINTENANCE TOTAL =		28,803	
Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3601	East Cork – L3601 Monaleen	1658	100%
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	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	LS	L-9509	East Cork – L9509 (part) Sweetfield Estate	80	100%
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	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	R	R-629	East Cork – R629 Approach to Ballycotton	306	100%
Restoration	RI 11	LP	L-3642	East Cork – L3642	931	100%

Improvement				Ballyvaloon		
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	LP	L-3630	East Cork – L3620 Stacks X to R629 Ballymaloe	1850	100%
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	0	Deferred to 2022.
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-9402	East Cork – L9402 Park Street Midleton	156	100%
			RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT TOTAL =		18,724	

By Cork County Council

By Contractor

Cllr. Twomey stated that she was disappointed that the works were not carried out at Rosehill and stated that she would be hopeful they will be a priority for 2022.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that it was unfortunate that the works at Rosehill were not completed this year but stated that no further funding was available to carry out these works.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked Dave, Joe, Helen and the outdoor staff involved in the works carried out at Sweetfields Estate, Youghal and stated that the residents also wished to convey their gratitude for these works.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the Engineer could take a look at the road in Inchiquin.

The Engineer informed the Members that surfacing works have been completed on this road in the last week.

3.8 Speed Limit Review – Regional, Local Roads & National Road Submissions Draft A, East Cork.

The Members agreed to defer this item until the December Meeting and agreed that the meeting will commence at the earlier time of 10.00 a.m. to give the Members 30 minutes to consider the Speed Limit Review.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

4.1 Budget 2022.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Draft Budgetary Plan 2022 to the Members:

The attached schedule provides for a total Budget of €8,707,350. This total includes €8,492,366 in respect of Municipal District Works as detailed hereunder, €120,609 for the General Municipal Allocation and €94,375 for Town and Village Development Funds (€60,000 Towns, €34,375 Villages).

B01 National Primary Roads – Maintenance and Improvement – Budget Amount €28,562.

This provision is in respect of grants funding for the maintenance and improvement of the N.25 National Primary Road in the Municipal District (excluding Dual Carriageway).

B03 Regional Roads – Maintenance and Improvement - Budget Amount €1,120,095

This funding is in respect of the general maintenance and improvement of regional roads in the Municipal District and includes for verge trimming at junctions and works in connection with the presentation of towns and their approaches (€107,431), pothole repairs and patching, drainage maintenance and jetting, signage renewals, road markings, winter maintenance, flooding/severe weather responses and emergency callouts.

B04 Local Roads – Maintenance and Improvement – Budget Amount €4,827,803.

As with the National Primary and Local Roads this provision is in respect of the general maintenance and improvement of Local Roads and the significant budget of €4.8 million reflects the large network of local roads in the Municipal District.

B08 School Wardens/Road Safety – Budget Amount €66,919

This element of the Budget provides for the employment of School Wardens at several locations throughout the Municipal District in addition to funding training programmes, equipment supply and ancillary and related requirements, for example the promotion and improvement of road safety.

B09 Car Parking/Parking Enforcement – Budget Amount €112,953

This provision relates exclusively to Parking Regulation and Enforcement, including pay, equipment, equipment maintenance (parking machines and signage etc.), stationary, administration of fees and fines, prosecutions and training.

C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences – Budget Amount €235,355

This budget covers a total of 10 public conveniences in the Municipal District. There are four Automatic Public Conveniences and one conventional public toilet in the town of Youghal, two Automatic Public Conveniences in Midleton Town and one conventional toilet in Ballycotton, one in Garryvoe and another in Redbarn. The contracts for the Automatic Public Conveniences are perceived as costly, however the contracts cover all maintenance and material costs and the units are extremely robust and vandal proof thus eliminating significant costs in repairs and replacement which arise in connection with conventional public toilets. The Automatic Public Conveniences also eliminate the very costly negative effect which arises from reports of unsightly and apparently badly maintained public toilets, even though this condition is caused by irresponsible vandalism and not by any failure on the part of local authorities. There is also the advantage that they are wheelchair accessible and are available 24/7.

D.1101 – Heritage Services – Budget Amount €120,740

This budget provision supports heritage conservation, promotion and regeneration in Youghal. It provides funding for local match funding which generates grant funding through initiatives such as the Historic Towns Initiative, for example restoration work on the Town Walls and conservation and restoration of the floor in St. Mary's Collegiate Church. It also supports the preparation and progress of plans such as the Heritage Led Plan for Enhancement of the Public Realm and promotional projects such as branding and tourism information strategies.

E05 – Litter Management – Budget Amount €41,175

Included in this programme is pay for litter prevention in the deployment of Litter Wardens and for litter clean-up activities.

E06 – Street Cleaning – Budget Amount €509,821

This is one of the areas of significant cost and expenditure. Both of the former Town Councils in Youghal and Midleton put significant resources in funding and staff deployment towards street cleaning in the town centres. The split is €279,931 attributable to Midleton and €229,890 attributable to Youghal. As the description infers a high intensity regime of street cleaning, as in regular sweeping of town centres and other streets and public spaces, throughout the year but more intensively in the high season was annually maintained in both towns. Litter bins provided in high numbers require daily attention in emptying and disposal of the waste gives rise to significant costs. Costs for the disposal of waste also arises where clean ups are necessary to deal with waste arising to any significant extent outside of the areas catered for in the cleansing regime and in relation to circumstances where illegal dumping occasionally gives rise to litter blackspots.

E09 – Maintenance of Burial Grounds €160,682

Most of the expenditure in relation to these operations is attributable to Youghal (North Abbey) and Environs (€142,631 with €18,051 attributable to the Midleton rural areas). The

graveyards operation and management in Midleton town are the responsibility of the Parish.

F10 – Safety of Structures and Places €208,531

Here again, as might be expected, the greater part of the expenditure, €191,245 is attributable to the historic Youghal Area stretching from Youghal itself to Garryvoe and relates to a great extent to water safety in connection with beaches, rivers and quays including the employment of lifeguards and provision of lifesaving equipment. The balance of the funding, €17,286 includes similar activities in the rest of the Municipal District and such issues as derelict sites and dangerous structures and places.

F01 – Leisure Facilities Operations €61,000

The expenditure of €61,000 arises from commitments and responsibilities in connection with the public swimming pool and leisure centre at Claycastle, through Claycastle Leisure Company Limited.

F03 – Outdoor Leisure Operations – Budget Amount €617,315

This is the highest expenditure area in the Municipal District Budget, except for roads expenditure, and reflects the resources committed to maintaining the high standards of presentation, landscaping, cleanliness and care of public parks, amenity areas, public walkways and promenades and beaches. The magnificent beach in Youghal alone requires expenditure of over €160,651 with additional funds attributable to other beaches in the Municipal District such as the very popular beaches at Garryvoe and Ardnahinch. Both Youghal and Midleton have significant numbers and scale of public parks, amenity areas and public walkways requiring a high level of expenditure, over €150,661 for Midleton and over €235,501 for Youghal. Playground maintenance costs €52,771.

F04 – Community, Sport and Recreation Development – Budget Amount €83,592

This figure provides funding for the maintenance of Corporate Buildings, in Youghal where several buildings of historic and heritage importance were vested in the former Youghal Town Council and are now the responsibility of Cork County Council.

However, when the General Municipal Allocation and the Town and Village Development Funds, are factored in giving a total of €298,576 then Community, Sport and Recreation Development is the third highest expenditure area in the Municipal District Budget, again except for roads expenditure, and the bulk of this, over €214,000, is directed to community organisations and groups by way of grants under the Community Fund Grants Schemes (€120,609) and to towns and villages through the Town Development Fund (€60,000) and the Village Renewal Fund (€34,375).

F05 – Operation of Arts Programme – Budget Amount €100,000

This provision of €100,000 supports Enterprise Youghal through Hatherton Limited, in the management and maintenance of St. Mary's College for start-up office units and craft units/studios etc. in the amount of €40,000, management and maintenance of the St. Mary's College Gardens €30,000, €13,000 for the Queen of the Sea Festival and Youghal Socio Economic Development Group and €17,000 in respect of Yew Wood Venues promoting the Arts.

F06 Agency and Recoupable Services – Budget Amount €4,300

This modest budget provides for minor works in relation to walks, trails and seating areas.

G01 Land Drainage Costs – Budget Amount €17,540

This funding is provided for the maintenance of a Designated Land Drainage Area in part of the Youghal Engineers Area of the Municipal District.

G02 – Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours – Budget Amount €128,490

This is a relatively modest provision with about €10,300 attributable to Youghal and over €118,190 to the entire Municipal District in relation to the operation and maintenance of piers and harbours generally.

G03 – Coastal Protection – Budget Amount €41,789

This modest provision is used to enable minor general maintenance works in coastal areas.

H06 Weighbridge – Budget Amount €1,290

This provision supports weighbridge operations in connection with transport regulations.

H07 – Operation of Markets/Casual Trading – Budget Amount €4,414

This is a modest provision in the Municipal District Budget reflecting the low level of activity in relation to the operation of markets and casual trading. The Members may be aware that the review of Casual Trading Bye Laws for County Cork is presently ongoing and that there has not been any significant activity throughout most of the County for many years in connection with Casual Trading. This is an area gaining in popularity and has potential to bring benefits and encourage economic activity. It is now generally recognised that the operation of Casual Trading in Midleton on Saturday mornings has significantly enlivened the town and increased business throughout the town on Saturdays. Much of the credit for this success must be ascribed to the Midleton Farmers' Market group and their commitment to achieving the highest standards of product quality, product variety and mix and the excellence of service and presentation. Credit must also be ascribed to the former Midleton Town Council who supported the carrying out of Casual Trading from the outset, even in the face of local opposition, and for the investment in providing a very pleasant, attractive and

safe area as the Designated Casual Trading Area at the Fair Green. The former Youghal Town Council supported the operation of Casual Trading at several locations in the town for many years with beneficial effects. The allocation of funds is in the amount of €2,694 in respect of Midleton and €1,720 in respect of Youghal.

Of note is that the funding for the General Municipal Allocation, the Town Development Fund and the Village Enhancement Fund has been reduced by 50% resulting in the following provisions:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Municipal Allocation:	€241,218	€120,609
Town Development Fund:	€120,000	€60,000
Village Enhancement Fund:	<u>€ 68,750</u>	<u>€ 34,375</u>
	€429,968	€214,984

The funding provided for Presentation of Towns and Villages/Verge Trimming has been increased from €95,173 to €107,431, an increase of €12,258 (B0301).

Cllr. Susan McCarthy proposed to reject the Draft Budget as she stated she would not be happy to sign off on same due to the fact that the General Municipal Allocation has been reduced from €241,300 to €120,609 which is a reduction of 50%.

Cllrs. Ahern, Twomey, Quaide & Hegarty supported Cllr. McCarthy's proposal to reject as presented the 2022 Draft Budget.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Chief Executive Officer has circulated a letter setting out the reasons in cuts to the 2022 Budget and stated that the cuts apply to all Municipal Districts.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will notify the Finance Department and the Chief Executive's Office of the Members decision.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th October, 2021

"Asking for update on footpath for part of Dermot Hurley Estate, Youghal".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this item is not on the footpath programme for 2021 and stated that it will be looked at in next year's programme subject to funding.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th October, 2021

"Asking for update on Quarry Road footpath and drainage works".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this project has been funded by the NTA Towns & Villages Programme and managed by the Traffic & Transportation Section and stated that surveying works have commenced at this location.

The Engineer informed the Members that he has emailed Cormac Ó' Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer, Traffic & Transportation Department for a response but stated that he is presently on leave and informed the Members that once he receives a response from Cormac he will revert back to the Members.

5.1.3 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th October, 2021

“Asking ECMD to look at wall repairs on North Road, Youghal”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has no update on this matter and stated that the land is owned by the IDA.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that this is an ongoing issue with a number of years and stated that she has been in contact with the IDA on this matter and also informed the Member that it will cost in the region of €50,000 to repair this wall.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked that the matter be kept on the Agenda.

5.1.4 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 27th October, 2021

“That the Council look at installing lighting from the Council car park to the rear of the AIB in Midleton Town Centre”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

5.1.5 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 27th October, 2021

“Is there any update on the removal of the barriers and obstruction of public walkways at Ballinacurra, Midleton (outside Bennets) which are causing pedestrians to walk on the road”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is appropriate that contact is made with the property owner and stated that he will inspect the area and do a report to address any safety risk to the public.

5.1.6 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 27th October, 2021

“Is there an update the reports following on my previous motion regarding the erection of barriers on the R627 by "The Glen" outside Dungourney Village from Dungourney to

Midleton where the ditch has fallen away and look at the road verges from Dungourney Village to Clonmult Village”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this matter is with the Roads Design Office for examination to come up with a technically feasible solution for a crash barrier.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 27th October, 2021

“Can the Kilva Road be added to the roads programme, and in the meantime can pothole repair be done on the Cloyne road junction side, alongside the installation of reflective green bollards”.

Cllr. Ahern seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Kilva Road is on a three year multi annual programme and will be inspected and listed for road repairs, the Engineer also informed the Members that he will look at the provision of the installation of reflective green bollards also.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 27th October, 2021

“Can the engineer look at the feasibility of introducing a traffic lighted right of way system in Ballycotton village, at particular pinch points to avoid the congestion associated with the road, which when parked cars are present it becomes much too narrow to accommodate two lanes of traffic. Either this or look at the parking provision and if some can be removed without directly effecting residents”.

Cllrs. Hegarty & McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the option of traffic lights will not work at this location in the meantime the Engineer will refer this matter to the Roads Directorate.

5.1.9 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 27th October, 2021

“Can the R629 at Lower Road Ballinacurra be inspected for localised repair. There are patches that need to be looked at that are deteriorating further and will continue to do so as the weather gets worse into the winter”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that trench reinstatements have been repaired at this location. The Engineer will inspect this road but stated that works may not take place until 2022 due to budgetary reasons.

5.1.10 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th October 2021

“Repairs needed to footpath on West side of Main Street, Ladysbridge. Can we also have an update on the footpath programme?”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works are due to start at the main junction back towards the Castlemartyr approach and also informed the Members that lining has been carried out on the 5 cross roads at the centre of the village, a ‘Driver Feedback’ sign is due to be erected on the approach road from Garryvoe which has been funded under the Safety Improvement Scheme.

5.1.11 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th October 2021

“Repairs needed to L36383 road at Churchtown South”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer suggested that the residents of this road look at the possibility of applying for a CIS Scheme, in the meantime the road in question will continue to be patched in order of priority, the Engineer also informed the Members that the local primary road from Churchtown South to Shanagarry is listed on a three year look ahead programme.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Quaide, Ahern & Twomey supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that

5.1.12 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th October 2021

“As retailers and businesses readjust to full opening hours, can we have an update on the traffic warden arrangement for Midleton. Prior to the first lockdown, the sometime presence of a warden coming in on an ad hoc basis was extremely effective in managing traffic violations in the town centre”.

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that a Traffic Warden was introduced in the Midleton area pre – Covid on an ad hoc basis and stated that resource issues are stretched between Cobh and Youghal as one of the Traffic Wardens is on sick leave, in the meantime the arrangement for the introduction of a Traffic Warden for the Midleton area will be introduced in the coming weeks.

5.1.13 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 27th October 2021

“That the East Cork Municipal District would revisit a motion from January 2020 to pursue the development of a segregated cycle-path that would link up Whitegate with the planned pathway from Ballinacurra to Midleton. This seems a logical extension of the Ballinacurra to Midleton plan that could be achieved with relative ease given the width of the road and the existing 'people's path' in place for a section of the route It would involve immense benefits

for local residents and a significant enhancement of the tourism appeal of East Cork. Also, given the much increased government funding for active travel since the original motion it would seem a good time to revisit this proposal”.

All Members supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will forward this motion to the Traffic & Transportation Section.

5.1.14 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 27th October 2021

“That the East Cork Municipal District would pursue the construction of a footpath with lighting from the An Trá Geal housing estate in Garryvoe to the Garryvoe Hotel to improve active travel connection for young people getting buses to school and for the benefit of residents more generally”.

Cllrs. Hegarty & Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that 300m of footpath is what is required for this area which could be accommodated from space on the road verge and also stated that this matter could be considered to go forward to the NTA for funding.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27th October 2021

“Repairs to road from Park Creamery to Mullara Cross”.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27th October, 2021

“Repairs to road from Clonmult Village to Ambush Cross and on towards Walshtownmore”.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27th October, 2021

“When will works commence on Ballyandreen Road as committed to a while back”.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that all his motions be moved and requested a report on same from the Senior Executive Engineer.

6. Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he has received a request from the Midleton Farmers Market to hold a market on 23rd December next and are seeking the Members approval for same. The Members were in full agreement with this request.

2. Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that he has received a request from Tom Mulcahy to make a short presentation to the Members at the December meeting.
3. Cllr. Danielle Twomey requested that the junction in Cloyne be relisted for road lining markings. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate this matter.