**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held via MS Teams on 4th January 2022 at 2.00 p.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.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.

 Mrs. Geraldine O’ Connell (Youghal Office).

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6th December 2021.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th December 2021, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr Ahern.

1. **Matter Arising from Minutes.**

No matter arose from the minutes.

1. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

**3.1 Footpath Programme 2021 – Progress Report.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Progress Report on the Footpath Works Programme 2021 for the East Cork Municipal District to the Members.

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| Project # | 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 | Completed |
| 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  | 260 | Completed |
| 10 | St. Mary’s Road, Midleton | Replace Existing  | 25 | Contract Awarded |
| 10 | L-7725 Junction with Cork road (Oatencake), Midleton  | Replace Existing  | 10 | Design |
| 11 | Dwyer’s Road (at entrance to Industrial Estate), Midleton | Replace Existing  | 10 | Completed |
| 11 | Riversfield Estate, Midleton | Replace Existing  | 50 | Contractor Appointed |
| 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 Murphy Terrace, Ballinacurra | Replace Existing  | 15 | Completed |
| 21 | Cois na hAibhainn, Cloyne | Replace Existing  | 8 | Completed |
| 22 | Laurel Court, Midleton | Replace Kerbs | Localised Repairs | Completed |
| 23 | Cork Road Bridge, Midleton | Replace Existing | Localised Repairs | Completed |
| 24 | Gyratory, Midleton (Paving Blocks) | Replace Existing  | 100 | Completed |
| 25 | Main Street, Midleton (Paving Blocks) | Replace Existing  | 10 | Completed  |
| 26 | Lisgoold Village  | New Footpath | 285 | Contractor Appointed  |
| 27 | Castlemartyr to Mogeely | Replace Existing & New Drainage & New Public Lighting  | 320 | Completed  |
| 28 | Cork Hill, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 285 | Completed  |
| 29 | Raheen Crescent, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 107 | Completed |
| 30 | East Cork Youth Reach, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 10 | Completed |
| 31 | Golf Links Road, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 41 | Completed  |
| 32 | Main Street, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 40 | Completed |
| 33 | Red Store, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 6 | Contractor Appointed |
| 34 | Carlton Wharf, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 50 | Completed |
| 35 | Lighthouse Hill, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 70 | Contractor Appointed  |
| 36 | Bridewell, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 40 | Contractor Appointed  |
| 37 | Breton Road, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 6 | Contractor Appointed  |
| 38 | Cork Hill, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 3 | Contractor Appointed  |
| 39 | Marine Bar, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 19 | Completed |
| 40 | McCurtain’s Street, Youghal  | Replace Existing  | 8 | Completed  |
| 41 | Seafield, Youghal | Replace Existing  | 36 | Completed |
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 Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of Riversfield Estate and asked when the works are due to commence. Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the works are due to commence this week.

Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the programme and asked if Phase III of the proposed footpath for Seafield from Wards to the main road is to be completed. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works are to be advanced this year.

**3.2** **Speed Limit Review - Regional, Local Roads & National Road Submissions Draft A East Cork – Report circulated with November Meeting.**

The Speed Limit Review - Draft A East Cork was considered and will be submitted as approved.

**4. Business Prescribed by Statute:**

None.

**5. Notices of Motion.**

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th December, 2021

“Is there any update on my previous motion regarding traffic calming measures for the Old Cork Road, has the engineer had a chance to investigate this?”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will endeavor to carry out a speed survey at this location by the end of February.

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

“Footpath from Willowbank entrance to Radharc Na Cora, Mill Road, the footpath is currently the same level as the road and is extremely dangerous. Could the engineer look at a possible beacon crossing for this point”.

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that options for the Upper Mill Road will be explored in the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway Scheme and also informed the Members that a contractor has been appointed to undertake this scheme, in the meantime the Engineer will forward the motion to Cormac O’ Súilleabháin Senior Engineer, Traffic and Transportation Section for his attention.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that minor drainage works will be carried out on this section of road prior to resurfacing works.

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

Can *slow down* or children crossing signage be installed outside or within the vicinity of the pre-school area on Mill Road, can *slow down* road markings be painted on the road at this location”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that ‘Children Crossing’ signage is only used at schools and playgrounds. The Engineer informed the Members that there is a controlled pedestrian crossing in place 50 metres from the playschool with a number of advanced warning signs on either side of the Railway Crossing. The Engineer stated that the provision of further signage would detract from these, in the meantime he will have a speed survey carried out at this location.

5.1.4 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 20th December, 2021

“That the council carry out an inspection of the road from Curraghdermot to Britway Cross”.

Cllr. Ahern will forward the eircode for this location to the Senior Executive Engineer who will investigate same.

5.1.5 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 20th December, 2021

“Can the Council carry out a review of the junction at Broderick Street and Main Street, Midleton where traffic congestion is impacting the town”.

Cllr. Ahern informed the Members that the rear end of a Bus Eireann bus which is not parked in a proper manner is blocking traffic at the southern end of Broderick Street.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer informed the Members that Bus Eireann have extended the length of the yellow box at this location and also informed the Members that she been in contact with a Bus Eireann Inspector regarding this matter and stated that the inspector undertook to drive the bus himself and had no issues with the design and layout of the markings, the inspector agreed to liaise with the bus drivers regarding this matter and stated that it will be kept under review.

5.1.6 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 20th December, 2021

“Is there any update on the R626 road from the Midleton Relief Road to Midleton Educate Together”.

This motion has been dealt with under motion no. 5.1.1

5.1.7 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 22nd December, 2021

“In view of the fact that Ladysbridge Tidy Towns Group have incurred a shortfall in completing a concrete pathway on a section of the Ladysbridge Loop to make this part accessible to all users in particular to families with wheelchairs and buggies, that the sum of €3,725 would be allocated from the Reserve Grants Fund of Cork County Council to facilitate same as this is an amenity enjoyed by all citizens”.

Cllrs. McCarthy, Linehan Foley & Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he has no hesitation in supporting the Ladysbridge Tidy Towns Group and stated that he will endeavor to have the funding paid out as quickly as possible.

5.1.8 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 22nd December, 2021

“That the road from Garryvoe Cross Roads, Ballybutler, Kilcredan to Kilcredan School be repaired urgently”.

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Executive Engineer has listed this road for repairs and will prioritise same as best he can.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 22nd December, 2021

“That Cork County Council in particular within the East Cork Municipal District considers, on a trial basis, the installation of “Solar Street Bins” to address the problem of litter in our towns, villages and environment”.

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion and stated that Local Authorities across the country who have installed the use of solar street bins have engaged with Local Business Associations requesting that they sponsor these bins and have their businesses advertised on same.

Cllr. Linehan Foley also supported this motion and proposed that the Chamber of Commerce in both Midleton and Youghal and also Youghal Business Alliance be contacted to come on board.

Cllr. Quaide supported the motion and stated that he has seen these bins being used in Kilkenny and has been a great success.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, requested that Cllr. Hegarty forward on all relevant information to him regarding the use of these bins. The Municipal District Officer will then forward same onto the Environment Department who will in turn advise the Members in relation to the proposal.

**6)**. **Correspondence.**

No correspondence was received.

**7).** **Any Other Business**.

1. Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that she has been contacted by residents of the Ballycotton/Whitegate area regarding the ongoing issue of boiled water notices in these areas and proposed that a representative from Irish Water be contacted to discuss this serious issue.

Cllr. Twomey supported Cllr. McCarthy on this matter and also proposed that a representative from Irish Water attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District to discuss this issue as it appears no works are due to be undertaken by Irish Water resolve this issue.

Cllr. Ahern proposed that the East Cork Municipal District seek a full written report from Irish Water requesting the following:

* Number of times a boiled water notice was issued in the past 24 months.
* How long each notice was in place.
* Identify causes and reasons of notice.
* How Irish Water propose to fix the issue on a long term basis.

Cllr. Hegarty fully supported these sentiments and asked where we are regarding the water supply from Inniscarra that was meant to be put in place.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Quaide also supported this matter. Cllr. Quaide requested that the issue of the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Saleen be included.

1. Cllr McCarthy raised the issue of 2 sinkholes in the area of Midleton Downs, one which is deteriorating quite rapidly. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this matter has been inspected this morning with fencing being erected around the area today.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an update on all LED lighting in the East Cork Area for the February meeting.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if all Christmas Trees are free of charge to dispose of in the Cork County Area.
4. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the shores at the Quay area and the Credit Union area be checked.

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