

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District
held via MS Teams on 7th March 2022 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. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office).

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 7th February 2022.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr Ahern.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

2.1 Cllr. McCarthy asked is there has been any response from Coillte regarding the request for a representative to attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that no response has been received to date.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Municipal Districts Officer Report – March 2022 to the Members:

Town Development Fund 2022

EAST CORK MD

We would hope to present recommended projects for approval under the Town Development Fund, 2022 at the April meeting of the Municipal District.

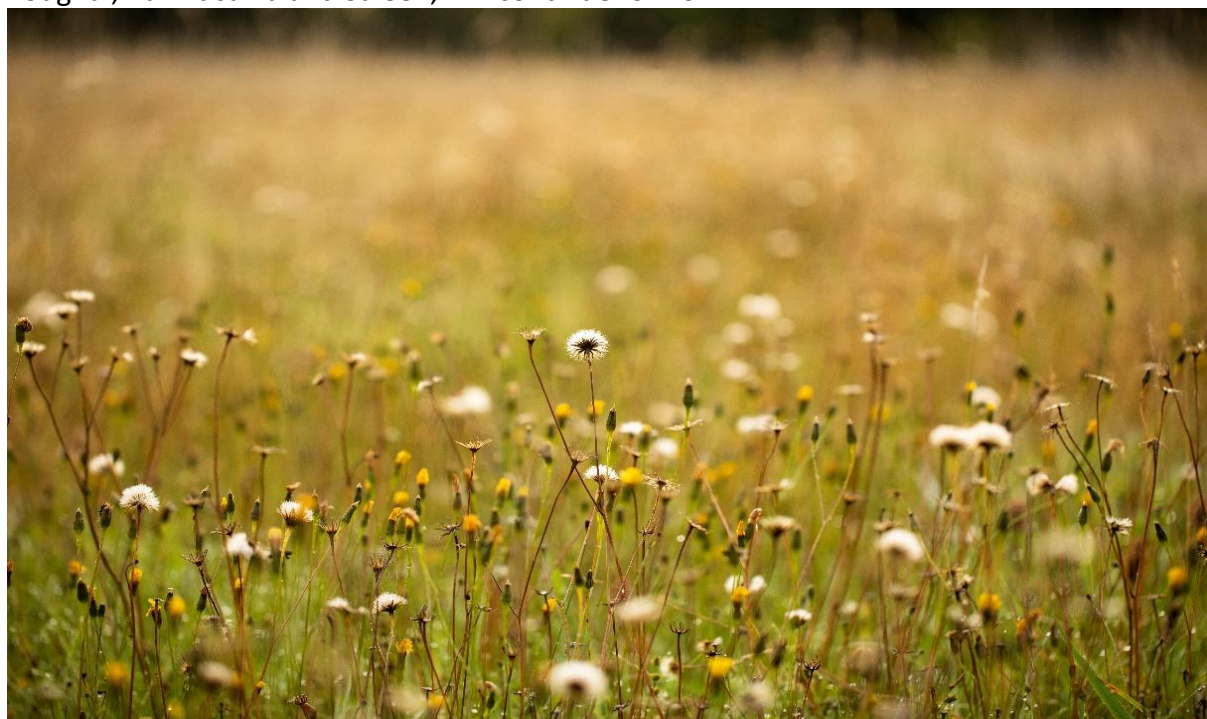
However, having regard to the popularity of the Scheme, we would ask the Members to now approve the assignment of €20,000 from the Town Development Fund, 2022 to the Painting Scheme for Youghal and Midleton so that this scheme can be launched immediately.

CIVIC/CAPITAL PROJECTS

Location	Project Type	Stage 2021	Stage 2022
Midleton	Enhancement of streetscape	Consultants appointed Part 8 Completed	Advertise for tenders
Youghal Lighthouse (Phase II)	Conservation & Refurbishment	Consultants Appointed, Part 8 completed.	Secure funding, Tender Stage & Commence Construction.
Youghal Courthouse	Conservation & Refurbishment	Consultants appointed Feasibility Study	Submit for Part VIII

OTHER PROJECTS

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, will continue for 2022.



Midleton Lodge Pollinator Pathway.

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. We anticipate further progress of this project during 2022.

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. A further grant of €10,000 from the Village Enhancement Scheme 2021 operated by the Council was approved at the December Municipal District Meeting.

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.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020, Accelerated Measures – Castlemartyr Footpath Projects.

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 (Council funded scheme). We are advised that it is necessary to retender the project as the contractor has not progressed a multi-site works package awarded in 2021 and has now formally withdrawn from the contract.

Traffic and Transport Section has advised that the footpath should be increased to be a 3m wide shared cycle / footpath standard – and we will tender on that basis. The Senior Engineer advises that once tenders are back, Traffic and Transport will confirm National Transport Authority's approval of any necessary budget increase /required for the provision of 3 m shared cycleway. The Senior Engineer also suggested bike stands near junction by disability viewing area.

Roads Design Office has been asked to detail the pedestrian crossing works at the Hotel Entrance and we will engage with the Hotel once details are available.

Castlemartyr Community Group and Castlemartyr Carers group will be contacted regarding the proposal.

Extent of works is Phase 1 only – i.e. from traffic lights to Woods entrance. Current estimate for these works is €175,000. A later phase 2 from the Woods Entrance to the GAA footpath

could provide for a footpath / parking and a pedestrian crossing on the regional road to Bridgestown Estate.

Water Services will carry out their works at the Pumping Station in the next month or so.

Overview of Village Enhancement Scheme 2021 (Council Funded Scheme).

At the December 2021 Municipal District Meeting on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Susan McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Danielle Twomey, supported by Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern and resolved that the fund of €68,500 was approved to support a number of projects as follows:

1. Replacement of three footbridges in Glenbower Wood, Killeagh.

A grant of €36,000 had been secured under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020 from the Department as advised at the September Municipal District meeting and it was agreed that €10,000 from the Village Enhancement Scheme, 2021, operated by the Council, would be approved for this project.

2. Car Park, Ladysbridge.

It was agreed that €23,000 from the Village Enhancement Scheme, 2021, would be approved to have part of the car park near the Church in Ladysbridge resurfaced in tarmac and lined appropriately.

3. Churchtown South Community Hall.

It was noted that a major project for the repair, enhancement and refurbishment of the Community Hall in Churchtown South had been undertaken by the community and that they had raised a significant local contribution and had been successful in being approved for a significant grant from Leader funding. During the course of the development additional works not originally foreseen arose and needed to be carried out. A request for a contribution from the Council was made to the Municipal District and it was agreed and approved that €30,000 from the Village Enhancement Scheme, 2021, be granted to enable completion of this project.

4. Whitegate Rowing Club.

On the suggestion of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed and approved that the balance of €5,500 from the fund would be made as a contribution towards a project by Whitegate Rowing Club.

The Members of the East Cork Municipal District expressed their satisfaction at the spread and diversity of the projects being supported in the Municipal District and commended the community groups involved.

Village Enhancement Fund, 2022 (Council Funded Scheme).

At the February 2022 Municipal District Meeting, on the proposal of Cllr. Twomey, seconded by Cllr. Hegarty it was unanimously approved by the Members that the Village Enhancement Fund for 2022 would be assigned to the development of a new playground in Garryvoe.

Graveyards/Cemeteries

The matter of capacity of several graveyards/cemeteries was raised at the February Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District. We are undertaking a review of burial grounds. We are looking at the possibility of extending the graveyard in Mogeely and providing additional plots at Killeagh. We are also considering what might be done in respect of the cemetery in Lisgould and the graveyard in Youghal. We will advise the Members regarding progress.

Cllr. Quaide supported Cllr. Twomey's request.

3.2 Midleton and Youghal Painting Scheme.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer requested the Members to now approve the assignment of €20,000 from the Town Development Fund, 2022 to the Painting Scheme for Youghal and Midleton so that this scheme can be launched immediately.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously agreed to approve the assignment of €20,000 from the Town Development Fund, 2022 to the Painting Scheme for Youghal and Midleton.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if any consideration could be given to towns and key villages within the East Cork Municipal District.

Cllr. Linehan Foley supported Cllr. Hegarty on this matter.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Town Development Fund is specifically for the primary towns of Midleton and Youghal and stated that there is not a similar budget to provide the scheme for towns and villages in the East Cork Municipal District.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, concurred with the Municipal District Officer regarding the Town Development Fund.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that they could consider using some of the funding from this year's Community Grants at their discretion and proposed that the Members hold an in committee meeting to discuss the provision of painting scheme to villages.

Cllr. Hegarty was in full agreement with this proposal.

In relation to grants to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Youghal and Midleton from the Town Development Fund Cllr. Twomey asked if consideration could be given to allocating some extra funding as the parades are so expensive to run. The Members unanimously agreed to allocate €1,500 to each town.

3.3 Section 183 Notice – Disposal of No. 47 Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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 of the East Cork Municipal District for their consideration. Details are set out in the attached draft notice.

Situation: Disposal of house at No. 47 Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal, Co. Cork.

From Whom Acquired: Michael Patrick Malone & Nancy Rose Malone.

To Whom It Is Proposed

To Dispose: Alan O' Mahony, 57 Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Consideration: €75,000

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

3.4 East Cork MD Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance Roads Programmes 2022.

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

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	Estimated Cost of Work (€)
Restoration Maintenance	RM 1	LP	L-3601-53, L-3601-85	East Cork – L-3601 (part) Ballyedmond to Rathgire	3,664	98,928.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	LP	L-3625-0	East Cork – L-3625 (part) Carneys Cross to Geargh Cross	1,700	42,075.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	R	R-629-0	East Cork – R-629 (part) Scarriff to Knockgorm	1,404	39,468.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 4	R	R-630-0	East Cork – R630 (part) Rostellan towards Whitewell	2,250	86,625.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 5	LS	L-7658-0	East Cork – Jamesbrook (Saleen to Garranekinnefeake)	1,960	35,280.00

Restoration Maintenance	RM 6	R	R-626-0	East Cork – R626 (part) Ballyedmond Bridge to East Cork Oil	1,061	40,848.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 7	LS	L-7694-0	East Cork – L7694 (part) Lisgoold East from Top Cross towards Ballycurrany	1,350	30,375.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 8	LP	L-3619-51	East Cork – L3619 (part) Ballintubber Road, Baneshane to Ballyvodock East	1,684	45,468.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 9	LP	L-3821-0	East Cork – L-3821 (part) Ladysbridge to Glennageare Cross	2,860	77,220.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 10	R	R627-129	East Cork – R-627 (part) Murleys Cross to Aughnalyra	2,220	85,470.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 11	LP, LS	L-3811-0, L-7850-0, L7856-0	East Cork – L7856 (part) & L3811 (part) Gortroe to Ballyling	5,128	115,380.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 12	LS	L-7857-0	East Cork – L7857 Burgress X to Gortnagark	879	19,777.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 13	LS	L-7858-0	East Cork – L7858 Clearies Road	1,318	29,655.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LS	L-7833	East Cork – L7833 Ballymacooley Bridge to Monashask Cross	4,201	101,993.00
RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =					31,379	848,562.00

Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3619-51	East Cork – L3619 Ballintuber Road (Section at Castlerock)	410	119,275.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	R	R-630-6	East Cork – R630 Loughatalia to Rosehill	672	272,493.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 3	R	R-634-9	East Cork – R634 Tallow Road at Halfway	931	251,370.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LP	L-3645-21	East Cork – L3645 Trabolgan to Ballyhook	600	105,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LP	L-3800-0, L-3800-16	East Cork – L3800 Rathorgan to Monalyre X	1,707	460,890.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	R	R-907-0	East Cork – R907 Cork Road, Midleton	94	441,320.00

Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LS	L-9524-0	East Cork – L9524 Sarsfield Terrace Youghal	256	38,400.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 8	LS	L-728-2	East Cork – Riversfield Estate	108	74,520.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 9	LS	L-7824-0	East Cork – L7824 from R627 to Barradaw	1,670	208,750.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	LS	L-7710-0	East Cork – Hydes Park, Ballinacurra	47	25,380.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LS	L-7844-0	East Cork – L7844 Kyle	1,212	136,350.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	R	L-R-626-0	East Cork – R626 (part) at Carrigogna	417	136,381.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 13	LP	L-3818-49	East Cork – L3815 (part) New Line Ballymacoda	275	37,825.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	LP	L-3601-0, L-3601-29	East Cork – L3601 Monaleen Bridge to Peafield X	1,680	231,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 15	LP	L-3615-19	East Cork – L3815 Kilcredan Road to Kilcraheen	1,330	166,250.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LP	L-3643-0	East Cork – L3643 Lahard	1,012	126,500.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	LS	L-7841-0	East Cork – L7841 (part) Ballyglassin	900	112,500.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-7657-0	East Cork – L7657 (part) at Jamesbrook	710	79,875.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 19	LS	L-7847-0	East Cork – L7847 (part) Ballyhobert	720	81,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 20	LP	L-3639-0	East Cork – L3639 (part) Ballydavid Road	814	143,264.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 21	LS	L-7806-31	East Cork – L7806 (part) Breeda Road by Breeda Bridge	1,000	112,500.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 22	LP	L-3633-57	East Cork – L3633 Churchtown to Ballycotton – Phase 1 Churchtown	1,200	165,000.00
	RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL =				18,615	3,524.943
	TOTAL ROADS PROGRAMME=					4,375,505

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the Roads Programmes 2022 are based on allocated grants from the Department of Transport to Cork County Council and then distributed to the Municipal Districts by the Director of Roads.

The Restoration Maintenance programme consists of 14 roads with a total length of 31.4 kilometres, at a cost of €848,562 which is an increase of 4.6% over the 2021 allocation of €810,854. Works under the Restoration Maintenance Programme consists of resealing the

road surface to protect the road from ingress of water and / or restore skid resistance. Works under the Restoration Programme will be carried out by Cork County Council staff.

The Restoration Improvement programme consists of 22 roads with a total length of 18.6 kilometres, at a cost of €3,526,943 which is an increase of 9.6% over the 2021 allocation of €3,217,471. Works under the Restoration Improvement programme typically include both strengthening and resurfacing, including drainage works where required and not otherwise funded. To the maximum extent possible, works under the Restoration Improvement Programme will be carried out by Cork County Council staff with projects involving macadam overlays carried out by contractors.

The attached detailed programme breaks down the estimated cost and approximate length of each planned project.

Cllr. Twomey thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for his report and asked if there are any plans to do works to the Bridge at Corbally under the Bridge Rehabilitation Works. The Engineer informed the Members that he will check to see if it is on the 3 year plan.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of the R7826 at Kilcounty and stated that the 2nd half of the road is in poor condition.

Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of the R7826 and asked if there are any plans in the next 3 year roads programme to improve this road. Cllr. Twomey will email the Senior Executive Engineer with details of this road.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked what the timeline is for the works on Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Roads Design Office will have the works put out to tender by the end of March with works commencing by the end of June/start of July.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the grader will be coming to the East Cork Area at the start of April.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the road at Ryan's Cross towards Ballyanthony and stated that sections of this roads are quite bad and asked if there is any intention to improve the road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will carry out routine repairs on this road until it is eligible for the Roads Programme.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the L3601 and stated that the road on the turnoff east to Walshetown Boreen is very broken up and asked if the Engineer could investigate same.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this specific area has been featured on the Roads Programme over the last 6 or 7 years.

The Senior Executive Engineer stated that it is very difficult to justify taking funding from main roads towards the cost of maintaining minor roads and stated that this road will be considered on the three-year roads programme.

3.5 East Cork MD Lower Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) Programme 2022.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Regional & Local Roads Lower Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) 2022 to the Members/

Project #	Location	Road #	Type of Works	Grant Allocation (€)
1	Ashe Street, Youghal (Phase 1)	L9517	Traffic calming/road safety measures	€35,000
2	Michael Collins Square, Midleton	L-9402-6	Vertical deflection on road at entrance to Michael Collins Square	€5,000
3	Various locations around East Cork MD	Various	Supply and erection of new speed limit/periodic signs and moving of others as part of the 2022 Review of Speed Limit Bye-Laws	€10,000

The East Cork MD Regional & Local Roads Lower Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) 2022 consists of 3 projects with a grant allocation of €50,000.

The Lower Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) is funded by a grant from the Department of Transport.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the road at Barrack Hill, Ballycotton which he stated is a narrow stretch of road with no footpaths, Cllr. Hegarty stated that heavy movement vehicles driving on this road have caused subsidence and asked if any signage could be provided for the bottom section of the road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will investigate this road and will discuss the provision of signage with the Road Safety Officer.

3.6 East Cork MD Climate Action Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme 2022.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following East Cork MD Regional & Local Roads Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) 2022 to the Members.

Project #	Location	Road #	Type of Works	Grant Allocation €
1	L3630 Stacks Cross to Ballymaloe – Road Embankment Stabilisation	L-3620-22	Embankment stabilisation and widening and provision of an earthen berm	€50,000
2	R629 Road Drainage Improvements at Ballybraher	R-629-147	Reprofile rock cutting and provision of road drainage	€18,000
3	R360 Whitegate Road – Drainage Improvements	R-630-6	R360 Whitegate Road drainage improvements by Cotswolds	€8,000
4	R3630 Ballymaloe Cross Roadside Retaining Wall	L-3630-22	Roadside retaining wall between road and stream on L3630	€20,000
5	L7841 Knockmonlea West, Youghal, Road Drainage Improvements	L-7841-31	Road drainage improvements	€8,000
6	L7806 Breeda Road Drainage Improvements at Breeda Bridge	L-7806-31	Road drainage improvements at Breeda Bridge	€30,000
7	R632 Garryvoe Road Drainage Relief Culvert	R-632-55	Drainage relief culvert across the R632	€15,000

The East Cork MD Regional and Local Roads Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme 2022 consists of 7 projects with an estimated cost of €85,000.

The Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme is funded by a grant from the Department of Transport.

Cllr. Twomey welcomed the report and raised the issue of a lot of boundary wall which has fallen into the stream on the Cloyne road and asked if the Engineer could investigate same.

The Engineer informed the Members that this is a land owner issue and stated that he will contact the landowner on same.

Cllr. Ahern asked if the water relief plan was still scheduled to go ahead for the road at the bottom of Ballyedmond.

The Engineer informed the Members that a culvert is due to be placed across this road.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of 2 areas of water coming out onto the road heading north at the East Ferry Tavern.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will list this area for inspection.

5. Notices of Motions:

As Cllr. Quaide had to leave the meeting early the Members agreed that his motions be heard first.

5.1.10 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 1st March, 2022

“That the East Cork MD would consider whether any lands in its ownership might be considered for use by Midleton Athletics Club”.

Cllrs. Twomey and McCarthy seconded this motion. Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Cork County Council do not have any suitable lands available at present.

5.1.11 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 1st March, 2022

“That the East Cork MD would revisit active travel funding possibilities for the repair and development of the People's Path from Whitegate to Rostellan”.

All Members fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty also requested that repair works take place on the seawall at this area.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that an application for funding for these works was made under the outdoor recreation scheme some years ago. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will look at all funding opportunities and will keep the Members briefed on same.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 17th February, 2022

“Can Laurel Court be inspected for Footpath repair and added to the Footpath programme please. That pothole repair would also be done in the estate, pending an application for a CIS Scheme”.

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion.

In relation to the footpath repair, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that this footpath is on a candidate list for replacement, in the meantime the Engineer stated that he will inspect the footpath and put on the footpath list for 2022.

In relation to the potholes at this estate the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will have them investigated.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21st February, 2022

“Can this MD write to Transport for Ireland (TFI) and request that the zones in Midleton applicable for the Leap card be revised and looked at. And the discrepancy, where the zone for Bus Eireann transport ends at Carrigtwohill and the Irish Rail transport ends at Midleton, that they would extend the zone for the bus to include the Ballinacurra Route”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, agreed to write to Transport for Ireland regarding this motion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21st February, 2022.

“Can this MD please write to the East Cork School Transport officer in Bus Eireann and request that a schedule be put in place for collection of secondary school children in the St Marys Road area, and that alternative parking be actively sought out for these contracted buses”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer agreed to write to Bus Eireann regarding this motion.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 23rd February, 2022

“Asking for viewing area in Ballycotton by RNLI station be resurfaced and lined and lighting improved”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will arrange for priority parking lining to be refreshed at this area and stated that he will list a request for additional public lighting also.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 23rd February, 2022

“Asking for update on Moll Goggins Corner Youghal”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that John Slattery, Regional and Local Roads Design Officer has advised as follows in connection with Moll Goggin’s Corner:

Preliminary Design on Moll Goggin’s Viewing Platform is advancing, including structural and architectural optioneering. Ecological screening has begun. It is expected that the project will move to planning phase in quarter 2.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 23rd February, 2022

“Asking that ECMD look at footpath leading into Quains Terrace with a view to resurfacing”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will inspect this area and list as appropriate.

5.1.7 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2022

“That the Roads Design Office be requested to do an assessment of the junction L92502 at White Rock Midleton on the N25 as there has been a number of serious accidents recently”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he has previously highlighted this matter with TII and stated that he will bring it to their attention again. The Engineer informed the Members that it is a matter for TII to fund and carry out any necessary works required at this junction.

Cllr. Hegarty urged that some form of signage be provided for at this junction and proposed that a senior representative from TII attend a future meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

5.1.8 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2022

“That reader feed-back signs be installed within the village of Shanagarry within the speed limit signage”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will take a look at the area to see what signage exists and will examine the feasibility of where feed-back signs can be located.

The Engineer informed the Members that 50% of the cost of these signs is required from the local community.

The Engineer stated that he will revert back to Cllr. Hegarty directly on this matter.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 24th February, 2022

“When will repair works commence on the Ballyrussel Road from Ballymaloe Cross to Stacks Cross”.

This item has been dealt with under the East Cork MD Climate Action Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme 2022.

5.1.12 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 2nd March 2022

“That the Council look at erecting signs coming towards the entrance to Curragh Woods for safety measures”. East Cork MD Climate Action Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme 2022.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will add this request to the Signage Needs List.

5.1.13 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 2nd March, 2022

“That this Council put white lines to identify parking spaces on the Main Street of Castlemartyr”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he does not see the provision of identifying parking spaces in the Main Street of Castlemartyr as necessary and stated that a continued white line is far more efficient to install.

5.1.14 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 2nd March, 2022

“That this council look at installing multi-use repair station on our walkways to include bicycles, wheelchairs etc”.

Cllrs. McCarthy & Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that no funding is available for this proposal but stated that he will refer this motion to the amenity Engineer and the team working on the Midleton to Youghal Greenway for their consideration.

6). Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7). Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of the traffic lights at Mill Road in Midleton and stated that she has been contacted by members of the public who have informed her that the sequence of lights is changing to red quite frequently allowing just 3 vehicles to pass through. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will investigate this matter.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she has been contacted by some residents of Riversfield Estate regarding a footpath going across the green area at this estate which they stated is a trip hazard. Cllr. Linehan Foley will forward photos of this matter directly to the Senior Executive Engineer.

3. Cllr. Ahern requested that we re-write to Irish Water regarding the waste water treatment plant upgrade specific to Midleton.
4. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the traffic lights at the Northern Relief Road and asked if the Engineer could investigate same.