

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held via MS Teams on 4th April 2022 at 10.30 a.m.

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

Leathscéal: Cllrs. Quaide & 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 March 2022.

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

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. *Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.*

3.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following Municipal District Officers Report April 2022 to the Members:

This report was marked as read.

Town Development Fund 2022

The Town Development Fund for 2022 is €120,000. The distribution of the Town Development Fund for 2022 will allocate 50% to Youghal and 50% to Midleton.

Midleton:

St. Patricks Day Parade.

€1,500 towards the cost the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Midleton.

Painting Scheme – Midleton.

€10,000 to be allocated towards the Painting Scheme in Midleton.

The East Cork Municipal District launched the Midleton and Youghal Town Centre Painting and Signage Programme, 2022 on the 28th March 2022. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 22nd April 2022.

Grants of up to 50% of the cost of painting the facades along the street are provided from the Town Development Fund.

In response to Members advocating on behalf of other towns and villages in East Cork Municipal District a similar scheme will operate in 2022 for the key villages of Killeagh, Castlemartyr and Cloyne. Grants in the case of these villages will be funded from monies provided to deal with dereliction throughout the Municipal District. Again the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 22nd April, 2022.

Applications under both schemes must be made in writing to:

East Cork Municipal District Offices
Mall House
Youghal
Co. Cork

€3,500 Midleton Chamber.

€3,500 to be allocated to Midleton Chamber.

Open Space Courthouse/Oliver Plunkett Place.

€14,000 to be allocated to this project. €8,000 was allocated to this project in 2021. The project is currently at the design stage.

Public Realm Work at The Gooses Acre.

€14,000 to be allocated to this project in 2022. €14,000 was allocated in 2021. The project is currently at the design stage.

Bridge at The Lodge Park.

€14,000 to be allocated towards providing railings at either side of the bridge at Midleton Lodge Park.

FEAST.

€2,000 towards FEAST, formerly Midleton Food and Drinks Festival.

Midleton Agricultural Show.

€1,000.

Youghal:

St. Patricks Day Parade.

€1,500 towards the cost the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Youghal.

Painting Scheme – Youghal.

€10,000 to be allocated towards the Painting Scheme in Youghal.

Festivals – Youghal4All – 3 Festivals.

€3,000.

Christmas Festival - Youghal Chamber

€1,000

Clock Gate – Marketing & Promotion.

€10,000

Yew Wood – Marketing & Promotion.

€6,000

Rebranding & Marketing Strategy.

€8,000

Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Development.

€8,000

Barry's Lane – new seating and planters.

€12,500

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:

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.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer advised the Members that the matter of paid parking for Youghal will be included in the Municipal Districts Officer Report for the May meeting

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that all economic benefits of paid parking be noted at the meeting.

3.2 Grant of Wayleave to Irish Water to Facilitate a Council Housing Development at Fana na gCrann, Dungourney.

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 Wayleave at Fana Na gCrann, Dungourney, Co. Cork.

Area: 18m x 10m wide.

From Whom Acquired: John Casey & Mary Casey.

To Whom It Is Proposed
To Dispose: Irish Water.

Consideration: €1

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

3.3 Town Development Fund 2022.

The East Cork Municipal District Town Development Fund 2022 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Aherne, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and fully agreed by the Members.

3.4 Community Grants 2022.

The East Cork Municipal District Community Grants 2022 were adopted by Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Ahern and unanimously agreed by the Members.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute:

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 22nd March 2022

“Can the access of Father Murphy’s Terrace, Lower Road, Ballincurra be resurfaced, and the footpaths be inspected with the view to being added to this years or next year’s

programme. Can the footpath running along the boundary wall of the river be removed and replaced with a small buffer kerbing. This would allow additional turning capacity within the estate and can the river wall be inspected for repair”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the footpath on the Lower Road will be included in the footpath programme which he hopes to have prepared for the May meeting and also stated that this road is on a candidate list for resurfacing works and will be considered later this year should funding become available.

In relation to the footpath running along the boundary wall the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will examine this wall but will defer any action as this wall may be replaced under the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme.

The Engineer informed the Members that he will examine the river wall to see if there are any immediate concerns.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 22nd March, 2022

“Can walk/cycle left signage be installed in the Bailick walkway, similar to those in Ballincollig Park and other walking amenities within the county”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer proposed that Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer follow up with Cormac O’ Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer, Traffic & Transportation Department on this motion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 22nd March, 2022

“Can the Ballinacurra road by the grotto, continuing to the lower road be inspected for road signage, lack of speed limit signage and lack of road markings, also can the Main Street/co-op area be inspected for the viability of a pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that renewal of road markings locally at the junction of Lower Road & Main Street are scheduled. Other road markings are not considered to require refreshing at this time. A speed limit sign is located on the R630 shortly before the turn off at the Grotto. Further speeds limits signs are not considered warranted. Note that the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycle Scheme proposes to reduce the size of the junction at the Grotto – this will result in lower vehicle speeds turning off the main road into Ballinacurra. The scheme will provide for better pedestrian access to Ballinacurra and pedestrians will be able to continue on a new footpath on the R630 and turn at Jackos into the Main Street. The provision of the pedestrian crossing in the CO-OP area would be challenging with the current arrangement but can be kept under review.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 25th March, 2022

“Asking ECMD to provide extra seating and water supply to Claycastle beach this summer season”.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the members that it is totally unviable at this time to provide a water supply to Claycastle beach from a funding point of view.

In relation to the provision of extra seating the Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there is no requirement for extra benches at Claycastle as additional picnic benches were placed along the front strand and new benches provided at the new section of the boardwalk last year.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that the issue in relation to a water supply be revisited at a later date.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 25th March, 2022

“Asking Engineer to look at yellow box or turning area in Seafield houses area as with parking it’s a safety hazard for ambulances and fire trucks”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate this matter with Cllr. Linehan Foley.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 25th March, 2022

“Asking ECMD to look at removable flower pots for Barry’s lane area to brighten up for summer season and seating on quayside area if possible”.

Cllr. Ahern seconded this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that funding has been allocated from the Town Development Fund for the provision of flower pots at Barry’s Lane and informed the Members that a new double bin will be provided for this area also.

5.1.7 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2022

“Repairs to L7684 from O’ Sullivans Cross to Mullaness Cross, Shanagarry”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road was sent for inspection last week with repairs logged and due to be carried out.

5.1.8 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2022

“Urgent repairs from Popes Cross, Gleneagre Cross Roads L7655”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road was sent for inspection last week with repairs logged and due to be carried out.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th March, 2022

“That beaches without toilet facilities within East Cork that portacabins be provided on temporary basis during the summer period”.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that additional portaloos were provided at beaches at Claycastle, Garryvoe, Redbarn and Front Strand, Youghal last year and stated that he has yet to receive funding confirmation for this year.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there is no funding available for the provision of temporary toilet facilities at other beaches and stated that this is also a countywide issue in the East Cork Area.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that this motion be forwarded to full Council to establish if funding can be provided.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, proposed to amend the motion to remove East Cork to state that “beaches without toilet facilities be provided with portacabins on a temporary basis during the summer period”.

This was unanimously agreed by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

6). Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer reminded the Members that the closing date for the painting scheme which now includes the key villages of Cloyne, Castlemartyr & Killeagh is Friday April 22nd.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if a number of buildings in Cloyne which have been affected due to a road closure can be facilitated under this scheme. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer stated that they can apply for the scheme.

7). **Any Other Business.**

1. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the traffic lights at the Northern Relief Road junction which she stated are still not working very well. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will refer this matter to the service provider to review the lights.
2. Cllr. Ahern proposed that a representative from Eirgrid attend the May meeting of the East Cork Municipal District to confirm that a review of the proposed route for the Celtic Interconnector be carried out now that TII have withdrawn funding on the N25 from Carrigtwohill to Midleton. I would ask a re-consideration of the Churchtown to Ballyadam route.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING