

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held via MS Teams on 3rd May 2022 at 2.00p.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. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office).

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that as a result of the establishment of a new Ukrainian Task Force, Mr. Seán O' Callaghan has been appointed as S/Director of Services which has resulted in Paraig Lynch being appointed as S/Senior Executive Officer for the East Cork Municipal District.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 4th April 2022.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th April 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr Linehan Foley.

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 May 2022 to the Members:

Glenbower Wood:

3 No. footbridges are currently being installed in Glenbower Wood.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 Accelerated Measures in Response to Covid-19

Old Bridewell Gaol, Youghal

Work on gated community garden including an urban orchard, raised beds, seating and courtyard is almost complete.

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

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the project as the contractor has not progressed a multi-site works package awarded in 2021 and has now formally withdrawn from the contract.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.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer asked if the Members would approve a grant of €1,500 to the Midleton Gaelscoil to allow them to continue with the Midleton Pollinator Plan.

On the proposal of Cllr. Ahern which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously agreed to the allocation of €1,500 to Midleton Gaelscoil in relation the Midleton Pollinator Plan.

3.2 Grant of Right of Way at Owenacurra Business Park, Midleton, 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 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.

Area: x c. 10.5m wide.

From Whom Acquired: Floating Iceberg Limited.

To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Timothy McGillicuddy & Noel Leonard.

Consideration: €1

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

3.3 Pay Parking Youghal.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that it is proposed to reintroduce paid parking in Youghal which was suspended with the onset of Covid-19 and stated that the 363 paid parking spaces within the town of Youghal generated an annual revenue of €70,000 per annum.

The S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that one of the aims of paid parking is to facilitate the flow of parking spaces within the town centre.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she is of the opinion that it does not sit quite well to reintroduce paid parking as she feels that there is so many rising costs of living on people presently and also that the town of Youghal depends highly on tourism.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if this matter could be re-visited at a later stage.

All Members were in full agreement with Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Cllr. Ahern asked if an impact report could be drawn up on footfall in Youghal since parking charges ceased.

Cllr. Twomey asked if there is any way to look at a shared traffic warden between the towns of Youghal and Midleton.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that no decision has been made to appoint a new traffic warden since the retirement of Tommy Roche.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that an ad-hoc assignment of a traffic warden is not as effective as the appointment of a full time traffic warden.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that most of revenue generated from Paid Parking is used for the purpose of paying the traffic warden and maintenance of parking metres and stated that the paid parking dividend has benefited Youghal with €35,000 allocated to upgrade the playground at Blackwater Heights with a further €25,000 invested in the Public Realm Scheme along the Quayside.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulation to Tommy Roche on his recent retirement.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that we suspend this item for the summer months and re-visit for the September meeting. Cllr. Hegarty seconded this proposal.

3.4 East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme 2022 Progress Report.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme 2022 Progress Report to the Members:

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance	RM 1	LP	L-3601-53, L-3601-85	East Cork – L-3601 (part) Ballyedmond to Rathgire	3,664	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	LP	L-3625-0	East Cork – L-3625 (part) Carneys Cross to Geargh Cross	1,700	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	R	R-629-0	East Cork – R-629 (part) Scarriff to Knockgorm	1,404	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 4	R	R-630-0	East Cork – R630 (part) Rostellan towards Whitewell	2,250	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 5	LS	L-7658-0	East Cork – Jamesbrook (Saleen to Garranekinnefeake)	1,960	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 6	R	R-626-0	East Cork – R626 (part) Ballyedmond Bridge to East Cork Oil	1,061	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 7	LS	L-7694-0	East Cork – L7694 (part) Lisgoold East from Top Cross towards Ballycurrany	1,350	0%

Restoration Maintenance	RM 8	LP	L-3619-51	East Cork – L3619 (part) Ballintubber Road, Baneshane to Ballyvodock East	1,684	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 9	LP	L-3821-0	East Cork – L-3821 (part) Ladysbridge to Glennageare Cross	2,860	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 10	R	R627-129	East Cork – R-627 (part) Murleys Cross to Aughnalyra	2,220	0%
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	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 12	LS	L-7857-0	East Cork – L7857 Burgress X to Gortnagark	879	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 13	LS	L-7858-0	East Cork – L7858 Clearies Road	1,318	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LS	L-7833	East Cork – L7833 Ballymacooley Bridge to Monashask Cross	4,201	0%
RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =					31,379	
Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3619-51	East Cork – L3619 Ballintubber Road (Section at Castlerock)	410	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	R	R-630-6	East Cork – R630 Loughatalia to Rosehill	672	20%
Restoration Improvement	RI 3	R	R-634-9	East Cork – R634 Tallow Road at Halfway	931	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LP	L-3645-21	East Cork – L3645 Trabolgan to Ballyhook	600	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LP	L-3800-0, L-3800-16	East Cork – L3800 Rathorgan to Monalyre X	1,707	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	R	R-907-0	East Cork – R907 Cork Road, Midleton	944	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LS	L-9524-0	East Cork – L9524 Sarsfield Terrace Youghal	256	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 8	LS	L-728-2	East Cork – Riversfield Estate	108	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 9	LS	L-7824-0	East Cork – L7824 from R627 to Barradaw	1,670	50%
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	LS	L-7710-0	East Cork – Hydes Park, Ballinacurra	47	10%

Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LS	L-7844-0	East Cork – L7844 Kyle	1,212	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	R	L-R-626-0	East Cork – R626 (part) at Carrigogna	417	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 13	LP	L-3818-49	East Cork – L3815 (part) New Line Ballymacoda	275	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	LP	L-3601-0, L-3601-29	East Cork – L3601 Monaleen Bridge to Peafield X	1,680	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 15	LP	L-3615-19	East Cork – L3815 Kilcredan Road to Kilcraheen	1,330	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LP	L-3643-0	East Cork – L3643 Lahard	1,012	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	LS	L-7841-0	East Cork – L7841 (part) Ballyglassin	900	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-7657-0	East Cork – L7657 (part) at Jamesbrook	710	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 19	LS	L-7847-0	East Cork – L7847 (part) Ballyhobert	720	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 20	LP	L-3639-0	East Cork – L3639 (part) Ballydavid Road	814	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 21	LS	L-7806-31	East Cork – L7806 (part) Breeda Road by Breeda Bridge	1,000	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 22	LP	L-3633-57	East Cork – L3633 Churchtown to Ballycotton – Phase 1 Churchtown	1,200	0%
			Restoration Improvement Subtotal* =		18,615	
Development Contributions		R	R-626-0	East Cork – R626 (part) at Upper Mill Road	300	100%
			KEY			
			By Cork County Council			
			By Contractor			

Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on the R630 Cork Road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a contractor who has had staffing issues due to Covid has been re-mobilised this week and brought the Members attention to the Barradaw project is 95% complete to date and also to the Upper Mill Road which has been funded by development contributions which is 100% complete.

The Senior Executive Engineer also informed the Members that a road opening licence has been received from Irish Water in relation to works due to take place on the Churchtown to Ballycotton road and informed the Members that since the works have been deferred on this road until 2023, funding has been re-directed to complete the strengthening of a section of the Walshetown Road.

3.5 East Cork Municipal District Footpath Programme.

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

Project #	Location	Type of Works	Approx Length (m)	Estimated Cost (€)
1	Ballinacurra to Castleredmond Estate, Midleton	Replace Footpath	20	€3,000.00
2	Ballinacurra Main Street	Replace Footpath	50	€8,750.00
3	Ballinacurra Upper Road	Replace Footpath	20	€4,000.00
4	Rock Street, Cloyne	Replace Footpath	30	€5,250.00
5	Chapel Street, Cloyne	Replace Footpath	120	€17,364.00
6	Killeagh Village (Mogeely Village outside Eir Tower)	New Footpath	10	€8,000.00
7	Avoncore Place, Midleton	Replace Footpath	30	€4,500.00
8	Church Lane, Midleton	Localised Repairs	8	€1,500.00
9	St. Mary's Road, Midleton	Replace Footpath	50	€5,000.00
10	Riversfield Estate, Midleton	Replace Existing	175	€34,233.00
11	An Rothar, Park Street, Midleton	Replace Footpath	25	€2,000.00
12	Cherryvale Estate, Youghal (Entrance to Cemetery Car Park).	Replace Footpath	10	€1,800.00
13	Cork Hill Junction, Youghal (Tactile Paving/Corner)	Localised Repairs	5	€2,000.00
14	Dermot Hurley Estate, Youghal (Various locations)	Localised Repairs	20	€4,000.00
15	R634 North Main Street, Youghal (from #49 to junction with Cross Lane)	Replace Footpath	20	€5,000.00

16	R634 North Main Street, Youghal (front of #85 and #86 approx.)	Replace Footpath	20	€5,000.00
17	R634 Upper Strand, Youghal (various locations from junction of Kilcoran Road to Summerfield X)	Replace Footpath	70	€12,250.00
		Total =	683	€123,647.00

Cllr. Twomey asked if Fr. Murphy's Terrace and Laurel Court could be put back up on the Roads Programme.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that both of these estates are on a candidate list and will be considered in relative priority as funding becomes available.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Engineer and all staff involved on the works which took place at Riversfield Estate, Midleton.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked what the situation is in relation to the proposed footpath at Seafield, Youghal to the Main Road.

The Engineer informed the Members that funding is being sought from the NTA for these works.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she is very disappointed that the funding for the works here has been re-allocated.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is very regrettable for the residents of this area that the provision of this footpath has been pushed out but stated that it was very important that the funding was drawn down.

Cllr. McCarthy asked what footpath was done in place of Seafield. The Engineer informed the Members that the funding was re-directed to the Ladysbridge Road, Castlemartyr.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there is any update on the timeline for the works on Sarsfield Terrace.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the proposed works are due to be tendered and should be carried out in the next 4 or 5 months.

5. Notices of Motion.

It was agreed to hear Cllrs. Hegarty & Twomey's motions first as they both had to leave the meeting early.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27th April, 2022

"Road from Ightermurragh graveyard to Kilcredan graveyard to be repaired urgently".

5.1.16 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 27th April, 2022

"Request that T.I.I to sign off on Northern Relief Road design on R627 Dungourney Road at Midleton where it meets the N25 at Cahermone as soon as possible".

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

5.1.17 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 27th April, 2022

"Update from Irish Water on boiled water notice".

Cllrs. McCarthy & Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that a representative from Irish Water attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20th April, 2022

"Can we conduct a feasibility study for the implementation of an ocean pool on Youghal strand or any of our other blue flag beaches in East Cork".

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this would have to be funded at Municipal District level as there is no central funding currently available.

Cllr. Twomey asked if there is any funding available for a feasibility study.

Páraig will investigate same and revert back to the Members.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20th April, 2022

"Can this council advise on the impending roadworks needed on Church Road, Cloyne and it's place in the 3 year programme now that Irish water has stated that it will be prioritised in 2023 and not this year. Also to advise on the 12 month settlement period and is there measure that can be done to counteract this".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Irish Water intend to replace a water main from Church Road, Cloyne to Ballycotton, a road opening licence has been received from the contractor and works are proceeding as planned.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there is a two year maintenance and settlement period and stated that he will make a judgement call in this particular project to ensure appropriate compaction is carried out by the contractor.

Cllr. Twomey asked what the due date for the road opening licence is.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that it is advertised on today's edition of The Examiner.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20th April, 2022

"That a park run be allowed to be set up in the lodge park area by interested parties, including members of the public and the Midleton Athletics club".

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that he has no experience on how they are run and would require information on what the proposals would be, the Municipal District Officer informed the Members that his primary concerns would be the provision of insurance with the indemnification of Cork County Council.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 19th April, 2022

"Asking for extra public lighting needs looked at in Mount Uniacke, Co. Cork".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will refer the motion directly to the Public Lighting Section for consideration under next years programme.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 19th April, 2022

"Asking ECMD to support me in sending this motion to Full Council in Cork County Council that we contact the Department and ask for funding to be approved for a foot ferry in Youghal Town centre to tie in MY Greenway from Strand Area to Town Centre and to join the Waterford Greenway at Ferry point Co Waterford".

Cllrs. McCarthy, Quaide & Ahern fully supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer suggested that Cllr. Linehan Foley raise this motion at County Level, the MY Greenway project being advanced and administered at County Level.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Municipal District Officer and stated that she will also contact Waterford County Council and work from both ends.

5.1.3 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 19th April, 2022

“Asking for update on remainder of Lower Raheen Park and footpath on Raheen Road”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has requested an update on this item from the Traffic and Transportation Section and will revert back to the Members once he has received same, in the meantime the Engineer will investigate to see what can be done in the short term with the possibility of refreshing road lining markings here.

5.1.7 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 22nd April, 2022

“That East Cork MD look at expanding the footpath from the RNLI House to the Boathouse in Ballycotton”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a matter for the Harbour and Coastal Section.

5.1.8 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 22nd April, 2022

“That this Council look at installing a pedestrian crossing on the Cork Road from Dwyer's Road to the Junction of the Relief Road to assist residents, walkers etc... to safely cross the road”.

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

5.1.9 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 22nd April 2022

“In advance of the opening of the Midleton to Youghal Greenway, that this council review the number of casual trading licenses issued”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the provision of coffee and sandwich docks will certainly be considered in the development of the Midleton to Youghal Greenway and will be administered in a fashion that is open to interested parties. This will be decided on the development of the Greenway.

5.1.10 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th April, 2022

“That steps and a pedestrian crossing be installed at the Dwyer's Road end of the pontoon to facilitate residents on the Road. The residential area is mainly on that side of the road and there are many elderly users as well as children who use the amenity on a regular basis”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer will refer this motion to the Transport Section.

5.1.11 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 26th April, 2022

“Can we have an update on the MY Greenway, in particular if there is any chance of opening the first phase during the summer months”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer will make contact with the team directly working on the Greenway and will revert back to the Members.

5.1.12 Cllr Liam Quaide, received on 27th April, 2022

“That any tree-felling commissioned by the East Cork MD - excluding emergency works - be preceded by a public notice at least two weeks in advance beside the trees in question, outlining the reasons for the works and allowing time for public submissions”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that some trees were felled as part of the new Midleton Cycleway and stated that the removal of these trees would be advertised as details of this scheme would allow for 3rd parties to express concerns.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that there are several exemptions on tree felling licences which is a matter for the Department of Agriculture, one of the major exemptions is in urban areas where a tree can be felled without a licence unless there is a preservation order on the tree. It was noted that a Draft Cork County Tree Policy was recently circulated for comment and submission.

5.1.13 Cllr Liam Quaide, received on 27th April, 2022

“To get an update on bike- parking plans for the new cycleway projects in the East Cork MD”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that it is expected that any proposal for the provision of same would be flagged when the Traffic & Transportation Section are putting plans out under the Part VIII Planning and also stated that provision was made for bike parking plans in the Midleton Town Centre Enhancement Scheme.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that funding was received under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for the provision of bike parking for Castlemartyr, Killeagh, Front Strand Youghal and Youghal Town Centre.

5.1.14 Cllr Liam Quaide, received on 27th April, 2022

“To address serious pot-holes at the corner of R632 and Bridgetown Drive”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works are scheduled to take place at these locations today and may well be complete.

6). Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7). Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of a private property in Youghal where the roof has collapsed and stated that the residents in the area are quite nervous of same. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there is any leeway to have an emergency derelict site notice served on the owner.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that the property is in the vicinity of Friar Street and stated that she is currently in talks with the owner.

Cllr. Ahern asked if any correspondence was received from Eirgrid.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that no correspondence was received and stated that he will follow up on same.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.