

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held via MS Teams on 7th June 2022 at 2.00p.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.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office).

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd May 2022.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd May 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr Hegarty.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

2.1 Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on the provision of steps and a pedestrian crossing at the Dwyer's Road end of the pontoon. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that he has referred this matter to the Department of Traffic and Transportation for consideration, the Municipal District Officer will follow up on same.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Update from Eirgrid.

Mr. Shane Cooney & Mr. Des Cox from Eirgrid gave the following report to the Members regarding the up to date position of the Celtic Interconnector.

Mr. Des Cox informed the Members that An Bord Pleanála granted approval for the Celtic Interconnector Project, subject to a number of conditions.

The planning application included a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and Natura Impact Statement.

An Bord Pleanála assessed the proposal, including the landfall in Youghal, cable route, converter station and network connection and associated technologies. The board also ran a seven-week period of statutory consultation.

A Foreshore Licence has been submitted for the offshore elements of the project in Ireland, and a marine licence is also required from the UK Marine Management Organisation.

Mr. Cox informed the Members that while subject to securing these consents, Eirgrid continue to focus on ongoing detailed assessments and to engage with and listen to communities and stakeholders as the project progresses.

Mr. Shane Cooney informed the Members that the original route review considered that given timelines of the projects, construction of the Interconnector would be complete before construction of the N25. Improvement works would commence, and stated that while there is no funding for the current schedule of works the project has been shelved but not cancelled, the Celtic Interconnector would continue to have the same impacts on any future N25 upgrade plans.

Mr. Cooney informed the Members that the Lakeview Roundabout and access to the IDA site were 2 major constraints on using the N25 West of Midleton.

Cllr. Ahern informed the Members that she was disappointed that a further route review was not carried out and stated that engagement by Eirgrid with residents affected was very poor to date.

Mr. Shane Cooney informed the Members that there had been continuous public engagement and in recent months with public open days held in Knockraha, Midleton and Youghal to outline what is happening with the project.

Cllr. Ahern said there is concern in parts of the Midleton and Carrigtwohill area about the impact cable-laying might have on radon levels and asked what measures Eirgrid is proposing to mitigate against this.

Mr. Des Cox informed the Members that Eirgrid feel that the route they have chosen is of the best performing option and state that they will continue to engage with all landowners affected and also with Cork County Council.

In regard to radon affected areas Mr. Des Cox informed the Members that there will be ongoing studies and investigations into this matter and stated that the matter was raised and addressed within the planning application and will be the responsibility of the appointed contractors based on the information that is in the planning application.

Cllr. Ahern asked if there is transparency in the written documents received from necessary bodies to show routes that are not available.

Mr. Des Cox informed the Members that they have engaged with necessary bodies and stated that there are commercial sensitivities but stated that Eirgrid is satisfied with the information they have received from Irish Rail and other bodies.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he would not see why the cable couldn't be laid alongside the N25 and stated that he was extremely disappointed over the route Eirgrid have chosen when there are alternatives.

Mr. Shane Cooney pointed out to the Members that a community forum has been set up on the project with representatives from Cork County Council on the forum and stated that this is a source of information of the status of the project which should be used.

3.2 Municipal District Officers Report.

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

Glenbower Wood:

3 No. footbridges have been installed in Glenbower Wood and the project is now completed.

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; the only outstanding item being the completion of surfacing.

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.

This report was marked as read.

3.3 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	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	LP	L-3625-0	East Cork – L-3625 (part) Carneys Cross to Geargh Cross	1,700	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	R	R-629-0	East Cork – R-629 (part) Scarriff to Knockgorm	1,104	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	100%
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	100%
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	100%
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 Ballintuber Road (Section at Castlerock)	410	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	R	R-630-6	East Cork – R630 Loughatalia to Rosehill	672	95%
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	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	LS	L-7710-0	East Cork – Hydes Park, Ballinacurra	47	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LS	L-7844-0	East Cork – L7844 Kyle	1,212	95%
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	90%
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	100%
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	10%
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-3601-0	East Cork – L3601 Peafield Cross to Ballyogaha West (substituted for Churchtown Phase 1)	906	0%
Restoration Improvement Subtotal* =					18,321	
Development Contributions		R	R-626-0	East Cork – R626 (part) at Upper Mill Road	300	100%
KEY						
By Cork County Council						
By Contractor						

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the rising cost of fuel and stated that he is concerned it is going to have an impact on works.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he is not in a position to comment presently but stated that he should have more information on same for the Members at the September meeting.

3.4 East Cork Municipal District Public Lighting Programme 2022.

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

The following is the proposed Public Lighting Programme in East Cork Municipal District following a budget provision of €41,579.

In considering priorities in drawing up the proposed programme various criteria were considered as attached. Consideration was given to the various motions, representations and request for public lighting improvements on file. The programme has been prepared jointly with the Public Lighting Section. A total of 4 schemes are proposed as below. Note that the retrofitting of existing public lights with LEDs, other than noted, at the locations below will be carried out separately and funded under the Public Lighting Efficiency Project (PLEEP).

Ref No.	Municipal District	Location	Description	No. of additional lights proposed	No of retrofits proposed	Estimated project cost
1	East Cork	Lisgoold Village	Public lighting along route of new footpath in Lisgoold (R626)	7	0	€7,500.00
2	East Cork	Whitegate	2 new infill lights on the L3648-0 Hill Road (adjacent to Careystown Woods), Whitegate	2	0	€8,500.00
3	East Cork	Cloyne	3 new infill lights on the R631 at Castlemartyr	3	0	€18,079.00
4	East Cork	Midleton	2 new lights on L9405-0 Clonmult Terrace at north end from junction with R627; 2 new lights and 2 retrofits at the L9405-3 The Park, Midleton	4	2	€7,500.00
						€41,579

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

None.

Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 13th May, 2022

“Asking ECMD to apply for funding to erect railings on the higher part of Youghal’s new Boardwalk”.

Cllr. Twomey supports this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she is looking for the provision of a railing on the higher part of the boardwalk for health and safety issues.

The Municipal District Officer advised that the matter of railings were considered and addressed prior to completion of Phase 2 of the Boardwalk Project and railings were installed where deemed appropriate.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that works had been carried out on the beach along the route of the old and the new boardwalk in recent weeks to raise the level of same and did not consider that there was a safety risk here any longer but stated that the situation would be kept monitored.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 13th May, 2022

“Asking ECMD to look at the resurfacing of the L7865 Ladysbridge and to examine drainage issues and potholes on this road there are currently 27 households living on this stretch of road”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that potholes on this road have been filled and stated that it take a few years before road improvement works take place on this road, the Senior Executive Engineer suggested that property owners of this area may wish to consider going down the CIS route, in the meantime he will investigate drainage issues at this location.

5.1.3 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley received on 13th May, 2022

“Asking for update on low cost safety measures for Tallow Street, Cork Hill area, Golf Links Road area , McCurtainstown area, St Raphael's Cross area and Summerfield Cross area all were passed as motions from myself over the last number of years.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer gave the following report from the Traffic and Transportation Section to the Members:

Golf Links Road and St Raphael's Junction are at preliminary design.

Summerfield Cross area is at preliminary design and optioneering stage.

The other referenced areas will be forwarded to the National Transport Authority with a view to securing funding”

The Senior Executive Engineer clarified that the extent of the works at St Raphael's / Golf Links Road extended to South Abbey NS and possibly as far as the Carlton Village and that a Section 38 will be advanced as part of the public consultation in the coming months.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th May, 2022

"Can the footpath from Cois Mhaigh in Mogeely to the Co-op be added to the programme, and to further allow safe connectivity of residents of the estate to the Greenway.

Cllr. Ahern seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this section of footpath is in poor condition and is a strong candidate for 2023 footpath list.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th May, 2022

"Can we now move to implement measures to counteract the constant criminal damage and dangerous anti-social behaviour that is occurring on a regular basis in the playground by the community centre, Midleton. That we now seek funding from any relevant sources to secure this playground at night time, and deter anti-social behaviour that is causing this area to become unsafe to use for young children".

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that policy does not favour the enclosure of the playground and asked if this is a singular recent occurrence.

Cllr. Twomey informed the meeting that anti-social behaviour at this playground is ongoing and stated that the recent occurrence is the worst incident she has seen and stated that Gardaí are checking out the CCTV at the nearby community centre.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that this matter will be discussed with Vincent Flourish, Executive Engineer, to see if something can be done to improve the situation at this playground.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 16th May 2022

"Can this council write to the TII and again express the dire need for the upgrade of the pedestrian footpath on the Oatencake flyover. Can this also be flagged with the Roads directorate in Cork County Council with a further request for them to also write to TII requesting same".

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and requested that the provision of public lighting be included for this area.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the Customer Care Number for the TII Traffic Control Centre to the Members.

5.1.7 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 18th May 2022.

“Following my previous motion, now that Irish Water has finished the upgrade of the pipes on the Top Cross / Corbally / Ballincurrag Road, can the council confirm the date of resurfacing of this road”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this road is currently listed on the 2023 roads programme.

5.1.8 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 18th May 2022

“Can the council inspect or add to the programme the footpath from Mogeely village to Castlemartyr where it has sunken and is level with the road”.

This motion was considered with under Motion No. 5.1.4.

5.1.9 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 18th May 2022

“Can the Council look at installing a footpath and lighting from Killeagh village by the Old Cemetery to the GAA pitch and close to the MY Greenway point to assist in safer access by residents, locals and visitors to the area”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will refer this motion to Traffic and Transportation for consideration. The Engineer stated that no funding to advance this motion is available in the short term; in the meantime it will be added to the candidate list and will be considered once the opportunity arises.

5.1.10 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st May 2022

“That the East Cork MD would explore possibilities with local volunteers for the creation of a new Midleton Community Garden and consider Council land for a possible site”.

Cllr. Quaide’s motion was moved in his absence.

5.1.11 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st May 2022

“That the East Cork MD would write to Paul Reid, HSE CEO, and the three leaders in government to oppose latest proposals by the HSE to remove 24-hour staffed mental health placements from East Cork for several years at least while a notional new facility is going through a lengthy planning process followed by a recruitment drive, and that the Oireachtas Health Committee recommendation of a reversal of the closure be followed through, and a less disruptive means of addressing the building issues be pursued by the HSE”.

Cllr. Quaide’s motion was moved in his absence.

5.1.12 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 31st May 2022

“That speed ramps/traffic calming measures be installed from St. John the Baptist National School along by Clonmult Terrace”.

Cllrs McCarthy & Twomey seconded this motion.

Cllr. Twomey asked what the outcome of the speed review was for this area.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a speed review on a number of points along this road is currently being evaluated and informed the Members that he will have a report for the July meeting.

5.1.13 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 31st May 2022

“That directional signs identifying Clonmult Ambush Site be erected at the following locations:

At the Five Valley Junction at Dungourney Village, also at Two Pot House Cross, and at Tallow Cross, Dungourney, the R627 and L380”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke., Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that signage will need to be in accordance with the traffic signs manual and stated that he will discuss this matter with Cllr. Hegarty separately.

5.1.14 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 31st May 2022

“Once the new watermain is laid from Cloyne Cross down Church Street towards the Round Tower, that this street will be properly reinstated and resurfaced”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this road is listed for works for 2023 and stated that he would like to get resurfacing works done on this road as soon as possible.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she received an e-mail from Eimear Russell Coffey from Youghal GAA requesting an allocation of funding of €2,000 for goalpost repairs. Cllr. Hegarty fully supported this request. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that he does not have a figure of monies available to hand but will investigate same.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if a Vote of Congratulations and a 'Thank You' letter be sent to the committee of Youghal 4 All on the recent success of the Moby Dick Festival.
3. Cllr. Ahern requested that a Vote of Congratulations be sent to Timmy O' Donoghue who won the recent Cork City Marathon. Cllr. McCarthy asked if it would be possible to host a Civic Reception in honour of Timmy O' Donoghue. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer will discuss same with Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
4. Cllr. Twomey raised the issue of Abernethy's Garage in Castlemartyr where debris has recently come off the roof onto the public footpath and also raised the issue of the Meeting Place Bar on Connolly Street, Midleton, where there is a health and safety issue with the upper level windows. Ms. Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that she has not been contacted in relation to Abernethy's Garage and will investigate same. In relation to the Meeting Place, Helen informed the Members that she has engaged with the owners who will be carrying out repairs in the coming months and will contact them again regarding same.
5. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if it could be looked at the possibility of reverting back to physical meetings. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer will discuss same with Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.