

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS Teams and Council Chambers, Mall House, Youghal on 7th February 2023 at 1.30 p.m.

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Cllr. Hegarty presided.
Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Ahern, Quaide & Healy.

Leathscéal: Cllrs. Twomey & McCarthy.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Paraig Lynch, A/Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer.
Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd January 2023 and adoption of Amended Minutes of December 2022.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd January 2023 and Amended Minutes of December 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Ahern.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose from the Minutes.

3 Consideration of reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Cork County Council Public Awareness on Drainage from Private Lands onto the Public Road.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following report on Cork County Council Public Awareness on drainage from private lands onto the public road.

Cork County Council is running an awareness campaign regarding the responsibilities of landowners and occupiers under the Roads Act 1993.

The Council wishes to remind landowners and operators of machinery of their duties under the Roads Act 1993 to take all reasonable steps to ensure that water can drain off a public road onto land and that water, soil, mud or other material is not allowed to run off their lands on to a public road or be deposited on a public road, especially at entrances to fields and farm entrances.

Excess surface water and mud undermine and cause serious damage to the public road, which in turn can lead to safety hazards for all road users.

In the event of accidents occurring to road users, owners and occupiers of land and operators of machinery may be held liable, if they have failed to meet their legal obligations.

Notices may be served on those who do not comply, which if not acted upon, can lead to prosecutions and fines if pursued through the Courts.

Further advice is available from Cork County Council at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/roads-and-transportation/drainage> or from the local Roads Engineer.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that he has seen where fences have been removed from private lands resulted in the impossibility to stop heavy rainfall flowing from the land onto public roads.

Cllr. Ahern asked if there is any current enforcement on landowners by Cork County Council's request to keep drains on private lands clear.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that further discussion is needed on this matter.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

None.

5. Notices of Motions.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received 10th January, 2023

"Can the Lisanley Cloyne road be inspected for drainage and repair issues and listed to future programmes as required".

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that repairs have been carried out on a number of occasions over recent weeks. The road has been damaged over the winter months given the high level of rainfall, high ground water table and significant additional traffic on the road as a consequence of the temporary closure of Church Street for essential watermain replacement works. Further repairs and drainage maintenance will be carried out.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 10th January, 2023

"Can the Guileen to Finure road be included in future resurfacing programmes, and in the meantime regular pothole repair done with the patcher when available, due to the nature of the road the patcher may be needed to make the repairs last longer".

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that pothole repairs have been completed on the Trabolgan to Guileen Road. Potholes on the Finure cul-de-sac are on the repair list and will be attended to in the coming weeks. Cork County Council is engaging with Irish Water regarding the road damage along the section of road in Guileen where watermains were recently laid.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 23rd January, 2023

“Can the L 96302-1 and the Ballintotis (road to school) be inspected and added to future programmes. But in the meantime be listed for pothole repair”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the L96302-1 (Barrack Street, Whitegate) and the Ballintotis Road to the school are both listed for pothole repairs, both will be considered for inclusion in future roads programmes in order of priority as resources permit.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17th January 2023

“Update on Barry’s lane upgrade and asking that Clock Gate be cleaned and weeds looked after”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that new 6 foot square planters with seating are ordered for Barry’s Lane and will be in place for the May Bank Holiday Weekend.

In relation to the cleaning of the Clock Gate the Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that this would require the provision of scaffolding which would result in the closure of the R634 which is not possible.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that this item be kept on the Agenda.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley , received on 17th January 2023

“Any update on status of Quaker Cottage in Youghal it’s lying idle with years and I’m aware that Housing Dept have handed it over to ECMD can this be used as a community hub for all community groups in area”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that even though this building has been vacant for quite a number of years it is still in good condition, the cottage is a listed building which is not viable for Local Authority housing but could be available to local community groups.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she would contact the relevant community groups to get some feedback in relation to same.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17th January 2023

“Asking for Woodview Court in Youghal to be included in this year’s resurfacing as it’s covered in potholes”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this estate has been inspected, listed for potholes as required and will be considered for inclusion in future road programmes in order of priority as resources permit.

5.1.7 Cllr. John Healy, received on 23rd January 2023

“To investigate the cause of earth, mud and stones being washed on to the property of John and Mary O'Sullivan, Log Cabin, Upper Jamesbrook, Midleton and the damage to the road being caused by the same earth mud and stones”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, will forward this motion onto the relevant department at the Midleton Office.

5.1.8 Cllr. John Healy, received on 23rd January 2023

“Asks the Council to carry out remedial works on the road from Top Cross to Ballincurrag and that the road be put into the Works Programme for major improvement”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that The Top Cross to Ballincurrag Road is included in the 3 year Multi Annual Programme 2022 – 2024 over 2 years 2023 & 2024, the first phase of the proposed resurfacing works (from Top Cross) is being actively considered for the 2023 Programme. The Engineer informed the Members that the Roads Programme for 2023 will be on the Agenda for the March Meeting (Once grant allocations are announced by the Minister and then allocated to East Cork MD).

5.1.9 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th January 2023

“That roads at Hillside, Aghada, and Ballinookera (L7664?) to Ballyvaloon be included for resurfacing work as soon as possible”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the roads will be inspected and will be considered for inclusion in future roads programmes in order of priority as resources permit.

5.1.10 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th January 2023

“Road resurfacing works needed on L3630. The first section at Scariff end has recently been resurfaced, but it quickly deteriorates and has become a safety issue to road users”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the road section will be inspected and added to pothole repair list as required.

5.1.11 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 31st January 2023

“URGENT repairs to the L7659 in an extremely dangerous condition for pedestrians, motorists and all that use the road also Bohermore road Cloyne, in an appalling condition, as are the roads around Cloyne town as a result of the road closure to facilitate watermain pipe replacement”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the L7659 Kilva Road is included in the 3 Year Multi Annual Programme 2022 – 2024 over 2 years 2023 & 2024. The first phase of the proposed resurfacing works (from R630 side) is being actively considered for the 2023 Programme. The Roads Programme for 2023 will be on the Agenda for the March Meeting (once grant allocations are announced by the Minister and then allocated to East Cork MD). The Engineer informed the Members that the Bohermore Road is on the repair list.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 31st January 2023

“Trimming of roadside ditches and over hanging branches from Cloyne to Ballinacurra, Lakeview roundabout on the Midleton bypass, N25 at Dunsfort, and along through Broomfield Village on to the Dungourney road”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Lakeview Roundabout is under the remit of TII and stated that safety issues can be reported directly to the TII Customer Care Number at 0818-715-100.

The Engineer informed the Members that hedge cutting works have been completed in recent weeks at the west end of Broomfield Village and out to Kathleen Doyle’s Hill and suggested that Cllr. Hegarty contact Janette Jenny, Executive Engineer, to discuss the areas of concern.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 31st January 2023

“Safety measures be put in place on the R629 at Castleredmond, Midleton”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that an update will be sought from the Traffic & Transportation Section on the timeline for the major improvement works under the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycle Scheme.

5.1.14 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 1st February 2023

“To request an update on any bike-parking planned for the East Cork Municipal District”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that funding under the Town & Village Scheme was allocated towards the provision of bike racks around the East

Cork Area, they are currently being fabricated and will be in place over the coming months, the bike racks will be located in Youghal, Killeagh, Castlemartyr, Garryvoe & Claycastle.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that provision is being made for bike racks for Midleton as part of the Midleton Public Enhancement works which will be incorporated at appropriate locations.

5.1.15 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 1st February 2023

“Can this MD cut back hedging and overgrowth on footpaths and walkways, a clean-up of encroaching vegetation and debris on footpaths be carried out immediately to reclaim footpath space for pedestrians, especially those requiring mobility assistance”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer requested Cllr. Ahern submit the specific location and he will forward same onto the relevant landowners.

5.1.16 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 1st February 2023

“With the imminent opening of the MY Greenway, can this MD look at funding for a wheelchair transport bike, similar to 'The VeloPlus' - which is designed for transporting people who can remain seated in their own wheelchair, for use on the Greenway”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that the Greenway needs to be completed and open before the provision of additional facilities can be considered.

5.1.17 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 1st February 2023

“Now that Irish Water has completed their works, can confirmation be given when the resurfacing of the Top Cross to Ballincurrag Road will be completed”.

This was dealt with under Motion 5.1.8.

6). Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7). Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Quaide asked if any correspondence was received from the HSE in relation to the Castlemartyr Health Centre. Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that no

correspondence was received to date and agreed to re-write to the HSE on this matter.

The next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on Monday 6th March at 10.30 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.