

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS Teams and Mall House, Youghal on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

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

Before the meeting begun Cllr. Ahern requested a suspension of Standing Orders to request that Cllr. Hegarty withdraw his accusation that she behaved like a bully at the March meeting. Cllr. Hegarty stated that if he had caused offence to Cllr. Ahern then he withdrew it.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 Part 8 – Greenpark.**

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he had emailed them a copy of the Part 8 Chief Executive's Report on Green Park, Youghal this morning. The S/Senior Executive Officer gave the following brief synopsis on the report:

The subject of this Part 8 application is the development of a Contemporary Flexible Covered Events Space & related ancillary works in the environs of Green Park, Youghal-Lands, County Cork. The location was selected following the recommendation of a Land Planning & Design Rationale commissioned by the local authority in 2021. The historical context of the park was taken into consideration in the design concept.

This application is made under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). The report is prepared pursuant to the Requirements of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act. This report lists the names of each member of the public or organisation that made a submission and provides a response to the main issues contained in the submissions. The Part 8 Report is issued to each elected Member of the Municipal District in

advance of the decision being taken by the Members on whether or not to proceed with the Scheme as proposed.

A Notice was placed in the Irish Examiner on Friday 27 th January 2023. A Site notice was also erected and maintained onsite throughout timeline period. The plans and details of the proposal were made available for public viewing and comment during the period 27th January 2023 to 13th March 2023 at the following locations: • Area Engineer’s Office, Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork • Planning Department, County Hall, Cork • Online at Cork County Councils Public consultation portal. In addition, the following external bodies were notified re the proposed development: • An Taisce • Office of Public Works • Minister for Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage • Heritage Council • Failte Ireland • EIA Pre-Screening Assessment - Cork County Council has prepared an EIA Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of Section 120(1B)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). On the basis of this report, Cork County Council has completed EIA screening and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. Accordingly, it has been determined that EIA is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Planning Permission under ‘Part Eight’ of the Planning and Development Regulations is required and a public notice was placed in the ‘Irish Examiner’ newspaper on the 27th of January 2023. A copy of the newspaper Notice forms part of this Report in Appendix A. In addition, Part 8 Notices were displayed along the route. Plans and particulars of the proposal were available for inspection by the public for a period beginning on the 27th of January 2023 and ending the 13th of March 2023 in the following venues: • Area Engineer’s Office, Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork • Planning Department, County Hall, Cork • Online at Cork County Council’s Public consultation portal. Submissions / comments on the proposals had to be submitted in writing to the County Council on or before 4.00pm, Monday, 13th of March 2023. This was via paper to council office or online via [yourcouncil.ie](http://yourcouncil.ie).

Proposed Public Realm Enhancement of Green Park including: New events space, The proposed structure is an open pavilion with side walls for support. The area around the pavilion will be finished with a concrete slab with the creation of steps to match the existing levels. The works will also include paving, seating, bike parking, soft landscaping, drainage, urban trees, lighting, and all associated site works. The Council considers the proposed Scheme, as indicated on the Part 8 documentation as enhancement of the Town core. The Scheme will be an addition to the leisure facilities in the vicinity and having assessed the submissions, we do not propose to make any major modifications to the Part 8 planning drawings. Careful consideration of the protected structures has been taken into account for the design approach.

It is recommended that the development should proceed as set out in the Part 8 Drawings and Report, which were on public display.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked Paraig for the report and asked if the proposed development would interfere with the Ironman Competition. The S/Senior Executive Officer informed the members that construction has been deferred until the Ironman Competition is completed.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part 8 application for this development.

### 3.2 Pride of Place Nominations 2023.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer circulated the application form for the Cork County Council Pride of Place Nominations 2023 and informed the Members that should they have any nominations they should submit them firstly to the Municipal District Office and then onto Aileen in the Cobh office and stated that the closing date for same is April 21<sup>st</sup> next.

### 3.3 Grants 2023.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Ahern the Members unanimously approved the Community Fund Scheme Grants 2023.

### 3.4 Town Development Fund 2023.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Ahern the Members unanimously approved the Town Development Fund 2023.

### 3.5 East Cork MD 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	Connolly Street, Midleton	Localised Repairs	5	€1,750.00
2	Chapel Street, Cloyne vicinity of St. Coleman's NS.	Replace Footpath	25	€8,750.00
3	Ballinacurra (by Dairygold)	Localised Repair	-	€1,000.00
4	Upper Range, Rostellan	Repairs	175	€25,000.00
5	Main Street, Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	€20,000.00
6	Manor Lane Court, Midleton	Replace Footpath	50	€17,500.00
7	R634 North Main St., Youghal (from #49 to junction with North Cross Lane.	Replace Footpath	20	€11,000.00
8	R634 North Main St. Youghal (front of #85 & #86 approx).	Replace Footpath	20	€9,000.00

9	Bawnmore, Youghal	Replace Footpath	20	€5,500.00
10	Dermot Hurley Estate, Youghal	Localised Repairs	15	€5,000.00
11	Golflinks Road, Youghal	Replace Footpath	15	€4,500.00
12	Summerdale Lawn, Youghal	Replace Footpath	30	€6,000.00
13	Mogeely/Castlemartyr Rad	New Footpath	5	€3,000.00
14	Glenbower View Estate, Killeagh	Localised Repairs	10	€5,647.00
		<b>Total =</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>€123,647.00</b>

Cllr. Ahern thanked the Engineer for his report and especially for the inclusion of Mogeely.

Cllr. Twomey asked for clarification on the provision of the footpath at Mogeely. The Engineer informed the Members that the focus is to deal with sections of footpath which pose a safety risk to pedestrians. The Engineer informed the Members that the proposed project along with the Castlemartyr project has been approved by the NTA and will be retendered shortly, the Engineer stated that the works should hopefully be delivered in 2023 subject to funding.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Senior Executive Engineer and all the team involved for the report and asked if the works due to take place at Bawnmore are at the area by Eircom which has been cordoned off for a number of years. The Engineer informed the Members that the works due to take place are at the area by Eircom.

Cllr. McCarthy also thanked the Engineer for his report and asked what the works entail that are due to take place on the Main Street, Middleton. The Engineer informed the Members that some of the higher priority defects on this footpath will be addressed to provide a safe footpath for the public to use.

**4. Business Prescribed by Statute:**

None.

**5. Notices of Motion.**

It was agreed to move Cllr. Hegarty's Motion first as he had to leave the meeting early.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“That the L36013 road from Ballyedmond to 2 Pot House Cross Road to be looked at urgently in particular to the two bridges – Ballyoneen Bridge and Ballyogoha Bridge”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that an inspection has confirmed the road narrows signs are in place on either side of the bridges and a review has been undertaken to see if any additional warning signage would be appropriate.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“That a reduced speed limit be introduced on the L7855, Aghavine Cross to the Fr. O’Neills GAA Pitch adjoining to FON Community Complex”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road will be listed for consideration and will be reviewed in terms of guidelines under the next speed limit review.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“When will safety measures be implemented on the N25 at the L92502 Whiterock Midleton Junction”.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any response received from TII or the NRDO on this matter.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road will be listed for consideration and will be reviewed in terms of guidelines under the next speed limit review.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Cllr. Hegarty asked the Engineer what the current traffic count is at this location. Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the present traffic count is in the region of 17,000 to 19,000 vehicles daily.

5.1.1 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“With the relocation of An Post to the Market Green in Midleton, following my motion in April 2022, is it possible to expedite the installation of a pedestrian crossing on the Cork Road from Dwyer’s Road to the Junction of the Relief Road/Kennel Road to assist residents, walkers, bus patrons etc... to safely cross the road?”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the proposal to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing is included on a list of projects that will be considered for advancement as funding opportunities arise under, for example, Lower Cost Safety grants and NTA funding.

Cllr. Ahern proposed that the motion be reviewed in 6 months.

5.1.2 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Many of the grill covers incorporated in the footpaths on Main Street, Midleton are warped, uneven and broken, resulting in a tripping hazard. One such case to hand – outside the Old Post Office on the Main Street, Midleton. Is it possible to have these inspected and repaired. Also taking into account the zebra crossings, is it possible to have signs or lines erected for correct usage”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that utility covers on the Main Street footpaths will be examined and brought to the attention of the relevant utility providers where appropriate. Refreshing of road markings where required at the various pedestrian crossings is scheduled and will be completed over the coming months.

5.1.3 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“With the extension of the relief road coming onto the Old Youghal Road, is it possible to extend the lights for pedestrians up to the junction of the N25”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this item will be listed for consideration under the Public Lighting Programme,

5.1.4 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

“That this MD would support the good work of the County Archaeologist in her endeavour to produce the Historic Midleton map in line with the series of historic town maps created across the county”,

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that Mary Sleeman, County Archaeologist is due to retire in the coming weeks and asked if funding could be allocated towards the production of these maps before Mary’s retirement.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members there is a funding requirement from each Municipal District for the cost of these maps and stated that it could be generated out of the General Municipal Allocation.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that with the help of the S/Senior Executive Officer they will endeavour to allocate funding for the production of these maps.

5.1.5 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

“That Council request TII/NRDO to investigate the turnoff to Whiterock and install suitable safety measures at this junction. It is a small junction with a handful of properties and most road users are unaware of its existence on the approach. There have been a number of minor incidents at this spot”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer gave the following reply to the Members received from Sean Callery, Senior Engineer, Cork County Council:

“Cork County Council is currently assessing potential improvement options at the N25/L92502 Whiterock turnoff. Please note that the 2023 TII Grant allocation does not currently provide for improvement works at this location”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that it is also noted that there are large combination junction ahead/no overtaking warning signs in place on both approaches to inform road users of the junction ahead.

5.1.6 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

“That Manor Lane Court be added to the upcoming 2023 Footpaths Programme”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Manor Lane Court is included in the 2023 footpath Programme.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Asking that the road between Bawnmore and Youthreach Centre be resurfaced as the potholes seem to be filled every few weeks”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior executive Engineer informed the Members that this road will be considered in future programmes in order of priority once the proposed works at the junction are complete.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Asking that rumble strips or more signage be added to Greencloyne Roundabout”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a roundabout ahead sign will be installed on the approach from the Mill Road.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Asking for update on resurfacing of North Road, The Green and The Rise Youghal due to subsidence”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the old trench reinstatement on the North Road will be repaired/resurfaced, potholes in The Green/The Rise will be repaired in the short term and a number of localized subsided areas will be addressed in the coming months. The Engineer informed the Members that overall resurfacing will be considered in future programmes in order of priority.

5.1.10 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Can we contact TII and request an immediate safety review of the Carrigshane, N25 junction. With a view to providing safe passage for residents along this road as is in place for residents of the Rocky Road”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer gave the following reply to the Members received from Sean Callery, Senior Engineer, Cork County Council:

Cork County Council will discuss the N25/Carrigshane junction with TII and request funding to progress a safety review and potential improvement works that may be identified as part of such review. Please note that the 2023 TII Grant Allocation does not currently provide for improvement works at this location.

5.1.11 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Can the engineer please inspect the Ballincurrag Primary School for traffic calming measures, adequate signage and safety measures”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that an inspection has been completed and the road marking will be listed for refreshing and signs cleaned, a school ahead warning sign will be provided on the approach from Lisgood. The Engineer also informed the Members that upgrading the school ahead signage to include flashing lights would improve driver awareness to the presence of school children and stated that if the school wishes they can make direct contact on this, a 50% contribution is required towards the initial cost of installing.

5.1.12 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“Can a full traffic safety assessment take place for Mogeely village, This to include active travel measures and traffic calming measures, update on the previously proposed footpath from Cois Mhaigh in Mogeely to the Co-op”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that traffic calming measures are being advanced as part of the Greenway Project, the design of these are ongoing, an update will be provided to the Members once the design is sufficiently developed.

5.1.16 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“That the East Cork MD would consider funding streams for a revamp of the Park Street playground in Middleton, or at the very least a replacement of some of the current equipment”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, A/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that a review is being carried out across the County for the upgrade of playgrounds and stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase



of this review is to carry out an assessment of playgrounds across the County and prioritise which is in need of an upgrade.

5.1.17 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

“That the East Cork MD could consider how we can support the protection of the Loreto Convent in Youghal given its heritage value and the ongoing risk to the structures, as evidenced by a fire on site last June, perhaps by writing to Redbarn Construction Ltd. to request an update on their plans for the site and the possibility of increased security measures while it remains vacant”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that this is private property and proposed that the East Cork Municipal District write to Redbarn Construction.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer agreed to send a letter and ask that Redbarn Construction outline their proposals for the convent.

Cllr. Quaide asked that the letter emphasise the concerns of the Members for the preservation of the historic and heritage value of this building.

**6). Correspondence.**

No correspondence was received.

**7). Any Other Business.**

1. Cllr. Ahern asked if any correspondence was received from the owners of the derelict building in Ballinacurra where fencing needs to be moved back from the public footpath. Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that no correspondence was received and stated that he will follow up and look into this matter.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on Ashe Street, Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Roads Design Office are currently putting the works out to tender, he has no further update.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the footpath in Castlemartyr on the Ladysbridge Road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works were re-tendered by the NTA and stated that they are awaiting the allocation of funding for these works.

The next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.30 p.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

