

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS Teams and
Pearse Memorial Chambers on 3rd July 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Cllr. McCarthy presided.
Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Hegarty, 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.
Mr. Ted O' Sullivan, Executive Engineer.

Cllr. Hegarty requested a suspension of Standing Orders to raise one issue he is extremely concerned about under Any Other Business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting & Minutes of June Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held on 6th June 2023.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting & Minutes of Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held on 6th June were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Hegarty and seconded by Cllr Ahern.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes.

2.1 Cllr. Twomey asked if there was any update on the traffic situation at Tallow Street, Youghal. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that no recent calls for proposals have been received from the NTA. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the proposed pedestrian crossing at this location which she stated would make a great difference regarding speed issues and asked if there was any way of interacting with the relevant bodies to speed up extra developments for this area.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the provision of the proposed pedestrian crossing under the Low Cost Safety Scheme will be advanced to the Section 38 process later this year and stated the broader scope of parking issues and the provision of traffic lights at the bottom of Cork Hill will need to be looked at under the Active Safety Travel Scheme.

2.2. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the provision of 'cats eyes' on the Tallow Road. The Senior Executive Engineer will look into this matter again.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Presentation by Eirgrid – Shaping Our Offshore Energy Future.

Eirgrid deferred this presentation until the September meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

Cllr. Ahern read the following letter expressing her disappointment in relation to the cancellation of this presentation:

It is a pity that Eirgrid cannot be here today or at the least send a representative to record any questions or feedback that we, the public representatives for the East Cork Municipal District, have for them. Surely sending a member of the company to brief us at an outset is better than avoiding us.

They then claim that meetings are limited due to annual leave so it is at least September before they would get the opportunity to be on the Agenda? This is stretching it a lot!

Instead of keeping the Interconnector Programme open and transparent on a public level, their public relations division would rather if we councillors *“have questions on same can they please reach out directly to me and we will address their query”*. Why would that be? Why the secrecy?

I would still like to know why when I asked in our December 2022 MD meeting, for copies of the written correspondence to reject the cables being run on the N25 or Greenway between Iarnrod Eireann and Eirgrid along with TII/NRA and Eirgrid, why this remain outstanding?

To date, they have taken what appears to be a vow of silence. Why is this not surprising!

Why have Eirgrid still not replied to the request for the written documentation? Why are these documents they have so openly declared they have in their possession on several occasions not available through FOI? What are Eirgrid trying to hide by not releasing the confirmation of rejection of both those routes?

I recently had a motion to suspend Standing Orders at Full Council on 8th May 2023 regarding Eirgrid being in breach of their planning permission, why are they not sitting with us here today? To date there has been no response from the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Minister for Transport, and the Minister for Public Expenditure. Why is this?

The failure by Eirgrid to communicate effectively, with openness and transparency leaves me questioning any presentation or commitment Eirgrid will give this MD.

To date the appearances by Eirgrid and some of the shocking revelations that have and are emerging have reinforced the need to not only highlight but seek an in-depth examination of the operations, governance and culture within Eirgrid.

I now believe that all stakeholders involved in the projected route of this project need to be contacted.

Subject to any further engagement with Eirgrid, the following now clearly needs to be established:

1. Whether Eirgrid's governance and project is fit for purpose.
2. The organisational culture of Eirgrid and its impact on levels of trust, governance, transparency, and communications and on changes which should be made.
3. A detailed report on how Eirgrid's operations will impact on public finances. What contingencies are there.
4. What relevant Members of Eirgrid (e.g. Senior Executives, Senior Management) engage regularly regarding the chosen route for the Celtic Interconnector.
5. While I would seek an open engagement with Eirgrid, however this is something that I have resounded will not happen without rhetoric and blatant misrepresentations.

Cllr. Hegarty fully concurred with Cllr. Aherns sentiments and stated that he is very disappointed at the way they are being treated by Eirgrid as Municipal District Councillors.

3.2 Part VIII Chief Executive's Report in connection with Moll Goggin's and Lighthouse Road Viewing Platforms, Youghal.

Mr. Ted O' Sullivan, Executive Engineer circulated the Part VIII Chief Executive's Report in connection with Moll Goggin's and Lighthouse Road Viewing Platforms, Youghal to the Members:

1. Introduction

The project comprises of the restoration and redevelopment of two existing viewing platforms located on the R634 Lighthouse Road in Youghal, and the stabilization of the rocks beneath them. The two platforms are known as the Moll Goggin's Viewing Platform and the Lighthouse Road Viewing Platform.

The restoration will involve the removal of the existing concrete structures, and construction of new amenity areas / viewing platforms with heritage sensitive materials.

1.1 Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposals which is considered under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Certain developments proposed by a Local Authority are subject to a planning approval process as set out under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. This requires a public consultation process. This procedure requires that notice of the proposed development be given in the public press and that a site notice be erected. The notice will set out where the plans and details of the proposal are available for inspection by the public and the dates for inspection and receiving submissions. The Part 8 advertisement is included in Appendix A.

Arising from consideration of the representations, the [Title] sets out whether or not it is proposed to proceed as originally planned or to proceed with a modified proposal. The decision to grant or refuse planning approval is then a reserved function of the Elected Members.

This document is the [Title] for the prepared pursuant to the Requirements of Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Part XI. 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 those submissions. The [Title] is issued to each Elected Member of the electoral area in advance of the decision being taken by the Elected Members on whether or not to proceed with the scheme as proposed.

Subject to securing the approval of the Elected Members, Cork County Council proposes approval of Part 8 Planning Permission for the Redevelopment of Moll Goggin's and Lighthouse Road Viewing Platforms Youghal.

Public consultation for the scheme commenced on Friday 10th March 2023. Details of this process are provided in this report.

2. Nature and Extent of Proposed Development

2.1 Project Context and Existing Conditions

This project has been designed by Cork County Council CPIU Architects Team (CCC) in collaboration with the Road Department and external structural engineers at Malachy Walsh & Partners (MWP).

Moll Goggin's and Lighthouse Viewing platforms, are eroding and in need of structural repairs. Both platforms are currently unusable and fenced off to the public due to safety reasons for a number of years now.



Moll Goggin's Platform



Moll Goggin's Platform



Lighthouse Viewing Platform

2.2 Project Objectives

This proposal seeks to deliver structural repair and sensitive design to the two platforms along Lighthouse Road. The overall aspiration of the project is to enhance the surrounding area and community through sensitive quality design, while conserving and reinstating the historical and heritage value of the platforms.

This will be a first step in enhancing and creating an attractive and safe link between the town and beach, through a people-centred design approach, shifting the focus from vehicles towards pedestrians and cyclists.

The aim is to enhance Youghal's historic, cultural, and natural heritage value, as outlined in the new county development plan.

The refurbishment of the platforms will once again facilitate for areas off the main thoroughfare for pedestrians to enjoy the coastal views and encouraging them to linger longer along the waterfront.

2.3 Project Specific Proposals

Stabilisation of the rock face must be carried out before any refurbishments of the platforms takes place.

For Moll Goggin's Platform, an approximate length of 24m on the rock face below the platform is to be sprayed with shotcrete. This will be anchored with soil nails and rock anchors to reduce the risk of further erosion or damage to the rockface. The shotcrete will be 10m in height and anchored with soil nails varying in length from 2m to 8m depending on the cliff conditions. Due to tidal surrounding and fauna nearby, the shotcrete will contain an additive for rapid set. A new concrete plinth will

then be fitted into the position of the existing. This will consist of reinforced concrete with a 100mm paving finish, anchored into the rock with vertical piles. The existing void beneath the platform that has been created due to coastal erosion will be filled with suitable material to provide a stable support for the new plinth.

The aim of the architectural design is to provide a shotcrete finish that sensitively responds to its site context in colour and texture.

The Lighthouse Road platform will need a similar approach to Moll Goggin's platform. Approximately 7m length of the rock face will be stabilised using shotcrete and will be anchored with soil nails and rock anchors. This will be approximately 8m in height and the soil nails will again vary from 2m to 8m in length. Just like in Moll Goggin's platform, there will be an additive to ensure rapid setting time. However, the existing void under platform will not be filled. Instead, the existing unstable beam will be replaced with a new one to support the load of the new concrete plinth. The new plinth will consist of reinforced concrete, level with the existing footpath, and anchored with vertical piles. The new concrete plinth will span above the location of existing steps to allow for uncomplicated reversibility in the future.

Through the enhancement of safe, public saunter areas with views out to the harbour, the scheme aims to promote active mobility to and from the town. The sensitive design and restoration of the existing platforms reinforce the cultural and heritage value these platforms have on the locality. This will create an attractive asset for locals and visitors alike. The design seeks to establish a strong connection between the platforms and their history, surrounding context and the natural beauty of the jagged shoreline.

Design Focal Features include:

Ensuring the new structural additions fit into the context of the existing rock face, an architectural finish of varying colour and profile is desired. The approach is one that takes inspiration from the existing monumental outcrop shoreline.

The platforms not only offer extensive views out to the open sea, but the new intervention will guide a user towards directed views of significant landmarks such as Capel Island, Waterford and the Youghal Lighthouse.

The natural material palette that has been selected, such as timber and stone, enhances the beauty of the site. Irish stone matches the outcrops both in colour and texture. Polished exposed aggregate concrete finish will contrast with the stone tiles. The tiles, running along the perimeter of the platform will incorporate a quote from the existing plaque, nodding to the platform's heritage of Moll Goggin stating: "Sadly, the days of her watch stretched to months and then years with no news of the ship." The pavers also invite the users to look out to significant landmarks such as Capel Island and Waterford.

The geometry and form of the new railings will take inspiration from those already existing in Youghal. The warmth of the natural timber finish on the railing acts as a contrast to the concrete and stone. The timber will conceal the concrete plinth and structural infill. Ambient architectural lighting will be incorporated into the railing handrail and along the perimeter of the concrete plinth. This lighting will enhance the features of the scheme and create a safe, gender sensitive, and ambient space after dark.

Green areas will be incorporated into the scheme acting as rain gardens. These will collect and clean run off water and better promote biodiversity, as well as contributing to vertical calming measures to slow down traffic adjacent to these public areas.

Street furniture throughout the scheme will take cognisance of all users. The use of the standard and smart furniture that caters for all ages and abilities will help to enhance the surrounding area. The addition of street furniture will allow for the enjoyment of views and allow for resting, gathering and lingering areas for the people.

3. Part 8 Planning Process

Section 179 of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended); and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended) set out the requirements in respect of certain classes of development by or on behalf of local authorities. Part 8 of the Regulations comprises 7 Articles – 79 to 85. Article 80(1) lists the type of development that are subject to Part 8, which includes the proposed road development.

3.1 Site Notices

In accordance with the Article 81 the Local Authority shall:

- (a) give notice of proposed development in a newspaper.
- (b) erect site notices on the land on which the proposed development would be situated.

Cork County Council published a notice of the proposals in the Irish Examiner on Friday 10th March 2023 (see Appendix A).

Two site notices were erected (one at each platform) and were maintained for the duration of the submission period. A copy of the Advertisement/Site Notice is attached (see Appendix B).

3.2 Planning Consultations with prescribed bodies

Article 82(3) prescribes Statutory and Non-Statutory bodies to which a local authority should send notice of proposed development. These are summarised in Appendix C.

3.3 Part 8 Planning Documents

The following is the list of Part 8 Planning documents contained in the display pack:

- Part 8 Planning Report,
- Report for the Screening of Appropriate Assessment
- Environmental Impact Screening Assessment
- Preliminary Design Drawings (as listed below).
 - 101 Existing Site Location
 - 102 Existing Site Layout
 - 204 Proposed Plan of Lighthouse Road Platform with Context
 - 205 Proposed Plan of Lighthouse Road Platform
 - 301 Proposed Section AA of Moll Goggin’s Platform
 - 302 Proposed Elevation of Moll Goggin’s Platform
 - 303 Proposed Section BB of Lighthouse Road Platform
 - 304 Proposed Elevation of Lighthouse Road Platform

- Preliminary Engineering Drawings (as listed below).
 - 22446-MWP-0001 Site Layout
 - 22446-MWP-0002 Moll Goggin's Layout Existing
 - 22446-MWP-0003 Lighthouse Layout Existing
 - 22446-MWP-0004 Moll Goggin's Layout Proposed
 - 22446-MWP-0005 Lighthouse Layout Proposed
 - 22446-MWP-0006 Moll Goggin's Layout Existing Sections
 - 22446-MWP-0007 Lighthouse Layout Existing Sections
 - 22446-MWP-0008 Moll Goggin's Sections Proposed
 - 22446-MWP-0009 Lighthouse Sections Proposed

3.4 Public Consultation Process

Under Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - Part 8, the Local Authority is required to carry out a public consultation process.

The public consultation process commenced on Friday 10th March 2023.

3.4.1 Newspaper Advertisement & Site Notice

A planning notice was placed in the Irish Examiner newspaper (see Appendix A) and a site notice was erected on site at 2 No locations on Friday, 10th March 2023 (see Appendix B).

3.4.2 Public Display & Inspection of Plans and Particulars

Cork County Council required full plans and particulars of the proposed development available for inspection. These were made available from Friday, 10th March 2023 until Friday 7th April 2023 at the following locations:

- County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC;
- Municipal District Office, Mall House, The Mall, Youghal, Co. Cork, P36 A660

Plans and particulars could also be viewed on line at www.corkcoco.ie . Hard copy of the documents could also be posted on request by emailing part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie or by writing to: Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335.

Submissions or Observations on the proposals could be made:

1. Using an online submission form at www.yourcouncil.ie; or
2. By sending an email to part8.rlrdo@corkcoco.ie; or
3. By sending a letter to Senior Engineer, Cork County Council, Regional & Local Roads Design Office, Floor 3, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 K335.

All emails and letters were required to reach the Senior Engineer on or before 4pm on **Friday 21st April 2023**.

3.4.3 Planning consultation outcomes

Submissions or observations received by the Council are considered in this report, which is prepared and presented to the Councillors for adoption. The Chief Executive's Report lists those who made a

submission together with a summary of that submission. The Report addresses each point and forms the basis of the Local Authority's response.

Arising from consideration of the representations, the Chief Executive's Report sets out whether or not it is proposed to proceed as originally planned or to proceed with a modified proposal. It is a reserved function of the Elected Members to grant or refuse planning approval.

4. Planning and Policy Context

4.1 Planning Policy Compliance

The proposal aligns with the County Development Plan, specifically, the Vision statement "to protect and enhance the unique identity and character of County Cork's towns and villages and improve quality of life and wellbeing through the delivery of placemaking underpinned by good urban design, with the creation of attractive public spaces that are vibrant, distinctive, safe and accessible and which promote and facilitate positive social interaction and supports the needs of the community."

And Objective TO10-1 Promotion of sustainable Tourism in County Cork, and TO10-6 Cultural Tourism

5. Environmental & Ecological Assessment of the Scheme

The screening exercise was completed by MWP Consultants Limited in compliance with the relevant European Commission and national guidelines. The potential impacts during the construction and operation of the proposed road works have been considered in the context of the European Sites potentially affected, their qualifying interests, Special Conservation Interests and Conservation Objectives.

5.1 Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

The screening for appropriate assessment was undertaken by MWP to determine the potential for likely significant effects of the proposed works, individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of the conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 site. The proposed works described are within the zone of potential influence of seven Natura 2000 sites. It has been objectively concluded that the following sites are not likely to be significantly affected by the proposed works, and can therefore be screened out for appropriate assessment:

- • Ardmore Head SAC
- • Ballycotton Bay SPA
- • Ballymacoda Bay SPA
- • Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC
- • Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA
- • Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC
- • Blackwater Estuary SPA

Reasons for Conclusion:

- No significant impacts to any Natura 2000 sites from reduced water quality will ensue as a result of the proposal.

- There is no potential for impacts on the qualifying interests for which any Natura 2000 sites within the zone of potential influence of the project are designated. As such, there would be no significant direct or indirect impact on qualifying habitat or species associated with any Natura 2000 sites;
- The lack of significant in-combination effects arising from other proposed and permitted developments in the vicinity.

Measures intended to avoid or reduce negative effects on the European sites have not been relied upon in reaching this conclusion.

A Finding of No Significant Effects Report (FONSE) has been prepared

for Appropriate Assessment under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive has been carried out for the proposed road improvement works. The assessment did not determine any potential for significant effects for European sites which have connectivity to the works area.

5.2 Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

This report was compiled by Mr Tony Nagle Ecologist Cork County Council. The overall conclusion of the report was:

In accordance with Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and on the basis of the objective information provided in this report, it is concluded beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans/projects are not likely to have a significant effect on any European site (Natura 2000 site). It is therefore considered that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), is not required.

Explain how the overall conclusion that there are no significant effects on European sites was arrived at

- *No interventions are proposed within any European site.*
- *There is no significant risk of activities associated with the project causing disturbance to species that are qualifying interests of any European site.*
- *Surface water run-off (containing sediment or pollution substances) during the construction phase is not likely to cause any significant impacts to any of the nearby European sites*

5.3 Part 8 Planning Report

This report was prepared by Mr Thomas Watt, Senior Planner Cork County Council; which concluded *“It is considered that the proposed development accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”*

6. Scheme Design Modifications (Amendments)

Following review of the submission received during the Part 8 Planning process, the Design Team & CCC did not introduce any modifications to the proposed scheme the subject to the Part 8 Planning.

7. Conclusion

The refurbishment of these platforms will create safe public viewing areas, enhance the surrounding area, and reinstate the historical and heritage value of the platforms.

The proposals will also enhance the connection from the beach to the town, increase footfall and allow for public saunter areas.

The Executive Engineer informed the Members that one positive observation was received for this proposal and stated that he is looking for the Members approval to proceed to the Part VIII Process. The Members thanked Ted and all the team involved on this exciting project which will tie in with both the MY Greenway and Lighthouse projects.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part VIII Process for the proposed Moll Goggin's and Lighthouse Road Viewing Platforms, Youghal.

3.3 East Cork Municipal District Roads Grant Programme Progress Report:

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Roads Grant Programme Progress Report 2023 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	R	R-626	East Cork – R626 (part) Ballyedmond Bridge to East Cork Oil	1061	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	R	R-630-34, R630-48	East Cork – R630 Lower Whitewell towards Saleen	944	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	LP	L-3652-0	East Cork – L-3562 Yankee Road Aghada	1,278	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 4	LP	L-3651-0, L-3651-31	East Cork – L3651 Upper Aghada to Hermitage	1,725	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 5	LT	L-36387-0	East Cork – L-36387-0 Bsllymacotter Churchtown South	1,505	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 6	LS	L-7655-0, L7655-18	East Cork – L7655-0 Thades X to Killurriga	2,080	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 7	LS	L-7667-0	East Cork – L7667 Carrigacrump to Carrigalusky	2,159	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 8	LP	L-3645-0, L-3645-21	East Cork – L-3645-21 Basllyknock towards Guileen	1,902	0%
Restoration	RM 9	LP, LS	L-3642-28, L-	East Cork –	2,316	100%

Maintenance			7664-0	L7664-0 & L-+3642-28 (part) Upper Aghada to Ballynookery		
Restoration Maintenance	RM 10	LS	L-7841-31, L-7841-51	East Cork – L7841 Knockmonalea to Ballyvergan West	3,515	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 11	LS	L-7846-0	East Cork – L7846 Knockmonlea East	601	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 12	LS	L-7847-0	East Cork – L7847 Ballyhobert	424	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 13	LS	L-7809-0	East Cork – L7809 Upper Breeda	3,669	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LP, LT	L-3803-0, L-78123-0	East Cork – L3803 Halfway Bar to Barnaviddane	2,380	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM15	LS	L7824-0, L7826-0	East Cork – L7824 Barnadaw to Ballyre	1,703	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM16	R	R-627-92	East Cork – R627 Dungorney to Donickmore	1,557	0%
Restoration Maintenance	RM17	LT	L-38081-0	East Cork – L38081-0 Cornaveigh	1,047	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 18	LT	L-3630-0	East Cork – L3630 (part) at “Watery Cross” (Extra Project)	400	100%
RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =					30,226.	
Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3644-0, L-3644-28	East Cork – L-3651 (part) Whitewell to Ballinrosig at Ballinbeg	1,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	LS	L-7663-0	East Cork – L7663 Upper Range Rostellan	170	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 3	R	R-629-59	East Cork – R629 Cloyne to Ballymaloe	1,800	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LS	L-7659-0	East Cork – L7659 Kilva (part)	1,550	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LP	L-3609-0	East Cork – L3609 Corbally (part)	1,250	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	LP	L-3833-57	East Cork – L3833 Churchtown to Ballycotton - Phase 1 Churchtown	Deferred as road surfaced dressed	
Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LP	L-3600-0	East Cork – L360 Two Pot Cross/Coolnedane South	854	0%
Restoration	RI 8	LT	L-96302-2	East Cork – L-	287	0%

Improvement				96302-2 Bawnard Chip Dump Road		
Restoration Improvement	RI 9	LP	L-3637-0	East Cork – L3637 Ballyandreen	1,111	75%
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	LT	L-36383-0	East Cork – L- 36383-0 Ballyrobin North	1,612	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 11-13	LS	L-7728-0, L- 7228-1	East Cork – Riversfield Estates, Midleton	289	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	R	R-632-55	East Cork – R632 Garryvoe	424	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 15	LP	L-3800-0	East Cork – L3800 Monalyre X to Adrglass X	1,610	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LP	L-3812-0	East Cork – L3812 Gortaroo Cross to Gortaroo Village	911	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	LS	L-7884-0	East Cork – L7884 Shanavagoon	1402	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-7838-0	East Cork – L7838 Ballycurraginny	1280	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 19	LS	L-9533-0	East Cork – L9533 Belmont Terrace Youghal	117	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 20	LS	L-7906-0	East Cork – L7906 Glenbower View Killeagh	83	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 21	LP	L-3811-32	East Cork – L3811 (part) Yellowford	1,500	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 22	LT	L-7821-0	East Cork – L7821 Ballyglavin	882	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 23	LP	L-3815-19	East Cork – L3815 Kilcredan Road at Kilcraheen	1,200	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 24	LT	L-78281-0	East Cork – L78281 Ballyglavin (Phase 2) (Extra Project)*		
Restoration Improvement	RI 25	LP	L-3815-0 (part)	East Cork – L3645 Finure-Guileen Phase 1 (Extra Project)*		
Restoration Improvement	RI 26	LP	L-3644-0 (part)	East Cork – L3644 Ballinrostig Phase 2 (Substitute Project)		
			Restoration Improvement Subtotal =		22,311	
*Funded by CCC own funds						

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any timeline for works at Belmont Terrace and Glenbower View. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a detailed survey is being carried out for the works at Belmont Terrace and stated that the timeline for works for both locations will be October/November this year.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the road from Churchtown to Ballycotton and asked if the works can be moved onto the next phase, the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Irish Water have fully resurfaced the road after pipe laying and will be kept under open review.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the repaving and lining of the car park at Ballyandreen, Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate the possibility of funding for these works.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of dykes at Yellowford which he stated are quite deep. The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that drainage works at this location will be reviewed and he will investigate same.

3.4 Proposed Public Lighting Programme 2023.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the Proposed Public Lighting Programme 2023 to the Members.

The following is the proposed Public Lighting Programme in East Cork Municipal District following a budget provision of €41,663. In considering priorities in drawing up the proposed programme various criteria were considered as attached. Consideration was given to the various motions, representations and requests 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.

Ref no.	Municipal District	Location	Description	No. of additional lights proposed	Estimated project Cost
1	East Cork	R629 Ballycotton	1 new lantern installed on ESB pole adjacent to RNLI building.	1	€950
2	East Cork	L9531-1 Kilcoran Park, Youghal	1 new lantern installed on new column	1	€3,400
3	East Cork	L3804 Dungourney Road Mount Uniacke	2 new lanterns installed on new columns and 1 new lantern installed on ESB pole	3	€8,000
4	East Cork	L3649-0 Middle Road, Whitegate, Middleton	5 new lanterns installed on ESB pole	5	€4,750
5	East Cork	R630 Approach to Rostellan	6 new lanterns installed on new columns	6	€21,813
6	East Cork	L3807	1 new lantern	1	€2,750

		Bakersclose, Mount Uniacke	installed on new column (solar light)		
					€41,663

Cllrs. McCarthy & Twomey thanked the Engineer for the extra lights on the approach to Rostellan which they stated was a much needed project. The Engineer informed the Members that scheme was designed to install 8 lights originally but the budget was not quite enough so 6 lights have been installed presently.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Engineer for the additional light at Kilcoran Park and also at Ballycotton adjacent to the RNLI building.

3.5 Draft Proposed S38 Traffic Calming at Golf Links Road, Youghal.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated a location map of the proposed layout of Traffic Calming at the lower and upper sections of Golf Links Road, Youghal which will include a proposed Junction Build Out at the lower end of the road and also 3 proposed Round Top Ramps at existing public lighting along the road.

The Engineer sought the members approval to put these proposed works to Public Consultation later this week.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McCarthy the Members unanimously agreed to put these proposed works to Public Consultation later this week.

3.6 Approval of Funding for Production of Historic Town Map for Midleton.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer sought approval from the members on funding for the production of Historic Town Map for Midleton.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members unanimously approved funding for the production of Historic Town Map for Midleton.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 6th June 2023

“That traffic calming measures be installed at Shanagarry village and an updated Traffic Count survey be undertaken ASAP”.

Cllrs. Twomey and Aherne supported this motion and asked that the motion be amended to include a speed survey at this location and asked if there was any update on the provision of speed signs.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will arrange to have speed and traffic surveys conducted at this location. The Engineer stated that this is a very linear village with very little room for the provision of a footpath but will look at the potential to provide a short section of footpath near the GAA pitch and also informed the Members that Driver Feedback Signs will benefit the village and will put forward the provision of same in the coming year.

5.1.2 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th June 2023

“That a storm water gully be installed adjacent to the entrance of Russell Rovers GAA facilities at Main Street, Shanagarry”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Executive Engineer has met with the Secretary of the GAA Club regarding drainage issues, costings need to be investigated before works can proceed.

5.1.3 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th June 2023

“That swimming warning signs be erected at the left hand side of Ballycroneen Beach”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and asked if the motion be amended to include Inch Beach and also an audit of all signage on beaches with danger of rip tides within the area.

Cllr. Twomey also supported this motion and asked if the warning signs be erected as quickly as possible. Cllr. Twomey commended Cllr. Hegarty on the motion.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer will discuss this motion with Caroline Casey, Water Safety Officer.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 14th June 2023

“Can the L 3818 be inspected for repairs and immediate drainage works”.

Cllr. Hegarty fully supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the repairs and surface dressing have been carried out from the entrance to Ballymaloe to Loughane Road, a number of potholes have also been listed for repair and drainage will also be investigated.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a parapet wall of a bridge on the R629 between Ballymaloe House and Shanagarry that is damaged. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a contractor has been procured to carry out these works.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 14th June 2023

“Do we have an update on the proposed works at The Hyde’s Park/ Rose Hill/ R630 junction works. Have we applied for NTA funding for this year or is there an intention for next year?”

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Traffic & Transportation Section have engaged with the NTA regarding funding but have been unsuccessful to date, The Engineer informed the Members that the NTA will consider funding for these works under the Ballinacurra to Middleton Cycle Scheme.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 22nd June 2023

“Can the Mogeely to Killeagh road, (at the playground) and approach to Killeagh be assessed for traffic calming measures.

Can any avenue of funding that may be applicable be looked at for installation of those traffic calming measures.

Can the councillors receive a written report on the outcome of this engineer’s survey”.

All Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council have provided footpaths, driver feedback signs and public lighting at this location to give a more urban feeling for the residents of this area and stated that a lot of commuters are using this road in order to avoid traffic tailbacks at Castlemartyr. The Engineer informed the Members that he will refer the motion to the Traffic & Transportation Section to have a speed survey carried out with a look to the development of a traffic calming scheme on this road.

Cllr. Twomey stated that Cork County Council has a policy for traffic calming measures for towns and villages within the County and asked if the motion could be brought forward at the next SPC meeting.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the challenge here is countywide and stated that just €1m has been allocated under the Low Cost Safety Scheme. The Engineer stated that more measures would be implemented if more funding was available.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if the SPC could give a review of speeding issues around playgrounds in the East Cork Municipal District area.

5.1.7 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 14th June 2023

“Can the Sea View Estate in Ballycotton be added to the programme for repairs and resurfacing along with a re-lining in Ballycotton Village”

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion and asked if the whole village will be resurfaced on the Sewerage Scheme is finished.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will inspect Sea View Estate and list potholes for repair and will also include this estate on the resurfacing programme and stated that he will look at prioritising the re-lining of the road in Ballycotton Village.

The Engineer informed the Members that the general resurfacing of this area will be reviewed once Irish Water works are completed and stated that some interim resurfacing works have taken place recently.

5.1.8 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 14th June 2023

“Can L7832-0 at Mogeely to Ballynascarty Road be added to the roads programme and in the meantime any surface or remedial works be carried out”.

Cllr. Healy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate this road and list for repairs.

5.1.9 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 26th June 2023

“Can sight and safety measures be looked at for L3626-1, the Rocky Road in Midleton, due to increase in walkers, cyclists and traffic etc... on this road”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will investigate the provision of a pedestrian sign over the narrow section of this road.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th June 2023

“Asking that the road in centre of Mount Uniake be added to our list for resurfacing and drainage works as it’s in very bad condition”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road will be strongly considered for the 2024 Roads Programme.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th June 2023

“Thanking East Cork MD for patching works on North Road Youghal but asking that it be included in full resurface in the future from Millenium Court into Greencloyne Roundabout”.

Cllrs. Hegarty & McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this road has been identified as an area for resurfacing and stated that a number of trench reinstatements at Millenium Business Park will be brought to the attention of Irish Water.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if this item be kept on the Agenda.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 28th June 2023

“Asking for East Cork MD to request funding for upgrades to playgrounds in Youghal to include wheelchair swing and communication boards for all playgrounds in East Cork”.

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion and asked if the playground in Cloyne be included also.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that funding has been allocated for the provision of communication boards for all playgrounds in Cork County and will be erected in the coming months. The Senior Staff Office informed the Members that she will follow up on the inclusion of a wheelchair swing.

6). Correspondence.

1. Cllr. McCarthy proposed a vote of congratulations to Cllr. Healy on being elevated to Deputy Mayor on Full Council, all Members concurred with this.

7). Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Hegarty vented his annoyance and frustration at the decision by Minister Eamon Ryan to axe funding for the upgrade of the N25 between Carrigtwohill and Midleton and also the development of the Relief Road between Castlemartyr and Killeagh.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that Minister Ryan is using his power under Section 24 of the Roads Act which allows him to give out road funding “subject to such conditions as he sees fit”, but use of Minister Ryan’s own directive to slow down the progress of the road projects towards construction has already caused coalition tension as Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil TD’s are pushing strongly for them to be delivered as soon as possible.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he has no problem with the 2:1 ratio agreed in the programme for government, which is to spend twice as much on public transport, walking and cycling as on roads once the provided road structure is adequate.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the East Cork Municipal District send a strongly worded letter calling on the Members of Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil & Minister Eamonn Ryan to put sufficient funding in place to maintain & improve road infrastructure.

Cllr. McCarthy proposed that the motion be put forward for Full Council next Monday.

All Members fully supported and complimented Cllr. Hegarty on this motion.

2. Cllr. Ahern asked if there was any funding available for the residents of Maple Woods Ballinacurra for grass cutting within the estate. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that a grant has already been allocated to Ballinacurra Tidy Towns Group and stated there is no budget available. The Municipal District Officer suggested that the residents of this estate club together to fund these works.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked the Senior Executive Engineer if there was any update on the traffic calming works proposed for Ashe Street. The Engineer informed the Members that the original tendering system has failed to yield a valid tender and will be going out for quotations once again with all documentation available in the Youghal office shortly.
4. Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on the medical parking space on the Cork Road, Midleton. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he is awaiting the exact wording both in English and as Gaeilge for this space.
5. Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on the steps at the entrance to Suncourt Estate from the Dungourney Road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he is presently looking at design and quotation but cannot guarantee the works will be done this year.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

