

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS Teams and Mall House, Youghal on 6th June 2023 at 1.45 p.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.
Mary Sleeman, County Archaeologist.
Annette Quinn, Archaeologist.

The Members thanked Cllr. Hegarty for carrying out his duties as Cathaoirleach to perfection over the last 12 months and wished Cllr. McCarthy all the best in her term as Cathaoirleach in the year going forward.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd May 2023.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd May were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Hegarty and seconded by Cllr Ahern.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Medieval Church Survey.

Mary Sleeman, County Archaeologist & Annette Quinn, Archaeologist circulated a copy of the Historic Churches Condition Survey to the Members for their information.

Mary Sleeman informed the Members that Cork County Council has in its care over one hundred Historic Churches. These are of varying antiquity, going back to the twelfth century A.D and also stated that 100% funding is available from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for conservation.

Historic churches are an important part of our national cultural heritage, and a reminder to successive generations of the significance and influence of religious worship in forming who we are as a people. A great deal of this heritage has already been lost and the conservation of these buildings is essential to preserving what is left of this heritage and passing it on to future generations.

Sadly, most of our churches are visibly decaying. Conservation and ongoing maintenance are essential if they are to be saved for future generations.

Over the past three decades Cork County Council's Historic Monuments Conservation Team has carried out vital works to numerous churches around Cork County. The conservation team works out of the County Council's Architects' Department under the guidelines of the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee.

The Historic Monuments Advisory Committee of Cork County Council has now commissioned a new survey of churches. A separate report will be produced for each Municipal District, its aim being to provide guidance to each Municipal District on:

- The number of churches in their area.
- The present condition of each site and the scale of conservation works required.

Under the National Monuments legislation any works to a Historic Church, outside of routine maintenance, will require a permission known as Ministerial Consent, which is issued through the National Monuments Service. Works should not commence until such Consent is received. The County Archaeologist or the Archaeologist appointed to oversee any specific project will advise on applying for Consent.

The Members thanked the County Archaeologist for her report and commended her for all her work throughout the years and wished her well on her retirement which takes place in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Quaide asked if the funding committed is only limited to historic churches as the Tidy Towns Committee in Cloyne are very eager to carry out works to a Round Tower in the village and asked if this would come under the same funding stream.

The County Archaeologist informed the Members that the funding stream is open to all Archaeological Monuments and stated that funding applications will be mostly carried out by Municipal Districts encouraged by community groups.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer stated that it was a pleasure to work with Mary throughout her time with Cork County Council in particular with her involvement on the drawing up of town maps and wished Mary the very best in her retirement.

3.2 S. 85 Agreement – Cork to Waterford Pathfinder Project – Youghal to Dungarvan Scheme.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following document to the Members from Mr. Pdraig Barrett, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation

In October 2022 Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan launched the Pathfinder Programme of 35 exemplar transport projects to be delivered by local authorities and agencies around the country within three years. The Pathfinder Programme forms a key part of the implementation of the National Sustainable Mobility Policy, which sets out the

government's plan to meet Ireland's requirement to achieve a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in the transport sector. A continuous active travel connection from Cork City to Waterford City was approved as a pathfinder project, with a focus on delivering the outstanding segment between Youghal and Dungarvan which currently has no planned dedicated cycle infrastructure. In December 2022 Transport Infrastructure Ireland completed a feasibility study¹ to examine the feasibility of delivering an active travel connection between Youghal and Dungarvan.

The study defined the initial project objectives, reviewed constraints and opportunities and identified a number of potential options which may meet the objectives. While there are significant constraints in the study area, there are potentially feasible options using national roads, local roads, and state owned land, or a combination of all three. There is also scope to integrate cycling infrastructure with other modes of transport to improve accessibility along the route, and this could be developed as part or in conjunction with the project. The Feasibility Report identified options that it recommended should be taken forward for further appraisal at future project phases, with additional demand analysis and further constraints studies undertaken in advance of identifying a Preferred Option. Waterford City & County Council has been requested by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to act as the lead authority for the scheme and to manage its initial progression from Phase 2 (Option Selection) to Phase 4 (Statutory Process).

This will primarily entail procuring the necessary technical services, managing the option selection and public consultation processes, developing a design and managing the statutory processes. Subject to the outcome of the statutory processes, it is envisaged that the scheme would further progress from Phase 5 (Enabling & Procurement) to Phase 7 (Close Out). This would primarily entail the acquisition of any lands required, the procurement of a Works Contract, the construction of the scheme and the close out of the project. The Study Area for the project has been defined from the Feasibility Report and includes areas in both County Waterford & County Cork between the towns of Dungarvan & Youghal. The extent of the current Study Area is shown on the attached map and this area is subject to further refinement as the option selection process develops.

In this regard, it will be necessary for Waterford City & County Council to enter into an agreement with Cork County Council in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended). The purpose of the proposed agreement is to give Waterford City & County Council all the necessary powers and functions of Cork County Council in relation to the project. These powers and functions will extend inter alia to; the serving of required statutory notices, the acquisition of lands, and the design, development and construction of the scheme. The agreement will also enable Waterford City & County Council to carry out the statutory functions of Cork County Council in connection with the preparation for and execution of statutory processes for the scheme, including submissions to An Bord Pleanála if required.

The execution of the functions transferred to Waterford City & County Council are limited to those required to develop and construct the 'Cork to Waterford Pathfinder Project - Youghal to Dungarvan Scheme'. There is no timeline set out in the Section 85 Agreement for this, though the Pathfinder Programme envisions project delivery by the end of 2025. The

making of an agreement by a local authority under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) is a reserved function. A copy is attached of the proposed Section 85 Agreement and in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), it is recommended that the Council adopt the following resolution;

‘That Cork County Council agrees to the making of an Agreement, as presented to it under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), with Waterford City and County Council for the execution by Waterford City & County Council of the functions necessary for the Cork to Waterford Pathfinder Project - Youghal to Dungarvan Scheme’.

Mr. Sean Dobbs, Senior Engineer, Waterford City & County Council & Aoife O’ Mahony, NRO gave the following presentation to the Members:

Project Context & Background

- Pathfinder Programme announced October 2022
- National Sustainable Mobility Policy
- Cork to Waterford Cycle Corridor – complete ‘missing sections’
- First complete ‘city to city’ cycling route in Ireland
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Progress to Date

- Oct 2022 – Aecom appointed by TII for Pre-Feasibility Study
- Dec 2022 – Pre-Feasibility Report prepared by TII
- June 2023 – Strategic Assessment Report prepared as per Public Spending Code

Next Steps

- June 2023 – Section 85 Agreement
- June 2023 – Procurement of consultants for Option Selection, Design & Planning stages
- 2023 – Option Selection & Public Consultation
- 2024 – Design, Environmental Evaluation & Planning

The Members thanked Sean for his presentation.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley raised the issue of the road from Youghal Bridge heading to Piltown Cross which she stated is a very dangerous stretch of road as it is very narrow and the land at the side of this road is privately owned. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the provision of a foot ferry from the jetty at the quayside in Youghal to the Ferrypoint be considered.

The Senior Engineer agreed that the section of road in question is a challenging section and informed the Members that a possible ferry crossing is one of the options being investigated.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that this option be advertised to get expressions of interests for operators.

The Members expressed unanimous support for the Project and approved the adoption of a resolution by Cork County Council to enter into an Agreement under Section 85 of the Local

Government Act, 2001, (as amended), with Waterford City and County Council in relation to the Cork to Waterford Pathfinder Project-Youghal to Dungarvan Scheme.

3.3 Taking in Charge Tir Cluain, Midleton.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following email received from Liam Murphy, Estates Section in relation to the taking in charge of Phases 1 & 2 Tir Cluain, Midleton, 1-53 The Green, 1-10 the Lawn, 1-45 Riverwalk, 1-24, 47-76 The Meadows (162 houses).

The Council gave notice of its intention to consider the making of an order under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to declare the road in the developed area described above to be public. This Notice appeared on the Examiner newspaper on Friday 8th October 2021.

- The Public Consultation period expired 6 weeks thereafter. No submissions were received.
- The process intended is to declare the Estate Road to be a Public Road under Section 11(i)(e) of the Roads Act 1993. Where a Road is thus Taken in Charge the Council will by virtue of Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, also as a consequence Take in Charge any Open Space, Car Parks, Public Lighting, Sewers, Watermains or Drains within the attendant grounds of the development. The attached layout outlines the areas what will be Taken in Charge, subject to the road being declared public.
- Sewers, watermains or drains within the attendant grounds of the development are now a matter for the Water Authority, i.e., Irish Water. In this regard, Irish Water has confirmed that they have no objection to the estate being Taken in Charge and that they will assume responsibility for Sanitary Services (i.e., foul sewer and watermain) after the estate is formally Taken in Charge. Subject and subsequent to the road being declared public, these assets will be transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order pursuant to Section 7 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013.
- Title of the common areas to be taken in charge is in the process of being transferred to Cork County Council and our Legal Department has confirmed that it is now in order to proceed with Taking in Charge.

“That being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road”:-

Estate Name	Location	Linear Metres
Tir Cluain, Midleton (Phases 1 & 2, i.e., 1-53 The Green, 1-10 The Lawn, 1-45 Riverwalk, 1-24 &	Midleton	1583

47-76 The Meadows)

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley all Members fully agreed with the Taking in Charge of Tir Cluain, Midleton.

3.4 Proposed Section 38, Roads Traffic Act 1994 for Proposed Traffic Calming Works on the L3805-44 Mogeely, Co. Cork.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following documentation on the Proposed Section 38, Roads Traffic Act 1994 for Proposed Traffic Calming Works on the L3805-44 Mogeely, Co. Cork:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, Cork County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out traffic calming work on the L3805-44 Mogeely, Co. Cork.

The works will involve:

- Installation of raised table uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Greenway crossing point
- Kerb realignment, realignment of existing wall, installation of new footpaths and widening of existing footpath
- Road markings and signage
- Hard and soft landscaping and
- All associated works.

Drawings and particulars indicating the proposals are available for inspection:

1. LINK TO DOCUMENT SUMMARY
2. Cork County Council Offices, The Lodge, Youghal Road, Midleton, Co. Cork P25 TF98 and may be inspected during normal office hours from 9am on Friday 9th June until 5pm on Thursday 13th July 2023 inclusive. The plans are also available in the 'Document Summary' section below.

Submissions regarding the proposal may be made;

- Online by clicking the 'Make a Submission' button below

MAKE A SUBMISSION LINK

Or in writing to

- Senior Engineer, Capital Programme Implementation Unit, Floor 11, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork. T12 R2NC,

on or before 5 pm on Thursday 13th July 2023 to:

Please include the Section 38 project title (as per the above notice) on all submissions and correspondence sent to Cork County Council relating to this project. It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by Cork County Council.

Personal information may be collected by Cork County Council to enable processing of your submission. Cork County Council can legally process this information as necessary to comply with its statutory/legal obligations. Such information will be processed in line with the Council's privacy statement which is available at www.corkcoco.ie.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley all Members fully agreed with the publication and processing of the Proposed Section 38, Roads Traffic Act 1994 for Proposed Traffic Calming Works on the L3805-44 Mogeely, Co. Cork:

3.3 East Cork Municipal 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 Maintenance	RM 9	LP, LS	L-3642-28, L-7664-0	East Cork – L7664-0 & L-+3642-28 (part) Upper Aghada to	2,316	100%

				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	0%
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	1,200	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LP	L-3600-0	East Cork – L360 Two Pot Cross/Coolnedane South	854	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 8	LT	L-96302-2	East Cork – L-96302-2 Bawnard Chip Dump Road	287	0%
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	1,612	95%

				North		
Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LS	L-7728-0, L-7228-1	East Cork – L7728-0 (part) & L7726-1 Riversfield Estate, Midleton Road 1	127	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	LS	L-7728-3	East Cork – L-7728-3 Riversfield Road 2	54	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 13	LS	L-7728-2	East Cork – L7728-2 Riversfield Estate Midleton Road 3	108	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	R	R-632-55	East Cork – R632 Garryvoe	424	0%
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	95%
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 Subtotal =	20,522	
				Total Roads Programme =		
				By Cork County Council		
				By Contractor		

This report was marked as read.

3.6 Report on deputation received from Cloyne District Community Council.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated a report on deputation received from Cloyne District Community Council.

A Deputation on behalf of Cloyne Community Council gave a presentation to members on a number of matters in the Cloyne area.

Derelict Buildings:

There are still too many unused or derelict buildings in the centre of Cloyne.

An example of this is the old Spar shop in Rock Street. This building is now lying derelict for the past 13 years. What can be done here?

Response:

There are many vacant properties throughout the County. The Council is taking action to address in particular, properties which are in a derelict condition. Action is currently focussed on the main towns in the County and will extend to other towns and villages over time.

Footpaths:

I know the council have done some great work over the past number of years regards the repair of some footpaths, but more can be done. There is at present no footpath between Ashdale and Lus an Ime. Can this be sorted? Some other footpaths are also in need of repair. The council recently installed bollards on footpaths outside of Cloyne national school and these have made a huge improvement in health & safety at school time. However, one piece of footpath on road across from school and leading to the entrance of Tur Chluana estate entrance is still a problem. The residents of the house on this corner are now elderly and sometime have difficulty exiting their home. Would it be possible to continue the bollards on this small length of footpath?

Response:

- a. Request for a footpath between Ashdale and Lus an Ime: The need to provide a new footpath at the requested location is acknowledged. Approximately 120 metres of new footpath is required. This request will be kept on file and considered for inclusion in future funding opportunities under the NTA Active Travel programme.
- b. Request for additional bollards near Cloyne National School. The estimated cost of providing additional bollards is estimated at €5,200. There is currently no funding available to advance the requested works.
- c. An allocation of €8,750 for footpath repairs is included in the East Cork MD Footpath Programme 2023. This is for the replacement of approximately 25 metres of footpath in the vicinity of St. Colemans NS.

Parking:

Travelling through Cloyne by car can still be a nightmare, especially in morning or evening time, but difficulties arise at all times of the day. The main cross of Cloyne, Church Street and River Street are main areas of concern and the fear in Cloyne is that this will be exacerbated if proposed new housing estate will go ahead near Kilboy! The double yellow lines at Cloyne are of no use & maybe at some stage bollards could be inserted on Church street on one side, to prevent parking on both sides of Church Street?

Response:

Additional parking restrictions: Extending double yellow lines prohibiting parking on the western side of Church Street as far as the Round Tower could be considered.

Private Bins:

The continuing problem regards the ever presence of private bins on some streets in Cloyne is not nice, looks bad and is surely illegal. Can the council advise here as Cloyne District & Community Council (CDCC) feel very uncomfortable in dealing with this issue?

Rock Street is now like a bin depot & this needs to be addressed immediately. Bear in mind that this street is the main road from Midleton to Ballymaloe/Ballycotton and the ever presence of these bins, and other containers, does not paint a nice image of Cloyne.

Response:

As previously advised this matter should be raised directly with the Environment Department.

Litton Fountain:

Can the proposed works around the Litton Fountain be completed! The work that's already done is fabulous and looks great, but the water is still not connected and the repainting of script on fountain needs to be carried out.

Response:

As previously advised concerns were expressed by the owner/operator of a nearby business, regarding potential noise, misbehavior, anti-social behavior, littering etc. in relation to the proposed seating. The seating proposed was designed as an integrated seating and planter unit. The Council would require full agreement of all parties in the vicinity of and affected by any development in the public realm. It is noted that seating/benches are already provided at a number of locations in Cloyne (e.g. park near car park on River Street and amenity area opposite the Cathedral in Church Street). In relation to running water the matter is complicated by the creation of Irish Water or Uisce Eireann from whom consent is required for connections to the water supply and permission is also required for a connection to the public lighting electricity supply network. We will continue to try to finalise.

Street Lighting:

Would it be possible to install street lighting from Cloyne Cathedral to Kilboy Cross. This is now a much-used route for local residents and this popular walkway could be enhanced and made more safe with the installation of street lighting.

Response:

The request for new street lighting from Cloyne Cathedral to Kilboy Cross has been logged and will be considered in future Public Lighting Programmes. Existing lights in the vicinity of the Cathedral will be upgraded later this year as part of the Countywide PLEEP project (LED retrofit).

Driver Feedback Signs:

We did enquire previously about the installation of driver feedback signs on the road from Kilboy cross towards Cloyne village. We still feel that this would enhance health & safety as car speeds on this road is too excessive.

Response:

The provision of a driver feedback sign on the Kilboy Road approach to Cloyne would be appropriate. The estimated cost of this is €3,500.00. Should Cloyne District Community Council wish to progress they can engage directly with the Roads Department. Note that a 50% community contribution is required towards the initial purchase and installation cost.

Sli na Slainte Signs:

We feel the erection of Sli na Slainte signs around the Commons walk would be of great benefit and encourage people to use this walk on a regular basis for health reasons. We have also discussed the idea of having a walkway from Kilboy Cross to turn off at bottom of Harry Smiths Hill. This would necessitate the acquirement of some private land inside the road on same route. Do council this is worth considering.

Response:

Sli na Slainte routes are approved by the Irish Heart Foundation. The development of Sli na Slainte routes are community led but require agreement of the Council. Cloyne District Community Council should initially engage with the Irish Heart Foundation.

Pound Area:

A few years back, a car crashed into Pound wall, and we now fear that this damage will lead to further erosion to this historical feature. Can funds be made available for such repairs that are outside the responsibility of CDCC?

Response:

Damage to roadside wall (Pound Wall): It is considered that the roadside wall is private property and not the responsibility of the Roads Authority.

Potholes:

There are a lot of potholes on the Commons road, this is a very popular walking route with locals. Can these potholes be prioritized for repairs?

Response:

The need for pothole repairs has been logged and will be repaired in order of priority as resources permit (update will be given at MD meeting).

Cloyne Childrens Playground:

Lately some very offensive graffiti has appeared on some playground equipment. This is not suitable for most children who use the playground. Most children are under the age of 10 and this does not set a very good example for many kids.

Response:

Arrangements have been made for appropriate cleaning to be carried out.

This report was marked as read.

3.7 Treatment Areas using Plant Protection Products (Midleton Pollinator Plan).

Mr. Dave Clarke circulated a report to the Members compiled by Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer on Treatment Areas using Plant Protection Products (Midleton Pollinator Plan).

One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction from Ireland. This is because we have drastically reduced the amount of food (flowers) and safe nesting sites in our landscapes. Councils can play a leading role in making their land more pollinator friendly. To help pollinators we need to ensure they have food, shelter and safety from chemicals such as pesticides. Guidelines issued by the National Biodiversity Data Centre "Councils: actions to help pollinators" include 30 actions for Councils which are simple, easily achieved, and effective.

The adopted Midleton Pollinator Plan (MPP) sets out clear and effective actions firmly based on the advice promoted in the All Ireland Pollinator Plan of the National Biodiversity Data Centre. Objective E of the MPP is to Reduce the use of pesticides in Midleton by implementing Action 19 “Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides & fungicides)” and Action 20 “Ensure best practice where the use of pesticides cannot be avoided”. Cork County Council has an objective also to reduce pesticide use (plant protection product PPP) by 50% in 2023. Therefore, having regard to the adopted Midleton Pollinator Plan and Council policy, a management plan for the use of pesticides in Midleton has been drawn up for 2023 in accordance with the Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine (DAFM) Guidance for Local Authorities to ensure compliance with the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive.

The plan sets out the following.

- A map of the locations where plant protection product (PPP) is no longer to be applied in Midleton in 2023 and going forward. (See attached). This complies with Council policy in 50% reduction in pesticide use in 2023.
- Areas approved for the application of PPP on the map are treated as sensitive areas and a documented risk assessment undertaken, to show that there were no viable alternatives and that appropriate risk management measures are put in place. Risk assessment records are maintained for DAFM inspections. (Sample below) BEE ORCHID MIDLETON 2020 2
- All staff who apply PPPs are trained and registered as a Professional User (PU) with DAFM. To purchase PPPs, staff must produce their PU number at the point of purchase.

Cllr. Quaide asked if the East Cork Municipal District was coming under pressure from any interested parties regarding the level of use of pesticides.

Cllr. Ahern stated that she had noticed some areas where weeds had been sprayed and wondered if the spraying was done by Cork County Council. Cllr. Ahern stated that Cork County Council should support local Tidy Towns groups in the use of weed killer which is compatible with the Pollinator Plan.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that no complaints have been received to date but stated that this use of pesticides is something that will have to be dealt with and stated that a management plan for the use of pesticides in Midleton has been drawn up for 2023 in accordance with the Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine (DAFM). The Engineer also suggested that Local Tidy Towns Groups tie in with Tidy Towns Groups who do not use pesticides.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

None.

5. Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 29th May 2023

“That this MD write to the Minister Eamonn Ryan, also Minister McGrath, and the chairperson of An Post Carol Bolger and her associate Board of management colleagues requesting an immediate reversal of the decision to close the Ballinacurra postal centre, and the proposed relocation to Little Island a service supplying and reliant upon by the entire East Cork MD”.

Cllrs. Ahern, Hegarty, Linehan Foley & McCarthy supported this motion.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 11th May 2023

“Can we have an update on the Tallow Road, has it been submitted for Low Cost Safety Scheme funding for next year”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley supported this motion and stated that the road in question was Tallow Street, not Tallow Road.

Cllr. Twomey thanked Cllr. Linehan Foley and amended the motion to state Tallow Street.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that funding is being identified for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of North Abbey Cemetery and stated that he is hopeful that the NTA will revert back and look at schemes under Active Travel which will include Tallow Street.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the upgrading of ‘cats eyes’ on the Cork section of the Tallow Road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that an application made under the Low Cost Safety Scheme was unsuccessful and stated that he will reapply for same.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 11th May 2023

“Road repairs and resurfacing badly needed at Ballynacole Cross and R627”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate same.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18th May, 2023

“Asking for update on plans for footpaths from Pobail Scoil to Summerfield and from Summerfield to Aura and Beach”.

Cllrs. Ahern, Hegarty & McCarthy supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he has emailed the Traffic & Transportation Section regarding this motion and stated he will revert back to the Members as soon as he receives a report.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked that the matter be kept on the Agenda.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18th May, 2023

“Asking that when road liners are in the Youghal area that Priory Court Car Park be looked at for relining and lower Raheen Park and Safety signs in Ardan Na Mara”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Priory Court Car Park and Lower Raheen Park are on a list of works to take place this year and stated that he will follow up on the provision of safety signage for Ardan na Mara.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 18th May, 2023

“Can engineers look at Windmill Hill on left going up for footpath and entrances to residents homes levelled”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate this matter.

5.1.7 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 30th May 2023

“Can speed and safety measures along with traffic calming measures be carried out on St. Mary's Road, Midleton from The Rock to Lakeview Roundabout”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and asked if the motion could be amended to include the situation with the bus parking at the top of St. Mary's Road. Cllr. Ahern was in agreement with this amendment.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a speed survey is being carried out on this stretch of road and stated that the road will be considered in future funding rounds of the NTA's Active Travel Programme. The Senior Executive Engineer also expressed concern about the report of parents parking on footpaths opposite entrances as the development is to provide adequate onsite parking.

The Engineer informed the Members that he will forward the section of road at The Rock to the Traffic and Transportation Section.

5.1.8 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 30th May 2023

“Can L36331-0 at Kilderrig, Cloyne, Midleton, Co. Cork be added to the roads programme and in the meantime any surface or remedial works be carried out”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will address the pothole issues on this road and will inspect the road to see what the current issues are.

5.1.9 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 30th May 2023

“Can this MD council write to Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Eamon Ryan and strongly object to the closing of the An Post Midleton Delivery Service Unit and moving it to Little Island”.

This motion was passed under motion no. 5.1.1.

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

“Requesting an update on the proposed linear park, to include revised drawings and also a timeline including projected start date and date of completion”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he had requested an update but has received no replay to date and informed the Members that they were previously advised that the proposed linear park would not go through the Part VIII process and has gone to An Bord Pleanala for approval. Once an update has been received it will be circulated to the Members.

5.1.11 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th May 2023

“Also requesting an update on agreed works to walkway and steps from Clonmult Terrace/Dungourney road towards Suncourt”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these works were not included on the footpath programme and stated that the works will be kept under review for funding.

5.1.12 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 31st May 2023

“That Council implement safety measures along the Youghal Road to include a footpath towards the new GAA grounds, a controlled crossing to link to the schools and housing estates to the south and an upgraded layout at the junction with the Rocky Road”.

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion.

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

“Requesting that Irish Water improve Water Supply serving Garryvoe, Mullins Cross and Upper Garryvoe as the supply is inadequate to meet the needs of the residents in these areas”.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 31st May 2023

“That this MD write to the Minister Eamonn Ryan and the chairperson of An Post Carol Bolger requesting an immediate reversal of the decision to close the Ballinacurra postal centre”.

This motion was dealt with under motion no. 5.1.1.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 31st May 2023

“Repairs to roads at Walshtown More, Peafield and in particular roads at Mullins Cross to Loughane Cross to Ballymaloe”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that some works have been carried out on Walshtown More in the last week and stated that all roads are on a three-year programme with works being carried out in 2024.

5.1.16 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st May 2023

“To ask for details of the use of weed-killer by contractors commissioned by the East Cork MD for 2023, including cost and areas of the MD where in use”. This was dealt with under 3. Treatment areas using Plant Protection Products (Midleton Pollinator Plan).

5.1.17 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 31st May 2023

“That an update would be provided to the East Cork MD on the status / progress of the Midleton Public Realm Enhancement Scheme”.

Members were advised at a recent meeting that additional funding was being sought.

6. Correspondence

1. The Members asked if any correspondence had been received from Minister Ryan regarding the Midleton to Carrigtwohill upgrade scheme. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Member that no reply has been received to date.
2. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he has received a request from Eirgrid to attend the July meeting of the East Cork Municipal District. The Members were in full agreement.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of representations she has received regarding the condition of the public toilets in both Youghal and Garryvoe. Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the additional four toilets in each location at Front Strand, Claycastle, Garryvoe & Redbarn.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer confirmed that these toilets will be opened and cleaned 7 days a week, Helen acknowledged that there was difficulty with the supply of toilet paper and hand sanitisers, but this was due to the supply being removed from the toilets on a daily basis.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if the provision of CCTV was an option here. The Senior Staff Officer confirmed that CCTV recordings in public places was not permitted.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer send a letter to the relevant body in County hall requesting additional Human Resources for the busier months of July and August.

2. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the resurfacing of Ladysbridge car park which he welcomed and asked if there could be a little bit more communication between the contractor and Ballymacoda/Ladysbridge Community Council regarding the timber screen which the Community Council group had erected around the recycling bins at this car park and which was removed by the contractor and not yet replaced.
3. Cllr. Ahern asked if an extra toilet could be provided at Knockadoon Pier. Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer will investigate same.
4. Cllr. Ahern asked if the double yellow lines at the outdoor seating at Church Lane Midleton could be merged together.
5. Cllr. Ahern proposed a vote of sympathy to the Walsh family in Killeagh on the loss of Brendan Walsh.

The next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on Monday 3rd July at 10.30 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.