

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS Teams and Pearse Memorial Chambers on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11.00 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.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr Twomey.

**2. Matter Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

**3.1 Proposed Draft B Speed Limit Changes of National Routes for East Cork MD.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following letter from Michael Cotter, Senior Executive Engineer, Annabella, Mallow in relation to the Speed Limit Review on National Routes – Draft B to the Members.

“Following on from the Public Consultation phase in 2022 and further to extensive liaison with TII the attached are the proposed changes to speed limit byelaws on National Routes, that are acceptable to TII, in your Municipal District.

In some cases such as Macroom by-pass and Dunkettle, the process involves the introduction of appropriate speed limit bye-laws on new roads, and in the case of Macroom/Baile Bhuirne it will be necessary, at some stage, to amend the Regional and Local bye-laws to account for the renumbering of the roads along the old N25.

In some cases the proposal acceptable to TII is a modification of the original suggested change based on Engineering grounds, involving speed limit measurements, road widths, the degree of bendiness of the road, the level of development adjacent and the likely presence or otherwise of vulnerable road users etc.

I recommend acceptance of the proposed changes, outlined on the maps attached referring to your MD.

The next step will be to seek the formal written consent of TII to the proposed changes Countywide and to then seek the formal approval of Full Council at the next Council meeting thereafter”.

The Members stated that they are seeking a full review of road safety arrangements at Castlemartyr National School in keeping with the arrangements at Killeagh National School.

On the proposal of Cllr. Twomey which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously accepted the proposed Draft B Speed Limit changes of National routes for East Cork MD.

### **3.2 East Cork MD Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance Roads Programmes 2023.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following report and information on the East Cork MD Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance Roads Programmes 2023 to the Members.

The East Cork MD Roads Restoration Maintenance and Restoration Improvement Programme 2023 is attached. Also attached is a map highlighting the roads – restoration maintenance or “resealing” are in blue and restoration improvement roads or “strengthening” are denoted in red.

The Roads Programmes 2023 are based on allocated grants from the Department of Transport to Cork County Council and then distributed to the Municipal Districts by the Director of Roads.

The Restoration Maintenance programme consists of **17 roads with a total length of 29.9 kilometres, at a cost of €850,050** which is similar to the 2022 allocation of €848,562. Works under the Restoration Maintenance Programme consists of resealing the road surface to protect the road from ingress of water and / or restore skid resistance. Works under the Restoration Programme will be carried out by Cork County Council staff.

The Restoration Improvement programme consists of **23 roads with a total length of 20.5 kilometres, at a cost of €3,778,798 which is an increase of 7.1%** over the 2022 allocation of **€3,526,943**. Works under the Restoration Improvement programme typically include both strengthening and resurfacing, including drainage works where required and not otherwise funded. To the maximum extent possible, works under the Restoration Improvement Programme will be carried out by Cork County Council staff with projects involving macadam overlays carried out by contractors.

The attached detailed programme breaks down the estimated cost and approximate length of each planned project.

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	Estimated Cost of Work (€)
Restoration Maintenance	RM 1	R	R-626	East Cork – R626 (part) Ballyedmond Bridge to East Cork Oil	1061	€48,275.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	R	R-630-34, R630-48	East Cork – R630 Lower Whitewell towards Saleen	944	€49,088.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	LP	L-3652-0	East Cork – L-3562 Yankee Road Aghada	1,278	€38,650.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 4	LP	L-3651-0, L-3651-31	East Cork – L3651 Upper Aghada to Hermitage	1,725	€47,438.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 5	LT	L-36387-0	East Cork – L-36387-0 Bsllymacotter Churchtown South	1,505	€37,251.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 6	LS	L-7655-0, L7655-18	East Cork – L7655-0 Thades X to Killurriga	2,080	€62,920.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 7	LS	L-7667-0	East Cork – L7667 Carrigacrump to Carrigalusky	2,159	€53,438.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 8	LP	L-3645-0, L-3645-21	East Cork – L-3645-21 Basllyknock towards Guileen	1,902	€52,305.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 9	LP, LS	L-3642-28, L-7664-0	East Cork – L7664-0 & L-+3642-28 (part) Upper Aghada to Ballynookery	2,316	€52,958.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 10	LS	L-7841-31, L-7841-51	East Cork – L7841 Knockmonlea to Ballyvergan West	3,515	€96,663.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 11	LS	L-7846-0	East Cork – L7846 Knockmonlea East	601	€16,527.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 12	LS	L-7847-0	East Cork – L7847 Ballyhobert	424	€10,494.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 13	LS	L-7809-0	East Cork – L7809 Upper Breeda	3,669	€68,446.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LP, LT	L-3803-0, L-78123-0	East Cork – L3803 Halfway Bar to Barnaviddane	2,380	€71,995.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM15	LS	L7824-0, L7826-0	East Cork – L7824 Barnadaw to Ballyre	1,703	€46,832.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM16	R	R-627-92	East Cork – R627 Dungorney to Donickmore	1,557	€70,844.00
Restoration Maintenance	RM17	LT	L-38081-0	East Cork – L38081-0 Cornaveigh	1,047	€25,916.00
				<b>RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>29,866</b>	<b>€850,050.00</b>



Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3644-0, L-3644-28	East Cork – L-3651 (part) Whitewell to Ballinrosig at Ballinbeg	1,000	€137,500.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 2	LS	L-7663-0	East Cork – L7663 Upper Range Rostellan	170	€53,550.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 3	R	R-629-59	East Cork – R629 Cloyne to Ballymaloe	1,800	€526,500.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LS	L-7659-0	East Cork – L7659 Kilva (part)	1,550	€231,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LP	L-3609-0	East Cork – L3609 Corbally (part)	1,250	€224,203.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	LP	L-3833-57	East Cork – L3833 Churchtown to Ballycotton - Phase 1 Churchtown	1,200	€185,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LP	L-3600-0	East Cork – L360 Two Pot Cross/Coolnedane South	854	€281,820.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 8	LT	L-96302-2	East Cork – L-96302-2 Bawnard Chip Dump Road	287	€95,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 9	LP	L-3637-0	East Cork – L3637 Ballyandreen	1,111	€138,875.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 10	LT	L-36383-0	East Cork – L-36383-0 Ballyrobin North	1,612	€148,304.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 11	LS	L-7728-0, L-7228-1	East Cork – L7728-0 (part) & L7726-1 Riversfield Estate, Midleton Road 1	127	€44,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 12	LS	L-7728-3	East Cork – L-7728-3 Riversfield Road 2	54	€19,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 13	LS	L-7728-2	East Cork – L7728-2 Riversfield Estate Midleton Road 3	108	€37,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 14	R	R-632-55	East Cork – R632 Garryvoe	424	€169,600.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 15	LP	L-3800-0	East Cork – L3800 Monalyre X to Adrglass X	1,610	€434,700.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LP	L-3812-0	East Cork – L3812 Gortaroo Cross to Gortaroo Village	911	€175,385.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	LS	L-7884-0	East Cork – L7884 Shanavagoon	1402	€136,771.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-7838-0	East Cork – L7838 Ballycurraginny	1280	€144,000.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 19	LS	L-9533-0	East Cork – L9533 Belmont Terrace Youghal	117	€52,650.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 20	LS	L-7906-0	East Cork – L7906 Glenbower View Killeagh	83	€23,240.00
Restoration	RI 21	LP	L-3811-32	East Cork – L3811	1,500	€266,250.00

Improvement				(part) Yellowford		
Restoration Improvement	RI 22	LT	L-7821-0	East Cork – L7821 Ballyglavin	882	€88,200.00
Restoration Improvement	RI 23	LP	L-3815-19	East Cork – L3815 Kilcredan Road at Kilcraheen	1,200	€166,250.00
			<b>Restoration Improvement Subtotal =</b>		<b>20,522</b>	<b>€3,778,798.00</b>
			<b>Total Roads Programme =</b>			<b>€4,628,848.00</b>
			<b>By Cork County Council</b>			
			<b>By Contractor</b>			

Cllr. Hegarty thanked the Engineer for the report and welcomed the increase in funding and asked if costs on material have increased since 2022.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that pricing will be determined once tenders for the works have been submitted.

Cllr. Twomey also thanked the Engineer for his report and asked if the road at Kilva leading up to the treatment plant would be completed in the coming year.

Mr. Dave Clarke, senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that works on Phase I of the road at Kilva were being done presently with the remainder of works to be completed on the 2024 Roads Programme.

Cllrs. Ahern & Linehan Foley also thanked the Engineer for his report, Cllr. Ahern asked if the allocation for drainage works is the same as last year's allocation.

The Engineer informed the Members that drainage maintenance grants are similar to last year and will be addressed under the Climate Adaptation & Resilience Programme.

### 3.3 East Cork MD Lower Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) Programme 2023.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Lower Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) Programme 2023 to the Members.

Project #	Location	Road #	Type of Works	Grant Allocation (€)
1	Mullins Cross (Phase 2) on Ladysbridge to Garryvoe Road	R632-55	Provide for improved line of sight	€10,000
2	Gold Links Road, Youghal	L-3822-2	Traffic calming/road safety measures	€35,000

**TOTAL= €45,000**

The East Cork MD Regional & Low Cost Safety Scheme (LCS) 2023 consists of 2 projects with a grant allocation of €45,000. The Lower Cost Safety Scheme is funded by a grant from the Department of Transport.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the proposed lowering of the brow on the road coming from Garryvoe towards Mullins Cross.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the option of lowering this brow was taken into consideration but the cost of the works was quite significant, the Engineer informed the Members that the moving back of boundary ditches on the road should improve the line of sight and will be kept monitored.

Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the works at the Golf Links Road and asked how far down the road are the works to take place.

The Engineer informed the Members that the works are to take place from Carlton Village to the end of the Golf Links Road which will go forward for a Section 38 Notice.

### **3.4 East Cork MD Climate Action Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme 2022.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Climate Action Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme 2022 to the Members.

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Road #</b>	<b>Type of Works</b>	<b>Grant Allocation €</b>
1	L9518 Raheen Road, Youghal, Road Drainage Improvements	L-9518-0	Road Drainage Improvements	€30,000
2	R629 Demesne Culvert, Cloyne	R-629-59	Culvert Works	€25,000
3	L3815 Kilcredan, Drainage Works	L-3815-19	Drainage Improvements	€40,000
4	R630 Clifton Terrace, Lower Aghada, Drainage Improvements	R-630-99	Drainage Improvements	€20,000
5	L7838 Ballycurraginny, Killeagh Drainage Improvements	L-7838-0	Drainage Improvements	€50,000
6	Tim Daly Terrace, Midleton, Road Drainage Improvements	L-9402-1	Drainage Improvements	€15,000

**TOTAL = €180,000**

The East Cork MD Regional & Local Roads Climate Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme consists of 6 projects with an estimated cost of €180,000.

The Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAR) Programme is funded by a grant from the Department of Transport.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a culvert that was due to be replaced on the road at Kilcredan from Collins Cross to the GAA Pitch.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this work is under the remit of the OPW under minor works scheme and is a matter for the County Engineer.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of flooding that took place on the N25 in recent years and asked if a certain amount of drainage works which was due to take place from Fitzpatrick's Cross to Ballyling have been completed.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that there has been no repeat of flooding at this location but stated that he will follow up on same with the Senior Engineer and the National Roads Design Office.

4. **Business Prescribed by Statute.**

None.

5. **Notices of Motion.**

The Members agreed to move Cllr. McCarthy's motion first as she had to leave the meeting early.

5.1.11 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

"That council designate a medical parking space at Cork Road to facilitate access for medical vehicles when attending at the surgery. The New Cork Road is a heavy traffic area at the Northern end of the town centre and it is currently extremely difficult for the medical practitioners to find parking at this location. There is a pressing need for this to ensure the health and safety of service users of the clinic. The provision of such a space may be a contributing factor in saving a patient in a life & death situation".

Cllrs. Hegarty & Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he has no objection for the provision of a designated medical parking space at this location.

5.1.12 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

"That this Municipal District send a letter to Minister Eamonn Ryan outlining our frustration at the removal of funding for the Middleton to Carrigtwohill upgrade scheme. Cork County

Council along with TII have committed to this project and invested €1.25 million to date before funding was pulled last year. All parties involved had hoped that funding for this critical scheme would be reinstated this year, but that has not been the case, despite representations from multiple Oireachtas Members, councillors, council executives, state agencies and business groups. The overall Cork County Council roads budget has been cut this year by over €11 million while it would have taken €1.5 million to complete the feasibility report”.

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

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the N25 Killeagh/Castlemartyr By-Pass and also the road at Burgess be included.

Cllr. Ahern requested an amendment to this motion to state that the East Cork Municipal District apply for funding for the maintenance of this road before upgrade works take place.

Cllr. Ahern asked Cllr. McCarthy for evidence that this funding had been withdrawn

Cllr. Ahern informed the Members that she has spoken to Finance Minister Michael McGrath & Tánaiste Micheál Martin who stated that funding was still in place for this project. Cllr. Ahern asked if motion could also be amended to request that the East Cork Municipal District could write to Pascal O’ Donoghue, Minister for Public Expenditure to confirm his commitment that this project is carried through.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this amendment.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that it was Minister Eamonn Ryan who stated that this funding had been pulled.

It was agreed to write to both Ministers Eamonn Ryan and Pascal O’ Donoghue for their clarification on the removal of the funding for the Midleton to Carrigtwohill Scheme.

5.1.1 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“Asking ECMD to look at funding a walk path on the N25 between Callaghan's Cross and Geary's Gortroe Cross.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will liaise with Cllr. Linehan Foley regarding this motion and suggested that Cllr. Linehan Foley also liaise with the local Ballintotis group regarding an application for the provision of a walking trail.

5.1.2 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“To look at speed signs on Youghal back street from the speed safety signs I’m aware of signage at Aldi and Credit Union and Fire-Station but no signage going from Mall to South



Abbey, also for residents parking signage for South Abbey with possible parking metre being reinstalled at same”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will look at the provision of a ‘Repeater Speed Limit’ sign for the area from The Mall to South Abbey.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that the area at South Abbey is sufficiently covered by the parking machine at Pearse Square and stated that the same position applies to South Abbey regarding parking as on the Strand Street area.

5.1.3 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“Looking for update on Derelict Sites Register and implementation of orders to same in East Cork especially in Castlemartyr and Youghal Town”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised in particular the derelict building in Friar Street where she stated the roof is ready to collapse and asked who is responsible for same.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that a Section 8(2) Notice has been served on the owners in question and stated that the bank is in the process of taking over this building and also informed the Members that an independent assessment is being carried out on the building in relation to its status as a dangerous structure.

Cllr. Twomey supported this motion and asked if the owners of the Meeting Place in Midleton be contacted again in relation to the condition of the building.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that the owners have engaged with her regarding works due to take place on the building in question and stated that she will follow up on this matter in the coming week.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

“Can the Footpath at Garryowen Cloyne be inspected and added to the 2023 programme”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will inspect this footpath and add as appropriate to the footpath list. The Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council have made provision for footpath repairs in 2023 and stated the project should be developed for the April or May meeting of the Municipal District.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

“Can the L36383 be included for resurfacing in the next programme of works please”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this road is included in this year’s road programme.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“Can we have an update on the allocation of the school warden in Castlemartyr and also what response we have received from TII on the safety issues that the roads department related to them”.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that this position has been filled but the lady in question is awaiting clearance of Garda vetting.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if the HR Department could be contacted to request the provision of a relief warden.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that unfortunately no resources are available presently to cover for school wardens but stated that a plan is in progress to set up a panel for relief wardens.

5.1.7 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“Following a motion that I raised in May 2022, is there any report or response that East Cork MD look at expanding the footpath from the RNLI House to the Boathouse in Ballycotton”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, suggested that Cllr. Ahern raise this motion with the Harbour Section of Coastal Management.

5.1.8 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“Noting that there has been no progress in the appointment of a traffic warden in Castlemartyr, is it possible for this MD to carry out a feasibility study with the local community, school, TII and NRA in seeking feedback or better understanding as to why the position is not yet filled”.

This motion has been dealt with under motion no. 5.1.6

5.1.9 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

“Continuing from the excellent work by Tidy Towns Groups, volunteers and local residents with rubbish dumping, fly-tipping etc....is it possible to establish, through the Environment Section, a "Green Kilometre" scheme through this Municipal District”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will investigate this motion and will flag same with the Roads Directorate.

5.1.10 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

“That the East Cork MD would write to the Dept. of Transport to request a detailed report on the planning and cost considerations of re-instating the Midleton-Youghal rail link in light of the Greenway development, recognising the necessity of the rail link for sustainable regional development and with a view to clarifying and overcoming the challenges of working towards both the rail link and Greenway being part of East Cork's transport network”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley fully supported this motion and informed the Members that every avenue was investigated to bring the railway line back to Youghal but proved to be financially unviable.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she welcomed the MY Greenway which will be welcomed for the whole East Cork area and wished to formally thank Minister Eamonn Ryan, Cork County Council and all involved in the development of the MY Greenway.

Cllr. Ahern concurred with Cllr. Linehan Foley and asked if Cllr. Quaide agreed to amend the motion to state that the East Cork Municipal District write to Iarnrod Eireann and request a feasibility study on the Midleton to Youghal rail link. Cllr. Quaide was in full agreement with this amendment.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

“That East Cork MD contact Bus Eireann and NTA to install a Bus Shelter at Rosies/Pier Garage area in Aghada”.

Cllr. Ahern seconded this motion.

Mr. Paraig Lynch, A/Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that he will refer this motion onto the Traffic and Transportation Section.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

“That East Cork MD contact NTA to install traffic calming measures adjacent to Castlemartyr NS”.

This motion has been dealt with under motion no. 5.1.6

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Cllr. Linehan Foley supported this motion.

“Update on proposed fencing work at Ballyandreen near the ghost ship – MV Alta”.

Páraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer, gave the following reply to the Members which he had received from Gillian Vaughan, Senior Engineer, Coastal and Flood Projects:

“The MV Alta fencing and signage Contract procured by Cork County Council on behalf of Department of Transport) can be summarized as follows:

- Erect 195m of 2.4m high palisade fencing, pedestrian gate and signage at the cliff top by the MV Alta.
- Reinforce 1400m of fencing along the access routes to the MV Alta.
- Provide and install 18 No. advisory signs along the route.
- Provide and install 2 No. additional self-closing pedestrian gates along the route.

The Contractor, B & C Services Ltd. has been appointed and it is expected that the works will be undertaken in March/April.

As outline at the Southern Committee Meeting, the marine element of the works was undertaken in January 2023 (i.e. procured by Cork County Council on behalf of Department of Transport) and include signage, dropping of the anchor and making safe the crane derrick”.

**6). Correspondence.**

No correspondence was received,

**7). Any Other Business.**

None.