

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS  
Teams and Pearse Memorial Chambers, The Lodge, Midleton  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

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

**Leathsceal:** Mr. Paraig Lynch, S/Senior Executive Officer.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Hegarty and seconded by Cllr Healy.

**2. Matters Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

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

**3.1 Deputation from Midleton A.C.**

**Catherine Carroll, Member of Ceasc gave the following presentation to the Members**

**Our Inspiration & Why We Have Formed:**

We are an extremely committed group of volunteers who are deeply invested in athletics, who have come together under the name of CEASC. To identify and secure a site in the East Cork region to develop an inclusive IWAA Athletics Track & Field facility and clubhouse within or adjacent to a Regional Park to service the entire population of East Cork.

Many of us have had the privilege to compete at the highest level & represent our country and coaching athletics is our passion. It is thanks to the young athletes we coach and our vision for their futures & that of the wider community that this presentation is brought before you today.

Thanks to our meeting with all the councillors last July, the support of everyone here today and David Stanton TD and work by other active groups, our efforts have focused on the Northern Relief Road site as the prime location for this inclusive and sustainable development.

The project concept was initiated in 2017 at club committee level by Midleton Athletic Club & developed into a wider community based development group, with both groups consulting with public and Cork County Council and local landowners.

All parties involved from 2017 to date will now be working together on this project going forward which we are very pleased about as it acknowledges all the hard work completed and broadens our skillset for our group which is ever growing. Competitive events take the athletics community the length and breadth of the country.

It has exposed us to the highest standard of athletic facilities situated beside Regional parks where park runs can be held alongside picnic spaces, safe walking routes, playgrounds, freely accessible basketball courts and tennis courts, outdoor gyms.

Many clubs in the Region do not own their own grounds to develop facilities and are renting grounds from other organisations and are reliant on these arrangements to stay in place to avoid a situation where clubs have to close, unable to meet the needs of their members.

Many clubs are struggling to provide space for younger athletes joining yet paradoxically are also struggling to retain teenage athletes again due to inadequate facilities for meaningful athletic development.

Exposure to Diamond League meets throughout the year along with TV coverage of European, World Championships and the Olympics across all levels of ability has made track athletics very appealing to younger audiences and we have a host of talent coming through with potential for many more.

Athletics Tracks can be and should be **inclusive** for all users when **accessibility** is central in the design process where all needs for younger , older, physically and intellectually disabled members are considered.

This will provide safe enclosed spaces for those in particular with additional needs can participate, enjoy, relax and just BE.

There really is nothing better than a visual to demonstrate how the Region of East Cork is lacking Athletic Track and Field facilities, depicted in the map opposite.

There are tracks being developed all over Munster

East Cork not there YET!

This project will deliver a community hub for clubs to come together and train in a top spec facility and make athletics a fully inclusive sport in the area.

If the years of covid restrictions, fear and lockdowns have taught us anything, it is that social interaction and physical activity are essential human needs.

East Cork needs this facility. The population of East Cork is exploding facilitated by vast housing developments throughout the region, yet our sporting facilities and social spaces particularly for young people and families are sparse. Healthy social dynamics and amenities are so imperative and interlinked.

What we want for our community;

Athletics track to adhere to International World Athletics standard (8 lane 400m).

Track surface to be one colour, requested by special Olympics (bi coloured tracks have found to be more confusing for athletes with intellectual disabilities).

Steeplechase/ water jump

Floodlighting for track facilities

Fencing and CCTV for safety and security

Wheelchair accessible amenities throughout the facility incl the track perimeter

Field sports such as shot putt, discuss, hammer, javelin, long jump, high jump and pole vault.

Throwing cage x 1 and grass inner area for landing

Spectator viewing perimeter- large enough to pitch club tents and picnic blankets.

Clubhouse with hall, kitchen, storage area, admin area for electronic timing and photo finish viewing (must be located at the finish line).

Car, bus and bicycle parking

Toilet, shower and changing facilities Including wheelchair bed changing facilities.

Utility Substation

### The Site

CEASC are asking for 20 acres of council land to develop T&F Facility a club house and parking for buses, cars and bicycles.

Track Orientation: Need to take into account potential need for rotation of the track after completed surveys in particular ground levels, topological, lighting and traffic impact reports.

The Site:

A Regional Park for Cork East

We are inspired by Limerick City, County Council and Fingal Council's embracing, development and funding of the Limerick Regional Athletics Hub and Fingal Athletics track.

The site is suitable on flat ground outside of flood plains, it is ideally situated for connectivity to local transport, walkways, schools & houses.

The visibility of the site on the relief road will add to the appeal and safety of the facility

We are proposing that the area marked in green be the locations for the track and clubhouse.

The area in blue which is a floodplain, which in our view is a suitable location for the creation of a purpose built hill course using the topsoil from ground works in other parts of the development.

Connecting this part of the development to the linear park with foot bridges similar to those used in Ballincollig Regional Park would bring an array of running/walking route options for hosting club training venues, a parkrun for East Cork, Relay for Life and Fit4Life events.

Hosting events such as these are key to delivering a facility that is sustainable for generations to come.

### Identifying Stakeholders

Since conception to present day numerous consultations were and continue to be held with various stakeholders in the community who endorse the project including

Local athletics clubs

East Cork Athletics Division

Cork Athletics County Board,

Athletics Ireland,

Special Olympics,

IWA

Rebel Wheelers

Neurodiversity groups like Bloom, COPE

Middleton Family Resource Centre

Primary and secondary schools

Local area group of GPs

There are multi faceted needs that we have to address here through green lighting this project

We also have the support of our local area community Garda who understands the importance of projects such as ours in enhancing the social dynamics of a community

### What we have done to date

CEASC has been registered CLG with working sub committees.

We are delighted to confirm John Cashman and Olympians Liam O'Brien and Brendan Boyce as part of our PR and Fundraising Sub Committees

The great Sonia O'Sullivan is also endorsing our project in every way possible.

Submitted an application for the Eir-Grid Community Benefit Fund worth 125K on the basis that we successfully acquire land and planning permission

Completed Information gathering visits to the newly opened tracks at Clonmel TÚS track & Limerick Regional Athletics Hub

Gathered design, feasibility studies

Flood surveys, council ecological studies

Researched funding avenues

Meetings with engineers for concept design options for the development

### WHAT IS NEXT

No 1 Priority is acquiring a site

Business plan

Initial grant funds and community fundraising will be used to engage with services of an engineer for vital pre planning surveys

### MAIN COSTS

Quotes of 1.2-2 mill to develop the track and field facility including floodlights

Project Engineer (approx 10% of build)

Club house (2000sq ft) 300k plus depending on final fit out /model of operation e.g. gym etc

Yearly operational costs incl insurance, cleaning grass cutting, utilities & maintenance sinking fund approx. 50k-70k

### Facility Operational Model

The ideal situation would be a model similar to that of the Limerick Regional Hub where it is council owned and operated

Second to that a joint operation set up would be ideal also and we are prepared and planning for a model of site lease and CEASC in charge of facility management.

### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Maintentance and Management

Our vision would be through the CLG to engage with groups such as ASIAM's Inclusive Recruitment Dept to provide jobs for those in the autistic community and with other adult disability support groups so that our facility could also provide inclusive employment opportunities for all in the community.

### REVENUE STREAMS

Excluding yearly memberships a conservative minimum projected estimate of approx. €100,000 income p.a

Track/perimeter track Individual use €3 pay as you go (10 people a day= €11,000p.a)

Yearly memberships (Individual and family packages)

Track Club rate €60 per hour (3 clubs @ 5 evenings per wk) €45,000p.a

Track competition days approx. 9-5 incl set up and clear up €480 per day

(East Cork, Cork County, Munster clubs , primary/secondary schools and senior & juvenile competitions as well as options for club open sports) 5-10kp.a (10-20 comps)

Summer camp rental - half day option €240 per day €2500 p.a based on just 2 camps in a year

Clubhouse hall rental €50 per hour

Smaller Meeting and Therapy room rental 15 per hour

Fit4Life/Couch to 5K generates annual income of €30k p.a. in Castleisland facility

### What is Next

#### UP COMING GRANTS/FUNDING

Eirgrid submission complete (Max 125k)

Town and Village Renewal Scheme – max €250k

Community Foundation Ireland's Biodiversity Fund Grant under the Gov Heritage Scheme Grants

Leader Grants open next year

Awaiting opening of round 2 of the Government's Large Scale Infrastructure Fund (€1mill+)

Government Department Sports Capital and Equipment Programme increase from €300k-€500k for Regional projects – 2024/25

SECAD to update on further grant openings

We would obviously be very grateful to receive assistance through local authority funding

#### THANK YOU

CEASC would like to thank you so much for inviting us to bring this deputation before you today.

We are appealing to everyone of you to bring forward our proposal to Cork County Council and express the huge potential that this project has to unite our community groups and generations in one space with an amenity that will enrich our physical, mental and social health.

And please help us make this concept a reality and bring the vision of this beautiful space to life.

The Members thanked the Deputation for their presentation.

### **3.2 Taking in Charge – Ashdale, Cloyne.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer circulated the following email received from Liam Murphy, Estates Section in relation to the taking in charge of Ashdale, Cloyne, Co. Cork.

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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

- 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.

*“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”:-*

<b>Estate Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Linear Metres</b>
Ashdale	Cloyne	147

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Healy all Members fully agreed with the Taking in Charge of Ashdale, Cloyne.

### 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.

<b>Funding Grant Category</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Road Class</b>	<b>Road Number</b>	<b>Road Name and or Townland Name</b>	<b>Length of Work (m)</b>	<b>% Completed</b>
Restoration Maintenance	RM 1	R	R-626	East Cork – R626 (part) Ballyedmond Bridge to East Cork Oil	1061	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 2	R	R-630-34, R630-48	East Cork – R630 Lower Whitewell towards Saleen	944	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 3	LP	L-3652-0	East Cork – L-3562 Yankee	1,278	0%

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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 Bsilymacotter 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	100%
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	100%
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	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 14	LP, LT	L-3803-0, L-78123-0	East Cork – L3803 Halfway Bar to Barnaviddane	2,380	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM15	LS	L7824-0, L7826-0	East Cork – L7824 Barnadaw to Ballyre	1,703	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM16	R	R-627-92	East Cork – R627 Dungorney to Donickmore	1,557	100%
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	400	100%



				Cross" (Extra Project)		
		<b>RESTORATION</b>		<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>30,226.</b>	
		<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				
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	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 4	LS	L-7659-0	East Cork – L7659 Kilva (part)	1,550	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LP	L-3609-0	East Cork – L3609 Corbally (part)	1,250	5%
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	95%
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 North	1,612	100%
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	95%
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LP	L-3812-0	East Cork – L3812 Gortaroo Cross to	911	100%

				Gortaroo Village		
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	LS	L-7884-0	East Cork – L7884 Shanavagoon	1402	90%
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	100%
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	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 24	LT	L-78281-0	East Cork – L78281 Ballyglavin (Phase 2) (Extra Project)*	500	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 25	LP	L-3815-0 (part)	East Cork – L3645 Finure-Guileen Phase 1 (Extra Project)*	900	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 26	LP	L-3644-0 (part)	East Cork – L3644 Ballinrostig Phase 2 (Substitute Project)	700	100%
			<b>Restoration Improvement Subtotal =</b>		<b>22,311</b>	
*Funded by CCC own funds						

Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on a commencement date for the works at Riverside Estate. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he is working with the contractor to get a revised date for the commencement of these works.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of works at the Upper Range Road at Rostellan and asked if works could be undertaken on the section of old road near the GAA grounds. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that drainage works will be completed this year which should largely address problems at this location.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on works for the Belmont Road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the design works will be complete this week and the tender has been awarded with works being completed by the end of this year.

Cllr. Healy asked if there was any possibility of works taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the road from Tops Cross to Ballincurragh. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will be applying once again this year for funding for works at this location under the Climate Adaptation Grant Scheme.

#### **4. Business Prescribed by Statute.**

None.

#### **5. Notices of Motion.**

5.1.1 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“Due to the serious lack of amenity in the East Cork area, I am calling on my colleagues to support me in putting a call to full Council to secure land as a potential site for a sports centre in Midleton. The priority of this sports centre is to provide a running track, with the potential for all weather pitches, courts and the possibility of other amenities such as a swimming pool into the future. With such low availability of council land, and from a previously commissioned Feasibility study supported by members of this municipal district, we are aware that this proposal may necessitate use of proposed residential land. We believe this may be the only option as provision of such amenity is so critical in a high density population area. It is widely accepted that such facilities reap both physical and mental health benefits within communities, and we are willing to take the steps necessary to ensure access for all to such amenities into the future”.

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

Cllr. Ahern asked if Cllr. McCarthy withdraw the possibility of the swimming pool amenity from the motion and put forward the provision of a sports centre only. Cllr. McCarthy stated that she was in full agreement with Cllr. Ahern’s proposal.

5.1.2 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“That a road safety audit be carried out at Ladysbridge to improve safety for all road users to include pedestrians, cyclists and those with reduced mobility. As five roads meet here it is vital that drivers have more awareness of right of way and that pedestrians have safe crossing points”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Ahern, Linehan Foley & Quaide supported the motion.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that Ladysbridge village has grown substantially in the past with the need for consideration of a pedestrian crossing and speed ramps on both sides of the road at the Monument to the Thatch and also on the Ballymacoda Road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council's Road Safety Officer has undertaken an inspection and will prepare a report on the issues raised which will be circulated to the Members once available.

#### 5.1.3 Cllr. Susan McCarthy received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

"Seeking an update on works to be carried out at steps from Dungourney Road /Clonmult Tce to Suncourt Estate. As mentioned previously this is a passageway commonly used not just by elderly residents, but also school children to get to the northern end of town".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the existing steps are either concrete or stone masonry, the stone is red limestone or Midleton Marble, the Engineer stated that the existing steps are irregular in height and length and the red limestone has a poor grip, therefore warranting the replacement of the steps. Following consultation with the County Archaeologist it is proposed to salvage and retain Midleton Marble Masonry for reuse in a future public realm project in Midleton Town and reconstruct the steps in concrete. Rebuilding the steps with the existing stone masonry would not be appropriate and the proposed works will be completed before the end of the year.

#### 5.1.4 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

"That this MD write to Bus Eireann to seek the installation of a proper bus stop and shelter at Mogeely Village".

Cllrs. McCarthy & Hegarty fully supported this motion and requested that they attend a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District as soon as possible.

#### 5.1.5 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

"Is there any update on the speed review or installation of safety measures on the Mogeely to Killeagh Road".

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a traffic count and speed survey was carried out by Council Staff over a 24 hour period from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. A traffic and speed radar was located approximately 100 metres on the Killeagh side of the playground entrance. A total of 2018 vehicles were recorded during the survey period. An average speed of 51 kph was recorded and an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 62 kph was recorded. The results of the survey demonstrate that a significant number of drivers are driving in excess of the posted 50 kph speed limit in what is clearly a built up area. The Engineer stated that this road will be considered for further traffic calming measures in accordance with the Council's Policy for Traffic Calming in Towns and Villages.

5.1.6 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“If a schedule of clearing of drains can commence due to the autumnal weather and drains being blocked”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that while routine drainage maintenance takes place throughout the year, resources are prioritised to this area in the October/November period following completion of the roads programme.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“Update on Footpath for Quarry Road Youghal aware a survey was carried out in May 2023”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that no update has been received from the Traffic and Transportation Section to date and suggested Cllr. Linehan Foley make contact with either James Rigney Senior Executive Engineer or Cormac O’ Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer, Traffic and Transportation Section on this matter.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“Any update on progress with Derelict Sites on Main Street Youghal/Castlemartyr Main Streets”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Ahern and McCarthy supported this motion.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that Midleton also be added.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that both herself and Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer have engaged with some of the owners of properties on South Main Street, Youghal and have made a lot of progress, there are two properties on North Main street owned by absentee landlords who are very difficult to track down.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that there was one property on North Main Street, Youghal near Cork Hill which is particularly unsightly and asked if there was any procedure in dealing with relevant banks on these derelict sites.

Cllr. Ahern asked if derelict properties could be acquired through compulsory land acquisition on behalf of Cork County Council.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that the whole case can be very complicated as a lot of mortgages and properties have been sold onto vultures funds or tied up in probate, the Senior Staff Officer also informed the Members that they have engaged with two property owners in Midleton in the hope of a resolution.

Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Senior Staff Officer and asked that this item be kept on the Agenda.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“Update on Ashe Street, Youghal”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the works at the vicinity of Taylor’s Lane have been successfully tendered and the contract has been awarded, a Road Closure is being applied for and the works should commence mid November.

5.1.10 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“That the East Cork MD would improve pedestrian and disability access in Ladysbridge by repairing and aligning footpaths and providing a pedestrian crossing on the Main St”.

This motion was dealt with under motion no. 5.1.2.

5.1.11 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“That the East Cork MD would set aside an area of ground of similar size and prominence in Midleton for the cultivation of a flower-bed as the site of the magnificent flower-bed on Broderick St. that was removed by the town cycle-way project”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following reply to this motion:

Your interest in Midleton's Pollinator Plan is encouraging. I fully agree that the pollinator and diversity supporting planted bed on Broderick Street was indeed very rich and colorful and I would prefer that it could remain. Unfortunately the Government supported Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway and Pedestrian Walkway provided for a cycleway along Broderick Street which required the removal of the existing planted bed. However a smaller planted bed will be provided at the junction of Broderick Street and Riverside Way and other work under the same scheme has resulted in pollinator and biodiversity supporting landscaping and planting schemes along the routes, for example on Dwyer's Road on the Bailick Car Park- Pontoon-Gaelscoil section of the Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway and Pedestrian Walkway, another element will be a significant planted bed in nearby Kennedy Park and for planting of fruit bushes to form hedging around the relocated Fallen Horse and Rider sculpture with seating also provided. This scheme also saw additional tree planting in the Riverside Park open space, the provision of a set back to facilitate easier disabled access to the Kindred Spirits Choctaw Monument and safety measures for pedestrians under the N25 overpass on the Bailick Road. There are similar planted beds at The Rock, the Baby's Walk Park and just up from the Courthouse , as well as in the Bailick Road car park. We also have plans for further pollinator and biodiversity supporting planting schemes at other locations, the latest being the Roxborough Garden on Distillery Walk road, and, incidentally, we have asked that the plants removed from Broderick Street will be used as part of the new planting schemes near the Courthouse and in the little park surrounding the Boy and Geese sculpture on the Hospital Road, Fair Green. With the very dry spell these may be under stress but we will hope for the best and replace any that do not survive.

5.1.12 Cllr. John Healy, received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“Cllr. John Healy calls on the Council to carry out urgent repair works to the Ballykilty Road”.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will have this road inspected and listed for repairs.

5.1.13 Cllr. John Healy, received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“Cllr. John Healy calls on the Council to provide a footpath from the Killeagh GAA Pitch to the Main Street”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, McCarthy & Ahern supported this motion.

5.1.14 Cllr. John Healy, received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“Cllr. John Healy calls on the Council to carry out safety improvements at the Mogeely Junction with the N25”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the request for a slip road off the N25 onto the Mogeely Road at Two Mile Inn will be referred to the NRDO.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“That Ladysbridge Village and surrounding areas issues be resolved – poorly designed, inaccessible footpaths for pedestrians, buggies and wheelchair users”.

Dealt with under Motion 5.1.2

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

“That traffic calming measures be put in place and a pedestrian crossing and a risk assessment and road safety audit be carried out urgently”.

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“That the slipway at Ballybrannigan be repaired”.

Cllr. McCarthy supported this motion.

## 6). Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

**7). Any Other Business.**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she had been contacted by a few people on the removal of the toilets at the new boardwalk and asked if any funding could be allocated for the use of two toilets for the winter period. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that additional toilet facilities were brought in for the summer period and any proposed extension of these facilities would require additional central funding. Cllr. Linehan Foley agreed to follow up on the extension of this programme all year round. Cllrs. McCarthy and Hegarty supported this motion.
2. Cllr. McCarthy stated that all elected Members representing the people of East Cork are entitled to question any deputation in relation to their presentation.
3. Cllr. McCarthy asked whether trees in Westbrook Court could be attended to by the Council. Mr Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, advised that no budget had been provided to the East Cork Municipal District such work and this was confirmed by the Municipal District Officer.
4. Cllr. Hegarty stated that he had been contacted by residents of Yellowford, Ballymacoda and stated that resurfacing works are needed at this location due to dangerous potholes on the road.
5. Cllr. Healy raised the issue of a number of council tenants who have experienced leaks at The Meadows, Tir Cluain. Cllr. Hegarty supported this matter. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a matter for the Housing Department.
6. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of several main water breaks in the Ballymacoda area recently and stated a fibre optic cable has also been damaged. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Roads Directorate are engaging with Uisce Eireann regarding a number of areas for pipe laying and stated that there is an issue of outstanding monies due to Cork County Council from Uisce Eireann which they are trying to resolve.
7. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a drain at Glenageare West which needs to be looked at after recent extensive rainfall. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will inspect same.

The next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal.

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