

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held blended through MS Teams and Council Chamber, Mall House, Youghal on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

**Leathsceal:** Cllr. McCarthy.

**Ag Freastal:** Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.  
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.  
Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer.  
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.  
Mr. Graham Parker, Eirgrid.  
Michelle Walsh, Eirgrid.

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

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of East Cork Municipal District and Minutes of Special Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of East Cork Municipal District and Minutes of Special Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Hegarty and seconded by Cllr Linehan Foley.

**2. Matters Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

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

**3.1 Update from Eirgrid.**

Mr. Graham Parker and Ms. Michelle Walsh gave a presentation to the Members to provide them with an update on the Celtic Interconnector Project which is set to bring electricity from France to Ireland which should be operation in three years time.

Cllr. Ahern once again expressed her disappointment that her request to provide documentation from Eirgrid, TII and Irish Rail in relation to the proposed route for the laying of the Celtic Interconnector Electricity Cable along the preferred route has still not been received. Cllr. Ahern also raised the issue that Irish Water had carried out substantial pipe laying works on the N25 between Midleton and Carrigtwohill and stated that in her opinion the road has been substantially compromised. Cllr. Ahern asked the Eirgrid representatives if they are aware of this and if they had inspected this road and she felt it would not be possible for them to lay ducting along this section of roadway given the zig zag nature of the pipe laying.

Cllr. Ahern asked for any report that may exist that Eirgrid Engineers may have prepared in respect of any such inspections.

Michelle Walsh, Eirgrid Representative stated that she would follow up with the Engineer's team to determine if such an inspection had been carried out.

### **3.2 Grant of Wayleave in favour of Uisce Eireann at Broomfield, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

Before notice is given to the Members of Cork County Council in relation to the proposed disposal of property in East Cork the matter is brought to the attention of the Members for the East Cork Municipal District for their consideration. Details are set out in the attached draft notice.

Situation:	Grant of wayleave in favour of Uisce Eireann at Broomfield, Midleton, Co. Cork.
Area:	Wayleave coloured yellow marked X-Y Area measuring 180m approx.. x 10m average as per map attached.
From Whom Acquired:	In CCC ownership since March 1984.
To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose:	Uisce Eireann.
Consideration:	€1.00

On the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members had no objection to the proposal.

### **3.3: S38 Report – Traffic Calming Golf Links Road, Youghal.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following Section 38 Report for the proposed Traffic Calming Works on the L3822 Golf Links Road, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Cork County Council proposes to carry out street alterations at Golf Links Road, Youghal. This includes a series of round top ramps and junction build outs. The proposed schemes will have the following benefits:

- Improve road safety for all road users and in particular for vulnerable road users.
- Provide safe crossing point for pedestrians.

These measures will help to reduce vehicular speeds and improve road safety for all road users.

The location and details of the proposed works are set out on the attached revised drawings.

- L3822-LM-01
- L3822-LA -01
- L3822-LA -02

The proposed scheme is designed to benefit all road users with a specific emphasis on vulnerable road users. The works will also have a traffic calming effect on vehicular traffic.

The public awareness process for the scheme, which is required under Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act, 1994, commenced in July 2023. Details of the process are provided in Section 2 of the Report.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the Members fully agreed to the proposals of the Section 38 Report for Traffic Calming Measures at Golf Links Road, Youghal.

### 3.4 East Cork Municipal District Roads Grant Programme Progress Report.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following East Cork MD Roads Grant Programme Progress Report 2023 to the Members.

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance	RM 1	R	R-626	East Cork – R626 (part) Ballyedmond Bridge to East Cork Oil	1061	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 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 Ballymacotter 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 Ballyknock 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 Ballynookery	2,316	100%
Restoration Maintenance	RM 10	LS	L-7841-31, L-7841-51	East Cork – L7841 Knockmonlea 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	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 Dungourney 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 Cross” (Extra Project)	400	100%
		<b>RESTORATION MAINTENANCE SUBTOTAL =</b>			<b>30,226.</b>	
Restoration Improvement	RI 1	LP	L-3644-0, L-3644-28	East Cork – L-3651 (part) Whitewell to Ballinrostig at	1,000	100%

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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	90%
Restoration Improvement	RI 5	LP	L-3609-0	East Cork – L3609 Corbally (part)	1,250	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 6	LP	L-3833-57	East Cork – L3833 Churchtown to Ballycotton - Phase 1 Churchtown	Deferred as road surfaced dressed	
Restoration Improvement	RI 7	LP	L-3600-0	East Cork – L360 Two Pot Cross/Coolnedane South	854	40%
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 Ardglass X	1,610	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 16	LP	L-3812-0	East Cork – L3812 Gortaroo Cross to Gortaroo Village	911	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 17	LS	L-7884-0	East Cork – L7884 Shanavagoon	1402	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 18	LS	L-7838-0	East Cork – L7838 Ballycurraginny	1280	100%
Restoration Improvement	RI 19	LS	L-9533-0	East Cork – L9533 Belmont Terrace Youghal	117	0%

Restoration Improvement	RI 20	LS	L-7906-0	East Cork – L7906 Glenbower View Killeagh	83	0%
Restoration Improvement	RI 21	LP	L-3811-32	East Cork – L3811 (part) Yellowford	1,500	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	90%
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	75%
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						

This report was marked as read.

### 3.5 Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) Programme Funding for 2024 & 2025.

Mr. Paul Murray, Senior Engineer gave the following report to the Members from Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer regarding the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) Programme Funding for 2024 & 2025.

Please be advised that the Department of Transport proposes to continue the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) in 2024 and 2025 and the funding available will be the order of 20% more than allocated for years 2022 & 2023.

On completion of this year's CIS programme, there will be only one application outstanding in East Cork MD. Therefore, there is an opportunity for communities to apply under this scheme to avail of this grant funding and potentially have their local road resurfaced during the 2024 / 2025 period. Individual applications need to be submitted to either Midleton or Youghal Offices by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to be reviewed, prioritised, and costed for consideration in the Council's Countywide application for funding in early October.

Full details and application form are available at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/roads-and-transportation/community-involvement-scheme#:~:text=The%20Community%20Involvement%20Scheme%20is%20a%20joint%20ve>

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The scheme applies to public roads only. The Community contribution is currently 10% (prior to and including 2021 this was 15%).

We are available to discuss any queries with you or directly with community reps.

All Members fully agreed with this report.

Cllr. Hegarty asked if messages be sent out to groups to apply.

### **3.6 Ash dieback – dead or dying trees along Public Roads. Legal requirements – ash dieback – Teagasc/Agriculture and Food Development Authority.**

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer gave the following report received from Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer to the Members on Ash dieback.

Ash dieback is increasing. There is good information and guidance on this issue for property owners on the Teagasc Website (link above). Landowners need to be aware of this issue and ensure they inspect ash trees and address safety issues as they may arise.

The Roads Act 1993 (Section 70) places a statutory obligation on all landowners/occupiers of land or structures to ensure that roadside structures, trees, shrubs or other vegetation do not present a danger to those using and working on public roads.

All landowners/occupiers of land or structures are required to take all reasonable care to ensure that roadside structures, trees, hedges, shrubs and other vegetation growing on their land is not or could not become a danger to those using or working on the public roads.

We would ask landowners to inspect their roadside ash trees (and other trees) to ensure that they are not or could not become a danger to those using or working on public roads.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if this applies to all estates in the charge of the Local Authority. The Executive Engineer informed the Members that it does apply and stated that all complaints and queries be reported to their Local Municipal District Office.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty asked if all landowners could be written to regarding this matter.

Mr. Paul Murray, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this report has been advertised both online and in local newspapers and stated that the responsibility lies with the landowner.

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

4.1 Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Pontoon Bridge has reopened on Friday last and members of the public can now revert back to the original route.

4.2 Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Pikeman (Freedom's Dawn) Sculpture has been reinstated near the Courthouse.

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

5.1.1 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

"Can this Municipal District please seek a report or update from Cork County Council regarding the application for funding of €2,500,000 for the upgrade of the Main Street of Midleton".

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that they will be aware that Part 8 planning has been secured to support the enhancement of Midleton Public Realm. The Council has engaged a consulting engineer to prepare detailed design and tender documentation. The detailed design has been prepared and tender documents have been prepared (but not issued).

The costs of this project were projected at €4.2m originally, to be funded from a combination of CCC reserves, URDF, and CCC's own resources.

The latest cost estimate for the works is €6.858m (of which we have secured €4.432m, leaving a €2.4m funding shortfall).

Similar to other construction based projects, the project has been impacted by significant construction price inflation.

The Council has advised the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (i.e. the parent Dept for URDF funding) of the increased cost estimates and has requested the support of the Department to fund the shortfall. The Dept responded in July 2023 with some queries and CCC responded to same in August 2023. The Council awaits a further update from the Department in due course.

Cllr. Ahern asked when could the detailed design be put forward to the Municipal District Members.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the members that the next step would be advertisement for tendering, assessment of tendering, and a date for commencement of construction and completion of the project.

5.1.2 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

"Is there any update to the moving of the barriers blocking the footpaths on the Upper Road of Ballinacurra and if the owner can clean the area due to the deterioration and overgrowth over the last number of years".



This has been referred to Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer for his attention.

5.1.3 Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern, received on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“Can this MD look at the reinstatement of the Tennis Court at Mogeely”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the development of this tennis court lies with the Mogeely Tennis Club.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

“Can we contact TII and NTA and request that they consider lining the Lakeview Roundabout to include dual lanes on the actual roundabout”.

Cllrs. Hegarty & Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Cllr. Quaide who has a similar motion stated that he would like to see the provision of traffic lights at the top of St. Mary’s Road.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he was unsure of the provision of traffic lights at this location but stated he would like to see an assessment carried out on this roundabout.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that some signage be provided to urge pedestrians to use the flyover at this location as a safety aspect. Cllr. Ahern supported Cllr. Linehan Foley’s Request.

Mr. Paul Murray informed the Members that this matter would be referred to the National Roads Design Office.

Cllr, Twomey asked if the motion be amended to include Cllr. Linehan Foley’s request for signage.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

“Can we have an update on works for Dr. Patrick Estate in Whitegate regarding uneven road surface, and broken footpaths. Also can we look to see if we can take some of the green space area for additional parking for residents and the parents of the pre school here”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Ahern fully supported this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the need for repairs to footpaths and resurfacing sections of the public road at Dr. Patrick O’ Sullivan Terrace, Upper Aghada have previously been assessed. Both will be considered for inclusion in the Footpath and Roads Programme in order of priority as resources permit.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

“Can the Footpaths in Garryowen Cloyne be included for the next Footpath Programme”

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this will be considered for inclusion in the 2024 Footpath Programmes in order of priority as resources permit.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

“Asking ECMD for traffic calming measures at Knockaverry, Youghal”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that a traffic/speed survey will be carried out to examine this issue.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“Asking ECMD to look at extra lighting in this years lighting programme for Mistletoe Grove to Copperalley area”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that this will be referred to the Public Lighting Department for assessment.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“Asking ECMD to look at footpaths in Dermot Hurley Estate”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that these footpaths will be inspected and added to the Footpath Programme candidate list for inclusion in future programmes in order of priority.

5.1.10 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“That Council install handrails at the access ramps to beach at Garryvoe. Also to make good to end of ramp to continue into sand and eliminate the step in order to make it fully accessible as intended”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Ahern supported this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the members the wheelchair ramp in Garryvoe was similar in design to the ramps in Claycastle Youghal which were constructed quite a number of years ago and stated the ramps are not compliant with current regulations in relation to gradients required for wheelchair access and also stated the ramps do not slope onto the beach. The Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that several of the ramps on Claycastle were destroyed in a storm early this year & consultants were engaged to determine how best to replace them. With current guidelines, replacement ramps would have to extend 85 feet along the beach, this is not practical from a health and

safety point of view & accessibility for emergency vehicles so steps will replace the damaged ramps. This can be considered for Garryvoe but no funding is available at present.

5.1.11 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“Requesting the installation of a height restriction barrier at the entrance to the parking area at Ballyannan Woods. Apparently unauthorised overnight stays by Camper Van users have caused noise disturbance to neighbours in the area”.

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this is private property.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council does not have operational responsibility for this non public road and suggested Cllr. McCarthy make contact with James Rigney in the Traffic and Transportation Section who may be able to assist.

5.1.12 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“That Council install the necessary size storm drain at Broderick Street/Coolbawn to deal with ongoing extreme weather events. The inadequate size of the existing pipe is entirely insufficient to deal with the recurrent flooding at the south end of Main Street. After seven years, both residents and businesses can no longer be expected to wait any longer for completion of the proposed Flood Relief Scheme”.

Cllr. Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that there is a repeat issue at this location during very heavy rain. The stormwater pipes at the location will be jetted and a camera survey completed. Consideration will be given to install a larger pipe across the junction as requested. All Members will be updated once the investigations are completed.

5.1.13 Cllr. John Healy, received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“Cllr. John Healy calls on the Council to urgently provide speed bumps, yellow lines and any other available traffic calming measures at Aherne Terrace Midleton to alleviate the distress caused to the mature residents there by the increased through traffic resulting from the closure of the right turn at the traffic lights”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Twomey & Ahern supported this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that the reported issue of speeding on the Kennel Road is being investigated with a traffic and speed survey

underway. The matter will then be considered in accordance with the Council's Policy for Traffic Calming in Towns and Villages.

5.1.14 Cllr. John Healy, received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

"Cllr. John Healy calls on the Council to urgently seek the funding for the required drainage works in order that the resurfacing work on the Corbally/Ballincurrig road can be completed without delay".

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

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that Works on the Corbally Road (Top Cross towards Ballincurrig) are scheduled for September and we should be in a position to complete more than 50% of the road starting at the Top Cross end. A second phase will be required to completed the resurfacing to Ballincurrig and will be included in a future Roads Programme, however drainage works will be required in advance on hill from Ballincurrig down to the river. Funding for this project will continue to be sought under the Climate Adaptation Funding.

5.1.15 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

"When are the flood relief works for Castlemartyr due to commence?"

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer will refer this matter to Gillian Vaughan, Senior Engineer, County Engineers Department.

5.1.16 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

"That a portion of Land in the Ownership of Cork County Council be developed for a carpark at Ballymacoda".

All Members fully supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the East Cork Municipal District does not have the budget to carry out these works and stated that the land is in the occupancy of the Housing Department, Cork County Council.

5.1.17 Cllr Michael Hegarty, received on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

"That some measures of traffic calming be introduced at the Heights Castlemartyr".

Cllr. Ahern seconded this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that traffic calming on the N25 is a matter for the NRDO and will forward this motion onto Sean Callery, Senior Engineer.

5.1.18 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“To get an update from the East Cork MD on the use of glyphosate by staff or contractors commissioned by the Council in East Cork, for the year 2023 so far, outside of the treatment of invasive species. In particular where in towns and villages usage occurs, and what factors influence this”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer informed the Members that herbicides are applied by East Cork Roads Operations staff in both Youghal and Midleton Towns. Herbicide use has been reduced by 50%. A full report on the locations being applied in Midleton Town was given at the June Meeting. A similar approach applies in Youghal Town. Application of herbicides by Council staff or by contractors working on behalf of Cork County Council are carried out by trained staff and risk assessed in accordance with statutory requirements and Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine guidelines and best practice. The Council encourages Community & Volunteer groups to take a similar approach in reducing and eliminating the use of herbicides.

5.1.19 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

“That the East Cork MD would consider the possible need for traffic lights on the Lakeview Roundabout due to the increased difficulty getting through from St. Mary's Road in particular, and the associated risk of an accident on the roundabout - and consider writing to TII about these concerns”.

This was dealt with under Motion 5.1.4.

#### **6). Correspondence.**

No correspondence was received.

#### **7). Any Other Business.**

1. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the following email received from Paudie Scanlon in relation to works in Whitegate Village which needs to be addressed.

Glan Agua are currently carrying out works finishing up the pumping station in the middle of Whitegate village. As part of the works they have realigned some of the roads in a way that almost guarantees a crash will occur.

Given the recent horrific fatalities on the roads I think we would all agree that we should do what we can to reduce the chances of a crash taking place. The issue is the junction between the R630 and the Hill Road, highlighted in the attached photo. The road has been narrowed significantly and the turn has been made much sharper than it used to be. This will cause two potential issues.

The first issue is that traffic coming into the village along the R630 will now have to slow significantly on the main road before turning up the Hill Road, given the amount of oil

tankers that drive this road daily this is a huge concern. The old layout provided a much gentler turn that did not impede following traffic.

The other issue is the width of the new road between the R630 and the start of the hill. It is simply too narrow for the type of traffic that will be on it, especially now that the turn in from the R630 is so much sharper than before. I urge you to come down to the village to see for yourself what has happened and please bring this issue up at the Council meeting. This could be easily fixed while the contractors are still on site.

All Members fully concurred with Cllr. Hegarty.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the Public Realm works for Whitegate Village have gone through the Public Consultation Process and none of these issues had been raised during that time. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that works will proceed as proposed but if the Members had any further issues they should be taken up with the NRDO.

2. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the footpath walkway from Garryvoe Road to Ladysbridge which has been damaged in recent heavy rainfall and asked if this road could be made a permanent walkway.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that drainage issues at this location have caused flooding problems with other areas of this roadway being washed away. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will investigate the possibility of funding within the Municipal District to fund these works.

3. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if the Members could get an update A.S.A.P. on works proposed for Ashe Street.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Engineer and all staff involved on the provision of the footpath at Windmill Hill, Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of one resident in particular who has had a gap left between the new footpath and his driveway and asked if this matter could be investigated.

5. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any alternative way for groups to express interest in the Town & Village Renewal Scheme other than online as some groups may not have internet access or computer skills. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that anyone with interest in the scheme can access the Youghal Office for provided assistance.

6. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of Pairc an Aonaigh, Mogeely where people who have purchased homes in this estate are now looking for temporary accommodation as they are waiting for Uisce Eireann to complete works in this estate and asked if we could write to the developer involved. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this is clearly a matter between the developer and Uisce Eireann and stated that the purchasers have a right to take action against the developer.

7. Cllr. Ahern expressed her severe disappointment with Bus Eireann as there is an extreme amount of surplus students with no allocation of seats and also their lack to acknowledge Castlemartyr as a feeder school, Cllr. Ahern requested that a representative from Bus Eireann attend a future meeting of the East Cork Municipal District. Cllr. Hegarty suggested that a representative from the NTA also attend.

8. Cllr. Ahern expressed her sympathies to the families of both Brendan Wall and Ivan Chittenden who lost their lives in the recent Ironman event.

**The next meeting of the East Cork Municipal District will take place on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 10:30a.m.**

**This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.**