

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 15th July, 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Seamus McGrath (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Marcia D’Alton, Aidan Lombard, Liam O’Connor, Ben Dalton O’Sullivan, Audrey Buckley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin O’ Regan, Municipal District Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Jim Molly, Senior Executive Officer, Alan O’Callaghan, Clerical Officer, Pdraig Barrett, Director of Service Roads, Vincent Florish, Executive Engineer, Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer, Ken O’Riordan, Non National Road Design Office.

1: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. D’Alton and seconded by Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th June 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr D’Alton:

Update on proposed meeting with the Port of Cork.

Update on discussions with NAMA regarding derelict land in Passage West.

Update on the opening of Haulbowline Park.

In response Jim Molloy advised that there has been no response back yet from any of parties involved. Jim advised that he would forward on any response to members once received.

Cllr O’Connor:

Update on proposed running track in Carrigaline.

Vote of Congratulations for Fort Camden Rescue Team not included in minutes.

Update on Traffic Calming in Coolmore, Carrigaline. Driver Feedback Lights to be put in place.

Vincent Florish presented an update on proposals for running track to today’s meeting. Vincent outlined the main reasons why a running track in Carrigaline Park would not be the best option as

- The distance would be restricted, approx 150 linear metres.
- There would be severe change in gradient on the route.
- It would have very sharp turns making running difficult.
- The running surface would be open to damage from skateboards, bikes, buggies, etc. The cost of repairs to track would be expensive.

Vincent advised that the proposal to place the track on a site on the Crosshaven Walkway would be a much better option as the distance would be increase (205 linear metres), there is ample parking and the track would be less likely to be damaged.

The members raise the following points on the proposal.

- The expectation given to public was that a running track would be provided within the park and to not have it there would lead to disappointment.
- The track will be underused in the proposed location.

- Users will need to drive there, which is against what we are trying to achieve.
- Could the grant be used to upgrade existing tracks in the park?
- Have Carrigaline Running Club been contacted for their opinion on the new location?
- The new location will also have issues with non runners damaging the surface.
- Will the new location require clearing?
- Is there scope for expansion of running track in the Walkway?
- Can members have a graphic of proposed new location?

In response Vincent Florish and Jim Molloy advised that.

- A track within the park would be very limited and not fit for purpose.
- The grant is specifically for a running, no other use allowed.
- Improvement of the tracks in the park can be looked at separately.
- Running club not contacted since original grant applicant. At the time it was the running clubs idea to have a track in the Carrigaline area, not necessarily in the park.
- There would be possibility to expand track to approx 1km on the Walkway location over time.
- A graphic of the proposed new location will be prepared for members.

It was agreed that the proposal would be placed on the agenda for the September MD meeting and that a graphic of the proposed location of the track would be circulated to members before hand to allow for a more informed discussion.

Liam to forward VOC details to Alan O'Callaghan.

Madeleine Healy advised that Feedback lights can be moved to Coolmore over the next month and a Speed Survey will be conducted in the area once traffic levels return to normal in September.

On request from members, Madeleine Healy agreed that a 12 month schedule for the 4 Driver Feedback Signs available can be put in place for the area.

Cllr Seamus McGrath:

Update on lighting at Bloomfield Interchange.

Who is responsible for removing waste in this area.

Madeleine Healy advised that she had contacted Regis Lagan and that work is due to commence shortly.

Regarding waste removal in the area, it would be the responsibility of the relevant local authority. City or County Council depending on where the waste is located.

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

i. Ashgrove Roundabout, Ballinrea Road improvement Scheme (Pedestrian movement & cycling).

Ken O'Riordan from the Non National Road Design Office gave members on the proposed improvements to the Ashgrove Roundabout.

Members were advised that the plans would come before them again in the autumn prior to going for Part VIII approval.

ii. Public Lighting programme 2019

Madeleine Healy advised the members that there had been a change to the Public Lighting programme given to members at the June meeting. Many residents in the Fountainstown Road area had been in contact to say they did not want public lighting on this road. With this in mind it is proposed to replace this scheme in Glenwood, Carrigaline.

Members broadly welcomed the change and made the following points:

- Timeframe for installation?
- Could lights be installed in Glenwood by Western View to curb antisocial behaviour?
- Issue with trees blocking lights by Martello Park in Ringaskiddy.

In response Madeleine Healy noted that it would be up to the Public Lighting Team to give a timeframe but that it would be completed in 2019.

Madeleine advised that she would look into the possibility of placing a light in Glenwood/Western if possible.

Madeleine noted that she would look into the issues at Martello Park.

iii. Report on the Shannon Park works.

Padraig Barrett presented a Report on the Shannon Park works which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members made the following comments regarding the works:

- Lots of public concern regarding the omission of a slip road at the roundabout.
- Issue with 2 lanes converging into 1 directly after roundabout.
- Should changes have been made without updating planning?
- Members should have been made aware of changes, regardless of whether planning was needed or not.
- Will the extra lane at roundabout offer the same benefit as a slip road would have had?
- Poor project management of works, went on too long.
- Were costs effected by the removal of the slip road?
- What will be the capacity increases for the roundabout?
- Area around roundabout left in poor condition after works.(landscaping)

Mr Barrett made the following points regarding the works:

- Understood that councillors and members of the public may have had an issue with the removal of the planned slip road but it was not seen as a significant planning change.
- Current best practice would suggest that a third lane was more suitable than a slip road.
- Agreed that any changes in future projects would be brought before members.
- Merging lanes were included in Part VIII approval and are considered safe and effective in moving traffic through the roundabout.
- Regarding costs, Mr Barrett noted that the budget was €661,000 for the works and would be confident final figure would be below this amount. However final figure wont be done for some time.
- Mr Barrett agreed to send on capacity figure to members.
- Mr Barrett refuted the observation that the project was poorly managed. Noted that time gaps in projects were inevitable.

- The landscaping will be fully restored upon final completion of works.

Members welcomed the response from Mr Barrett and asked that:

- In future any changes are brought before members beforehand for discussion.
- That results of the planned safety audit is shared with members once completed.
- That any data on increase use of the roundabout is shared with members.

3: Traveller Consultative Committee

Members agreed to defer an election of a member to this committee until the September MD meeting.

4: To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

Cllr Liam O'Connor

1. That the council:
 - a) Establishes the owner of the old pottery site in Carrigaline.
 - b) And thereafter engage with them on their plans for the development of the area which has been left idle for the past 15 years.

This site presents an opportunity for regeneration of the town by strengthening and extending the existing retail core. The site would promote town centre living to support social vitality, promoting a range of residential types as part of a mixed-use development within the town Centre. It will ensure a vibrant town centre during the day.

In response to the motion Kevin O'Regan noted that a report from the Planning Dept had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

This detailed the site as being zoned in the Local Area Development Plan and no development possible there until the Western Relief Road is completed.

Cllr McGrath advised the site is earmarked for regeneration and planning for the site had previously been refused by An Bord Pleanala due to objections regarding traffic and access.

2. To seek a report on council plans/timelines to install a foot path from the new Foresthill/Castle-heights roundabout up Rose hill road towards Church hill, Carrigaline.

Cllr O'Connor advised that there are a lot of users of the road and a footpath is needed there.

Cllr McGrath noted that one of his motions is very similar and would be happy to raise it here. Cllr McGrath clarified that a footpath would be required within the development and on the other side of the road.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that it is part of the planning for the developer to deliver a footpath within the development. Once this is in place the council has planning approval to continue

this down to Rosehill. A plan will be put in place to start footpath once developer has finished his section.

Cllr O'Connor asked if it would be possible for the council to complete their section of footpath first?

Madeleine Healy advised that there would be no point in only having a section of footpath in place. It would be better to complete projects together.

In response to a question by Cllr McGrath, Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at the junction at Fosters Cross.

3. To seek a report on council plans/timelines to upgrade the Owenabue car park which is currently in poor condition. There are potholes on the through road, the footpath outside Bean and Leaf café and Carryout off license have trip hazards and parking lane line painting is required throughout.

Cllr's Coleman, D'Alton and McGrath supported the motion. Cllr McGrath noted that the car park issues should have been addressed at the time of the Irish Water works there. The complicated layout should be looked at and Disabled spaces need to be highlighted correctly with blue markings.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that the trip hazards will be sorted and that the pot holes have already been filled. The Traffic and Transportation Dept are looking at an extension to the car park and there will be a report for members on this at the September meeting. Essentially the car park will be resurfaced and relined and hopefully increase car park by 30 to 40 spaces.

Cllr McGrath

1. To request an update on the interaction between Bus Eireann and the Council to facilitate the bus turning at the Primary Care Centre, Carrigaline.

Cllr McGrath advised that a bus is unable to turn in the development where Health Centre is located. Cllr McGrath that facilities be put in place to rectify this.

In response to this motion Madeleine Healy advised that as more sites are developing in the area this will allow for the opening of the roundabout in the area to allow for the bus to turn there. In the short term Bus Eireann have a bus stop on the main road for access to Health Centre.

Cllr D'Alton supported this motioned and gave the opinion that it is not acceptable that the Health Centre was opened without adequate public transport access. Also there is no service from Passage West to the Health Centre.

Madeleine advised that there is a bus stop across the road from the centre with a dedicated crossing for the Health Centre.

2. To ask the Engineer to fast track footpath connectivity between the roundabout on the western entrance to Forest Hill and the existing footpath at Rosehill.

This motion was dealt with along with motion 2 of Cllr O'Connor.

3. To seek an update on the commencement of a full Transportation Study for Carrigaline.

Padraig Barrett prepared a report on this motion which was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllr McGrath asked Padraig Barrett if he would like to add anything to the report and if he could give some indication of the timelines involved. Also enquired as to whether a consultant had been procured for the study yet?

Padraig Barrett advised that no timelines are available as yet and that the selection of consultants for such a study is a difficult process. The consultant chosen would need to be able to follow up with designs following completion of the study. The tender for consultants should begin in the next few weeks.

Cllr O'Connor supported the motion and noted that this study would have a knock on effect on Town Centre Plan for Carrigaline.

Cllr Audrey Buckley

1. Going forward with the traffic calming issues in Crosshaven Village, we are asking that consideration be given again to proposing a one way system. For example, one direction down onto pier road (Hugh Coveney Pier) into Crosshaven , with the outbound direction on lower road (In front of The Oar). As an interim, we would like to see flashing speed feedback signs in place out by the RCYC.

Cllr Buckley advised the meeting that there is an accident waiting to happen in the area, especially where the footpath narrows outside the Oar Bar. A one way system was proposed a number of years ago but was vetoed by local business. Should be looked at again now as there are now only two trawlers off loading at the harbour and commercial traffic is very low. Cllr Buckley also advised that speed signs would help slow drivers down and that school times are especially dangerous with kids crossing the road.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and noted that he had previously had a similar motion and that in his opinion a transportation study is needed for the town.

Cllr D'Alton also supported the adoption of a one way system through the town.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and made the point that a one way system would allow for the widening of footpaths. This should be looked at immediately and not wait for a potential transportation study.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that she would look at this proposal and noted that it may not be possible as all types of vehicles have to be accommodated, such as trucks who may be too large to travel on parts of a proposed one way system. Madeleine Healy advised that she would be against erecting Speed Feedback signs in the area as there are lots of natural traffic calming measures in Crosshaven and the signs aren't as effective as is thought.

Madeleine Healy resolved to investigate a one way system in the town and to carry out a speed survey in September and assess the results of that. Madeleine Healy noted that she would be supportive of Transportation Survey for the area but added that this could be a long way off.

2. In view of the traffic issues and gridlock within Crosshaven Village, in particular at Camden Road, I would request a report from the Area Engineer on suggestions to deal with this issue.

Cllr Buckley advised the meeting that there is issue with congestion on Lower Camden Road and with speeding on Upper Camden Road.

Cllr McGrath asked for a Transportation study to be completed and for this matter to be forwarded to Full Council.

Madeleine Healy advised that she would look at placing double yellow lines on Lower Camden to ease congestion and will push for a transportation study.

Kevin O'Regan advised that it would be better to ask for a response for the Planning Dept before sending to full council.

It was agreed by members that the Director of Planning will be asked to provide a response to a request for a Transportation Study.

3. In view of the anti social behaviour that is happening in Crosshaven and surrounding areas can we as a Municipal District agree to write to the Garda Commissioner, and outline to him why we need more Garda presence in the area and on our beaches. Anti social behaviour with underage drinking is on the rise and needs to be addressed before something fatal happens. It is unfair to the residents who have to clean up after litter louts when they leave the beaches littered with beer cans and glass bottles which is happening a lot more than in previous years.

Cllr Buckley advised the meeting that anti social behaviour is an ongoing issue in the summer months and that recently a car was burnt out near Church Bay.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion and praised the work of the voluntary groups in Crosshaven who work hard to clean up the area. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan asked if the council had any bye laws regarding anti social behaviour.

Kevin O'Regan advised that anti social behaviour would be a legal issue and would be a matter for the Gardai.

Cllr O'Connor supported the motion and asked if a Litter Warden could be provided for the area. Asked if there is only one in the county?

Kevin O'Regan responded that there is more than one litter warden in the county and there is one full time for this MD. It would be a matter for the Environment Dept.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and noted that the main issue was a lack of Gardai on the ground. Cllr McGrath advised that as an MD the Garda Commissioner was written to regarding similar issues in Carrigaline without a favourable response back.

It was agreed that the a letter outlining the issues would be sent to the Garda Commissioner and a copy would also be sent to the Chief Superintendent in Cork.

Cllr Aidan Lombard

1. That this district explores the possibility of opening up a greenway between Fountainstown and Minane Bridge along the old road.

Cllr Lombard advised that the location would be ideal for a walkway or greenway of some type. There is an old unused road there that should be easy to convert.

Kevin O'Regan responded that we would pass on the request to Clare Cronin who looks after the green way projects. It was agreed that Clare would meet Cllr Lombard at the location to see what the potential is for a walkway.

1. That we ask the road design section to do a design that includes both a pedestrian crossing and traffic calming for Ballinhassig village.
2. That an update on the village enhancement scheme for the Halfway village be presented to the meeting.

Cllr Lombard covered both motions together as they cover similar issues.

Cllr Lomabrd advised the meeting that Halfway was selected for the village enhancement scheme by the Bandon Kinsale MD last year. With this in mind he is looking to see what plans are in place for Halfway now that it lies in the Carrigaline MD.

Regarding Ballinhasig, Cllr Lombard made the point that all the villages within our MD need a long term plan. In Ballinhassig a crossing is needed as the road through the village is very busy and can be dangerous to cross. As an MD, discussion is needed on what can be done to improve our villages.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and asked that traffic calming and a safe crossing is need in Ballinhassig. Also noted that pedestrian safety needs to be looked at in all villages within the MD.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion and noted that there is a huge danger to residents from speeding cars through villages.

In response Jim Molloy advised that we would speak to the Bandon Kinsale MD to see what plans had already been agreed for Halfway. We can then asses what next steps to take.

Jim Molloy also welcomed a discussion on what is required within the villages of our MD.

Cllr Ben D'Alton O'Sullivan

1. In the interests of residents safety, that appropriate traffic calming measures are considered for Lower and Upper Kilmoney road.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan although the Upper Kilmoney road is a 50km zone there is still an issue with speeding and would like a speed survey undertaken there.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and advised that he had been contacted by residents there concerned about pedestrian safety. There is no safe crossing point on the road and would ask for one to be provided.

Madeleine Healy in response advised that a speed survey was carried out on the Upper Kilmoney Road three years and the results are considered to be within the norms in regards of speeding. None carried out on Lower Kilmoney road. Lots of works are planned for Upper Kilmoney road and once these are completed another speed survey can be conducted in the area.

2. In the interests of resident's safety, that a footpath is installed between Fivemile Bridge and the bus stop located on R600. The new footpath should begin at the footpath which ends in front of property T12 A59E, and continue from there to the bus stop on the same side of the road.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan advised that a footpath is need here as residents currently have to walk along a main road to access the bus stop.

In response Madeleine Healy noted that a footpath here is included in the plan of work by the Bandon Kinsale MD for 2019 and will be in place by the end of the year.

3. In the interests of resident's safety, that footpath's are replaced as soon as possible in Owenabue Circle, Carrigaline.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan noted that the footpath is in poor condition with lots of trip hazards.

Cllr McGrath supported this motion.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that it would not be replaced in 2019 but she would look into it for the 2020 programme.

Cllr Marcia D'Alton

1. That the Municipal District Committee would be updated on the current situation with regard to planning for the Cork Harbour Greenway, Phase 1 of which was previously proposed from the Cross River Ferry, Glenbrook to Raffeen Bridge.
2. That because of the risk to vulnerable road users along the R610 between Murph's and Raffeen Bridge, this section of the greenway where an off-road path with a 4 meter width along the former railway line was proposed and approved, would be advanced for early installation.

The above motions were dealt with together as both covered similar topics.

Cllr D'Alton asked if the council would be revisiting the plan for the Cork Harbour Greenway and can we have an update on the timelines involved.

Regarding the stretch of road R610 Cllr D'Alton advised the meeting that this was a very dangerous stretch of road and in the interests of safety it would be very beneficial to have the section of Greenway installed here as soon as possible.

In response Jim Molloy advised that the Cork Harbour Greenway Part VIII funding specs are currently with the NTA. The scheme is bigger now and the scope has changed so we had to go back to preliminary design. The hope is that tender documents will go out by end of year.

Regarding the early installation on R610 it would depend on the planned route but it is unlikely that a small section would be delivered early. Once plans are ready they will come before the MD for discussion.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and hoped that the scheme would not get bogged now that it has been extended. We should focus on what is needed first and deliver the project in sections.

In response Jim Molloy advised that the project will be delivered in phases but that planning has to be secured for the entire scheme as all environmental impacts have to be assessed. This prevents schemes being undertaken where only the easy to deliver parts are only completed.

3. That a report would be provided on the moves Cork County Council has made to ensure the protection of Crosshaven Wood subsequent to local public concern expressed about the impact of an adjacent development on trees.

Cllr D'Alton advised that she had been contacted by locals regarding the protection of Crosshaven Wood. I have asked the Planning Dept for a response but as of yet have not received one.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and noted that he too had received representations from locals regarding environmental concerns.

In response Kevin O'Regan advised that we will refer to the Planning Dept for a response and will circulate to members if one is forthcoming.

5: Any Other Business

Cllr D'Alton O'Sullivan

1. Concern for safety of road users at Adamstown, Ballinhassig. Farmers have to cross white line because of debris in hedges. Can this be looked at?

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look into this.

2. Resident concerned about concealed entrance near Ballygarvan. Lots of near misses there. Would like a sign warning of concealed entrance ahead.

Madeleine Healy advised that once details are passed on she will view site. If it is agreed the sign is purchased by the resident and installed by the council.

3. Can we ask the NNRDO to look at plans for traffic calming in Ballygarvan

Madeleine Healy advised that she would pass this on to the NNRDO.

Cllr D'Alton

1. Pedestrian Crossing in Passage West is worn. Can it be relined?

Madeleine Healy advised that this can be done.

2. Update on installation of new caps on wall of St. Marys Cemetary, Passage West.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will follow up on this.

Cllr Buckley

1. Can Lifebuoys in the Crosshaven area be checked? There is no stand for the lifebuoy by the Men's Pool in Church Bay.

Madeleine Healy responded that Lifebuoys are checked monthly and the issue at the Men's Pool is that it is very difficult to place a suitable stand there.

2. Is there an update on the replacement of the outdoor worker for Crosshaven. Since retirement of existing person another council worker is covering but is not physically capable of performing tasks of retired worker.

Madeleine Healy advised that a request has been made for a replacement but as of yet no panel has been formed for the post. The duties have been given to someone else.

Cllr O'Connor

1. Can the footpath on the Crosshaven Road after the GAA club be look at as it is very narrow and unsafe.

Madeleine Healy advised that there were currently no plans for this footpath but that she will look at it going forward.

2. Any plans for footpath or lighting on Fernhill Road?

Madeleine Healy advised that there are currently no plans for Fernhill Road but that may change as new developments open there.

3. Look at placing flaps on the bins in Carrigaline to prevent birds accessing them and creating litter.

Madeleine Healy advised that we could look at this but the cost of refitting would be costly.

Cllr Lombard & Cllr McGrath

1. Can we get an update on the planned works by Irish Water on the Lower Kilmoney Road, Carrigaline. As an MD can we write to Irish Water urged for the works to start ASAP.

It was agreed that we would send a letter to Irish Water seeking an update.

Cllr McGrath

1. Can a member of the Planning Policy Committee come before members regarding planning, dereliction, land usage and the mix of business in Carrigaline. Can I ask members for agreement on this.

It was agreed that a member of the Planning Policy Committee would be asked to come before members to address the points made by Cllr McGrath.

This concluded the business of the meeting:

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: _____