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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held on MS Teams at 11.00am on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Members present:** Cllrs. Patrick Gerarđ Murphy, Danny Collins, Karen Coakley, Ross O'Connell,  
Paul Hayes, Deirdre Kelly, Joe Carroll

**In attendance:** John Ahern S.E.E  
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.  
Mac Dara O H-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.  
Clare Zuk, S.S.O. MDWC  
Martina O'Driscoll C.O. M.D.W.C.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Declan Hurley and Cllr. Katie Murphy

Cllr. PG. Murphy presided.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins*  
*Seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes*

### Resolved:

"That the minutes of the MDWC Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

*Proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes*  
*Seconded by Cllr. D. Collins*

### Resolved:

"That the minutes of the Special MDWC Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in relation to proposed housing Development and Union Hall pier be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

## **MATTERS ARISING**

In response to Cllr. K. Coakley's request for an update on her notice of motion from the July meeting regarding changing the hours of operation at the Civic Amenity site in Skibbereen, the MDO Ms. Clare Zuk noted a response from the Environment Directorate outlining budgetary constraints that would prevent changing operational hours at this time.

The S.E.O. Mr. O' Hici noted that there was no update available in reply to Cllr. K. Coakley's query in relation to the two Fáilte Ireland leases at Baltimore.

Cllr. K. Coakley sought an update on the request for a pedestrian crossing at the Abbeystrewry National School and Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. advised that it is being reviewed for the programme of works in 2022.

In response to Cllr. K. Coakley's request for an update on the report for staffing numbers in the Skibbereen area and Cllr. P. Hayes's query on an 'In Committee' meeting to discuss the staffing issue, the S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici outlined to the members that the members do not have a function in relation to staffing and it is inappropriate to discuss staffing matters in this forum.

In reply to Cllr. D. Kelly's query for an update on the Dunmanway Swimming Pool marketing plan and extending the opening hours, the S.E.O. Mr O'Hici noted that a marketing plan and strategy was currently being developed.

In response to Cllr. P. Hayes's request for a graveyard maintenance report, the S.E.O. Mr O'Hici outlined that the current maintenance programme involving works completed by outdoor staff, contractors and by local community groups and the only change in the programme this year was the budget reduction effecting cutbacks in some areas and advised that a programme would be forwarded to the members. Mr. O'Hici clarified that the cost of purchasing grave plots does not include any maintenance costs for the graveyard.

In reply to Cllr. P. Hayes's query for an update on the Skibbereen Skate park Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that the contractor was delayed but should be on site in September with a view to completing the projects in 3-4 weeks.

## **STATUTORY BUSINESS**

### **Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

<b><u>Situation:</u></b>	<b>Grant of 3 no. wayleaves at Woodlands &amp; Beechgrove, Clonakilty, Co Cork, to facilitate Council housing development.</b>
<b><u>Area:</u></b>	<b>(1) 122.8m x 10m wide and 22.7m x 10m wide (2) 1044m x 10m wide (3) 799m x 10m wide</b>
<b><u>From Whom Acquired:</u></b>	<b>Winif. Jean Bennett &amp; Fleming Developments (in Receivership)</b>
<b><u>To Whom It Is Proposed</u></b>	
<b><u>To Dispose:</u></b>	<b>Irish Water</b>
<b><u>Consideration:</u></b>	<b>€1</b>

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Hayes seconded by Cllr. K. Coakley, members approved the above grants of wayleaves and recommended them to full plenary Council for consideration.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

***Proposed by Cllr. K. Coakley, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll***

***"I call upon this council to install more rubbish bins on the streets of Skibbereen"***

Cllr. Coakley outlined to the members that Skibbereen town had a total of only 7 bins whereas Clonakilty has 40 bins and Bantry had 17 and she call for extra bins to be installed on the various streets of Skibbereen town. In response the M.D.O. Ms. Clare Zuk confirmed that extra bins had been ordered for Bridge Street which were due to be delivered in the coming weeks. Cllr. Coakley also requested that extra bins be installed on Main Street.

***Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. P.G. Murphy***

***"I'm calling on Cork County Council to tidy up the rubble, make it accessible and safe for recreational and fishing boats using Kilkileen Pier"***

Report from Ruth O'Brien, S.E.E.

There is no pier at Kilkileen. There is an access point identified as Kileen near Kilkileen. The area is within an SAC and any work on the foreshore would require AA screening and possible further examination. It appears that some boulders/concrete were placed to from a breakwater at some stage (not CCC) and it has become damaged over the years.

***Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. R. O'Connell***

"I am calling on Cork County Council to install speed activation lights in Lowertown Schull"

Report from Ruth O'Brien, S.E.E.

Cork County Council would be happy to work with community representative from the Lowertown area to progress this suggestion.

## **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Minister McConalogue reply letter**

The S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici advised members of the correspondence received from Minister McConalogue in relation to Keelbeg Pier. Members discussed the correspondence and resolved to contact the Minister in relation to available funding to develop Keelbeg pier.

### **Municipal District Officers Report**

The M.D.O. Ms. Clare Zuk distributed copies of the Municipal District Officers Report – September 2021 which was welcomed by Members who acknowledged the efforts of all involved. Cllr. D. Kelly expressed her gratitude to the MDO for her assistance with the Eirgrid application.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. D. Kelly requested that the lower carpark at the Dunmanway Swimming pool be opened on Sundays to facilitate pitch and putt and playground users. The S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici noted the request and will review it with local management at the swimming pool.

Cllr. K. Coakley highlighted the ending of the one-way system at North Street, Skibbereen and advised the members of a recent survey of the Chamber of Commerce who were mostly in favour of the one way system. Cllr. Coakley requested an evaluation report from Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. on the success of the one way system taking into account all submissions and outcomes of the trial period into account. Cllr. P. Hayes highlighted the proposal from Cycle Sense regarding the need for cycle lanes to be incorporated into any future street plans in the town. Mr. J. Ahern advised that extending the trail would require a further Section 38. Cllr. J. Carroll expressed his concerns on the one-way system in North Street and requested an update on the proposed Marsh Carpark.

Cllr. K. Coakley requested an update on swimming lessons at Dunmanway swimming pool which had been previously postponed due to Covid lockdowns. The S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici advised that this issue would be reviewed in the business plan and all persons concerned would be contacted regarding available future classes and/or refunds.

In response to Cllr. K. Coakley's request for an update on the servicing of moorings at Glandore pier the S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici agreed to follow up on the works due there.

The S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici agreed to follow up on Cllr. K. Coakley's query on a new access pathway from Skibbereen Community School to the West Cork Campus.

Cllr. P. Hayes requested an update on his previous notice of motion for the resurfacing of Western road in Clonakilty, Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that it was planned for 2022 and advised that footpath works were planned for Western Road in the coming months.

Cllr. P. Hayes queried the re-instatement of chimney stacks that were removed from the Old Brewery due to flood defense works. The S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici noted that the chimney stacks were on private property.

Cllr. D. Collins requested an update on the proposed twinning arrangement with Allihies and Leadville. The S.E.O. Mr. O'Hici advised that the council had asked the group proposing the twinning for details that were required by the statute to be considered in relation to any proposed twinning. What they submitted was not sufficient to refer the matter onto SMT for consideration and they had been asked for more details. He confirmed that there was no agreement in place to entering a twinning agreement.

#### **VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Cllr. P.G. Murphy expressed condolences on behalf of all the members to Cllr. Declan Hurley on the death of his mother on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Cllr. K. Coakley expressed condolences on behalf of all the members to Mr. Teddy Browne, Litter Warden on the death of his mother-in-law on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**CATHAOIRLEACH** \_\_\_\_\_

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