

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork
held at former Methodist Church, Main Street, Dunmanway on Monday 5th December 2016**

Members present: Cllrs. Danny Collins, Paul Hayes, Mary Hegarty, C. O'Sullivan
P,G. Murphy.

In attendance: Mac Dara O h-Icí, S.E.O. Municipal District of West Cork
Justin England, M.D.O. M.D.W.C
Michael O'Driscoll S.E.E.
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.
Michael Tobin E.E.
Damien Murphy E.E.
Cait Lehane E.E.
Sarah Sinnott E.E.
Mary T. McCarthy, S.O. M.D.W.C.

Cllr. Joe Carroll presided.

Apology: Cllr. D. Hurley

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

At the proposal of Cllr. M. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. C. O'Sullivan the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork Meeting held at the former Town Council Offices, Skibbereen, Co. Cork on 7th November 2016 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The M.D.O. distributed correspondence received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

In reply to a query from Cllr. P. Hayes regarding a late application for the Community Hedgecutting Grant 2016, the M.D.O. stated that the closing date of 14th October 2016 would be adhered to. Cllr. M. Hegarty suggested that funding may be made available from an alternative source.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183 Disposal Notice

- 1. Disposal of 0.116 Ha. Of lands at Reenrour Bantry, Co. Cork to Raymond O'Callaghan,
The Cove, Reenrour, Bantry, Co. Cork*

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. C. O'Sullivan, members approved the *Disposal of 0.116 Ha. Of lands at Reenrour Bantry, Co. Cork to Raymond O'Callaghan, The Cove, Reenrour, Bantry, Co. Cork* for a consideration of €7,500.00 and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

2. *Disposal of Pumphouse and site at Derrymihan East, Castletown Bearhaven, 0.0863 hectares, to Michael Donegan, Derrymihan East, Castletown Bearhaven.*

On the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. M. Hegarty, members approved the *Disposal of Pumphouse and site at Derrymihan East, Castletown Bearhaven, 0.0863 hectares, to Michael Donegan, Derrymihan East, Castletown Bearhaven* for a consideration of €6,000.00 and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

Taking in Charge of Housing Estates

That being satisfied that a public right of way exists over them, and the roads are of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993 the following to be public roads:-

| | ESTATE NAME | LOCATION | ROAD LENGTH (LINEAR METRES) |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Fernhill Woods</i> | <i>Clonakilty</i> | <i>320</i> |
| 2 | <i>The Mills</i> | <i>Skibbereen</i> | <i>635</i> |

On the proposal of Cllr. C. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes, members approved the taking in charge of the housing estates at Fernhill Woods, Clonakilty and The Mills, Skibbereen.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. M. Hegarty, Seconded by Cllr. P.G. Murphy

1. *I request a breakdown of expenditure on Bantry Town for 2016.*

Cllr. M. Hegarty reported from a recent meeting between with Bantry Business Association and Councillors D. Collins & P.G. Murphy. While recognizing the immense efforts of the Bantry Area Engineers, Bantry Business Association feel aggrieved that Bantry is not receiving its fair share of funding for roads, footpaths and public realm in comparison with other West Cork towns. Cllr. P.G. Murphy suggested that a meeting of the three aforementioned councillors, the executive and various stakeholders in Bantry such as Bantry Business Association, Tidy Towns Committee and Tourism Development Association should be arranged to put a formal plan in place to address each issue strategically and structurally. Mac Dara O h-Icí S.E.O. committed to co-ordinating a meeting and circulated a breakdown of expenditure on Bantry for 2016 to date. The S.E.O. noted various projects supported by Cork County Council in Bantry i.e. Cruise Ships, Music Festivals, Bantry Tourist Office, Bantry eCentre, Beacon Retail Project, Wild Atlantic Way.

2. *I ask the council to seek funding in the New Drainage programme to put in place measures for the Drainage on the Mounteen Sudder Road at the back of the Eccles and between the filling station in Glengarriff " - Postal Code P 75H268 following Concerns from residents Aidan Barron, Anke Muller, Jermy & Diana Daly*

Report from Mr. Aidan Prendergast E.E.:

The Castletownbere Office is unaware of any specific issues relating to drainage on the Mounteensudder road (L-4929-0) or on the road at the garage (L-4928-0.) The local foreman is also unaware of any specific issues with these roads. The recent clement weather does not allow an examination of how the drainage is working on these roads but they will be inspected when weather suits.

Mr. M. O'Driscoll S.E.E. undertook to review drainage on the L-4929-0.

Proposed by Cllr. Cllr. P. Hayes, Seconded by Cllr. M. Hegarty

1. *"That this Municipal District carries out a review of the playgrounds in the West Cork area to ascertain the scale of works required and collates a list of priority projects for proposed works in the New Year."*

Members supported the motion and agreed on the importance of playgrounds for locals and tourists. The M.D.O. noted that playgrounds are inspected monthly by Area Engineers staff and the annual RoSPA inspection determines what works are required. The SEO agreed to present a list of required works based on these inspections and agreed to present them to the Members at a meeting early in 2017.

Proposed by Cllr. Cllr. P. Hayes, Seconded by Cllr. C. O'Sullivan

2. *"That this Council carries out a Traffic Study of vehicles through Lislevane village to gauge traffic patterns and behaviour with a view to implementing traffic calming measures and safe pedestrian crossing areas."*

Report from Mr. M. Tobin E.E.:

A traffic study will be carried out in the village of Lislevane in the coming months to assess traffic. The area will be surveyed to see what measures could be put in place to improve pedestrian safety and to try to manage traffic speed. An application for CLAR funding has recently been approved for traffic measures in the area. There is a time frame on that funding and it may not be possible to have a full scheme developed but measures will be provided as part of that funding allocation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members welcomed the recent announcement of Clár Funding and congratulated the engineering staff for the preparation of projects.

In reply to a query from Cllr. C. O'Sullivan regarding Food Incubator Units for small producers in West Cork, the S.E.O. undertook to contact the Economic Development Section of Cork County Council for information.

Cllr. P. Hayes stated that he and other councillors had received complaints regarding dog fouling on the Beicin Walk in Bantry.

Cllr. P. Hayes requested information regarding the replacement of public lighting poles on the Ring to Clonakilty road.

Members praised the success of markets at Skibbereen and Clonakilty and noted that submissions regarding the proposed Casual Trading Bye Laws must be submitted to Cork County Council by 30th December 2016.

Cllr. J. Carroll encouraged members to promote the Shop Local Campaign for West Cork.

Members welcomed the announcement that Norwegian Air has been granted a permit for US-Ireland flights, paving the way for the first low-cost transatlantic flights from Ireland. It is hoped the Cork-Boston service would be operating by early to mid 2017 and that services to New York would follow.

The M.D.O. reminded members that the Public Consultation period on the Draft Municipal District Local Area Plans has been extended to Monday 16th January 2017.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH _____

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