

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 16th September, 2019 at 9.30am.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer, Alan O'Callaghan, Clerical Officer, Vincent Florish, Executive Engineer.

1: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Buckley and seconded by Cllr. O'Connor, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING**Cllr Lombard:**

Has paper work been **received** from the Bandon/ Kinsale MDO regarding the planned village renewal in Minane Bridge.

Update on plans for Halfway village.

Any progress on plans for villages within the Municipal District which transferred to the Carrigaline MD?

In response Noelle Desmond advised that a meeting has been arranged with the Bandon/ Kinsale MDO to discuss plans which were already made regarding these villages.

Cllr Lombard noted that it was disappointing that this paperwork was not ready for today's meeting as requested at the last MD meeting in July.

Nicola Radley noted that the request was not just for paperwork but for an update on plans and this is why a meeting with the Bandon/ Kinsale MDO was arranged. Once a comprehensive update is completed it will be circulated to members.

Cllr D'Alton:

Update discussions with NAMA regarding Harbour Heights and other properties in Passage West.

Update on opening of Haulbowline Park?

Update on Traffic Calming in Coolmore, Carrigaline. Speed survey to be carried out and depending on outcome of same Driver Feedback Lights may be put in place.

Still no sign of requested capping of wall at St Mary's Cemetery Passage.

Has the safety survey at the Shannon Park Roundabout been completed and if so can results be circulated to members?

In response to Harbour Heights Noelle Desmond advised that the discussions are ongoing between NAMA and the Property Department. Noelle noted that an update will be sought and circulated to members.

As of yet there is no update on the opening of Haulbowline Park.

Traffic and Transportation will be asked for an update on the survey at the Shannon Park Roundabout.

Regarding the capping of the wall at St Mary's Cemetery Madeleine Healy advised that initially there was confusion over the wall in question and this was the wall which had been agreed to cap. However the correct wall, adjoining Ardmore Estate is a much more complex and bigger job than what was originally thought. The thought is that there would be nothing that could be placed on the wall to stop people climbing it other than fencing and this would not look great in the cemetery. Capping for a wall of this size would be very expensive and will still not solve the problem of people climbing the wall.

Cllr D'Alton advised that she had seen steep capping in place in other walls that would prevent this and that capping the wall would also prevent water damage which was a concern also raised previously.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look into what can be done and revert back to members.

Cllr Seamus McGrath:

Update on **lighting** at Bloomfield **Interchange**. Still lights out of action.

Any update on a representative of Irish Water to attend a MD meeting?

Madeleine Healy advised that she will contact Egis Lagan regarding the works and will revert back with an update to members.

Noelle Desmond advised that there is still no response from Irish Water regarding a representative coming before members.

Update on Crosshaven Wood from July meeting.

At the July MD the following motion was forwarded to the Planning Dept for a response:

"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."

The following response from Seán O'Brien, Admin Officer, Planning Dept was circulated to members prior to the meeting:

The enforcement file relating to the requirement to provide a buffer zone around areas of archaeological interest on site has been dealt with. This was resolved to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and the interested parties were notified on 12/7/2019.

There is no enforcement file relating to Woodland Management.

Compliance proposals were submitted by the developer and on foot of a **recommendation** from the Area Planner, the developer was written to on 18/7/2019 requesting

"...clearer details in connection with planning condition 4 under Planning Register No.17/5556 on 23 November 2018.

Please submit precise proposals for compliance in respect of planning condition 4 of Permission 17/5556."

This matter is currently being followed up on by our compliance section.

Cllr D'Alton acknowledged the response but noted that she was not satisfied as it does not address the main point of the motion, namely the impact of tress adjacent to the development. Cllr D'Alton advised that locals are very upset on the impact to trees in the area and that the developer needs to be held to account.

It was **agreed** that as a Municipal District, the Planning Department will be asked for a further response and that further follow through of the issue will be examined.

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

i. Road Surfacing programme - update

Madeleine Healy gave members an update on completed projects and advised on the following projects which will be deferred to the 2020 programme.

Deferred

- Ferney Road, Carriagline
- Church Hill Carrigaline

Additions for 2019:

- R611 - Cork Road Carrigaline, Section from Heron Roundabout towards garages
- Old Water Park, Carrigaline
- Harbour View Estate, Crosshaven

Members made the following points on the report

- Church Hill is already in poor repair and will at least need remedial work done in preparation for winter.
- Will costs for Ferney Road resurfacing be carried over from 2019 budget into 2020 and is there an estimate time for works to start?
- The bottom of Waterpark is also in poor condition. Can this be included with works at Old Waterpark?
- Can Church Road/ Graball Bay be included in the programme of works.
- Update on GAA Lane in Passage West
- What is the process for including roads into the programme of works

In Response Madeleine Healy advised the following:

- Church Hill will be resurfaced fully once Irish Water complete works there. However remedial works may be required before winter.

- Resurfacing on Ferney road should commence around April but depends on completion of other works in the area and suitable temperatures.
- No Remedial works can be looked at for the bottom of Waterpark as this is not a public road.
- Church Bay Road Crosshaven is to be upgraded as part of the planning requirements for a new development in the area. Remedial works will be carried out until this is completed.
- GAA lane in Passage will be completed as part of the 2019 programme of works.
- The works programme is done over a three year period with changes made on a year to year basis as issues arise and depending on other works on a particular road. Requests for inclusion should be made through the Area Office and they will then be put forward for inclusion.

ii. Update on proposed running track for Carrigaline Community Park

Vincent Florish gave an update on the revised plans for the proposed running track in Carrigaline:

- The proposed location will now be within the Carrigaline Community Park.
- It will measure circa 400m in length.
- The existing surface in the park will be upgraded and will be 1.2m wide.
- New surface type (sample shown to members) that will be durable enough for all types of users while still giving grip and support to runners.

Members made the following points on the proposal:

- Thanked Vincent for taking on board the views of the members and coming up with a proposal that is truly accessible for the entire community.
- Will it be fit for purpose as a running track?
- Will there be lighting for the running and it be constructed in a way that allows lighting to be added in time? Very dark in winter time at that location.
- Will there be a uniform width for the track?
- What kerbing will be used for the track?
- What will the next steps be from here?

Vincent Florish noted the following in response:

- While it will not be a full running track in sense of somewhere like the Mardyke Arena, it will be fit for purpose for runners while still allowing access to all park users.

- There is no scope in the budget for lighting. Any increase in cost of project would mean that Part VIII planning would be needed for the track and this would mean significant delays to the project.
- The track will be a uniform width of 1.2m.
- There will be small panelled kerbs on either side of the track which will not present a trip hazard.
- If members approve proposal the tender process would take approx 60 days to complete with hopefully, a start date for construction soon after that.

Nicola Radley advised the members that Vincent had listened carefully to member's requests and had come back with a proposal that can be delivered in the short term. Nicola asked that members approve the project as it stands and that lighting can be looked at in the future.

Members agreed to approve the proposal and asked that the lighting issue can be looked again in the future.

3: Traveller Consultative Committee

Members agreed that the chairperson of the MD would also take a place on the Traveller Consultative Committee on a rolling basis in line with the position of chair. So in this instance, Seamus McGrath will be this MD's representative for the coming year.

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

ClIr Dalton O'Sullivan

1. This Municipal district requests a **representative** from Bus Éireann to attend a meeting with Municipal District members to discuss the following:
 - i) The delay in implementing bus route 225: Ringaskiddy to Cork Airport.
 - ii) The need for a regular city-linked bus route to service Waterfall and Bishops court Residential Care home.
 - iii) The need for separate school transport from Ballygarvan to Carrigaline Community School, and Ballygarvan to Edmund Rice College, Carrigaline.

Dealt together with the following motion from **ClIr Lombard**

1. That as a district we write to the NTA and Bus Eireann outlining our disappointment and asking for the reason why the promised Bus service for **Ballygarvan** has not been delivered. There has been numerous start dates given over the last year and it needs to be outlined to the district why each one of these expected start dates did not materialise.

Cllr D'Alton O'Sullivan that there are numerous issues regarding Bus Eireann and the issues raised in his motion. He asked that a representative from Bus Eireann come before members to address these and other pertinent issues in the MD.

Cllr Lombard noted that a lot of the issues are down to the NTA not providing infrastructure as promised with start dates continually delayed with no explanations given.
We need to find out who the NTA are accountable to? Can NTA come before members?

Cllr D'Alton supported both motions and advised that Martin Walsh of Bus Eireann has appeared before members previously and asked that this be facilitated again.
Cllr D'Alton also reiterated that the NTA need to come before members at the MD meeting.

Cllr McGrath supported both motions and noted that Bus Eireann was stuck in a situation where it cannot act without the NTA providing the infrastructure for it to do so.
Cllr McGrath supported the call for the NTA to come before members.

Madeleine Healy advised that Bus Eireann is liaising with the local area office on a chosen route for the 225 bus route. However there are some concerns regarding the preferred route and we are in discussions with Bus Eireann about possible alternatives.
In relation to Ballygarvan, the big issue appears to be finding a suitable spot for a northbound bus stop. Any appropriate location is currently under private ownership.

It was agreed by members to write to Bus Eireann and the NTA to ask that a representative of each come before members to discuss the motions raised and other relevant issues regarding to both within the Municipal District.

2. At the request of the local community clean-up group, that the following works take place at FiveMile, Cork.
 - Repainting of road markings
 - Power washing of kerbs and road signage, to allow the clean-up group to begin painting work.
 - Power washing of Road signs from Bowens cross to the area around Five Mile.

Madeleine Healy advised that repainting of road marking would be undertaken by the Bandon/Kinsale MD as they were included in their programme of works for 2019.
Madeleine also advised that the Bandon /Kinsale MD were in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the requested power washing works.

3. That in view of the recent increase in the number of crashes at Bowens Cross, that the Roads Design Office will begin work on an appropriate design for an improvement to the junction.

The following response was received from John Slattery regarding the motion.

"The Roads Design Office will inspect Bowen's Cross to determine what interventions would be appropriate to improve safety at the junction. The Roads Design Office will report to the Elected Members once the required interventions are determined."

Cllr Buckley

1. With the recent destruction of our solar lights on the Crosshaven/Carrigaline Railway walk, I would ask that the council reconsider and reinstall the solar lights. This walk/running area is so important to many people in the area. We cannot live by vigilante's rules; the majority of the public want to see them reinstalled and go all the way into Crosshaven in the near future.

Dealt with the following motion from Cllr D'Alton

1. That in view of the widespread public support for the project and to demonstrate its firm rejection of a singlehanded act of vandalism; Cork County Council would reinstate the public lighting on the Carrigaline - Crosshaven greenway.

Regarding the motion Cllr Buckley asked that the lights be reinstalled that CCTV be used in the area as a deterrent to vandals.

Cllr D'Alton noted that while she understood that it was not a random act of vandalism that caused the damage, she felt that the entire community should not suffer due to the malicious actions of an individual. Cllr D'Alton felt that the reinstallation of the lights would send out a strong message to the community that vandalism will not win.

Cllr O'Connor asked if there was any update from the Gardai on the matter. Cllr O'Connor also felt that, from his **previous** experiences in the area, that if the lights were reinstalled they would only be targeted again. With this in mind he felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion and asked whether CCTV can be installed.

Cllr Lombard while condemning the act felt that it would be more prudent to spend the money elsewhere rather than on reinstallation.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and felt that we should reinstall the lights. He felt that this project was put in place for the good of the community and that a single individual should not be able to have such an affect. Cllr McGrath suggested that covert CCTV, as opposed to Community CCTV which is subject to a GDPR ruling, be used after reinstallation.

In response Nicola Radley advised that what happened was very regrettable and there is no budget provision for reinstalling in 2019. However Madeleine Healy has agreed a deal with the Lighting Contractor to install lights in as yet undisclosed location on the walkway on a trial basis. This will be done Free Gratis and hopefully if successful can lead to a larger roll out in the future. Regarding CCTV, Nicola Radley advised that will not be any Community CCTV installations until the issues regarding GDPR are cleared up. She advised that the possibility of Covert CCTV can be looked at after installation.

Members gave their agreement to this.

2. With the added popularity of Myrtleville beach, can the council look into parking issues in the area and can we ask that there be a public toilet put in place for the summer months.

Cllr Buckley advised that there have been numerous issues in the area including a chip van that was parked there for the duration of the summer. The Gardai were unable to remove the vehicle as it was legally parked and there are no Casual Bye Laws in operation. Cllr Buckley suggested that yellow lines could be used in the area to control parking more effectively.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and noted the chip van was parked in a very awkward location and should have been moved on as it was causing a road safety issue, especially with people queuing.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and asked that we write to Chip Van operator to raise our concerns with them.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that there is very little that can be done in the area with regard to parking restrictions. Madeleine noted that yellow lines will stop a casual trader parking a certain area but that there would still be nothing stopping them parking outside of the yellow lined area. Also the yellow lines would also affect those trying to access the beach and may drive people to park in areas which may affect local residents.

3. Because of the lack of footpaths in rural communities, can the council come up with a plan for making sure landowners and the council do a proper cut before nesting season and again in September when children are back walking to school.

Cllr Buckley advised that the issue was mostly with private land owners and asked what steps the council take to get land owners comply with their legal obligations regarding hedgerows.

Cllr D'Alton O'Sullivan supported the motion.

Madeleine Healy responded that an advert is placed by the council regarding the cutting of hedge rows and reminding land owners of what they are obliged to do. When issues are identified particular land owners are written to warning them to take advice or face possible prosecution under the Roads Act.

Cllr D'Alton

1. That the members of the Carrigaline Municipal District Committee would be presented with the Fort Camden Master plan.

Cllr Dalton advised the meeting that the Bandon/Kinsale MD had attempted to access the plan in 2018 but it was not available at that time. If plan is not available can we have an update as to when it may be?

In response Noelle Desmond advised that consultants are still working on the plan currently and that further scoping works on the project are being undertaken. We will hope to have a more detailed response for the next MD meeting.

2. That an electric car charging point would be provided in Passage West.

Cllr Dalton asked for clarity on how these charge points are provided and where the initial initiative has to come from?

Cllr McGrath supported this motion.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that it is up to Electric Ireland to install the charging point and the council's role is only to mark the space for use by electric vehicles.

Noelle Desmond noted that at the recent Development Committee meeting that it was agreed to write to Electric Ireland to seek a county wide update regarding the roll out of charging points.

Cllr McGrath

1. That a proposal would be prepared to upgrade the playground in Carrigaline.

Cllr McGrath advised that the playground in Carrigaline is now 15 years old and is beginning to show signs of wear and tear.

Cllr D'Arcy supported the motion and asked that amenities in general are upgraded on a regular basis.

Cllr O'Connor supported the motion and also asked that provisions be made in any upgrade for users with physical and sensory issues.

Noelle Desmond responded that there is very little provision in the budget for an upgrade and that currently there are not many grants available at government level that could be used for a playground upgrade. Noelle noted that a lot of the more recent upgrades across the county have

been done with community who have raised capital themselves through fundraising. Asked councillors if this could be a possibility for Carrigaline.

Cllr McGrath noted that the playground was originally opened with help from community fundraising and felt that we should not have to ask the community to fund facilities that should be provided by the council.

Cllr D'Alton agreed with this point and noted that there are currently numerous planned developments in Carrigaline and that as part of their planning permission a recreational contribution should be sought.

2. To request an update on the likely timeline for the opening of the through road in Castleheights and its connection with the roundabout on the western entrance to Forest Hill.

The following response was received from Sean O'Brien, Planning Department regarding the motion.

There is currently No Taking in Charge application for the Forest Hill estate.

The developer's plan is to finish out the current phase of 64 houses before opening the road. They estimate that the units will be completed in approximately 18-24 months and aim to have the road constructed and open on completion of the phase.

Cllr McGrath acknowledged the response and asked that the road be opened to allow pedestrian access at the very least.

Madeleine Healy advised that as this is on private property it would be at the developers' discretion.

Cllr McGrath asked that we engage with the developer to see if the road can be opened.

3. To seek an update on a previous request to install a bus shelter at the inbound bus stop by the bridge on Carrigaline Main Street.

Cllr McGrath advised the meeting that more bus stops are **needed** in the Carrigaline area to encourage public transport use.

Cllr D'Alton supported the motion and also noted that there is **still** an issue of an uncovered bus stop in Glenbrook that leaves school children waiting for a bus in all types of weather.

Cllr O'Connor also supported the motion and acknowledged the need for proper bus stops in the area.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and advised that a list of bus stop upgrades was previously completed.

Madeleine Healy advised that such a list was compiled and is with the NTA.

It was agreed that the NTA be contacted on the issue.

Cllr O'Connor

1. That Cork County Council installs a temporary safe pedestrian passageway along Ferney road in advance of a permanent road upgrade planned for later in year. A track, from constant

usage, currently exists however temporary measures are necessary to ensure safety for pedestrians, who include a large amount of students attending the two schools nearby. A safe passage with fixed Cones/bollards could be a solution and would also be a temporary traffic calming measure.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and asked if something can be done this year.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look and see if anything can be done.

At this point Notices of motions were stopped owing to time constraints due to the rearranged nature of the meeting. Cllr O'Connor and Lombard were assured that replies to their motions would be issued in writing to them.

5: Any Other Business

Aidan Lombard paid compliment to Mark Daly, Executive Engineer for all his work in the area, who is moving to a new role.

Madeleine Healy and Cllr McGrath also supported this.

This concluded the business of the meeting:

Signed:  Date: 21/10/14
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