

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 21st October, 2019 at 2.30pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer, Alan O'Callaghan, Clerical Officer.

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 16th September 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING**Cllr D'Alton:**

- Has there been a response to the planning issue at Crosshaven Woods. This was first brought up in July and still no satisfactory answer received.
- Update on a representative from Bus Eireann to appear before members.
- Charging Point for Passage West.
- Bus Shelter Programme. Previous request for members to be involved.

Cllr McGrath:

- Update on lighting at Bloomfield Interchange?

Cllr Lombard:

- Progress update of footpath installation in Minane Bridge?

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan

- Update from Road Designs Office re interventions at Bowens Cross.

In response Nicola Radley advised the following:

- Still awaiting a response from Planning Dept regarding Crosshaven Wood. Will follow up for next meeting.
- Regarding Bus Eireann attending a meeting a request has been made through Corporate Affairs for a representative to appear before members.
- Negotiations are underway regarding the footpath in Minane Bridge. Cllr Lombard has had discussions with the MDO and the Property section is actively working on the issue.
- John Slattery will be contacted re Bowens Cross.
- Regarding charging points, a plan is due to come before Full Council with the proposed locations for new points throughout the entire council.

3. Election of Member to the Rural Water Committee.

Deferred until November meeting to allow for members discussion.

Proposed by Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan.

Seconded by Cllr Buckley.

3: Municipal District Officers Report.

In the MDO's absence Nicola Radley gave a brief run through of the report which was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members thanked the MDO for the report and made the following points:

- How do we choose how the Village Renewal Fund is spent?
- Is the figure regarding the Streetscape Scheme money that has actually been claimed?

In response Nicola Radley advised that:

- Once the **budget** is approved by Full Council the members of the MD can then decide how the Village Renewal Funding will be allocated. Most likely in January.
- Regarding the Streetscape. €9,000 already claimed with approx €5,000 committed and ring fenced for approved applications to claim.

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

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan

1. In advance of the winter months, I am asking that the Municipal Area Office would prepare a 'Gully / drain cleaning program' of planned targets for gully cleaning for the Municipal area.

After heavy rain in the winter months, small floods can occur on roads, in estates etc as a result of blocked gullies and such can cause disruption to commuters, which could be avoided.

As parts of the new Carrigaline MD are still a part of the engineering area of the former Bandon Kinsale MD, I would ask that this request be extended to Bandon Kinsale MD and a similar program be prepared by the Bandon Kinsale area office.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that the programme is made out in January or February for the coming year. Madeleine advised that she will pass on the current works programmes for the Carrigaline MD and the Bandon/Kinsale MD.

2. That the engineer would provide an update on the much needed upgrade to Ballinrea cross to MD members.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan thanked John Slattery for his response to the motion which circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and also noted his dissatisfaction that there is no still no update on works associated with the Educational campus in the area. Preliminary Roundabout design was shown to members in July but as of yet it there is no sign of it coming back.

Cllr McGrath asked that the issue is raised with the Non National Roads Design Office.

3. That appropriate signage is installed at Ballinphelic to slow down motor vehicles.

In response Madeleine advised that she can look at what can be done there but will not to do anything this year as area is still part of the Bandon/Kinsale plan of works area. Madeleine advised that she will send on any relevant information to Bandon/Kinsale.

ClIr McGrath

1. To seek a written update on the Bothar Guidel / Church Road Improvement Works. The Part 8 for this scheme was approved on 8th July; please outline a progress report on the detailed design stage and a timeframe for completion.

ClIr McGrath thanked Cormac O'Suilleabhain for his report but expressed his dissatisfaction since approval was given in July a consultant has still not been appointed for the project. ClIr McGrath noted that this is a critical piece of infrastructure and works must proceed quickly. ClIr McGrath asked that members disappointed in the delay be fed back to the Dept.

ClIr O'Connor supported the motion and the need for the project to progress quickly.

ClIr D'Alton also supported the motion and expressed her disappointed at the lack of progress.

2. To request that Cork County Council engage with stakeholders from Industry in Ringaskiddy and the Harbour to facilitate a shuttle bus service for employees with the aim of reducing single car usage as means of travel to work.

ClIr McGrath noted the report from Noelle Desmond which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and made the following points on the motion:

- Shuttle would help reduce single car usage.
- Would be a productive way of providing more sustainable forms of transport.
- Would like involvement from the Transportation Dept in this plan.
- Shows the need for the Park & Ride facility recommended by the Carrigaline Local Area Plan to be implemented.
- Can we encourage companies in the area to get behind any plan?

ClIr D'Alton supported the motion and noted that it has been brought up previously and would like to see it progressed.

ClIr D'Alton O'Sullivan supported the motion and noted that it would be a good way to reduce traffic levels and pointed out that the shuttle service operated by UCC is a good example of a similar service working well.

ClIr O'Connor advised that as an employee of one the companies in the area that his company has tried on numerous occasions to introduce a car sharing policy. ClIr O'Connor advised that it had failed every time due to the complexity of the various shifts and working patterns of employees. Noted that it would be difficult for any shuttle service to operate within the complexities of these working patterns which differ between every company in the area. Advised that a dedicated cycle/walkway between Carrigaline and Ringaskiddy would have a much greater affect on reducing local traffic.

3. To seek a written update on the plans to carry out public realm enhancement works in Carrigaline. Category B funding from the Urban Regeneration and Development fund was allocated in 2018 for public realm works. Please set out progress to date, the envisaged timeline for the

various stages and the relationship with the proposed Carrigaline Transportation and Public Realm Enhancement Plan.

Cllr McGrath thanked John Conroy for the response noted that it was a very positive report. Cllr McGrath noted that the plans are of critically importance to creating a proper town centre for Carrigaline that would be a welcoming place for its residents. Noted that plans are connected to the Inner Relief Road which will also help the centre of the town by reducing noise and traffic levels.

Cllr D'Alton noted her supported for the motion.

Cllr O'Connor noted his support for the motion.

Cllr D'Alton

1. That Cork County Council would rehabilitate and maintain Hayes's Lane, Monkstown in such a way as will realise its potential as a recreational asset for walkers and cyclists.

Cllr D'Alton raised the following points regarding the motion:

- There is significant water damage to the lane.
- If the lane is left unattended it will be impossible for any type of access in 4-5 years.
- Have previously asked that lane way be considered as part of a walkway for the area.
- It is still classed as a public road so there must be an obligation to carry out some sort of maintenance there.
- Would like to see laneway accessible only for walkers and cyclists. Would not like to see it reopened for motor vehicles.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and noted that he has raised the issue with the area office over the last few weeks. Cllr McGrath advised that the lane is used by locals and it would be important to keep it accessible for them. Asked if machinery could be used on road to remove debris and even out surface.

In response Madeleine Healy advised the following:

- Road has not yet been formally closed so is still registered as a public road. It would be important to formally close road going forward.
- She can assist in keeping the road accessible to pedestrians but would not suggest reinstatement to such an extent that it may encourage motor vehicles to use this road.
- She would support lane being given over to **Recreation/Amenity** Dept once formal closure is completed.
- Once formal closure is in place bollards will be placed on lane to prevent vehicular access.
- Will cut back and then assess situation once road is formally closed. Once this happens it would be up to the MD to organise any cutting back on the lane.
- There is currently no funding for any work by machinery on the lane.

Cllr D'Alton noted that she was happy with the response and asked that the lane be used as part of a looped walkway in the future.

2. That velocity patchers would be used to help maintain the road network in the Carrigaline Municipal District.

Cllr D'Alton asked for an update on the use of velocity patchers within the MD.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that there is one in use within the MD at least once every three weeks.

3. That lighting would be installed along the northern end of Beach Road, Passage West where currently some 90m is totally unlit.

Cllr D'Alton advised that she had sought to look for Planning Contributions for costs but the documents are apparently gone missing.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that the works will be included in the Lighting Programme for 2020.

Cllr O'Connor

1. That Cork County Council conducts an assessment with the aim of improving traffic flow at Cogan's Corner junction on Main Street Carrigaline. This junction can generate much congestion throughout the day, with long queues of traffic ascending from Church Hill. The following options should be investigated:

- i. The derelict building located at Cogan's Corner should be assessed and the possibility of knocking it should be explored to make way for a roundabout.
- ii. The installation of necessary signage to drivers to use their indicators if turning left to ascend Church Hill.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and noted that any efforts to alleviate congestion at the junction would be much appreciated.

Cllr McGrath also supported the motion and noted that it is extremely difficult to see the crossing on Church Hill. Advised that there was a previous request to erect a sign warning of a crossing ahead.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that these types of works are what the Transportation Study for the Carrigaline area will identify. It would not be appropriate to carry out major works before this is completed.

Madeleine noted that more signage probable isn't the answer as they tend not to be seen by drivers. Madeleine also noted that a sign warning of a crossing ahead has been installed but is hard to notice, which highlights the point of signs not being overly effective.

2. That Cork County Council, as part of their plans to install a pedestrian crossing on Ballea Rd, incorporate double yellow lines on either side of the entrance to Ballea Woods. Unsafe parking during busy periods in this area is a regular occurrence.

Cllr O'Connor advised that he has witnessed unsafe parking in the area over the last number of weeks. Soccer club use temporary bollards to try and control parking.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and noted that while the soccer does their best to control parking, yellow lines are needed in the area.

Cllr McGrath thanked Madeleine Healy for progressing with the funding for a pedestrian crossing on the Ballea Road.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that one the pedestrian crossing is in place it will have an amount of restricted on either side of it which should help with the illegal parking in the area. Madeleine advised that it would be best to see how this beds in and then extra yellow lines can be added if necessary.

Cllr Lombard

1. That in advance of any development of Local Area Plan discussions that we map a specific route for the Outer western relief. There is currently a indicative line mapping the route which brings it through housing estates and this is not a long term solution for a relief road. It's important this route is specifically defined in advance of any Development plan discussions.

Cllr Lombard thanked John Slattery for his response to the motion which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Lombard made the following points on the motion:

- Important to identify exactly where road is going before any further land zoning is undertaken in the south side of Carrigaline.
- The road through Forest Hill and Castle Heights is not a ring road as it is being called.
- There should be provision to travel around the town without having to go through any housing estates.
- Carrigaline is the largest town in Co Cork and a proper plan is needed for not only this particular road but for all transport systems within the environs of the town.
- Flagging these issues now before plans sre put in place so there is ample time for discussion.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and noted that the relief road was suggested in the 2003 Transportation Study there has been no progress made. Route needs to be clearly defined due to the challenging nature of the topography. Traffic needs to be taken away from town centre. Hopefully upcoming Transportation Study will identify what is needed for Carrigaline and more importantly is acted upon.

Cllr D'Alton supported the motion and raised the concern that the town is being allowed to keep expanding owing to the fact that this relief is marked on a map for completion at some point. There is a need to stop the granting of planning for **developments** in Carrigaline until a proper plan for people travel around the town is delivered.

Cllr Buckley also supported the motion and noted it is not just the people of Carrigaline that suffer from the congestion in the town. The many commuters that have to travel through the town on a daily basis are also suffering.

Cllr O'Connor supported the motion and noted that any future developments for Carrigaline need to be developed around this relief road.

2. That a safety audit is done on Coolatooder Bridge to see could additional safety measures be implemented to make it safer.

Cllr Lombard advised that traditionally there was always a lot of accidents in this location. There was some work done a number of years ago but this done little to improve matters.

In response Madeleine Healy noted that the location would still be under the Bandon/Kinsale MD for the rest of this year. She advised that she can look at what could possible be done there in the New Year.

5. Votes of Congratulations**Cllr D'Alton**

1. Passage Soccer Club U17 Ladies on winning the Ladies Cup Final in the Cork Women's and Schoolgirls Soccer League.
2. Joey Shaw, Passage West on winning 3 gold medals in Irish Taekwondo Association National Championships

3. To Napoli Delicatessen & Café, Monkstown on being a finalist in the Food Awards Ireland 2019 in the following categories: a) Restaurant General Manager of the Year b) Best Italian Establishment c) Café/Bistro of the Year
4. To Perry Street Market Café for also being a finalist in the Café/Bistro of the Year category
5. To Carrigaline Good Fish Processing Ltd. for winning awards in the Blas na hEireann Irish Food Awards 2019.

Cllr O'Connor

1. Carrigaline Tidy Towns Group on winning a Silver Medal at the recent National Tidy Towns Awards.

Cllr McGrath seconded this Vote of Congratulation.

6. Any Other Business

Cllr D'Alton

1. Update on opening of Haulbowline Park?
2. O'Connor Utilities working on behalf of Irish Water in Monkstown removing an old water pump and residents now want it returned. Cllr D'Alton noted she contacted the company but company say it is now missing. Could Madeleine Healy make contact to try and locate pump?
3. The Glen Road closure has led to traffic congestion on Castle Road with Double yellow lines and temporary traffic lights not observed. Can we ask the contractors Ward & Burke to have the traffic lights manned at key times to help aid congestion?

In response Nicola Radley advised that the opening of Haulbowline Park is dependent on the securing of a lease by Cork County Council. Negotiations are ongoing for this and a date for the opening should soon be available.

With regard to the other two points Madeleine Healy advised that she would speak to the contractors involved to see what can be done.

Cllr O'Connor

1. Can the unfinished surface at Hillview estate be looked at as it is in very poor condition?
2. Update on proposed traffic calming at Coolmore Cross.
3. Update on line painting of Owenabue Car Park. Lack of lines leading to adhoc parking which is causing difficulties. Can a yellow box also be added?
4. The Litter Management Plan has yet to adopt. Can we have an update on this?

In response Madeleine Healy advised that she will look to see what can be done in Hillview Estate but that any works would not take place this year.

Regarding Coolmore Cross, the first point of action is a speed survey, which is taking place imminently. Once results are avail a proposal on any traffic measures will be put forward.

Owenabue Car Park was not looked at until Irish Water works were completed. Will look at what can be now as soon as possible and will consider the option for a yellow box.

Regarding the Litter Management Plan, Nicola Radley advised that 1 out of the 8 MD's was used to draft a pilot plan which can then be used as a template by the remaining MD's. Once this is in place it will come back before members.

Cllr Buckley

1. Update on remedial works in Church Bay, Crosshaven?
2. Can yellow lines be put in place on Camden Road, Crosshaven? There is gridlock in the area at times.
3. Can a temporary one way system be put in place for morning and evening school run on the Upper Crosshaven Road? Aware of a similar system in Passage West.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that regarding Church Bay, there is a plan for a long term scheme in the area to improve the road. Until such time short term measures such as patch repairs will be done.

In regard to Camden Road Madeleine advised that installed yellow lines at the lower part of the road can be looked at.

With regard to any one way system Madeleine Healy noted that the Passage West System is not an official one.

Cllr D'Alton advised that it was the Parents Association and the school in Passage West that created the system. It operates on the basis of parents dropping and collecting adheres to the one way system.

Cllr Lombard

1. Can Irish Water be held accountable for the poor reinstatement works that they are completing? There seems to be lots of temporary reinstatements and the roads are reopened in very poor condition. The Ballea Road and Upper Kilmoney Road are just two examples of very poor reinstatement work by Irish Water. I have already raised this at the Southern Committee and there has to be a process of holding Irish Water to account for these works?

In response Madeleine Healy noted that she is very aware of the ongoing issues and there is ongoing dialogue with Irish Water to improve the installation works.

Cllr McGrath

1. There was a previous commitment to look at installing a footpath in the Community Park by the playgrounds to the skate park. Could this be included in the works plan for 2020?
2. By the footbridge on the Crosshaven Road the footpath is extremely and from walking it myself does not feel safe for pedestrians. Could any safety measures be looked at here, possibly bollards on the path to attract driver's attention to pedestrians using the path?

In response Madeleine Healy advised that she would speak to Nicola Radley and Noelle with regard to funding for a path in 2020.

In regard to the pathway on the Crosshaven Road, Madeleine Healy responded that placing bollards on the path will make it even narrower and would make access with buggy's and wheelchairs very difficult.

After further request from Cllr McGrath, Madeleine Healy agreed to look into the possibility of bollards at the location. Madeleine noted that the best course of action would be to cantilever a path inside of the bridge but funds for this would be unlikely any time soon.

This concluded the business of the meeting:

Signed: 
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: 18/11/19

