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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at the former Town Council Offices, North Street, Skibbereen on 1st July 2019

Members present: Cllrs. Karen Coakley, Holly Cairns, Danny Collins,
Katie Murphy, P.G. Murphy.

In attendance: Padraig Barrett D.O.S. Roads
Joan Dineen E.E. Water Services
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E
Michael Tobin E.E.
Kevin Lynch E.E
Aidan Prendergast E.E.
Damien Murphy E.E.
Mac Dara O h-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.
Justin England M.D.O. M.D.W.C.
Mary T. McCarthy, S.O. M.D.W.C.

Cllr. Joe Carroll presided.

Apologies: Cllrs. C. O'Sullivan, P. Hayes, D. Hurley, Mr. John Ahern S.E.E., Mr. Niall Chamberlain E.E.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

At the proposal of Cllr. K. Coakley, seconded by Cllr. K. Murphy the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork Meeting held at County Hall on 10th June 2019 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Collins regarding Corrin Pier, Goleen, the S.E.O. advised if the landowner is concerned he/she should be advised to contact C.C.C. re transferring Right of Way to C.C.C.

GNO REACHTUIL/STATUTORY BUSINESS

- a. Disposal of 0.006 hectares of land at High Street, Drimoleague, Co. Cork to Patrick & Mary O'Driscoll

On the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll, members approved the Disposal of 0.006 hectares of land at High Street, Drimoleague, Co. Cork to Patrick & Mary O'Driscoll for a consideration of five hundred euro plus Council's legal fees, and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- b. Declaration of Public Road - Section 11 of Roads Act 1993

In accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), Cork County Council gives notice of its intention to consider the making of an order under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to declare the road at Church View Estate, Derrigra, Enniskeane to be a public road. Road Length – 221 Linear Metres. The ad will appear in The Southern Star newspaper on 06-07-19. It is intended that the Motion to declare the road public will be put

before the Elected Members for consideration at the next available MD meeting after (a) the statutory public consultation period has elapsed and (b) the County Solicitor has confirmed that it is in order to proceed.

The M.D.O. advised members that in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), Cork County Council intends to consider the making of an order under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to declare the road at Church View, Derrigra, Enniskeane to be a public road. The advertisement will be published in the Southern Star newspaper on 06-07-19. A map indicating the road will be available for inspection at the Area Engineer's Office, Dunmanway up to 6th August 2019. Objections and representations may be made in writing up to 21st August 2019.

- c. Nomination to attend the 30th anniversary twinning celebrations of the twinning between Clonakilty & Waldaschaff which takes place in Germany.

On the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. K. Coakley, members approved the nomination of Cllr. Paul Hayes to attend the 30th anniversary twinning celebrations of the twinning between Clonakilty & Waldaschaff in Germany.

1. FOGRA RUN / NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. K. Murphy

- a. *I'm calling on Cork County Council to purchase land in the areas of Schull and Glengarriff for Burial Grounds and also that the Council would employ caretakers where needed, such as Kilcaskin, for the maintenance of burial grounds.*

Cllr. D. Collins, supported by members, highlighted the lack of capacity in several burial grounds in West Cork and noted that many people are very worried about this issue. Members drew particular attention to the shortage of burial plots at Glengarriff, Schull and Skibbeeen and re-iterated their disagreement with the proposal for a regional burial ground for West Cork. Members urged Cork County Council to immediately arrange for the purchase of lands for burial grounds. Cllr. J. Carroll noted that the problems at Skibbeeen Burial Ground was identified approximately five years ago and has now reached crisis point. The S.E.O. noted that a number of landowners in Skibbeeen have been approached but the difficulty in Glengarriff is that the topography of the land is unsuitable and urged members to advise him if they are aware of suitable sites in any of the problem areas.

Members expressed concern about the unacceptably shabby condition of some burial grounds and requested that maintenance of same is prioritized without delay. Cllr. P. G. Murphy noted that as a consequence of the upturn in the economy people are not engaging in Tus Community Workplacement or Solas Schemes. The S.E.O. noted that arrangements are in place for the maintenance of all burial grounds. There are retirements regularly due to the aging profile of the caretakers and arrangements are put in place for either replacement caretakers or contractors to continue the maintenance. The S.E.O. advised members to let him have details of specific burial grounds causing concern.

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

- b. *I am calling on Cork County Council to write to Eir and request that they extend the broadband line a further 2km towards Gortalassa, Bantry.*

Cllrs. D. Collins and P.G. Murphy informed the meeting that they had been contacted by Keohane Seafoods, Bantry which requires high quality broadband for newly installed equipment at their factory in Bantry. Following discussion on the deficiency of adequate broadband services in many parts of West Cork, the M.D.O. advised members that it was not the role of the Municipal District to make representations on behalf of a commercial enterprise and recommended that a joint letter should be forwarded to Eir from all members concerned.

2. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE / TUAIRISCI & COMHFHREAGRAS

a. Drainage Programme

Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. and Mr. M. Tobin E.E. circulated details of the Drainage Programme 2019 for the Municipal District of West Cork.

b. 30kph Speed Limits in Estates

Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. advised members to forward suggestions for the amendment of Speed Limits in housing estates in West Cork to the Senior Executive Engineers.

c. Confirmation of Standing Orders

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. P.G. Murphy, members approved the Standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Municipal District members.

d. MDWC Housing Report – July 2019

Report had been circulated to members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding parking restrictions in Skibbereen, the S.E.O. noted that parking is regulated by Bye Laws and that two hour restrictions are in place to ensure movement of traffic for the benefit of businesses in the town. The S.E.O. noted that residents' permits are only issued in areas covered by Pay Parking. It was decided that the parking bye laws for West Cork should be reviewed and all aspects examined.

Cllrs. K. Murphy and K. Coakley requested repairs to playground equipment in Schull and Skibbereen.

Members congratulated Bantry Tidy Towns, Bantry Area Engineer's Office, the Community Employment Scheme and Bantry Projects Group following the announcement on 25-06-19 that Bantry was declared Ireland's Best Kept Town in a ceremony at Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park, Dublin. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. P.G. Murphy, members proposed that a Civic Reception should be held prior to the September 2019 MDWC meeting in Bantry to acknowledge the achievement.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Collins regarding the recent absence of administrative staff from Schull Area Office, the S.E.O. noted that it is not possible to have full cover in all offices during the summer period and on occasions personnel are located to larger offices and telephone service transferred to same.

Cllr. K. Coakley commended C.C.C. for the outstanding events held during the visit of the twinning group from Scituate, Boston in June 2019. Cllr. Coakley also lauded the Municipal Districts of West Cork & Bandon/Kinsale for sponsoring the fourth year of the Special Music Event Scheme which is a great community initiative endeavouring to bring the business and voluntary music communities together to promote their towns. Cllr. Coakley noted that the entertainment by Skibbereen Comhaltas Group in Skibbereen in June was a huge success.

In reply to Cllr. K. Coakley regarding an invitation to re-establish a previous twinning arrangement with Penmarch, Brittany, the S.E.O. advised that Skibbereen Chamber of Commerce should be contacted in this regard.

Cllr. K. Coakley advocated the promotion of cycle and walkways in West Cork to encourage more physical activity.

Cllr. K. Coakley requested information on Skibbereen Tourist Office and on who has responsibility for the maintenance of Glencurragh Wood, Skibbereen.

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding Skibbereen Town Hall Theatre, the S.E.O. noted that the Part VIII was completed and the Architects Dept. of C.C.C. is currently preparing costings and a programme of works.

Following a discussion on Clár Funding for the provision of Speed Activation Signs it was agreed that a priority list should be compiled prior to the availability of the next round of Clár Funding which is due in March 2020.

Following a discussion on speed limits in villages and towns, Mr. A. Prendergast E.E. recommended that surveys should be undertaken and data prepared in advance of the next Speed Limit Review.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to Marie MacFarlane and family on the death of Michael J.J. MacFarlane R.I.P. of Hillside, Schull, Co. Cork on 26-06-19. Mr. MacFarlane worked for Cork County Council as the Area Engineer at the Schull Office.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH 

DATE 02-09-19