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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Dunmanway Swimming Pool on 7th October 2019

Members present: Cllrs. Karen Coakley, Holly Cairns, Danny Collins, D. Hurley,
Katie Murphy, P.G. Murphy, C. O'Sullivan, P. Hayes,

In attendance: John Ahern S.E.E
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E
Michael Tobin E.E.
Kevin Lynch E.E
Cait Lehane 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.

Cllr. Joe Carroll presided.

Apology: Mr. Niall Chamberlain E.E.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

At the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. C O Sullivan the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork Meeting held at Áras Beantraí, Bantry on 2nd September 2019 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. D Hurley enquired whether a response had being received from Bus Eireann with regard to a meeting to discuss the School Tickets issue. The MDO confirmed that no response had being received from Bus Eireann and that a response had been received from Minister John Halligan that he will examine the matter. It was agreed that Bus Eireann would be sent a follow up letter. The meeting was advised that Bus Eireann were a service provider under the Department of Education and Skills rules.

Cllr. C O Sullivan enquired about the official opening date for the Clonakilty Greenway. The SEO confirmed the date for 22nd November.

It was agreed that the Clonakilty Traffic and Transportation Study would be discussed under A.O.B.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

- a. *Consideration under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) - R-572 Castletownbere Gateway, Pedestrian Enhancement and Traffic Management Proposal - Report of Chief Executive*

Aidan Prendergast presented the Chief Executive's Report to the Members and read summaries of the submissions and responses to each to the meeting. No issues were raised on the substantive issues in the submissions and responses.

The Members were supportive of the report and welcomed the infrastructural investment for Castletownbere. Both Cllr Cairns and O Sullivan expressed their view that reports of this nature should be presented to the Members in advance of the meeting to give sufficient time to digest its contents. No proposal was received from the meeting to postpone consideration of the report.

On the proposal of Cllr PG Murphy and seconded by Cllr Katie Murphy, the Members agreed to forward the report to Full Council for consideration and approval.

- b. *To consider representations or observations and to provide for proposed traffic calming measures at Kent Street Clonakilty under Section 38 of the 1994 Road Traffic Act.*

On the proposal of Cllr. C O Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Paul Hayes the Members approved the proposed traffic calming measures for Kent Street, Clonakilty and it was also agreed that the provision of 3 x age friendly parking spaces would be examined given the age profile of the residents on Kent Street.

- c. Disposal of site at School Road, Durrus to Mr. Dominic O'Brien, (Unused Housing Land)

This matter was deferred from the September meeting. The MDO provided the Members with additional information as requested. On the proposal of Cllr Danny Collins seconded by Cllr Katie Murphy it was agreed to forward the disposal notice to Full Council for consideration and approval.

- d. *Disposal of Property at Kilsarlaght, Church Cross, Skibbereen, Co Cork as contained in 0.11 hectares/0.271 acres to Damien Duggan and Fiona Duggan, Kilsarlaght, Church Cross, Skibbereen, Co Cork.*

On the proposal of Cllr. H Cairns, seconded by Cllr. D Collins it was agreed to forward the disposal notice to Full Council for consideration and approval.

Cllr C O Sullivan enquired as to whether funds raised from such disposals could be used to fund projects within the Municipal District. The SEO confirmed that funds are held centrally and used to fund future housing projects.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

That Cork County Council at the request of the residents of Rosscarbery Village and the surrounding area.

- 1. Erect a solid block or precast boundary wall at the rear of Ardagh Cemetery in Rosscarbery*
- 2. Erect a name plaque on the entrance wall of the Cemetery.*
- 3. Improve the signage of Ardagh Cemetery on all approach roads.*

Cllr D Hurley, advised the Members that following a recent public meeting regarding Ardagh Cemetery that the general consensus from the meeting was that a boundary wall was required to separate the developed and undeveloped portions of the site, that animals were grazing in the undeveloped portion of the site and that maintenance was an issue. Cllr J Carroll in seconding the motion concurred with the comments and stated that a block boundary wall was required on site.

The SEO referred to the September meeting at which the Members sought a quotation for the erection of a block boundary wall and confirmed to the Members that this would be in the region of €20,000. The SEO also confirmed that he was aware of the issues raised and measures are being taken to deal with these matters.

If a block wall was to be the choice then a funding source would have to be found to meet the costs.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed to provide a report to the Members for the November meeting examining various fencing / boundary wall solutions and costs of same.

Due to Cllr J Carroll having another appointment, Cllr D Hurley chaired the rest of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes

"That Cork County Council erect a safety barrier at Ship Lough on the L4609-27 (Derrinacahara Road) to prevent vehicles from entering the water should they leave the road as there is no roadside ditch or verge to prevent this".

Report from Cait Lehane, E.E.

Advised the Members that there was no history of accidents at this location and that erecting a barrier at the suggested location may prove costly given the marshy ground. The location would be examined to ascertain what safety measures could be installed.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. C O Sullivan

"I'm calling Cork County Council to do repair and replacements works on the recreational equipment in Schull Playground".

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

"It is acknowledged that the playground in Schull is in need of refurbishment and a design is currently being prepared for the upgrading works. Once the design is finalized, a funding source will need to be identified".

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. H Cairns

"I am calling on Cork County Council to contact the relevant authorities to reinstate the polling station at Coomhola National School".

It was agreed that the MDO would write to the County Sherriff advising of the motion and calling for the reinstatement of the polling station.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. H Cairns

"I am calling on Cork County Council to tidy up the rock armor and make it easy for boats that are launching at Kilkilleen Beach, Church Cross".

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

"We will inspect Kilkilleen Beach to see what the issues are which affect the launching of boats at this location and will revert with a response within the next couple of weeks".

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr K Coakley raised the issue of the lack of respite care at Skibbereen Hospital due to HIQA directed works and wished to know if the MD could assist in resolving this issue. The MDO advised that this matter was outside the remit of the MD.

Cllr K Coakley raised the issue of the lack of public convenience facilities on Sherkin Island. The SEO advised that the MD had undertaken a tendering exercise for the provision of facilities but the tendered costs for provision were prohibitive and other alternative means of provision were being examined.

Cllr K Coakley enquired about installation of a skate park in Skibbereen. The SEO advised that following conclusion of the tendering process the skate park which would be delivered in the New Year.

Cllr K Coakley raised the matter of painting the Beacon in Baltimore. The SEO advised that the Beacon is located on private property, is not in the ownership of Cork County Council and that a means of funding the painting may be Community Grant application by the local community.

Cllr K Coakley requested that signage would be installed at the entrance roads to Skibbereen advised Coach Hire Companies of drop off / pick up locations within the town centre.

Cllr K Coakley requested an update for Parking Bye-laws for Skibbereen. The MDO advised that the executive are examining updating the Parking Bye-Laws for the entire District. However there is a large block of work to be completed before tabling draft bye-laws before the Members.

Cllr H Cairns requested if road safety signage could be placed at Newcourt. The SEE advised that they would look into the matter.

Cllrs P Hayes and D Hurley enquired as to the opening date for the Gym at Dunmanway Pool. The SEO advised that matters pertaining to staffing the gym have yet to be resolved and when done so he will be in a position to advise of an opening date.

Cllr P Hayes requested the provision of a public convenience at the former toilet block at the Long Strand, Owenahincha. The SEO advised that there were complications in regard to a toilet block at that location.

Further to the September meeting, Cllr P Hayes was given a copy of the 2011 Clonakilty Transportation and Traffic Study and any matters arising could be raised with the SEE and EE.

Cllr D Hurley reminded the meeting of safety issues on the Kilbarry Road, Dunmanway and requested additional signage advising drivers of large vehicles of the unsuitability of the road for larger vehicles. The SEE advised that the road had being added to a list of unsuitable roads sent to Sat Nav companies in recent days and would also examine further signage.

Both Cllr K Coakley and Cllr D Hurly congratulated the West Cork towns and villages who achieved great success in the 2019 Tidy Towns Competition following the results announcement on September 30th.

Proposed visit to Scituate - Members felt that the proposed date for the trip being 21st to 27th October was too tight a deadline to make arrangements and agreed to go at a later date subject to suitability with the Mayor's Diary. The meeting made no decision in relation to funding a delegation going to Scituate.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

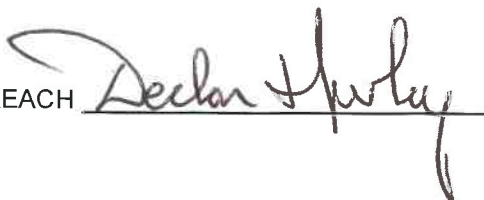
To each of the towns and villages within the Municipal District for their recent success in the 2019 Tidy Towns Competition.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

To the family of the late Joe Coughlan, RIP who served as Traffic Warden for Skibbereen Town prior to his retirement in January 2018.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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