

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.**

**Present:** Cllrs. C. Rasmussen, A. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, S. Sheppard, A. Barry & S. O'Callaghan.

**Officials:** Mr. S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

An apology received from Mr. Paraig Lynch, Municipal District Officer for his inability to attend.

**1.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes of MD Monthly Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were adopted.

**2.0 Matters Arising.**

**2.1 Top of the Hill:**

G. O'Hora stated that there had been some issues with the delivery of poles which had delayed the works, these issues had now been resolved and the work should be completed this week.

**2.2 Knockraha:**

G. O'Hora stated that he was still awaiting the ESB to connect power to the pedestrian crossing lights, he would contact them again.

**2.3 Kilquane Cemetery:**

G. O'Hora stated that the ongoing issues with water ponding at the cemetery road had been listed for works.

**2.4 O'Shea's Boreen, Watergrasshill:**

The works were progressing. Cllr. O'Callaghan stated that great progress had been made in the area, G. O'Hora confirmed that the verges would also be cleaned.

**2.5 Cathedral Road, Cobh:**

G. O'Hora confirmed that further road repair works were to be carried out at this location during the next few days.

**2.6 Whitechurch School:**

G. O'Hora confirmed that the light had now been installed.

**2.7 Ballynagoul Cross:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that the potholes had been repaired. Cllr. Barry stated that further repairs to potholes were needed in the Ballynagoul area, engineer to examine.

**2.8 Church Road, Carrigtwohill:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that Eircom had been contacted in relation to this issue.

**2.9 Carrigane Road:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that the potholes had been repaired.

**2.10 Templecurriheen:**

G. O’Hora stated that this was a very old graveyard, not currently in use, whether or not it should be extended was a matter for the Municipal District.

**2.11 Rushbrooke:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that the works were listed.

**2.12 Monard Lane, Rushbrooke:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that the verges had been cleaned.

**2.13 Watergrasshill:**

G. O’Hora stated the footpath had been included in the 2022 Footpath programme.

**2.14 Hardware House, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the area has been listed for further repairs.

**2.15 Low Road, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that some repairs had been carried out and more would be carried out shortly.

**2.16 O’Sullivan’s Place, Cobh:**

Cllr. S. Sheppard asked if the trees at O’Sullivan’s Place would be cut back this year. G.O’Hora replied that this work would be examined and that the Council’s horticulturist would need to examine the trees.

**2.17 Rushbrooke:**

Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that the streetlights around the tennis were obscured by vegetation. Engineer to examine.

**2 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence.**

No correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

**3 Tuairiscí ó Ofigigh / Officer's Reports.**

### **3.1 Cobh Bus Route – Fota**

G. O’Hora stated that a preliminary design had now been completed for the bus stop at Fota which would involve a bus layby on each side of the R624 road and an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing across the regional road. G O’Hora stated a detailed scheme design, land acquisition, Section 38 planning and funding request/approval would be required for the bus stop scheme.

### **3.2 Cobh Bus Route – Carrigaloe**

G. O’Hora stated that the works required at Carrigaloe would not be as extensive and would also include an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the R624 regional road, however there was a footpath on both sides of the proposed location which would improve pedestrian safety. G. O’Hora stated that a detailed scheme design, Section 38 planning, funding application/approval would be required.

Cllr. Rasmussen expressed his thanks to the team at the progress now being made. Cllr. S. O’Callaghan expressed concerns at the condition of the land on the opposite side of the road to Fota, it seemed very swamp like and unsuitable for the works required. G. O’Hora replied that an full assessment of the land would need to be carried out and this will be done in conjunction with the scheme design. Cllr. A. Barry asked the engineer to define what exactly was an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and what was the legal standing. G. O’Hora replied that it was a crossing that did not involve either signal lights (red/amber/green) or lining/markings on the road to stop motorists. Cllr. Rasmussen asked if a full pedestrian crossing could be put in place at both locations in the interests of pedestrian safety. G. O’Hora stated that this could be examined as part of the scheme design and pending scheme design approval and funding approval, a full signalised crossing could be included.

Cllr. S. Sheppard welcomed the progress, which she said helped the rural areas of the island feel connected. Cllr. A. O’Connor asked if were possible to put lines on the road. G. O’Hora stated that specific road lining for Pedestrian Crossings is set out under national guidelines. The members all expressed concerns at the provision of uncontrolled pedestrian crossings at the proposed locations at Fota, Carrigaloe and other locations throughout the municipal district.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, it was agreed to send the following motion to Full Council:

“The members of the Cobh Municipal District request that when Cork County Council are developing road crossing points, controlled crossings should be developed where possible and where uncontrolled crossings are being developed adequate signage should be provided to ensure greater awareness for motorists”.

### **3.3 Funfair Application:**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to grant a Funfair licence to Ms. Sharon Piper for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

## **4 Tuairisc ó Oifigeach Ceantair Bardasacha / Municipal District Officer's Report.**

The members agreed to take the report as read.

**5 Allocation of Community Fund / Town Development Fund Grants.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard seconded by Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan the grant allocations as circulated, and as set out below, were agreed

| <b>Organisation Name</b>                                     | <b>Grant</b>    |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>AMENITY GRANTS</b>  |                 |
| <b>118th Cork, Watergrasshill Scout Group</b>                | <b>1,200.00</b> |
| <b>Ballymore Community Association</b>                       | <b>2,625.00</b> |
| <b>Carrig na BhFear Juvenile GAA Club</b>                    | <b>2,075.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Animation Team</b>                                   | <b>700.00</b>   |
| <b>Cobh Camogie Club</b>                                     | <b>725.00</b>   |
| <b>Cobh Community Allotment</b>                              | <b>1,275.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Gaa</b>  | <b>3,075.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Heritage and Vintage Era</b>                         | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Cobh ladies football club</b>                             | <b>800.00</b>   |
| <b>Cobh YMCA</b>   | <b>3,200.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh YMCA (PAKT programme)</b>                            | <b>450.00</b>   |
| <b>Cove boxing club</b>                                      | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Cove Sailing Club</b>                                     | <b>4,400.00</b> |
| <b>Elton Pitch &amp; Putt</b>                                | <b>375.00</b>   |
| <b>Erins Own GAA Club</b>                                    | <b>4,350.00</b> |
| <b>Friends of Cobh Hospital</b>                              | <b>3,400.00</b> |
| <b>Glounthaune Community Association</b>                     | <b>875.00</b>   |
| <b>Irish Bee Conservation Project CLG.,</b>                  | <b>875.00</b>   |
| <b>Knockraha Area Community Association CLG</b>              | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Little Island Heritage Group</b>                          | <b>1,175.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Caged Birds Society</b>                              | <b>975.00</b>   |
| <b>Rockban Ladies Football and Camogie Club</b>              | <b>4,000.00</b> |
| <b>Rockmount AFC</b>   | <b>2,975.00</b> |
| <b>Rushbrooke Rowing Club</b>                                | <b>2,375.00</b> |
| <b>Sirius Arts Centre</b>                                    | <b>5,275.00</b> |
| <b>The Molgoggers</b>  | <b>1,000.00</b> |
| <b>Watergrasshill United</b>                                 | <b>1,100.00</b> |
| <b>Watergrasshill Community Association</b>                  | <b>2,600.00</b> |
| <b>Watergrasshill Community Hall</b>                         | <b>2,600.00</b> |
| <b>Watergrasshill First Fruits Art Centre</b>                | <b>1,475.00</b> |
| <b>Watergrasshill GAA Club</b>                               | <b>4,775.00</b> |
| <b>Watergrasshill Planning &amp; Development Association</b> | <b>2,600.00</b> |
| <b>Waterloo AFC</b>  | <b>1,750.00</b> |
| <b>Whitechurch GAA Club</b>                                  | <b>4,250.00</b> |

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| <b>Funds Retained</b> | <b>825.00</b> |
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**RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS**

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| <b>Upper Mount Eaton Residents Association</b>               | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>Mount Eaton Residents Association</b>                     | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>Dawn View Residents association</b>                       | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>The Park Residents Ass</b>                                | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>Whitepoint Residents Association</b>                      | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>Crescent Residents Association</b>                        | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>O'Sullivan Place, Cobh, Residents</b>                     | <b>150.00</b>   |
| <b>Norwood Court Residents Assoc</b>                         | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>St. Colmans Square Residents Association</b>              | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Leeview Court RA</b>                                      | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Willow Park Residents association</b>                     | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Coolamber Residents Group</b>                             | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Hilltop Park RA</b>                                       | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Patrick square residents association</b>                  | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Carrigeoin residence association</b>                      | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>College Drive Residents (Carrignafoy Entrance)</b>        | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>College Green/Lawn Residents Association</b>              | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Lavallin Residents Association</b>                        | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Moore's Place/Kirkwood Villas Residents' Association</b>  | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Residents Association of Cedar crescent</b>               | <b>250.00</b>   |
| <b>Ban na Greine Residence Association</b>                   | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Philip O'Neill Place Residents Association</b>            | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Assumption Place &amp; Ringmeen Res. Assoc.</b>           | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Glen Corrin Residents Association</b>                     | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Carrigaloe Community</b>                                  | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Carrigwell RA</b>   | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>St.Lappans Place and Ballyverry Residents Association</b> | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Belvelly Residents Association</b>                        | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Woodside resident group</b>                               | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Ballynoe Residents Association</b>                        | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Norwood Park Residents Association</b>                    | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Russell Heights Residents Association</b>                 | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Cluain Ard RA</b>   | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Castleview Residents Association</b>                      | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Priory Court Residents Association.</b>                   | <b>600.00</b>   |
| <b>Rushbrooke Manor Residents ASS</b>                        | <b>850.00</b>   |
| <b>Fota Rock RA</b>  | <b>1,000.00</b> |
| <b>Cul Ard Residents Association</b>                         | <b>1,000.00</b> |

**COMMUNITY CONTRACTS**

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| <b>Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns</b>                                  | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Tidy Towns</b>   | <b>20,000.00</b> |
| <b>Factory Hill/Kilcoolishal Tidy Towns</b>                      | <b>1,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Glounthaune Tidy Towns (GTT)</b>                              | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Knockraha Area Community Association CLG Tidy Towns Group</b> | <b>3,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Little Island Tidy Towns</b>                                  | <b>5,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Watergrasshill Tidy Towns</b>                                 | <b>8,000.00</b>  |

#### **CAPITAL GRANTS**

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| <b>Carrigtwohill Community Centre</b>      | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Golf Club</b>                      | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Little Island Community Association</b> | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Springfield Ramblers</b>                | <b>10,000.00</b> |

#### **TOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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|---|------------------|
| <b>Cobh &amp; Harbour Chamber - Tourist Office</b>          | <b>6,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh Carillon Committee</b>                              | <b>1,750.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh Summer Swing</b>                                    | <b>3,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh Tourism CLG</b>                                     | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh-Ploermel Twinning Association</b>                   | <b>3,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Polish Irish festival</b>                                | <b>1,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Promenade Entertainment Cobh Tourism</b>                 | <b>5,000.00</b>  |
| <b>See You in Cobh</b>                                      | <b>3,450.00</b>  |
| <b>St Patricks Day Parade Committee</b>                     | <b>1,800.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh Municipal District Paint Scheme</b>                 | <b>15,000.00</b> |
| <b>Cork Film Centre - Cork Young Filmmakers Programme</b>   | <b>1,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh &amp; Harbour Chamber - Christmas Lights</b>        | <b>12,500.00</b> |
| <b>Cobh Tri Club</b>  | <b>5,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh St. Patrick's Day Festival</b>                      | <b>4,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Carrigtwohill Community Association</b>                  | <b>20,000.00</b> |
| <b>St Benedict's Priory Bible Garden</b>                    | <b>4,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh Museum</b>  | <b>12,000.00</b> |
| <b>Cork County Council - Pedestrian Crossing at Newtown</b> | <b>6,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Cobh People's Regatta</b>                                | <b>4,500.00</b>  |

**6 Aon Ghnó Eile / Any Other Business.**

**Cllr. S. O'Connor:**

**6.1 Carrignafoy:**

Further signage required on the road leading from the G.A.A pitch to the Carrignafoy road. Engineer to examine.

**6.2 Carrignafoy Terrace:**

The road is subsiding on Carrignafoy Terrace where ducting had been put in. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

**6.3 Connolly Street:**

Cllr. O'Connor stated that he had been approached by someone interested in purchasing the shed at the start of Connolly Street, was it still for sale? S. O'Callaghan replied that this matter would have to wait until the M.D.O. returned from sick leave.

**6.4 Car Park, Connolly Street:**

A large tree was encroaching on the car park at the Titanic Park. Engineer to examine.

**Cllr. S. Sheppard:**

**6.5 Carrigaloe:**

Could the footpath be examined in the interests of pedestrian safety. Engineer to examine.

**6.6 Pay Parking:**

Cllr. Sheppard asked if Cobh could be considered for a pilot for paying for parking by phone. She felt that installing new or upgrading the parking machines was a waste of money. S. O'Callaghan responded by stating that there was no need for a pilot scheme and that plans were in place for a county wide phone system, in the interim it was proposed to source machines from elsewhere in the county.

**Cllr. A. O'Connor**

**6.7 Carrigane Road:**

Pothole previously logged on the system, but referred to Irish Water, who have now replied and stated that this is County council issue. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

**Cllr. A. Barry**

**6.8 Station Road, Carrigtwohill:**

The surface of the road near the entrance to Cul Ard is in very bad condition. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

**6.9 Annsgrove Road, Carrigtwohill:**

The 50Km sign is missing? R. O’Sullivan replied that resurfacing is scheduled for this road shortly and sign to be replaced.

**6.10 Slatty Pond:**

The manhole at this location needs to be checked. Engineer to examine.

**Cllr. S. O’Callaghan:**

**6.11 Little Island:**

The sign outside the national school in Little Island needs to be reinstated properly. Engineer to examine.

**6.12 Woodstock:**

The road was resurfaced several years ago, but potholes are now appearing, especially on road off the Leamlara Road. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

**6.13 Watergrasshill:**

Are the bus stops in Watergrasshill included in this year’s programme? G. O’Hora responded by confirming that the bus stops shelters were included in this year’s programme and works are scheduled to commence mid-year.

**Cllr. C. Rasmussen:**

**6.14 Pedestrian Crossing, Cobh:**

Funding has now been secured for the pedestrian crossing under the Town Development Fund, need to meet to discuss most practical position for same. Engineer to revert.

**6.15 Smalls Well, Cobh:**

Is it possible to install a yellow box at this junction to alleviate traffic queuing. Engineer to examine.

**6.16 Harbour View, Cobh:**

A gas main was laid on the road which has been left in an appalling condition. Engineer to examine.

**6.17 Cobh:**

The Irish Water manhole covers throughout the town are still causing problems. Engineer to examine.

**6.18 Carrignafoy:**

The road surface near the entrance to College Manor is in very bad condition. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

**6.19 Top of the Hill:**

Very bad pothole. Engineer to examine.



**6.20 Aherns Cross, Cobh:**

The road surface is in very bad condition. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

**6.21 Kirkwood Villas to Ballyleary, Cobh:**

Road surface is very badly rutted. Engineer to examine.

**6.22 Lynch's Quay & Lake Road, Cobh:**

The road surface in both locations is very badly potholed. Engineer confirmed road is listed for remedial repair.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER**