

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held in the Meeting Room, Floor 6, County Hall, on Monday, 16th December 2019 at 2.00pm.

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

Apologies: Ben Dalton O’Sullivan

IN ATTENDANCE: Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer, Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer, Alan O’Callaghan, Clerical Officer, Keith Kenrick, Staff Officer

1: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. D’Alton and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting and the Draft Budget meeting held on 18th November 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr D’Alton

- Update on consultant appointed to the Passage West Greenway?
- Still waiting on a representative of Bus Eireann to come before members.
- Update on capping of the cemetery wall in Passage West.
- Has letter been written to the IDA & Irish Water regarding planning at Coolmore?
- Any update on missing pump on Glen Road (Irish Water).
- Update on Crosshaven Wood Planning issues.

Cllr Lombard

- Update on proposed audit of cemeteries in the Municipal District.

In response Noelle Desmond advised the following:

- A letter has been written to Irish Water regarding Coolmore and a letter to the IDA will be sent as soon as the correct recipient of the letter should be.
- With regard to Crosshaven Wood, Michael Lynch, DOS, Planning is in the process of preparing a report for members.

Nicola Radley advised at this point that as the Crosshaven Wood issue is still a live Planning File, that this is not the appropriate forum to discuss the matter. Marcia D’Alton asked that it be noted in the minutes that she was advised that this matter is no longer to be brought up at Municipal District meetings while the case is still live.

- There has yet to be any consultant appointed to the Greenway project. Discussions are ongoing with the NTA on the route of the Greenway.
- An audit of Graveyards in the MD will be completed in the first quarter of 2020.

- No response from Bus Eireann or the NTA regarding representatives coming before members.

After a discussion between the members, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Martin Walsh of Bus Eireann with a list of issues for response. It was agreed to keep contacting the NTA to come before the MD members.

In response Madeleine Healy advised the following:

- Quotes have been received for the capping of the cemetery wall in Passage West. Very expensive job, will discuss with Nicola Radley and Noelle Desmond.
- Pump has been located. Will confirm with Irish Water.

2. Taking in Charge: Bharr na hAille, Crosshaven

Members agreed that the estate be taken in charge.

3: Municipal District Officers Report.

Noelle Desmond 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:

- As part of the running track development in Carrigaline Community Park, could the toilets also be relocated at the same time?
- Will a water station be included with the running track?
- Will the Public Realm Plan and the Transport Plan for Carrigaline work in unison with each other?
- When will TPREP be completed for Carrigaline?
- What will be the scope of TPREP, no sign of Economic Regeneration Plan in the tender.
- What happens to left over funds from the Community Fund?
- Carrigaline Public Realm consultations due before Christmas. Any update on when these will happen?
- Can the solar lights on the Carrigaline-Crosshaven walkway be extended?

In response Noelle Desmond, Nicola Radley and Madeleine Healy advised:

- Toilet is a separate body of work to be completed independently of the running track
- Will see if connection can be made for a Water Station but they are more complicated to install and maintain as they seem. Currently there is a county wide review into the provision of Water Stations.
- The Public Realm and Transport Plan will work collaboratively with each other.
- Completion of TPREP will be dependent on public consultations and feedback from members. Before report is published members will be engaged.
- Regarding the scope of TPREP, the consultations will deliver a comprehensive list of recommendations.
- Any remaining funds for Community Fund go back into the GMA Community Fund for the following year.
- Public Realm consultations will begin once consultants are appointed. Members are invited to think about what stakeholder groups should be consulted. Will also be open to the general public to input.

- Will look at costing of extending Greenway lighting and revert back to members.

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

Cllr Liam O'Connor

1. That Cork County Council undertake a traffic/speed assessment on the Upper Kilmoney Road, Carrigaline, assess if traffic calming measures could be incorporated and provide a pedestrian crossing at a suitable location.

Motion 2 from Cllr McGrath also covered at this time.

Cllr O'Connor advised that residents in the area are concerned with the excessive speeding in the area and would like a pedestrian crossing installed near the new shop in the area. Also the Bus Stop at Hillview is restricted the view of traffic on exiting the estate. Could this be moved to the centre of the green area.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and noted that while short term fixes are needed on the Kilmoney Rd, a long term plan is also needed. Could the Road Designs Office look and see what is needed in the area.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and asked the location of the sensor be looked at when speed survey is undertaken. Cllr McGrath felt that when the last survey was undertaken in 2015 the location of the sensor did not give a true reflection of the speeding in the area. Cllr McGrath also called for a pedestrian crossing to be installed.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that a speed survey will be completed in or around February and the location of the sensor will be looked at. Based on the results of the survey any traffic calming measures can be assessed. Upper Kilmoney Rd is on the roads programme for 2020 but as there are a lot of unknowns in the area, namely possible Irish Water work, it may be deferred in view of a longer term plan for the road. The location of the Bus Stop will also be looked at as part of any review.

2. That this MD contacts the Broadband officer for Cork County Council and request that Carrigaline as the largest town in the County be considered for installation of free public WIFI. Cork County has recently been successful in securing 4 vouchers for free public WIFI from the WiFi4EU competition, with each having a value of €15K. The town centre would be a suitable location. The public library in the town could be used as a site for a router.

Cllr's Buckley and McGrath supported the motion.

It was agreed to write to the Broadband Officer to strongly outline the case for Carrigaline to be selected as one of the towns for the WIFI installation.

Cllr Seamus McGrath

1. To request that this Municipal District provide funding from the GMA for the provision of additional flashing speed feedback signs to be rolled out at agreed locations across the area.

Cllr McGrath made the following points regarding the motion:

- Feedback from public is that they are helpful.
- How many does the area have and can more be purchased?
- What is the cost of the feedback signs?

- Madeleine Healy has previously stated that 8 locations are to be used in rotation for feedback signs. All members could name numerous others in the MD.
- All towns, villages and roads within the MD are having issues with speeding and feedback signs are an effective way of slowing down vehicles.

Cllr D’Alton supported the motion and advised that she has received lots of representatives from concerned residents on back roads within the MD which are being used as a means of avoiding congestion and are experiencing traffic volumes and speed totally unsuitable for these roads. Feedback signs may be very effective in these circumstances.

Cllr Buckley also supported the motion and drew attention to excessive speeding of HGV’s on secondary roads.

Cllr O’Connor also supported the motion and noted that in his experienced feedback signs are affective in slowing traffic. Also inquired of the cost of a speed survey?

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and noted that as all areas in the MD have issues with traffic and speeding that plans should be put in place to deal with these issues. Cllr Lombard advised that even though the works may take many years to be implemented, it would be important to have them “shovel ready” so that if and when funding is available works can be completed quickly.

In response Madeleine Healy advised the following:

- There are currently two feedback signs available to the area office.
- The cost per sign is €5,000.
- Not all locations are suitable for feedback signs.
- Too many signs lessen their effectiveness.
- New signs will have the capability to carry out speed surveys.
- Cost of speed surveys currently can’t be quantified as it is done by council employees.
- It would be my recommendation to purchase one more set of feedback signs.

Members agreed that one extra set of feedback signs are to be purchased and will be reviewed again at a later date.

2. To ask the Engineer to consider the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing on Kilmoney Road upper.

Motion covered with Motion 1 from Cllr O’Connor

3. To ask the Engineer to consider the provision of a footpath on the eastern side of Church Hill, Carrigaline.

Councillor Lombard supported this motion.

Madeleine Healy advised that the provision of a footpath at this location is currently being looked at.

Cllr Aidan Lombard

1. That this council look at options to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians between Centra and the car park in Crosshaven. The current arrangement is not working and needs to be revisited.

Cllr Lombard advised that a pedestrian crossing was previously removed from the area as it was not compliant with new regulations. A solution to providing a new crossing here needs to be found. Asked that a no parking sign also be located opposite the Centra store.

Cllr Buckley supported the motion and advised that she had received lots of representations from concerned residents about the lack of a crossing at this location.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and advised it can be very chaotic at this location and it is a safety concern.

Cllr D'Alton supported the motion.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that as there is already a Pedestrian Crossing located only 100 metres from this location it would not be practical. Madeleine advised that she would look at the area and try to come up with a solution to the issues there. Madeleine also advised that she will look at putting up a No Parking sign opposite Centra in the New Year.

2. That a substantial drainage be done on the R611 from Carrigaline to Ballyfeard. There is substantial surface water at Foots Corner, Kinsale cross and Goars Bridge that need works.

Cllr Lombard advised the meeting that the R611 is an important road for residents in the Minane Bridge and Belgooly and as it is not currently covered by The Winter Maintenance Programme it would be important that the drainage issues would be sorted. Substantial work would be need to sort drainage issues. Would ask that its inclusion in the Winter Maintenance Programme would again be reviewed as it would only take one extra kilometre of salting to allow residents safe access to Carrigaline.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and also asked that its inclusion into the Winter Maintenance Programme be reviewed.

Madeleine Healy advised that the Drainage Programme for 2020 will be completed early in the New Year and will be looked at then. May take more than one year to complete works. Madeleine advised that she will again put forward the case for parts of the R611 to be included in the Winter Maintenance programme.

Cllr Marcia D'Alton

1. That in 2020, Cork County Council would resurface Church Hill from the Maulbaun Junction to the R610 to include safety improvements to the Maulbaun junction.

Cllr D'Alton advised that she has received numerous representations regarding the junction and the need for resurfacing. Irish Water works have also led to the deterioration of the road surface. Works were deferred two years ago for Maulbaun Junction and works are need now to improve what is a very dangerous junction.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and also advised that the road markings at the junction and on Church Hill need to be redone.

Madeleine Healy advised that there is a plan in plan for improvements at Maulbaun Junction but it would be depending on funding. Church Hill is on Roads Plan for 2020 but would be dependent on other factors, such as planned Irish Water works, etc, as to whether it would go ahead.

2. That Cork County Council would ask the consultants undertaking the Carrigaline Transport and Public Realm Enhancement Plan to consider the SECAD My Town My Plan group as a key external stakeholder and to accordingly involve them as consultee's in Phase 1 of the Plan preparation.
3. That as it is only approximately 75 metres long, Cork County Council would resurface the top terrace in Ardmore Estate, Passage West as soon as possible.

5. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr Buckley

1. Crosshaven RFC on reaching the All Ireland semi final.

6. Any Other Business

Madeleine Healy gave an update to members on the planned works on the R610 through Monkstown.

Members raised the following points on the update:

- That a Gateway Element not be included in any Part VIII application. This should be progressed separately.
- Important that there will be no loss of parking in Monkstown.
- Any loss of parking on the Glen Road would need to be discussed as this is used as parking for the various water sport activities in the area.
- Will these works have any impact on the proposed Greenway through Monkstown.
- Will parking be lost in Carlisle Place to landscaping.

In response Madeleine Healy advised the following:

- The consultants will be asked to remove the Gateway Element from any Part VIII application.
- No loss of parking in Monkstown.
- Glen Road not included in works so parking will not be affected there.
- Greenway Office has yet to come back with any potential conflicts yet. Any issues will be worked out between Greenway Office and consultants.
- Possible that parking at Carlisle Place will be lost as part of the Gateway process is to have landscaping on the approach to urban areas.

Madeleine Healy advised that there will be a meeting with the consultants in early 2020 and a further update will be available then.

Cllr O'Connor

- Issue with green area in Hillview. Being claimed as private property and being put up for sale.

ClIr O'Connor advised that the residents are very upset as it is used by children. Can we seek clarity on who owns the land and what can be done to maintain the land as a green area.

Madeleine Healy advised that this is a planning enforcement issue as the council does not take charge of green areas.

Nicola Radley advised that this is not the correct forum to discuss planning issues. Asked ClIr O'Connor to pass on the details and it will be followed up with the Planning Dept.

ClIr D'Alton

- Can the moss be removed from the foot path at Beech Court.
- Can a "kids at play" sign be erected near the cluster of houses at Hilltown.
- Dumping on Cogans Road, rubbish there three weeks now. Contacted anti litter unit who advised that they would pass it on the area office. Any update.
- Issue with broadband signage throughout Monkstown and Passage. Contacted Environment Dept but signage still there.

Madeleine Healy advised that she would follow up on the first three points to see what can be done.

Noelle Desmond advised that she will contact the Environment Dept regarding the broadband signage.

ClIr Buckley

- Any update on the one way system for Crosshaven.
- School bus is stopping at Drakes Point where there is no Bus Stop and is causing traffic issues.
- Local residents are arranging a one way system in Myrtleville for the Christmas day swim to help with the large volumes of traffic expected.

In response Madeleine Healy advised:

- The notice for planning will be advertised in January and there will be an update for members at the January meeting.
- Bus Eireann would need to be contacted regarding the school bus issue.

ClIr Lombard

- Regarding the foot path in Ballygarvan. The design is completed and a decision needs to be made on whether to go ahead with the works. ClIr Lombard strongly suggested that the works be given the go ahead.

ClIr McGrath

- Who can we contact regarding the dangerous lane dividers on the N28 at Bloomfield.
- Any update on bus being able to turn at the Health Centre in Carrigaline.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that:

- Regis Lagan is the contact regarding the N28. Madeleine advised that she will pass on the request to Regis Lagan and to the area engineer in the City Council.
- Regarding the bus turning, the request was passed onto the Traffic & transportation Dept. Madeleine will follow up with them for an update.

ClIr McGrath also brought up the following under Any Other Business:

- Representation received from Atlantic View Residents Association (AVRA), Myrtleville, Cork regarding planning issues residents are having with having their estate “taken in charge”. I understand that this may not be the appropriate forum to discuss the issue but the residents need to be responded to.

Nicola Radley advised that this is a long standing issue and as it is still a live enforcement issue this would not be the appropriate forum to discuss the matter.

Nicola Radley advised that the group will be responded to directly and members will be copied into any responses.

This concluded the business of the meeting:

Signed: Seam M. O'Kearney
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: 20/1/2020