



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 19th of April 2021 at 14:00.

Present: Cllr. Liam O'Connor (Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Marcia D'Alton, Cllr. Audrey Buckley and Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan.

In Attendance: Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer; Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer; Noelle Desmond, Administrative Officer; Sophie Ryan, Assistant Staff Officer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Audrey Buckley

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on works at Rockenham. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that this would begin in the next week or so.

Cllr. O'Connor asked for an update on the clearing of dirt and ditches on the Rose Hill to Forest Hill road. Madeleine informed Cllr. O'Connor she would look into this.

3. Pollinator Plan

County Ecologist Sharon Casey outlined the contents of the plan to all present, but added that the Ecology Office don't have the resources to implement the plan and this would need to be led and implemented locally.

The actions outlined in the plan could be implemented without significant costs. Cllr. McGrath said it was great to see this for Carrigaline and asked could signage be installed at the locations, so the public know what is going on in the area. Sharon informed Cllr. McGrath that there is standardised signage available on The National Biodiversity Data Centre website.

Sharon also added that a workshop is to be carried out in each area. Cllr. O'Connor thanked Sharon for the plan and Cllr. Buckley asked could this be shared with Tidy Town groups to which Sharon said it can. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said the plan would be well received and asked in years to come could this be extended to include smaller villages. Sharon said that this could be done dependant on funding.

Cllr. O'Connor asked who would lead this locally. Sharon said it would be a collaborative effort between Cork County Council, Tidy Town groups and community groups but that every town would differ. Madeleine added that the plan had been incorporated into the grass cutting plan for 2021.

The plan was proposed by Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

4. Litter Management Plan



Noelle informed members that the plan had been circulated and that comprehensive feedback from members had been received and that it had been incorporated into the plan where feasible and that if adopted here today would be reviewed again after a year.

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan asked if the plan could be deferred until next month until the response to a motion at Full Council regarding litter is received.

Cllr. McGrath added that is positive that a plan was being developed but is concerned at a consistency throughout the county and supports Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan’s suggestion to defer the decision. Cllr. Buckley also agreed.

Nicola Radley noted this and that it would be kept on the agenda for May’s meeting.

5. Correspondence

Noelle informed members that all correspondence had been issued to them on Decision Time.

Cllr D’Alton added that regarding the Correspondence from Cobh MD that a petition from the local community was to be submitted to Cobh MD.

6. MDO Report

Carol Conway went through the content of the report which included a number of updates on ongoing projects and works.

Cllr. Buckley asked could the street furniture application be circulated to members; this will be done. She also asked what the length and height of the wall would be in Crosshaven and if a formal plan could be put together for the wall. Madeleine said the works being carried out are what was agreed last year and that the wall will be built to the higher height but will check the length. She also added that a plan could be put together funding dependant. Cllr. Buckley also asked if there were works to be carried out on the R612. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that this was part of the roads programme and that the marks on the road are for an initial survey for the tendering process.

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update in relation to the permanent waterfront public realm. He supported Cllr. Buckley regarding the wall. Cllr. McGrath also asked for an update on the public toilet in the community park. Carol Conway informed Cllr. McGrath that she would follow up on these.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton asked about installing more bicycle stands in Passage West. Noelle said that she had not looked at bicycle stands and that she was waiting on a date for a public realm update. Cllr. D’Alton also asked for an update on the framework plans. Nicola informed Cllr. D’Alton that a draft is ready and will get a date for a brief for members.

7. Notices of Motion

Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan

- 1. “That this Municipal District would write to the NTA with the following request.*



Recognising the morning opening times of secondary schools in Carrigaline and the number of students relying on the 225 bus route to go to and from secondary school. This Municipal District is calling for an additional (or a change of) bus time to allow students to go to school without having to wait up to 40 minutes to access the school grounds. Recognising the amount of students going to and from Edmund Rice College using the 225 bus route, This Municipal District is calling on the NTA to introduce an additional (or a change of) bus time to allow students to access this school as they could do so under the previous bus route."

Cllr. McGrath supports the motion and added that a representative from the NTA should attend a meeting. Cllr. D'Alton and Cllr. O'Connor agreed and suggested writing to the NTA.

Action: Write to the NTA.

- "That the Cork County Council would give an update on the taking in charge of Kilmoney Woods estate, Mountain Road, Carrigaline, Cork. That Cork County Council would oblige for potholes to be filled here and for repairs to broken streetlights."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan added that residents are looking for an update on the taking in charge. Cllr. McGrath added that there is frustration from residents and welcomes the response. He added that he has concerns that it is only the older part of the estate.

- "That the area engineer would examine the road from Tulligmore Equestrian centre to Ballinhassig village. There is a clear drainage problem here which has led to the sides of the road becoming broken & uneven. It is now problematic for two cars to pass each other in certain places on the road due to the road now becoming narrowed. Could the engineer arrange for a concrete/ cement ditch to be put along the sides of the road here (similar to what was done on the road between Ballymartle Cemetery and Ballymartle Cross in Riverstick when a similar situation occurred a number of years ago)."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said that there is a drainage issue and asked could the potholes be filled as a temporary solution. Madeleine said she will look for solutions and look at the potholes.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

- "I would ask the council to clear the brush for School going children, the area on the top road by Noonas gap to be cleared of overhanging brush/and down to the middle road on the path. Also overhanging brush on the upper road between the Chapel Steps from the footpath to access to the school/Church road. I have been asked by parents as they park on the middle road and walk up/down to school from the path at Noonas Gap. Is it possible to put a safety barrier/plus allowing enough space for a pram to be used on the middle roadside?"*

Action: Engineer to look at.

- "I would ask for double yellow lines at Fountainstown, as when coming down coast road and taking a right by 'Angels Shop', as when cars are parked on a busy day the line of sight for cars taking a right onto the main road the visibility is poor. Double Yellow lines would stop cars parking on that corner."*



Action: Engineer to look at.

3. *“Looking to install a Gazebo on Rabbit Island. This would benefit the many walkers, a shelter from the rain plus a beneficial picnic area.”*

Cllr. Buckley added that she was not happy with the response and believes that this would be a great addition to the area. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion and believes it is worth pursuing.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *“To request that Traffic Calming measures be put in place at Raffeen Village. Also, that the junction with the R610 and Raffeen have road markings upgraded.”*

Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeleine for the response and added that the area is very busy and there are significant safety concerns which need to be addressed with traffic calming measures. Cllr. D’Alton supported the motion and added that at times residents cannot get out of their houses due to traffic. Madeleine said that requests of this nature would usually come through low-cost safety funding. This can be looked at and prioritised for 2022.

2. *“To request that the Planning Department formally Take in Charge the public lighting in Kilmoney Woods and that a written update be provided.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan added that residents are looking for an update on the taking in charge. Cllr. McGrath added that there is frustration from residents and welcomes the response. He added that he has concerns that it is only the older part of the estate.

3. *“This Committee calls on Bus Eireann and the NTA to improve the bus service to Carrigmahon Hill, Monkstown.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that residents want an improved service. Cllr. D’Alton supported this and added that the bus service is not suitable as it does not meet the demands of the uplands.

Action: Write to NTA.

Cllr. Liam O’Connor

1. *“That this MD request, from the appropriate department in Cork County Council, that the Haulbowline Island lands be transferred to the Carrigaline Municipal District from the Cobh Municipal District.”*

Cllr. O’Connor asked could the Municipal District make a submission to the next public consultation. Cllr. D’Alton and Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan support the motion. Cllr. McGrath also supported the motion and asked could a service level agreement be put together as he believes boundary changes is too long a process. Cllr. Buckley supported the motion and asked when the toilets would be open.



Madeleine added that the toilets won't be open until the contractor is clear to work again. Nicola informed members that their comments will be conveyed to the Divisional Manager.

2. *"That this Municipal District request an update from the Municipal Services Department on the status of the running track project in Carrigaline Park."*

Covered in the MDO Report.

3. *"That this Municipal District ask the area engineer to implement a solution which will deter the recurring dumping in the Carrigaline graveyard on Church Rd. Raised beds, planting and railing may be a solution."*

Cllr. O'Connor asked what could be done with this area and could we look at it again when resources allow. Cllr. McGrath supported this motion and said that he believes more explicit signage is needed.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

1. *"To provide safer active travel options to both Star of the Sea and St. Peter's, Passage West, Cork County Council by using funding under the Safe Routes to School initiative to:*
 - *provide a continuous footpath on the Back Road, filling the two gaps where there is currently no footpath*
 - *provide bicycle parking in the green roadside space between both schools."*

Cllr. D'Alton added that a footpath is needed in this area. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she was not overly familiar with the scheme but said she will look at other ways of approaching this as the NTA are not in favour of small footpaths. Cllr. D'Alton added that sometimes a small footpath is better than no footpath at all. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion.

2. *"That Cork County Council would address the deteriorating condition of the wooden pedestrian bridge into Monkstown Park."*

Cllr. D'Alton was grateful for the respond and asked could a gate system be looked at to prevent children from running onto the road.

3. *"That this Municipal District Committee would write to Irish Water requesting that the vent pipe/biofilter recently installed on the grassy traffic island in Monkstown would be replaced with a structure which is sympathetic to the village centre, the statutory Architectural Conservation designations of the village and the waterside amenity offered by Monkstown to so many from within and outside the local area."*

Cllr. D'Alton added that this structure was totally unanticipated and is very insensitive and that it is also outside of planning. She asked could we write to Irish Water regarding this. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion.

Action: Write to Irish Water.

8. Any Other Business



Nicola informed members of the monthly Cork International Hotel Community Spirit Awards. These are awards for community groups/volunteers/organisations etc. This will run for at least the rest of the year.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan raised the safety issues at Warners Cross and asked could the trees be cut back and some signage and markings be installed. Madeleine informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that she has tried to contact the landowner and that he quite amenable and will look at this again.

Madeleine informed members that the previously noted extinguishment of a public road at Ringabella will now not be proceeding.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked for updates on the Ringaskiddy boardwalk, emergency Covid signage, and drainage at Marmullane Park. She also added that there were some rusty benches between Monkstown and Glenbrook that need to be replaced or fixed. Cllr. D'Alton also noted that an application for heritage funding for the dock offices had been and asked for an update on this. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she was aware of the benches and that this was being looked at and that she will look at the drainage issue at Marmullane Park. Noelle informed Cllr. D'Alton that we will have something regarding the Ringaskiddy boardwalk for the May meeting and that she will chase up the heritage funding application.

Cllr. McGrath said that residents in Shanbally had concerns about lack of communication from Novartis regarding some land in the area and asked could we write to them, all member supported this. Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on safety barriers on the Ballea Road and code of conduct signage on greenways. He also asked are plastic drain covers to all be replaced. Cllr. McGrath also asked that an update be provided from Kevin Morey regarding the Ballinhassig flood scheme, Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported this. Madeleine said she has contacted the contractor regarding the safety barriers and that this a priority. She added that plastic drain covers are to be replaced as they break. Nicola said that we will write to Novartis and Kevin Morey.

Cllr. Buckley asked could graffitied Covid signage be replaced and could more walker signage be installed. Madeleine said these could be looked at.

Cllr. O'Connor asked about the possibility of speed ramps into St. Marys. He added that the parking markings in Kilnagleary need to be re done. He also noted that one side of Seaview walkway has collapsed and is need of repair. Cllr. O'Connor also asked for the report on water sports for the May meeting. Madeleine said no requests for ramps had come in and that it is only a short stretch of road and that communication should come from the school. She said she will get a price for Kilnagleary and that they are aware of the Seaview walkway. Noelle said that the water sports report is progressing and will have it for the May meeting.

All elected members and staff thanked Noelle Desmond for all her work as Municipal District Officer and wished her well in her new role. Noelle also thanked everyone and wished Carol well in the role of MDO. This concluded the meeting.

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