



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 15th of March 2021 at 14:00.

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

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Liam O’Connor

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. O’Connor asked for an update on the clearance of hedging and mud on the Forest Hill to Rose Hill road and also about Public Lighting here. Cllr. D’Alton asked about bicycle stands, signage and also paving at Shanbally. Madeleine informed Cllr. O’Connor that she didn’t have an opportunity to look yet but that she will, she informed Cllr. D’Alton that she had not forgotten about Shanbally but due to Covid restrictions could not do anything. Both Madeleine and Noelle said they would look at the bicycle stands.

3. Extinguishment of public road at Ringabella

Madeleine informed members that this is a cul de sac and the area of road in question does not serve any residents and has been badly damaged by the weather in recent years. Landowner at the top of the road has no issue with this and this will avoid unnecessary expenditure on repairs. This will need go through a statutory process. Cllr. Lombard added that the focus needs to be where the houses are and has no objection. Cllr. D’Alton added that this may cause informal restrictions to the coast via a walkway and its important to keep this walkway accessible. Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Lombard agreed with Cllr. D’Alton.

4. Correspondence

Noelle read correspondence from Bus Eireann and also from Minister Eamonn Ryan. Cllr. D’Alton asked could the MD make a submission to the department requesting to extend the smoky coal ban. Cllr. McGrath seconded this. Cllr. McGrath asked could we take the issue of the 225 to the NTA and Cllr. D’Alton said we are waiting a year and a half for broke poles to be fixed.

5. MDO Report

Noelle’s report covered and gave updates on items such as TDF, GMA, Community Fund Scheme, Monkstown Mural, Litter & Pollinator Plans etc.

Cllr. D’Alton asked how much the power washing of Ringaskiddy would be. She also asked for an update on the framework plans. Cllr. D’Alton noted that the Monkstown Mural was a very exciting



cost and asked would the MD be contributing to the costs. Cllr. D'Alton also asked what projects the Owenabue Arts Collective had in mind.

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the Ringaskiddy power washing and the contribution to the Owenabue Arts Collective. He fully supports the extra €12,000 for the bandstand.

Cllr. O'Connor also welcome the €5,000 for the Owenabue Arts Collective and was happy to see the bandstand, the litter management plan and pollinator plans all progressing. He asked for a timescale for the power washing to be completed.

Noelle informed members that the Owenabue Arts Collective have many exciting projects planned for 2021. The Monkstown Mural is to cost €18,000 with €10,000 coming from the MD and the balance coming from the Arts office. Madeleine informed members that the extent of the Ringaskiddy power washing has not yet been worked out. Nicola informed members that they are liaising with consultants and should have the draft framework plans within the next week.

TDF spend proposed by Cllr. McGrath seconded by Cllr. O'Connor

Unclaimed €12,000 from Community Fund to be added to TDF, proposed by Cllr. McGrath seconded by Cllr. Lombard.

Members discretionary fund application from Crosshaven Community Garden, proposed by Cllr. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. Buckley.

Village Enhancement Scheme for Minane Bridge 2022 and Ballygarvan 2023, proposed by Cllr. Lombard and seconded by Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan.

Noelle went through the allocation for the 2021 Community Fund Scheme. All members agreed with the allocations and thanked everyone for the hard work that went into allocating these grants as fairly as possible.

6. Pride of Place

Noelle informed members that there would no visits this year due to Covid but that groups could still enter and that there was a new category for groups helping communities throughout Covid. Applications need to be in by 5th of April.

7. 2021 Roads Programme

Madeleine went through the 2021 roads programme which contained lists of road improvement, surface dressings and drainage areas, she informed members that she would be back in a later meeting with footpath and public lighting programmes. Madeleine informed members that other areas will be done also but will not be covered by the programmes presented today. Cllr. Buckley asked will be the Churchbay road be a temporary job for now and also where the Graball works will be taking place. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that the Churchbay Road works will be temporary works for now and that the work in Graball will tie in with Kevin Moreys works in the area. Cllr. McGrath welcomed the works and asked is the work on Main Street Carrigaline contingent on any other works. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that it is not contingent on any other works. Cllr.



Lombard thanked Madeleine for the reports and agrees with the areas laid out in the drainage programme.

8. Motions

Cllr. Liam O'Connor

1. *"That the area engineer assesses if the parklet in the Owenabue carpark could be extended. Four car parking spaces would need to be removed. Plant boxes to section off the area would be required and additional seating could be installed. See attached picture of the area I am referring to."*

Cllr. O'Connor said that it would mean the removal of 3 or 4 car parking spaces but would encourage people to stay in the area longer and that there was already adequate parking available. Madeleine said she has no problem with this budget allowing. Noelle said that there is TDF funding available and can get costings if agreeable. Cllr. D'Alton added that the funding may be used elsewhere, somewhere where there is no public realm planned. Cllr. McGrath agrees with the extending of the parklet but also agrees that an update on public realm is needed. Noelle informed members that they were due an update on public realm on March 26th.

2. *"That this MD initiate a framework plan to guide development and investment in water-based activities on the Owenabue and Owenabue estuary over the coming years."*

Cllr. O'Connor was grateful for the response and asked for an update for April's meeting. Nicola informed Cllr. O'Connor that the May meeting would be a more reasonable time frame.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *"Crosshaven to Carrigaline Railway walk needs signage and railway signals repainted. Many of the public informational boards are outdated and have flaking paint. With works recently on the path, it would complement the area to get these repainted and updated. (pics attached) Also there are still white walking and cycling stencils on the path, as well as some new signage on the verges conflicting information."*

Cllr. Buckley was grateful for the response.

2. *"As a local resident in the Churchbay area, I have never seen the amount of water pooling on the road and the runoff into St. Patricks Cemetery. I realise we have had unprecedented rainfall recently. Has something changed with the way the fields nearby are being farmed? Is there sufficient drainage on the road for the runoff? Do farmers need to be responsible for their water tables?"*

Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that a practical approach is taken, especially due the large amounts of rain in recent months. This can be pursued if water is streaming out and persists.

3. *"Is it possible for us to install 'Compact-able Bins' (sponsored) in and around the Crosshaven area? Will CCC collect if we can agree on a specific type?"*



Madeleine said she is not aware of these types of bins and that the bins that are already present are the max sized bins which allow for manual handling.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *“To seek a written report on issues arising from the recent Fire in Ringaskiddy outlining what role the Council has in preparing a Major Incident Emergency Plan for the Ringaskiddy area. Given the concentration of industry in close proximity to a residential area, a specific localised plan should be in place for Ringaskiddy and nearby communities.”*

Cllr. McGrath was grateful for the response. He believes that an emergency plan specific to Ringaskiddy should be created due to the large levels of industry in the area. Cllr. McGrath asked could we get more information on the emergency plans and also ask when the test and review stages of these plans are. Cllr. McGrath added that accessibility is an issue in the area. Cllr. D’Alton full supports and said that a positive discussion had taken place at full council and that the fire can be used as a learning curve, she added that it was very lucky the wind was blowing a certain direction. Cllr. Lombard fully supports the motion.

2. *“To request an update from the Engineer on plans to address the serious surface water ponding issue at Assumption Villas, Rockenham ”*

Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeleine for her response.

3. *“To ask the Engineer to consider immediate traffic calming measures between the Forest Hill roundabout and Rosehill. The main improvement scheme for this stretch is likely to take some time and measures are needed now.”*

Cllr. McGrath noted the response and welcomed the sustainable travel funding. He believes we should look at the possibility of a speed ramp. Cllr. O’Connor added that the clearing of muck and hedging will make a huge difference. Madeleine said that she has no problem looking at additional works and markings.

Cllr. Aidan Lombard

1. *“That the old Fountainstown Road be included in the roads repair program. When the new road was built this road was never abandoned by Cork county council and was always maintained before the new road was built and I am asking that it should continue to be.”*

Cllr. Lombard welcomed the response.

2. *“That the public toilets in Roberts Cove and Rocky bay would be provided from June 1st as opposed to July 1st.”*

Cllr. Lombard welcomes the response and added that he believes that Roberts Cove is ideal for toilet and shower facilities, he believes that this would be a beneficial use of the land owned by the council in the area.



Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

1. *"That the litterbins in the Haulbowline Island park would be opened and made operational without any further delay."*

Cllr. D'Alton said that she understood the difficulties but that the installation of bins is needed to replace the big belly bins which are to be removed. Cllr. D'Alton added that we are obliged to control litter and that we are not doing enough to control pollution and to protect the environment. Cllr. McGrath supports the motion and added that bins are needed but that in an ideal world people would take their rubbish home. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supports. Cllr O'Connor and Cllr. D'Alton that the idea of wheelie bins was explored and that this would not work due to Health & Safety concerns. Cllr. D'Alton asked to write to Cobh MD regarding this issue. Nicola agreed that members comments will be relayed to Cobh MD.

2. *"That Cork County Council would consider the potential of developing a board walk along the top of the beach at Gobby, Ringaskiddy, leading from the beach car park to the amenity of Paddy's Point."*

Cllr. D'Alton believes that 300/350 metres of boardwalk would give a great connection between Gobby Beach car park and Paddy's Point. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan fully supported the motion and added that he believes the value of the project should not deter. Cllr. McGrath supports the motion and asked could enquiries regarding its feasibility be made. Noelle informed members that she would take their queries and comments to Vincent Florish.

3. *"There are three gaps in the footpath at the Cross-River Ferry entrance to allow vehicles to enter and leave the ferry terminal. Pedestrians using this footpath along the R610 have priority. Vehicles often behave as if the priority is theirs. To clarify this priority and to increase safety for pedestrians, I ask the Municipal District to support:*
 - a. *The ramping of the footpaths at each of the three entrances*
 - b. *The continuation of the footpath by painted lines across each of the three entrances."*

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Madeleine for her response and added that it is a very busy footpath and somehow of slowing cars as they turn in is needed. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and added that ramping is essential and is long overdue and that some solution is needed. Madeleine informed members that the dishing of the paths will be carried out and that she will ask the Roads Design Office to look at what can be done.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. *"That the area engineer would make arrangements to have the river at the back of the 8 properties at Tulligmore, Ballinhassig cleared of debris. There are currently Castrol Oil Barrels, plastic waste, a tree and other debris which is across the river. These are possibly hazardous for the local environment and may cause a blockage at Paddy's Bridge. "*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said that these are an environmental hazard and added that if the tree was to breakaway it could cause a blockage at Paddy's Bridge. Cllr. Lombard seconded the motion and



added that the tree needs to be removed. Cllr. McGrath added that this was spoken about at Southern Committee and that a kayaker can no longer kayak from Ballinhassig to Carrigaline. Madeleine said this is not a roads issue and is up to the landowner to remove the tree. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan and asked could we write to the landowner if we find out who it is.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr. O'Connor asked for an update on the Cherry Blossom Road naming process.

Cllr. McGrath wanted to remind about the crossing in Shanbally and raised the issue of leakages in Lisburn Estate. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported Seamus regarding Lisburn. Cllr. D'Alton added that there are underground springs in this area, and this could be the issue.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for an update on Beech Road public lighting. Asked could Ardmore terrace be included on the footpath programme. She also asked when they would the Community Initiative Scheme be opening this year. Cllr. D'Alton also raised the issue of potholes near Castlefarm and drainage issues at the entrance to Marmullane Park. Cllr. D'Alton also asked about emergency Covid signage on greenways.

Cllr. Buckley thanked Madeleine and her team for works carried out in Templebreedy and also asked for an update on bollards at Fountainstown Beach.

Madeleine said once all members are happy with the name Cherry Blossom Road this can be done, all members agreed. She informed Cllr. McGrath that she would not forget Shanbally and that regarding Lisburn she had no update but that there is a huge problem in the area with springs. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that Beach Road is on the list for public lighting works this year. She added that CIS scheme applications can be sent in now. Madeleine also added that she will look at Castlefarm potholes, Ardmore Terrace and also drainage at Marmullane Park. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that she will look into the bollards.

Cllr. Lombard informed the meeting that this would be his last meeting as he is stepping down as an elected member of Cork County Council. He said that he has really enjoyed his time as an elected member and that he is proud of the work the district has carried during his time. All members and staff passed on their thanks for his hard work and wished him and his family well for the future.

This concluded the meeting.