

## CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



**Meeting: 18/01/2021**

Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 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

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton asked that the minutes be amended to show that the Municipal District write to planning to seek clarification on what can be done if someone alters their shop front without seeking planning permission.

Proposed by Cllr. Aidan Lombard and seconded by Cllr. Liam O’Connor.

### 2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Liam O’Connor informed members that meetings are to take place regarding the proposed sports complex with the My Town My Plan group, he will circulate details.

Cllr. D’Alton asked had there been a response from Bus Eireann regarding bus poles. She also asked for updates on lighting at Beach Road, bicycle parking in Passage West and paving at Shanbally.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath asked for updates on lighting in Ringaskiddy and the public toilet in Carrigaline. He also asked was there an update from Bus Eireann regarding Coolmore. Noelle informed members that she would circulate responses from Bus Eireann.

Madeleine informed Cllr. D’Alton that she has no issue with keeping Beach Road on the agenda and noted that there may be scope to do this if there is surplus from the 2020 public lighting programme or if there is a budget for 2021. With regards to paving in Shanbally & bicycle parking in Passage West, contractors have been stood down due to level 5 restrictions.

Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that she will contact Airtricity and public lighting department regarding Ringaskiddy. Electrical connection is still needed for the public toilet and no date is available.

### 3. Disposal of Property

- (i) Substation at Ballea Waterworks to ESB Networks

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Aidan Lombard.

- (ii) Exchange of Land at Kilnagleary, Carrigaline

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath seconded by Cllr. Aidan Lombard.

### 4. MDO Report

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Noelle went through the contents of the report including such items as 2020 TDF spend, which she noted was at €120,000. She noted that Christmas lighting & supports for 2021 needed a more sustainable approach. It is unlikely that any physical events for St. Patrick's day will be able to take place so alternatives may need to be looked at. Streetscape scheme was very successful in 2020 and a decision is needed on whether to continue or possibly expand it to other settlements. Noelle noted that they will work with community groups in Crosshaven and also noted that issues in Passage West in relation to vacant sites and dereliction.

Nicola Radley informed members that framework plans for Crosshaven and Passage West had been discussed at CPG already and will have information relevant to the CDP. These reports will be mindful of previous reports such as the one carried out in Passage West previously. These reports will include 6-8 challenges for town regeneration. The draft report should be circulated to members by the end of February. These reports can be used as a solid base for applying for national funding.

Noelle informed members that there was €3,600 once again available in 2021 for the members discretionary fund if approved. Community fund allocations will be brought before members at the March meeting. There is a new PR & Branding Policy which accompanies the Community Fund applications this year, this will be circulated to members. Appointment of consultants for Ringaskiddy public realm is imminent. Works to Ringaskiddy Community Centre and works under the accelerated measures have been delayed due to Level 5 restrictions. A proposal received from community relating to public realm improvement works at Gobby Beach is to be advanced when restrictions allow.

Cllr. O'Connor suggested that a meeting be scheduled later in the year to discuss arrangements regarding Christmas lights. He also noted that if the funds are available that a new lighting system needs to be considered for 2021. He also asked to consider using the St. Patrick's Day funds later in the year.

Cllr. McGrath thanked the Council for leaving the Christmas lights on. He echoed Cllr. O'Connor's thoughts about Christmas lights needing to be arranged early this year and to engage early with the Business Association. He asked would there be a budget in 2021 to carry out more deep cleaning. He also welcomed frameworks for Passage West & Crosshaven.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked the council for their work on the 2020 Christmas lights and agreed that a partnership with communities going forward is the best solution. She asked if the council would be storing the lights.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked the MDO for the update on the Passage West canopy and noted that she would like to see deep cleaning come from the TDF.

Cllr. D'Alton asked who the consultants for the framework plans were and that they would not undermine the work previously carried out by SECAD in Passage West.

Cllr. D'Alton added that the Passage West Business Association are grateful for the floral display funding.

Cllr. D'Alton asked could the works at Gobby Beach look at making it more wheelchair accessible.

Cllr. Buckley agreed she would like to see the deep cleaning extended to other settlements. She also asked could the council get involved in the Christmas lighting in Crosshaven in 2021 as the

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community groups have standing charges which need to be paid for the electricity. She also noted that new bins are needed in Crosshaven. Madeleine Healy informed members of that she would look into provision of bins in Ringaskiddy & Crosshaven.

Cllr. Lombard would support the extension of the deep clean and also welcomed the framework plans.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan noted his thanks to the Council for leaving the Christmas lights on. He is also in favour of keeping the members discretionary fund as the recipients are very grateful.

Noelle Desmond noted that they would look at convening a group later in the year to deal with Christmas lights. She informed Cllr. O'Connor that they need to be aware of TPREP plans in Carrigaline before installing a new lighting system. She agreed that a partnership with regards to lighting is the way forward.

Noelle noted that the deep cleaning under Project ACT came from the roads budget. Madeleine Healy added that significant funding would be needed each year for deep cleaning. Cllr. McGrath believes that deep cleaning needs to be discussed in more detail at next month's meeting. Cllr. Lombard agreed. Cllr. D'Alton asked could a costing be established for next month's meeting. Noelle said this can be done but defined areas and scope must be decided on. Cllr. D'Alton noted that Tidy Towns groups have applied for funding for the last 2 years under the community contract to carry out street cleaning.

Noelle informed Cllr. D'Alton that the council will be taking down the Christmas lights and storing them and that She will contact the arts officer for an update on the Monkstown mural.

### 5. Members Discretionary Fund

Passage West Maritime Museum	Cllr Marcia D'Alton	€300
Star of the Sea Parents Association	Cllr Marcia D'Alton	€300
Crosshaven Youth Club	Cllr Audrey Buckley	€300
Crosshaven Pitch and Putt	Cllr Audrey Buckley	€300
Carrigaline Community First Responders	Cllr Seamus McGrath	€300
Ballinhassig Community Association	Cllr Seamus McGrath	€300
Tracton Camogie Club	Cllr Aidan Lombard	€300
Tracton Community Playschool	Cllr Aidan Lombard	€300

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Members approved the above allocations under the Members Discretionary Fund, proposed by Cllr. Aidan Lombard seconded by Cllr. Liam O' Connor

### 6. Community Fund

Noelle informed members that this is covered in the contents of her MDO Report. Cllr. Buckley asked are 3 quotes still required. Noelle informed Cllr. Buckley that efforts to get 3 quotes should be made via email/phone etc.

### 7. Village Enhancement Scheme

Outlined in the MDO report.

### 8. To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

#### Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *"I would like to get an update if possible, on the grant applications for The Grassy, Point Road and the Teenager Amenity Park on Churchbay Road."*

Members were informed that cork County Council were awarded funding under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for the development of walking trails at Fort Camden. There was no update as yet on funding for a teen recreational area.

2. *"Any update on the contractor's report - for the continuation/safe passage of the footpath for school going children and residents on the upper road, Crosshaven."*

Cllr. Buckley thanked Madeleine for the response. She asked Madeleine were the surveyors in the area the last few days Council staff. Madeleine said she was unaware of any surveyors in the area.

#### Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *"To request a written update/report on the proposed transportation changes at the eastern corridor/Bothar Guidel in Carrigaline. As we know, the Part 8 was approved in July 2019. Please outline estimated timeline for progression of project."*

Cllr. McGrath acknowledged and welcomed the response. He asked if the district could write to transport and ask them for a completed timeline and funding etc. Cllr. Lombard added his support and noted that it is critical to get this moving as fast as possible.

**Action:** Write to Traffic & Transport to seek more information.

2. *"To ask the Engineer to consider Diamond Hill estate, Monkstown, for resurfacing work in the upcoming Programme and some maintenance work in the interim."*

Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeleine for her response.

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3. *“To request that the Council explore the feasibility of erecting a cover/roof over the outdoor exercise equipment pods, such as those on the Carrigaline - Crosshaven Greenway.”*

Cllr. McGrath believes that if the area is covered it might increase the usage of the equipment. He also asked would it be eligible for ORIS funding and if not could the feasibility and cost be explored. Vincent Florish informed Cllr. McGrath that this would not be eligible for ORIS funding but that he would look into the feasibility of this.

**Action:** Vincent to look into feasibility.

### **Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan**

1. *“That “CCTV in operation” or a similar form of signage would be installed at the parking area of Killingley cemetery. There have been regular occurrences of dumping at the cemetery.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan thanked Madeleine for the response and added that the installation of signage would be welcomed.

2. *“That this Municipal District welcomes the new 225 and 225L Bus routes which has provided a city linked bus service to Waterpark, Bridgemount and Ballygarvan Village, However, I’m requesting that we write to Bus Eireann and the NTA expressing dissatisfaction that the bus will no longer serve Ferney Road. The stop here provided a much-needed link to Edmund Rice College for many students, and indeed many residents.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan thanked Bus Eireann for their response.

3. *“Following a number of previous motions, I’m requesting that the engineer give an update on the need for traffic calming along the upper and lower Kilmoney road. “Slow” road markings, Bigger 50KM signage in both directions and speed indicator signs should be considered. We are also requesting an update on the need for a city bound bus stop at Maurland, Carrigaline.”*

Cllr. Lombard supported all 3 motions. Cllr. D’Alton supports the motion regarding the Kilmoney and believes it is suitable for vehicle activation signage. Cllr. McGrath supports the motion and also believes vehicle activation signage is needed. He also believes that the footpath should be widened, or a safety barrier installed. Madeleine informed members that the Kilmoney Road is on the radar in relation to vehicle activation signage. She also added that the footpath is not an easy fix and is not eligible under the Active Travel scheme.

### **9. Any Other Business**

Cllr. D’Alton raised the issue of people coming from outside the 5km limit coastal areas such as Passage West, Monkstown, Ringaskiddy, Crosshaven etc. Local residents have been complaining that people are breaking the limit. Asked what we as a district could do about this. Cllr. D’Alton commended the Gardai from Togher for setting up a checkpoint but acknowledged only a certain amount can be done. Cllrs. Buckley, Lombard and McGrath all supported this.

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Cllr. D'Alton raised the issue of the bus having nowhere to pull in Lucia Place Passage West due to cars parking. She asked could the bus stop be remarked out or to find a more suitable area, possibly the junction with Beach Road. She added that there is a real issue with congestion and asked about the possibility of installing traffic lights but asked could it be approached with an open mind. Cllr. McGrath supported this and asked would it be more suitable for the bus to stop on the road and raised concerns about the Beach Road junction. Madeleine agreed with Cllr. McGrath that Bus Eireann drivers prefer to stay on the road however she will discuss with traffic and transportation and will try and meet at the location when Covid restrictions allow.

Cllr. McGrath asked could dog fouling signage be erected at Barnaheley cemetery. He also raised the issue of the bus turning at Bothar Guidel and noted that is not very safe. He asked for an update on the lighting of the Famine Graveyard and asked Madeleine about access to the water in Carrigaline from an old slipway. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that she had no issue with erecting signage and that she was also aware of the bus turning due to TPREP works. She also stated that she has not looked at this slipway yet.

Cllr. Buckley asked could the benches in Crosshaven be refurbished. She also asked if signs were erected at Goats Cross warning motorists of pedestrian's council signs. Madeleine said she would speak to the District Supervisor regarding the benches and informed Cllr. Buckley that the signs were council signs. Cllr. D'Alton added that these signs are needed at the top of Church Hill as it is very dangerous. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton this can be looked at.

Cllr. Lombard asked is Waterfall included for road sweeping. He also raised the issue of Irish Water not reinstating roads properly and asked is there an onus on them to do so. He stated that is not good enough to not reinstated roads properly. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan seconded. Madeleine said she fully agreed with Cllr. Lombard and asked that members raise the issue at their clinic with Irish Water. She informed Cllr. Lombard that Waterfall had been swept recently.

Noelle informed Cllr. McGrath that the issue of lighting in the famine graveyard had been sent to the City Council and she would pass on the details. She also added that she has wrote to Irish Water regarding the reinstatements of roads.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**