

## CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held on Floor 16 County Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2020 at 14:00.

**Present:** 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; Sophie Ryan, Assistant Staff Officer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Aidan Lombard (Cathaoirleach), Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Marcia D'Alton and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath the minutes of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by Cllr. Liam O'Connor.

### 2. Matters Arising from The Minutes

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked was there any update from Bus Eireann regarding bus stop poles. Nicola Radley informed she wasn't aware of any update but will follow up.

Cllr. McGrath raised the issue of security in Carrigaline Playground after a number of incidents recently. He asked if locking the playground in the evening could be considered. He also noted that the council could liaise better with the Gardaí on the issue. Cllr. O'Connor asked are other playgrounds locked around the county. Madeleine Healy informed Cllr. McGrath that a review on lighting and CCTV had been carried out. Resources dictate the opening and closing of playgrounds and there are not any current available resources for this. Cllr. McGrath asked could this be kept under review. Nicola Radley said this could be reviewed in context of available budgets. Cllr. McGrath also asked what was delaying the installation of the public toilet. Madeleine said the delay was due to an issue getting electrical connection to the site.

Cllr. O'Connor thanked the council for their response regarding shop fronts. He asked could the district write to the planning department planning that any applications coming into Carrigaline MD that they automatically get conditions put on them. Ask that shop owners comply with the terms of the shopfront programme. Nicola Radley said that advice from planning can be sought. Cllr. D'Alton seconded this and noted that the shopfront design manual an excellent document. Cllr. McGrath noted that planning is not always sought, and this can be an issue.

Cllr. O'Connor thanked the council for their response regarding the multi-use sports complex. Cllr. O'Connor believes that a community driven group is needed to explore the idea further such as the scale and how it will be ran etc. He noted that this group could run in conjunction with the My Town My Plan group. They could work with each other and possibly find somewhere that could serve both groups. Cllr. McGrath noted that the sports complex needs may not be the same as the needs of My Town My Plan. Nicola Radley stated that more detail is needed such as who will use the complex, how much space is needed etc. and that there could also be zoning issues. Cllr. O'Connor asked

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could a list of council owned land in the area be circulated to which Nicola informed him that this can be circulated to members. Cllr. O'Connor suggested a kick-start meeting with My Town My Plan.

### 3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Nicola went briefly through a report which highlighted the projects carried out in the municipal district throughout 2020 and thanked Noelle and Sophie for putting the report together. She added that a separate financial report will be circulated to members. Cllr. McGrath added that he would like to see Project ACT continue in some capacity.

### 4. Members Discretionary Fund

Cllr. O'Connor proposed the Carrigaline Gospel Choir and Carrigaline Lions Club to receive an allocation from the members discretionary fund both were seconded by Cllr. McGrath.

### 5. Roads Programme Updates

Cllr. O'Connor noted that a lot of these updates were covered at a Southern Committee meeting earlier today. Cllr. D'Alton asked was it appropriate to raise the lighting programme and if so, was there an update on Harbour Heights. Madeleine Healy informed Cllr. D'Alton the programme that was proposed for 2020 was to do half of what's required on the Crosshaven road between the GAA club and Health Centre, the rest to go at Harbour Heights, however this road layout is to be rearranged in early 2021 and lighting is to be included in these works. Issue raised in relation to black spot at Orchard Rise where balance went to. New plan is to do Orchard Rise and entire Crosshaven road. Cllr. McGrath welcomes both the Crosshaven Road and Orchard Rise works. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that Beach Road can be discussed in the New Year. Cllr O'Connor said that near the Forest Hill roundabout there is a dark bend in the road and asked could this be considered for lighting. Madeleine said that she can ask the public lighting team to look but cannot guarantee anything.

Cllr. Buckley asked was there any update on Graball Bay and also could the money allocated for the Point Road be spent on a report. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that there is no further update on Graball Bay and that the money is being spent to protect the road.

### 6. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:/To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

#### Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *"Are we as a council following up with builders/homeowners who are digging up the road to ty into wastewater/.? To make sure the road is in a good state. As I know by me the roads re in an awful state afterwards still."*

Cllr. Buckley thanked the council for the response received and noted it is the response she had hoped for. Cllr. McGrath supports

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2. *"I would like to see power washing of our village and town centres. A local business power washed the area by our Christmas tree before our virtual lighting. It was noticed by so many, the fantastic difference that it made to the area."*

Cllr. D'Alton seconded this motion. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding he believes towns and villages should be power washed at least twice a year.

3. *"We would like to add 1 or 2 wheelchair markings please on the carpark by the RCYC/exercise equipment area."*

Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan support the motion.

**Action:** Can be looked at in 2021.

### **Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

1. *"That Cork County Council would install a single ramp at Barr an Bhaile, Passage West to help avoid the present phenomenon of some drivers using Barr an Bhaile/The Meadows to avoid having to go slowly over the ramps on Maulbaun."*

Cllr. D'Alton thanked the council for the response received and asked is there anyway if there was a contribution from residents to put in even one ramp as one ramp would make a huge difference. Madeleine said this could maybe be looked at once the policy document is complete. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion. Cllr. D'Alton asked could this be kept on the agenda.

**Action:** Come back to in 2021.

2. *"That Cork County Council would address the road surface at Laurel Hill, Monkstown which is in a very poor state after shouldering the heavy burden of an unusually significant volume of diverted traffic during the installation of the Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme."*

Cllr. D'Alton thanked the council for the response received and asked as a temporary solution could potholes be filled in. Madeleine added that this could be done.

**Action:** Fill potholes.

3. *"That the Percent for Art scheme would be used in association with the construction of the Carrigaline Western Relief Road. With the Per Cent for Art scheme, 1% of the cost of publicly funded capital for development is allocated to the commissioning of a work of art."*

Cllr. D'Alton thanked the council for the response received. Motion was seconded by Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan.

### **Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. *"To request an update in relation to engagement between the Council and Government Departments regarding the Opening of the public park at Haulbowline."*

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the news that the park is to open in the New Year and asks that members are made aware of an opening date as soon as possible. He also added that the delay

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is inexcusable. Cllr. D'Alton supported the motion and added that there is massive curiosity about the facility.

2. *"To ask the Engineer to undertake a pedestrian safety assessment of the area on Kilmoney Road where the entrances to the Coop Store, the Service Station and carparks to a number of business converge. In my opinion, at the very least, a clear pedestrian pathway should be marked."*

Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeleine for her response and asked could she take this up with the road designs office. He believes measures need to put in place for pedestrians as it is a very busy area. Cllr. O'Connor asked could anything be done to make the pedestrian crossing on Main Street more visible to drivers. Madeleine said aside from signage there is not much can be done as the crossing is an uncontrolled crossing and does not give pedestrians priority. Cllr. D'Alton supports the motion and added that it was her understanding that at junctions' pedestrians had priority. Madeleine said in her opinion by adding lining it would give the pedestrian a false sense of security.

**Action:** Contact RDO to look into this.

3. *"To request that a speed ramp be installed on the original laneway to the Passage West GAA."*

Cllr. McGrath added that a ramp would be a significant safety measure in the area. Madeleine said that a policy is currently being put together to unify response throughout the county re ramps. This document will be available in early 2021.

### **Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. *"That this Municipal District would install ASD friendly/ Sensory Play equipment at Carrigaline Playground, and therefore aim to make the playground "Autism Friendly"."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan noted the positive response and asked that the Municipal District write to the SPC to ask that Carrigaline be considered for a trial. He believes that Carrigaline could set a precedent for the whole county. Cllr. D'Alton seconded the motion and added the Council has come on hugely in understanding the requirements of universally accessible playgrounds. Cllr. McGrath also supports the motion adding facilities for children with additional needs badly needed. Nicola Radley noted that approaches adopted around the county are currently being looked at.

**Action:** Write to SPC to ask that Carrigaline be considered for a trial.

2. *Following my contact with the Municipal District Office, I am calling on the M.D and Engineer to apply for the following schemes under the new Active Travel funding scheme:*
  - (i) *Continue Footpath from Ballinhassig village to Paddy's Bridge*
  - (ii) *Repair old Bridge in Ballyduhig South (school road, Ballygarvan)*
  - (iii) *Footpath from Lower Ballygarvan to Ballygarvan village*
  - (iv) *Repairs of rest of footpaths in Liosbourne estate.*

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Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan referred to a new Government €50 million scheme and asked if funding could be sought from this scheme. Madeleine informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that she didn't know the level of funding which would be allocated and asked members to email her with any of their suggestions. Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked for more clarity on the scheme. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that the scheme is geared towards active travel - footpaths, public transport, crossings, higher priority will be connectivity to schools etc.

**Action:** Members to send their suggestions to Madeleine.

### **Cllr. Aidan Lombard**

1. *I would like to welcome the Watermain replacement for Ballinhassig, Fivemile and Ballygarvan. I propose the district should now write to Irish Water and ask them to fully reinstate the sections of road to the centre line mark that were previously dug up to repair water breaks.*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan seconded the motion and asked to write to Irish Water on the issue. Nicola said that this could be done.

**Action:** Write to Irish Water.

2. *That an examination be done on Coolatooder Bridge between Ballinhassig and the Halfway. There has been a large number of crashes on the bridge since it was replaced, and could it be checked to see is there a solution to this.*

## **7. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. D'Alton asked that all voluntary groups are thanked for their hard work over the Christmas period. Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Buckley supported this. Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan asked to thank Sam Fitzgibbon for his hard work on the Christmas videos. Cllr. Buckley congratulated Cllr. McGrath on the birth of his daughter.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Buckley that the traffic lights are still out in Crosshaven. She added that contractors are currently doing works in the area and are cutting back hedges etc and just leaving cuttings on the ground. Cllr. Buckley also noted that a company had put posters up in the area and still had not taken them down. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that if the traffic lights issue has been logged then it will be dealt with. Madeleine advised Cllr. Buckley to get in touch with the litter warden re the posters.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for an update on the installation of bicycle parking in Passage West and also for an update on the paving in Shanbally. She thanked Madeleine for the lifebuoy in Monkstown and also the vehicle activation signage. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she hoped that the bicycle parking would be in before year end and also that she would look into the paving in Shanbally.

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Cllr. McGrath welcomed the new 225 and 225L bus routes but noted that there is now an issue as the route does not serve Coolmore. He sees no issue for the bus not to serve this area and asked could the MD write to Bus Éireann and the NTA and ask them about this. Cllr. D'Alton seconded this. Cllr. McGrath noted that the lights are out on the approach to Ringaskiddy and asked could this be pursued with the public lighting department. Cllr. McGrath also raised the issue of flooding in the Carrigaline area during high tides and asked is there anything that can be done around this. Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeleine for the bicycle parking outside the library. Regarding flooding Madeleine stated that there is currently nothing planned but said that she will pass onto the flooding section. She will also notify public lighting about the problem in Ringaskiddy.

Cllr. Liam O'Connor noted that Fermoy is always Corks nomination for the Irish Business's against litter awards and asked how Carrigaline could get involved in this. Nicola informed Cllr. O'Connor that she would gather more information and revert.