

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, at 10.30 a.m., at MY Place, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

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**I Lathair:** Cathaoirleach Michael Hegarty presided.  
Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Collins, Twomey, McCarthy, Quaide, Ahern.

**Ag Freastal:** Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.  
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).  
Mrs. Geraldine O’Connell, (Youghal Office).

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020, Special Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, and Annual Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020.**

The Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020, Special Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, and Annual Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Twomey.

**2. Matter Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

**3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

**3.1 Progress Report on the East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme, 2020.**

<b>EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT – ROADS PROGRAMME 2020</b>							
<b>Funding Grant Category</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Road Class</b>	<b>Road Number</b>	<b>Road Name and or Townland Name</b>	<b>Length of Work (m)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost of Work</b>	<b>% Completed</b>
	-	R	-	Regional Road Surface Dressing	5,900	232,210	32%
	-	L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	26,000	533,210	36%
Restoration Maintenance Subtotal =					31,900	765,420	
Restoration Improvement	1	LP	L-3601-53	East Cork – L-3601 Walshtown	1,600	240,000	50%
Restoration Improvement	2	LP	L-3679-0	East Cork – L3679 Cliff Road Ballycotton	600	90,000	Tender Stage
Restoration Improvement	3	LP	L-3642-25, L-3642-28	East Cork – L3642 Ballyvoon to Ballynookery	1,000	150,000	0%

Restoration Improvement	4	LS	L-7690-0, L7691-0	East Cork – L77691/L7690 Glengarrif More, Dundullerick West and Ballynaskeha	2,150	268,750	100%
Restoration Improvement	5	LP	L-3628-0	East Cork – Whiterock from N25 to Thades Cross	1,500	225,000	0%
Restoration Improvement	6	LS	L-3629-0, L7657-0	East Cork – L3629 Bawnard to Rathcoursey to East Ferry	4,000	500,000	90%
Restoration Improvement	7	LP	L3602-16	East Cork – L3601 (Part) at Broderick's X	600	175,500	Tender Stage
Restoration Improvement	8	LT	L-9528-0, L95282-0	East Cork – L9528 Store Street/Greens Quay	150	72,000	Tender Stage
Restoration Improvement	9	R	R-633-31, R-633-67	East Cork – R633 Cropaun to Gortavadda	2,300	563,500	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	10	LS	L-7814-0	East Cork – L7814 Ardglass towards Gurteen Phase 2	350	52,500	0%
Restoration Improvement	11	LS	L-7825-0, L78251-0 (part)	East Cork – L7825 Kilcounty X to Ballyre X	1,200	150,000	90%
Restoration Improvement	12	LS	L-7839-0, L-7840-0	East Cork – L7840 Drishane More	1,500	163,764	0%
Restoration Improvement	13	LS	L-7811-0	East Cork – L7881 Rooskagh Shanagarry	1,700	212,500	0%
Restoration Improvement	14	LS	L7806-0, L-7806-31	East Cork – L7806 Lyre to Breeda Road	1,000	112,500	0%
	RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL* =				19,650	2,976,014	
	TOTAL ROADS PROGRAMME =				51,550	3,741,434	

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By Cork County Council

By Contractor

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that works on the Walshtown Road are now 90% complete and works at Drishane More are commencing today. The Engineer informed the Members that the grader will be gone from the East Cork area in the coming week and will not return until early August.

Cllr. McCarthy asked what timeline is on the works due at Ballymaloe, the Engineer informed the Members that drainage works are to be carried out on this road which should be complete by September.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a section of wall that is leaning onto the road at Rathcoursey and also loose branches as a result of overgrown ditches which are hanging onto the road from Crompaun to Gortavadda. The Engineer will investigate same.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if works were continuing along the road in the Drishane area, Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a short section of a steep hill from Mount Uniacke to Youghal has been badly damaged due to flooding, the Engineer suggested that Cllr. Linehan Foley liaise with him to discuss this matter.

### **3.2 East Cork Municipal District Public Lighting Programme, 2020.**

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following East Cork Municipal District Public Lighting Programme, 2020, to the Members following an allocation of €41,592.

The Engineer informed the Members that in considering priorities in drawing up the proposed programme various criteria were considered as attached, consideration was given to the various motions, representations and requests for public lighting improvements on file and stated that the programme has been prepared jointly with Mr. Michael Cotter, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting.

Ref No.	Municipal District	Location	Description	No. of Additional Lights Proposed	No. of Retrofits Proposed	Estimated Project Cost
1	East Cork	Leamlara Community Hall	New light proposed on existing ESB pole at corner of Community Hall	1	0	€750
2	East Cork	Gortroe, Youghal	Infill and upgrade	2	3	€6,500

			from west of school to crossroads			
3	East Cork	Ballymacoda	New light proposed on existing ESB pole between Lights No. 18 & 19 at Knockadoon side of village	1	0	€1,000
4	East Cork	Pedestrian Crossings Avoncore Place/Broomfield	New light proposed on existing ESB pole adjacent to the push button crossing. Retrofit lights 5 & 6, either side of zebra crossing	1	2	€2,500
5	East Cork	Seafield Road	New lights along recently completed footpath (a number of existing lights on ESB poles to be removed).	5	0	€15,000
6	East Cork	Ballymacoda near Church	Re-orienting Light No. 6 turned into Church and adding an additional light to vacant pole opposite Church gate to light way up to Church. Additional	2	1	€2,000

			light on vacant pole near Daly's bar			
7	East Cork	Spa Hill, Youghal	Retrofitting the 4 ESB poles mounted lights and repair of existing lights in front of Estuary Estate	0	4 + Repairs	€8,842
8	East Cork	Ardnabourkey, Whitegate	Install two new lights to rear of proposed new footpath. Add double head brackets to two (on higher ground) lights in Glebe Manor Estate, to existing section of light public footpath on road.	4	0	€5,000
						<b>€41,592</b>

All the Members thanked the Engineer for his report.

### **3.3 Report Motion 5.1.2. Litter Bins – Midleton and Youghal.**

It was agreed to discuss this matter under Motion No. 5.1.2.

### **3.4 Municipal District Officer's Report – July 2020.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, circulated the following report to the Members:

#### **General Municipal Allocation 2020 (Community Fund Grants).**

At their meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020, the Members considered 108 applications and approved grants totalling €241,300 to community, arts and heritage and sporting groups throughout the Municipal District.

**2020 Amenity Fund:**

A total of €110,425 was allocated to the Amenity Fund for 2020.

**2020 Community Contracts Fund.**

A total of €55, 875 was allocated to the Community Contracts Fund for 2020.

**2020 Capital Fund.**

A total of €75,000 was allocated to the Capital Fund for 2020.

**Midleton to Youghal Greenway.**

Whilst work on the Midleton Youghal Greenway is temporarily on pause it will recommence as soon as COVID 19 restrictions are lifted. To date site clearance has been undertaken and the temporary fencing works have commenced. The 23km long Greenway will bring an important and timely boost to tourism across the County. Youghal and Midleton in particular will benefit. Good for the local economy, increasing tourist spend, supporting existing local businesses and encouraging new enterprise opportunities, it will also be a wonderful recreational resource for local communities.

Site clearance works for the Midleton Youghal Greenway are ongoing and are expected to be completed in mid-July. This work has been undertaken sensitively in order to protect the ecological features and landscape character of the corridor. Topographical survey of the overall route and associated structures will now be undertaken to inform the design process. Cork County Council will shortly be seeking tenders for Landscape Architecture and Interpretive Planning services to ensure there is a focus on delivering a unique visitor experience which is a key objective of the project.

**Midleton Town Centre Improved Access and Enhancement Project, Phase 2.**

Members will be aware of the ongoing works being undertaken to finalise the design and tender documentation for this complex project. Whilst it was expected to go to tender in March, this did not happen as there were additional amendments required to the tender documentation. It is imperative that the tender documentation issued is as comprehensive and complete as possible to enable contractors to submit tender prices and to mitigate the risk of additional costs arising subsequently. At the time of writing I do not have the exact date that the construction contract will be advertised.

Works are nearing completion on the finalisation of Construction Tender drawings and documents for the project on foot of recommendations arising out of a pre-construction Road Safety Audit. It is essential that the recommendations of the Audit are incorporated into the drawings, specifications and pricing documents to enable Contractors to price these works and to mitigate the risk of additional cost and delays arising during the construction phase of the works. Current indications are that tenders for the construction Contract will be advertised in Q3 of 2020 with the appointment of a Contractor in Q4 of 2020.

### **St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Youghal, The Voices of St. Mary's.**

Faillte Ireland have signed off on the Interpretative Plan and the project is scheduled for completion for September 2020.

### **Phase 2 of the Eco Boardwalk.**

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, Mayor of County Cork, signed a contract with Sorensen Civil Engineering Ltd., on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020. Works have commenced and it is anticipated that works will be completed by the end of October, 2020.

### **Front Strand Public Convenience & Lifeguard Facility.**

The project has proceeded to detailed design including ground survey works and site investigations, all of which have been completed. Tender documentation is currently being prepared.

### **Youghal Lighthouse Project.**

An Architect is currently preparing designs for Phase 2 of the works which involve the construction of a viewing area on the seaward side of the building to facilitate proceeding with Part 8 planning procedure.

### **Youghal RRDF Application (Courthouse) – and Public Realm.**

In February 2020, the Council submitted an application under the Department of Rural & Community Development's Rural Regeneration & Development Fund for the regeneration of Youghal Town Centre through public realm and the development of a future vision for the disused Courthouse building. The Members were informed on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 that funding of €281,250 had been approved. This represents 75% of the total project cost and the Council will provide a further €93,750 match funding. This will enable development of the proposal up to and including design and planning. It will not fund any construction works. It will however, facilitate initiation of planning procedure and support the future bid/s for funding for carrying out the construction works.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2018 – Youghal Market Square Dock.**

This project provides for new quality, natural stone paving, revised parking facilities and the installation of Moby Dick Sculpture at Market Square Dock. The project is essentially completed and it is anticipated that the Moby Dick Sculpture will be installed as soon as a date is agreed.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2019.**

In late 2019 the Council was notified that it had been successful on its 2019 Town & Village Renewal application for East Cork for the installation of 8 space 'bike racks' in designated car parking locations throughout the towns and villages of East Cork. The proposal will promote cycling throughout East Cork, and aid the transition at a local level to a low-carbon economy.

The inclusion of these bike racks will further enhance the reputation of East Cork as an outdoor haven for cycling enthusiasts; following the hosting in East Cork of the international first full Ironman competition in the region on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. Approximately €50,000 will be spent on this project.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020. Accelerated Measures in Response to Covid-19.**

This is a new strand of the Scheme for 2020, focused on delivering immediate interventions that can be delivered in the short-term to assist towns and villages in adapting to Covid-19. It will target towns and villages with a population of under 10,000. A maximum of 10 applications may be made county wide. An application is proposed to be submitted in respect of the old Bridewell Gaol, Mill Road, Youghal, for the development of a community garden.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020. Main Strand.**

This will operate on the same basis as has been delivered in recent years, albeit with a particular focus on projects delivering an economic dividend and enabling towns and villages to respond to Covid-19 challenges. The Department is committed to ensuring that towns and villages most in need of support and for towns and villages which have not previously been funded under the Scheme will benefit under the Scheme in 2020.

### **Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM).**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020, Cork County Council received a grant of €394,500 for Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructural Development across Cork County. There are thirteen (13) projects included in the Scheme which cover twenty one (21) separate piers. This grant represents 75% of the overall project cost and Cork County Council will fund the remaining 25% (€131,500). Three projects are located in the East Cork Municipal District.



### **Youghal Harbour – Nealon’s Quay, Market Dock and Green’s Quay. Project Description.**

Safety Improvement Works – (1) Essential Safety Measures to include handrails, toe rails, replacing ladders, mooring rings, mooring bollards, storm weather gate (2) upgrade existing steps and carry out remedial works to pier wall and redeck slipway.

Estimated Cost €80,000 – Grant €60,000 – Match Funding €20,000.

### **Ballycotton Pier. Project Description.**

Fisherman Improvement Works: (1) Provide additional berthage at the deepest section of the pier by infilling steps (2) Fit 1 no. new navigation light at harbour entrance to improve safety of navigation (3) install new fenders at head of main pier to prevent damage to the concrete piles supporting the main pier.

Estimated Cost €30,000 – Grant €22,500 – Match Funding €7,500.

### **Knockadoon Pier and Slip – Project Description.**

New concrete deck on upper section of slipway. Provide section of toe rails on both sides of slipway. New Section at Beach and Breakwater – replace 2 no. ladders at head of Breakwater. New surface water drain with gulley adjacent to gabions. Install standardised Health & Safety (warning) signage.

Cost €18,000 – Grant €13,500 – Match Funding €4,500.00.

The Members thanked the Municipal District Officer for his report.

### **3.5 Eirgrid.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that he had received an e-mail from Michelle Walsh, Liaison Officer for EirGrid in which she stated the Members could arrange a dedicated on line meeting or be contacted individually by phone to update them on the Celtic Interconnector proposed electricity link between France and Ireland.

### **3.6 Town Activation Project.**

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that he is seeking approval from the Members on the following two projects for Midleton under the Town Activation Project.

1. Provision of 2 wheelchair accessible seats for Baby’s Walk Park and Lodge Park area.
2. Provision of 8 sets of seating and planters combined, 4 in Baby’s Walk Park, 2 in the vicinity of the Courthouse and 2 in the Lodge Park area.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy which was seconded by Cllr. Twomey the Members agreed to the provision of both proposals.

#### **4. Business Prescribed by Statute.**

None.

#### **5. Notices of Motion.**

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Can the footpath on the R629 be extended to facilitate residents access to the village of Cloyne, also that a footpath or other safety measures for pedestrians, be looked at for the road from Mullins Cross to Garryvoe Hotel”.

Cllr. Twomey stated that she will revert back to the Senior Executive Engineer regarding the extension of the R629. In relation to the road from Mullins Cross to Garryvoe Hotel Cllr. Twomey informed the Members that there has been an increase in the number of people walking on this road and asked that consideration be given to contacting landowners regarding the cutting back of hedging here in the interest of Health & Safety.

Cllr. Hegarty supported this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this is a rural regional road which does not have great scope for walking and stated the cost of the installation of safety measures at this location could be quite significant however the Engineer stated that the provision of setback fencing could be looked at under the low cost safety scheme.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that the bridge at this area be investigated under the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme. The Engineer informed the Members that he will get an update on this matter and revert back to the Members.

Cllr. Hegarty requested a list of all bridges listed under the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Can this Council please provide a written report outlining the number of rubbish bins in the Youghal area that are serviced by the Youghal Council Staff, also, to include a separate breakdown of dog fouling bins, and the number of bins in the Midleton area that are serviced by the Midleton Council Staff. This report should also include the number of staff in each area”.

Cllr. Twomey asked if a bin could be provided for the Mill Road, Midleton.

All Members supported this Motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, circulated the following report on litter bins in Midleton and Youghal.

Midleton:

Number of Litter Bins: 27.  
Number of Dog Fouling bins: 0.  
Emptied 7 days per week.  
Street Cleaning Outdoor Crew:  
7 No. Monday – Friday (5 days).  
3 No. Saturday and Sunday (2 days).

Youghal:

Number of Litter Bins: 50.  
No. of Dog Fouling Bins: 8.  
Bins emptied 7 days a week.  
Street Cleaning Outdoor Crew:  
4 No. Monday to Friday.  
2 No. Saturday and Sunday for 4 hours each.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Member that the main reason for the extra number of bins serving Youghal related to the topography of the town which results in the long length of the main streets in the town and stated he would like to emphasize that the number of bins in Midleton is not directly related to the level of littering but the irresponsible actions of the public who should be encouraged to use the litter bins in a proper and responsible manner.

Cllr. Twomey stated that while she agreed with the Municipal District Officer's point she is of the opinion that the Mill Road and St. Brigid's warrants the provision of a bin.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that the bin which was removed from the south end of the Main Street be reinstated beside the new bus shelter which she stated would not affect pedestrian traffic at this location.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she is a firm believer in education and awareness campaigns in schools from a very young age in relation to both littering and the danger of dog fouling and asked if there is a funding stream that could be tapped into for the provision of signage to highlight these issues.

Cllr. Quaide stated that Kerry County Council have provided a number of hard hitting signage regarding same and suggested that this is a campaign that Cork County Council could look into more systematically.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that during the Covid-19 Pandemic there was a high amount of indiscriminate dumping on quiet roads which was appalling.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, stated that it is people who create litter and stated that the cleanest settlement in the East Cork area is Castlemartyr where there are no bins in place which proves that the lack of bins does not mean more litter.

Cllr. McCarthy requested that the motion be amended to include the provision of a bin at the south end of the Main Street in Midleton. Cllr. Twomey was in agreement with this amendment and asked that the provision of a bin in the Mill Road be included.

The Municipal District Officer noted both requests.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020.

“That the R269 be included in next year’s programme for minor resurfacing works, particularly on the Lower Road in Ballinacurra and the approach to Cloyne Village”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he is aware of a couple of utility reinstatements at this location and will investigate same.

5.1.4 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“That all Civic Amenity sites in East Cork accept contactless payments as soon as possible as this is a safer option in the current climate”.

All Members were in agreement with this Motion.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that it be passed onto the Environment Section.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“That arrangements be put in place to have the wheelchair access to Beach and Prom Steps end of Boardwalk cleared of stones during the summer to enable buggy’s and wheelchair access”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if this could be looked at as a matter of urgency.

Cllrs. Collins and McCarthy supported this Motion.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“That we as ECMD request a beach buggy similar to the one in West Cork for wheelchair users on East Cork beaches.”

Cllrs. Twomey, Ahern, Hegarty and McCarthy supported this Motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that Mary Ryan, former Director of Service, requested that a company come to Youghal and provide a

demonstration on the beach in Youghal, the buggy proved to be unsuitable as it was unable to access the water safely due to the stony nature of the beach.

Cllr. McCarthy suggested that maybe the provision of a beach buggy could be rotated between different beaches in the East Cork area.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he is in broad agreement that this issue should be pursued.

Cllr. Ahern stated that she will raise this Motion at the next meeting of Coastal Management.

5.1.7 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Cork County Council report, what progress, if any, it has made with regard to the provision of a Council Cemetery in Middleton town, due to the rapid filling-up, of the Parish Cemetery, adjacent to Holy Rosary Church”.

All Members supported this Motion.

The Municipal District Officer had circulated the following Report:

Councillors in the East Cork Municipal District will be aware of the previous work undertaken by the Council to identify suitable lands in Middleton and environs for a new burial ground. No suitable site has been identified. The Council will, as heretofore, continue to evaluate any potential sites that are identified in order to ascertain site suitability. Should any member of Council wish to identify a possible site, this will be investigated by Council officials.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that the Motion be moved at the next meeting of the Southern Committee and also stated that it be included in the County Development Plan.

5.1.8 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“That Council carry out works to help with road safety and reduce speeding on Drury’s Avenue. Works to include: (A). Introducing road markings, particularly at the angle in the road, where many cars tend to go wide and travel to the other side of the road. (B). More street lighting needed between An Stór Hostel and Hydes Funeral Home. (C). Footpath/ parking spaces on the west side of the street and (D). Signage signalling cars to slow down as they approach the lane way leading towards Connolly Street”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will examine these works with Michael Cotter, Road Safety Officer, to see what suggested measures might be appropriate and will revert back to the Members at the September meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

5.1.9 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“That Council investigate a suitable location for an outdoor amenity in the North/West of the town, particularly in the vicinity of Avoncore/Willowbank and Broomfield Village. With a significant population and much planned development there in the coming years, green space is badly needed and consideration to playground/MUGA to be incorporated into any green space allocated”.

Cllrs. Collins, Twomey, Ahern and Quaide supported this Motion.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that the existing green area already on site is very much used and was hoping to get a spotlight on a suitable location once the development of 50 houses in the area was complete.

Cllr. Quaide stated that there is a need for more green spaces around Midleton which should be considered in urban planning developments.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that this is the last piece of green space in this location which should be retained as a playground.

5.1.10 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Damage to the following roads as a result of heavy lorries from Coillte Property with removal of trees:

Sandyhill Road, Tallow, Co. Cork.

Reanduff, Tallow, Co. Cork.

Caher, Tallow, Co. Cork”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Linehan Foley seconded this Motion.

Cllr. Ahern stated that she will email the Engineer with the road numbers. The Engineer will inspect same.

5.1.11 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Redbarn, Youghal, Co. Cork – Constant damage to road along with potholes”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, stated that the road from Beanfield to Redbarn Cross is in good condition, however the road from the holiday homes to the hotel is in poor condition with repairs needed here, the Engineer stated that he will inspect this area as there will be extra footfall here once the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Boardwalk is complete.

5.1.12 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Gortacruce Cross to Ballyspillane, Midleton, Co. Cork – Constant damage to road along with potholes”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Collins supported this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed that the road is in need of strengthening and resurfacing and informed the Members that potholes on this road have been listed for repairs.

5.1.13 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

"That future verge-cutting contracts awarded by the Midleton/Youghal Council contain strict limits so that cutting does not exceed maintaining road sightlines. That an independent assessment of road visibility be carried out to ensure that cutting is curtailed in order to protect biodiversity and the natural beauty of roadside vegetation".

Cllrs. Twomey, Collins, Hegarty and Linehan Foley supported this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, stated that he recognized the limits of safety measures on maintaining sight lines on this stretch of road and informed the Members that while almost all cutting of grass verges and litter picking on the R630 & the N25 are carried out once or twice a year there are a couple of areas where this might be restricted. The Engineer agreed to meet with Cllr. Quaide on site to inspect same.

5.1.14 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“That the damage to the road caused by a sink-hole in Millbrook Court, Midleton, be fixed as a matter of urgency.”

Cllrs. Twomey and Collins seconded this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that there are two separate sinkholes in this area that were recently inspected and fenced off, the Engineer stated that it would cost €5,000 to excavate and refill these sinkholes and stated that funding is not available presently to carry out these works but can be looked at later in the year through discretionary funding.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Repairs to road – Corbally North, Lisgoold”.

Cllrs. Ahern and Collins seconded this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this road has been inspected and is listed for repairs.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Flooding at O’Neill-Crowley Terrace, Ballymacoda, these works were committed to be attended to in last year’s Programme of Works”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, stated that he will reactivate these works.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

“Repairs to roads from Garryvoe Crossroads to Kilcredan School and onto O’Connell’s Cross, any update on Gortavadda Crossroad safety upgrade”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, stated that the provision of additional road markings and bollards are due for Gortavadda Crossroad.

## **6. Correspondence:**

None.

## **7. Any Other Business:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer for the provision of a new Red Flag at Greenhole Beach and asked if any type of danger signage could be provided for this area. The Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that she will investigate the provision of a ‘No Swimming Beyond this Point’ sign.
2. Cllr. Susan McCarthy congratulated Cllr. Linehan Foley on her new role as Mayor of Cork County. All Members wished to be associated with this.
3. Cllr. Hegarty thanked all concerned for their participation in today’s meeting and gave a reminder that no meeting will be held in the month of August.

**The date of Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020, was approved for the next Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.**

**This concluded the business of the Meeting.**