

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 3rd June, 2020, at 10.30 a.m., at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

I Lathair: Cathaoirleach Mary Linehan Foley presided.
Cllrs. Collins, Hegarty, Twomey, McCarthy, Ahern

Leathscéal: Cllr. Quaide.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6th May, 2020.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th May, 2020, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Ahern.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

2.1 Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the proposed bus shelter at Convent Cross and stated that he has received no update from Cormac Ó Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer, Traffic and Transportation Section, regarding this matter and asked when he could expect a response from the Engineer and asked what the situation is on the Bus Shelter outside of DAWG.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that works have commenced on the provision of bus shelters as approved last September. The Engineer stated that the focus at the moment is on town centres and getting the roads programme back on track. In the meantime the Engineer agreed to contact Cormac Ó Súilleabháin to request a report and revert back to the Members with same.

2.2 Cllr. Ahern raised the issue of Ardnahinch Beach and informed the Members that Gardaí had to disperse members of the public from the beach at the weekend as social distancing measures had been breached. Cllr. Ahern stated that a lot of rubbish was left on the beach and asked if there was any progress on the Council doing beach clean-ups.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that we have no resources at present and cannot rely on various voluntary groups due to Covid - 19 restrictions. The Engineer agreed to meet with Cllr. Ahern to discuss this matter and stated that if the rubbish is bagged he will look at having it removed.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

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

Mr. Dave Clark, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following Progress Report on the East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme 2020 to the Members:

EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT – ROADS PROGRAMME 2020							
Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	Estimated Cost of Work	% Completed
	-	R	-	Regional Road Surface Dressing	5,900	232,210	0%
	-	L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	26,000	533,210	0%
Restoration Maintenance Subtotal =					31,900	765,420	
Restoration Improvement	1	LP	L-3601-53	East Cork – L-3601 Walshtown	1,600	240,000	0%
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	70%
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	Contract Awarded
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 Crompaun 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	0%
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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* Note: Road strengthening works at Glengarriff More, Dunellerick West and Ballynaskeha, scheduled to commence week beginning 30th March, 2020, commenced week beginning 18th May, 2020, following lifting of COVID – 19 restrictions on outdoor construction work.

*Note: Surface dressing works originally scheduled to commence week beginning 11th May, 2020, rescheduled to week beginning 8th June, 2020, due to COVID – 19 restrictions. Advance preparation works (clearing of sod at edge of road, opening back drains etc.) for surfacing projects, suspended due to COVID – 19 restrictions, recommenced week beginning 27th April, 2020.

The Engineer informed the Members that the grader will be in place in the next week for works on the Walshtown Road, it will then be placed in Youghal and will revert back to finish works on the Walshtown Road.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy thanked the Engineer for the works on the Bawnard to Rathcoursey Road and asked what section of road is being carried out on the Walshtown Road. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the works are continuing 1.5 km north up to Ballyedmond Hill.

Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the works at Store Street/Greens Quay area.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that tenders had been received and costs awarded for the works at this area.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if it would be financially viable to continue on with the works on the remainder of the road at the back of Aldi.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that there are some issues here to be resolved and once these have been resolved he will revert back to the Members regarding same.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the road from Ballincurrig Top Cross to the Lisgoold area which he stated are full of potholes and asked if repairs can be carried out on this road.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that although this road needs strengthening with repairs works carried out here during the year this road is not on the Roads Programme for 2020. The Engineer also stated that you can log complaints through the Midleton or Youghal Office or through yourcouncil.ie.

3.2 Community Fund Grants Scheme 2020. Consideration of applications and recommendations in relation to the Community Fund Grants Scheme 2020.

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that €300 from the reserve fund of the Community Grants Scheme 2020 be allocated to the Killeagh Community Hall to help kick start their fundraising measures. Cllr. McCarthy seconded this proposal.

Cllr. McCarthy proposed that an extra €500 be allocated to the Whitegate Rowing Club for the upgrading of equipment. Cllr. McCarthy stated that while the Members were informed all sporting groups are allocated €1,000, East Ferry Rowing Club were allocated €3,000 from the 2020 Grant Scheme.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that they may recall Whitegate Rowing Club received a grant of €4,000 from last year's scheme which was an increase of €3,000. The Municipal District Officer stated that East Ferry is a neighbouring sister club to the Whitegate Club and stated that we as a Council must be seen to be as fair as possible to every club when allocating these grants.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that we meet once again in-committee to further discuss the allocation of these grants.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, agreed with Cllr. Hegarty but informed the Members that it would delay the allocation of grants.

The Members agreed that €300 be allocated to the residents of Killeagh Community Hall with the extra €700 kept as reserve funding.

3.3 Pay Parking.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she is proposing a three month suspension of paid parking for Youghal to help businesses recover in the current climate of COVID -19 restrictions. All Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, stated that this matter will be reviewed in three months.

3.4 Town and Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that the 2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme will operate on the same basis as has been delivered in recent years and stated the scheme which has given rise to interesting projects throughout the county has benefited the East Cork area well over the past few years including public realm works and the enhancement of town centre amenities in towns and villages such as Youghal and Cloyne.

The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the grant level is 90% of the total cost of the project with the remaining 10% match funding to be contributed by the Local Authority and/or the community.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that all projects need to be shovel ready and delivered within a timeframe of twelve to eighteen months and stated that the closing date for the scheme is 28th August, 2020.

The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that Cork County Council will be seeking an expression of interest throughout Cork County with six proposals to be selected. The 2020 Scheme will be targeted at two categories of Towns/Villages as follows:

Category 1: Towns and Villages with a population of up to 5,000 people.

Category 2: Towns with a population of 5,001 to 10,000 people.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2020:

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that Minister Michael Ring, Minister for Rural & Community Development, announced funding of €10 million under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2020. The Scheme relates to the development of new and existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that the 2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will provide funding under the following 3 separate measures:

Measure 1: Small Scale Repair/Promotion and Marketing (Grant up to €20,000).

Measure 2: Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail/Amenity Development (Grant up to €200,000).

Measure 3: Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategic Trail/Amenity Development (Grant up to €500,000).

The closing date for application for Measure 1 is 30th September, 2020.

The closing date for Measures 2 & 3 is 30th November, 2020.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute:

4.1 Deciding on a Date for the Holding of the Annual Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District, 2020.

The Annual Meeting of the East Cork Municipal District is provisionally booked for 10 a.m., on Monday the 22nd of June, 2020. A formal notice will issue in due course.

5. Correspondence:

None.

6. Any Other Business:

- Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the Red Flag at Greenhole, Youghal be replaced.
- Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of poles in Tallow Street, Youghal, which have been removed. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that contractors have been repairing a small number of poles around the town and he will investigate same.
- Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if Knotweed which has spread from the railway line into the back gardens of some of the properties in McCurtainstown be removed. Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Member that this is the responsibility of the homeowner as these are private properties. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that Knotweed is eradicated over a number of seasons and needs to be sprayed in late September. The Engineer stated that there is plenty of advice online on how to eradicate same.
- Cllr. McCarthy also stated that there is a problem with Knotweed in Ballycotton, Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this area is not amenity land and is not the responsibility of Cork County Council.
- Cllr. McCarthy asked if the speed limit could be reviewed on the R627 at Kathleen Doyles Hill. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this is a rural road with ribbon development over the years, the Engineer will list this road for review over the coming weeks.
- Cllr. McCarthy asked if the bins which are closed off at the Farmer's Market could be re-opened. Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that he has responded to correspondence received on this matter and informed Cllr. McCarthy that her comments have been noted.

- Cllr. Hegarty asked if consideration could be given to the installation of speed ramps at Ballymacoda Village and stated that due to COVID – 19 restrictions there is less traffic on the road which has resulted in more speed. All Members supported this request.
- Cllr. Linehan Foley expressed her thanks to Cork County Council for awarding the street cleaning contract to Kenco Cleaners and thanked them on a 'job well done'. All Members wished to be associated with this.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.