

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON MONDAY
7TH MARCH 2022.**

Present: Cllrs. C. Rasmussen, A. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, S. Sheppard, A. Barry & S. O'Callaghan.

Officials: Mr. S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer
Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

1. PART 8 – CARRIGTWOHILL TO MIDLETON INTER URBAN CYLCEWAY PHASE 1.

Cormac Ó'Súilleabháin of Cork County Council's Traffic and Transportation Section stated that 10 submissions had been received from members of the public and 3 from Statutory Bodies in relation to the cycleway, details of which were contained in the C.E.O's report which had circulated to the members. Cllr. A. Barry stated that the cycleway had been a long time coming and the infrastructure was badly needed. Cllr. A. O'Connor enquired where the funding was coming from and the time scale envisaged. Cllr. S. O'Callaghan also enquired where the funding was coming from. C. Ó'Súilleabháin stated that it was hoped that the detailed design would be in place early next year, with a view to putting it out to tender in Q2. The funding would be supplied in its entirety by the N.T.A.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, it was agreed to recommend the proposal to Full Council.

2. DEIMHIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ/CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MD MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr seconded. S. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th February were adopted.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Watergrasshill Lights:

G. O'Hora stated that the lights had now been activated.

Lake Road:

G. O'Hora stated that the road lining had now been completed.

Top of the Hill:

G. O'Hora confirmed that the contractor was progressing the works required.

Knockraha:

G. O'Hora stated that Cork County Council have completed their works and were now waiting on the ESB.

Kilquane Cemetery:

G. O'Hora stated that the works to deal with the ponding would commence next month.

O'Shea's Boreen, Watergrasshill:

G. O'Hora stated that drainage works had commenced in the area.

Rushbrooke, Cobh:

G. O'Hora stated that the cleaning had been carried out.

Loading Bay, West Beach:

G. O'Hora stated that lining of the loading bay had been added to the contractors list.

Main Street, Carrigtwohill:

G. O'Hora stated that some repairs had been carried out, but that there was not enough funding to carry out the complete resurfacing of the road this year.

Ballywilliam:

G. O'Hora stated that remedial works and additional signage had been listed.

Cathedral Road:

G. O'Hora stated repairs had been carried out. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that further works were required at this location. Engineer to examine.

Carrignafoy Terrace:

G. O'Hora stated that the area had been listed for a more thorough investigation.

Barryscourt Roundabout:

G. O'Hora stated that 2 new signs had been erected at either side of the junction.

Little Island:

This area had been added to the list for the road lining contractor.

Whitechurch School:

G. O'Hora stated that Airtricity were to install the lights shortly.

Knockraha/Springhill:

Potholes had been repaired.

Carrigtwohill to Knockraha Road

Repairs had been carried out.

Ballinagluck Road:

Resurfacing had commenced and the lining would be done when these works were completed.

Blackstone Bridge:

Repairs had been carried out. Cllr. O’Callaghan queried where these repairs had been carried out, she will send photographs and the exact location to G. O’Hora.

Lynchs Quay:

G. O’Hora stated that the road had been cleaned and remedial repairs carried out.

West Beach:

G. O’Hora confirmed that the road had been cleaned and repaired.

Top of Hill:

G. O’Hora stated that a contractor had been appointed to examine the lights.

Colaiste Muire:

G. O’Hora stated that he was still awaiting a report from the Architects Department.

Ballymore Cemetery:

G. O’Hora confirmed that funding had been allocated for the upkeep of the cemetery and that the grass would be cut again this year.

Bus Shelters Cobh:

G. O’Hora confirmed that plans were being progressed for bus shelters.

Thanks:

Cllrs. S. O’Connor and C. Rasmussen expressed their thanks to the engineers for works at the graveyard.

4. COMHFHREAGRAS/CORRESPONDENCE.

1. P. Lynch stated that no response had been received to date from the letter sent to Irish Water following the February meeting.
2. The response from TII regarding the upgrade of the N25 had been circulated to members, which stated that no funding was available in 2022 to carry out works.

Cllr. A. Barry stated that the N25 was incapable of taking the amount of traffic currently using the road. He expressed his concern about the volume of traffic that would be diverted through Carrigtwohill if all the planning applications currently being processed for developments in the area were granted. His request that another letter be sent to TII met with unanimous approval from the members. Cllr. C. Rasmussen suggested that the members arrange a meeting with Minister Ryan and sought Cllr. A. O’Connor’s assistance. Cllr. S. O’Callaghan stated she agreed with Cllr. Barry that the proposed density was not compatible with the existing infrastructure. It was agreed that P. Lynch would write to Minister Ryan seeking an urgent meeting.

3. Cllr. S. Sheppard asked if any response had been received from the developer of Cluain Ard in relation to the lights and requested another letter be sent. Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that some works had been carried out by the Council and also a

survey had been carried out to ascertain what other works were required. P. Lynch to check with the Estates Department and Public Lighting Section before sending further correspondence.

5. TUAIRISCÍ ó OFIGH/OFFICER'S REPORTS.

1. G. O'Hora had several had several drawings to put before the members in relation to the proposed safe school route for Rushbrooke school and traffic calming measures for Park Road and Aherne's Place.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O'Connor, it was agreed to start the Section 38 process.

2. G. O'Hora presented the Public Lighting Programme 2022. On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. S. O'Connor, the programme was approved.
3. G. O'Hora stated that 2 drawings showing the proposed bus stops for Belvelly and Carrigaloe were almost complete. The plans include 2 laybys at the entrance to Fota Wildlife Park and an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Carrigaloe, near Marino Villas. The drawings would be put before the members at the next meeting for approval.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen expressed his thanks to the engineers for their work and also wanted to note the efforts of Gerry Moore, Carrigaloe, who first started this process over 4 years ago. Cllr. Sheppard stated it was a very positive day for the residents who had been looking for the bus stops for a long time and thanked Mr. O'Hora and Mr. O'Sullivan for facilitating a number of meetings with the residents and bus company.

6. TUAIRISCÍ ó OIFIGEACH CEANTAIR BARDASACHA/MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER'S REPORTS.

P. Lynch detailed the amounts spent under the GMA and TDF for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Applications had now closed for the various community schemes for 2022 and staff were working through them, it was hoped that the members would be able to meet in committee to discuss same before the end of March and be allocated at the April meeting. Cllr. A. Barry stated that in the past a number of residents' groups had applied late for the grants, if this is the case this year, could they also be included at this stage. P. Lynch replied that 4 groups had been in contact with the office after the closing date, it was agreed that these applications would be considered as if they had been submitted on time. Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that Cobh Museum had also failed to apply online and requested that they also be considered. There was also a proposed literary festival on Spike Island seeking funding. P. Lynch replied that the festival could apply for funding from the Tourism or Arts office, Cllr. O'Callaghan stated that applications were still open online for these grants.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen it was agreed that Resident's Groups that had submitted late applications would be considered on the same basis as those who had applied before the deadline

The application of Ms. Sharon Piper for a Funfair licence for 17th – 20th March was approved on the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O'Connor.

P. Lynch stated that a County wide policy on the usage of public parks by organisations for events was currently being drafted. The licences issued by Cobh MD under the Parks Use Policy are due to expire on 31st March, on the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O'Connor, it was agreed to extend these licences until such time as the new policy is introduced.

7. FOGRAÍ RÚN/NOTICES OF MOTION.

To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:

That this Council erect speed signs at Brooklodge East due to the increased levels of traffic of late.

Cllr. A. Barry stated that the road between Glanmire and Knockraha was very built up and the signage was inadequate. The volume of traffic was very concerning.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed that the G. O'Hara would consider erecting additional signs.

To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllrs. Cathal Rasmussen & Sinead Sheppard:

That this municipal would allocate the funding from the paint scheme to help deal with the painting of derelict buildings in the municipal area in line with the council's efforts to deal with dereliction in the town centres.

Cllr. Sheppard stated that huge efforts had been made to tackle dereliction throughout the Municipal Districts. Cllr. Barry stated he fully supported the motion and queried if shop front signage was eligible for funding under the paint scheme. P. Lynch replied that in the past the paint scheme had been used to update shop fronts and signage.

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. Barry it was agreed that P. Lynch would contact the Architects Department to find out what type of signage would be eligible for funding.

8. AON GHNÓ EILE/ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr. A. Barry:

8.1 **Ballynagoul Cross:** There are a number of potholes on this road, toward Knockraha. Engineer to examine.

8.2 **Church Road, Carrigtwohill:** The road adjacent to the eircom manhole cover was in appalling condition. Engineer to examine and contact eircom if necessary.

- 8.3 **Carrigane Road:** Very bad potholes. Engineer to examine.
- 8.4 **Templecurriheen Graveyard:** Cllr. Barry enquired as to who owned the graveyard and if it was Cork County Council, could it be extended? There appeared to be land adjacent to the graveyard which could be suitable. Engineer to investigate.

Cllr. A. O'Connor:

- 8.5 **Rushbrooke:** Looking for an update on the Speed Review. Engineer responded that the survey had not yet been carried out.

Cllr. S. O'Callaghan:

- 8.6 **Monard Lane, Rathpeacon:** Works need to be carried out at this location. G. O'Hora replied that a contractor was cutting trees there at the moment and plans were in place to carry out clearance of the verges.
- 8.7 **Watergrasshill:** The footpath outside O'Mahony's Bar in Watergrasshill going towards Centra was in bad repair, some of the bricks are missing and the kerbing has moved. G. O'Hora asked if there were any objections to replacing the bricks with concrete as the bricks have not weathered well.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen:

- 8.8 **Hardware House, Cobh:** The road surface in front of Hardware House was in very bad condition. R. O'Sullivan stated that it was listed for repair.
- 8.9 **Low Road:** The road between the Low Road and High Road at the Whitepoint end in very bad condition. Engineer to examine.
- 8.10 **Cuskinny Hill, Cobh:** Is Cork County Council cutting trees on Cuskinny Hill? No

G. O'Hora stated that the light at Cooline, Cobh would be put up by Airtricity this month. Also there was some funding available for further additions to the footpath programme if members wished to suggest locations no later than the end of this week.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Municipal District Officer.