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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Dunmanway Swimming Pool on 2nd June 2020 at 14.30

Members present:

Cllrs. Karen Coakley, P. Hayes, D. Collins P.G. Murphy, D. Hurley,

K. Murphy, D. Kelly, R. O'Connell

In attendance:

John Ahern S.E.E Kevin Lynch E.E.

Mac Dara O h-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.

Justin England M.D.O. Mary T. McCarthy S.O.

Cllr. J. Carroll presided.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Cllr. D. Hurely called for the suspension of standing orders to discuss the current withdrawal of the cardboard and plastic recycling service at the Dunmanway Bring Centre. The service is still unavailable despite the fact other Civic Amenity Sites in West Cork have recommenced a full complement of services. A notice has been put in place at the centre advising people they can recycle in Bandon/Clonakilty or Skibbereen centres. Cllr. Hurley stated that this is totally unacceptable, the town has its own recycling centre, but locals can't recycle and they are being advised to travel twenty kilometres to use other centres. In the current situation with Covid 19, travel is restricted to 5km for non essential journeys, which makes it impossible to recycle cardboard and plastic at present in Dunmanway. This is leading to a lot of frustration and a real danger of people burning or dumping these items in ditches, sides of road, in forests etc. which is totally unacceptable. Members supported Cllr. Hurley's request for an update on the future of this service. The S.E.O. undertook to seek a report from the Environment Directorate.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MDWC MEETING OF 02-03-20

At the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork meeting held on 2nd June 2020 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

At the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes the minutes of the Special In-Committee Municipal District of West Cork meeting held on 14th May 2020 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.



NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. D. Hurley

"That this council install vehicle activated speed signs at the entrances to Ballineen and Enniskeane Villages to deal with the ongoing issues of vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the Villages."

Report from Mr. John Ahern S.E.E.:

"The cost of supplying and fitting Driver Feedback signs is between €7k and €8k. These are normally funded 50:50 between the local community and the Local Authority, or, in cases where the location is in a CLAR area 100% grant aided, following a successful CLAR application for funding. The Dunmanway area office of Cork County Council does not presently have a budget for the installation of the driver feedback signs, but the situation will be kept under review as the year goes on. It should be noted that it is widely accepted that the effectiveness of the driver feedback signs tends to wane over time. The enforcement of the speed limits is a matter for An Garda Siochana".

Members expressed support for Cllr. Hurley's Notice of Motion and noted many other villages in West Cork that have requested the installation of Driver Feedback Signs and traffic calming measures. Members agreed on a rolling programme for the installation of Driver Feedback Signs, possibly two villages per year, subject to available funding. Cllr. Hurley recommended the formulation of a Municipal District Programme and undertook to raise the matter at the next Road & Transportation SPC Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

June 2020 Monthly Review - Project ACT update

Mr. J. England M.D.O. briefed members on the Project ACT to date. First round of meeting were held with the second round commencing on 03-06-20. Organisations at the first round of town meetings were invited to forward submissions within seven days which will be discussed at subsequent meetings. Outdoor space for cafes/restaurants and vulnerable and age friendly parking as well as one-way pedestrian systems were suggested. The S.E.O. noted that several of the suggestions were strategic rather than immediate and advised members to encourage the public to engage in the Cork County Development Plan Public Consultation Process.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. K. Coakley requested the provision of public convenience facilities on Sherkin Island.

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding the lack of maintenance of Glandore Burial Ground, the S.E.O. noted that caretakers were instructed not to commence the upkeep of burial grounds when Covid-19 restrictions were put in place as it was not essential works but have now been directed to proceed with maintenance works.

In reply to a request from Cllr. D. Collins for the resumption of the attendance of a Recycling Truck at Bantry Harbour View Car Park on Mondays and Fridays which was discontinued due Covid-19 restrictions, the S.E.O. undertook to seek a report from the Environment Directorate.

In reply to a request from Cllr. D. Collins for the removal of litter from Garnish Pear near Dursey Island, the S.E.E. agreed to consult with Mr. T. Browne, Litter/Waste Inspector re same.

Cllr. D. Collins requested that the Cork County Council Veterinary Section are notified about the presence of a donkey and foal currently in unsuitable conditions at Harbour View, Bantry.

Cllr. J. Carroll expressed concern about large areas of Baltimore Piers being used for storage.

Cllr. P. Hayes requested a speed review at Shannonvale, Clonakilty with a view to the installation of traffic calming measures.
Cllr. D. Hurley noted illegal dumping at Kilbarry Bridge, Dunmanway
VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS
Members congratulated Cllr. Declan Hurley and his wife Catherine on the birth of a son on 22-05-20.
Following the conclusion of the monthly meeting agenda, the Members met in committee and approved the allocation of grants under the 2020 West Cork Community Grants Scheme as outlined by the M.D.O.
This concluded the business of the meeting.
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