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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Cork County Council Chamber, Old Mill, Kent Street, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 6th January 2020

Members present: Cllrs. Karen Coakley, Holly Cairns, P. Hayes, D. Collins P.G. Murphy,
C. O'Sullivan,

In attendance: John Ahern S.E.E.
Kevin Lynch E.E.
Michael Tobin E.E.
Cait Lehane E.E.
Mac Dara O h-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.
Hazel Murphy C.O

Cllr. J. Carroll presided.

Apologies: Cllr. D. Hurley, Cllr. K. Murphy, Justin England M.D.O., Mary T. McCarthy S.O.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

At the proposal of Cllr. C. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork meeting held at Lehanmore Community Centre, Beara on 2nd December 2019 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding the footpath at Gortnaclohy, Skibbereen, the SEO is to give an update at the next meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. K. Coakley, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes

- a. *I call upon this Council to review the plans for the Marsh Car Park, Skibbereen and provide linkage to Bridge Street via the pedestrian bridge. The Council should consult with Bus Éireann to provide an alternative bus stop when the Marsh car park is developed. This would alleviate the congestion caused in Bridge Street. The bus stop must be moved from its present location. The Marsh is a perfect area for a bio diversity project and this could be incorporated with the car park, it would be a great attraction and encourage people to play their part in making our town more environmentally conscious.*

The SEO told the meeting that Local Area Plans are to be reviewed shortly and suggested that this would be a more appropriate forum to discuss the matter. The Pedestrian Bridge is the subject of a planning enforcement and will require time to resolve. Monies set aside by the former Skibbereen Town Council remain in place.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. H. Cairns

- b. *I request an exact date for the resurfacing of Marino Street and Glengarriff Road, Bantry for 2020 as I was led to believe it was going to be done on the first quarter of 2020 but now I believe it is not on the programme of works for the same year .*

Mr. K. Lynch E.E. noted that the road is the responsibility of the TII no date for the works has been received. Cllr. Collins requested a letter be sent to the TII and Minister Ross requesting the works be done in 2020.

Cllr. P.G. Murphy suggested that Padraig Barrett, Director of Roads should also be written to.

Cllr. P. Hayes said clarity should be sought from Irish Water as to whether any works were planned for the route and if this is reason for the delay.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. C. O'Sullivan requested an update for the next meeting on the proposed Part 8 for the Clonakilty Walkway.

Cllr. C. O'Sullivan enquired as to whether there were any plans for a footpath and to widen the road on lands gifted to the Council near Casey's Hotel in Baltimore.

Cllr. K. Coakley asked for an updated on works at the Courthouse, Skibbereen as the building looked shabby on recent television footage. The SEO informed the meeting that no funding was available in the current budget for same.

Cllr. H. Cairns queried what was happening with the Old Scout Hall in Skibbereen and if there were any plans for it. The S.E.O informed the meeting that Cork County Council is to take it back into possession. The building was used for storage and needs to be cleaned. Two groups are interested in leasing the building, 183 Notices would be sent to members before it is leased.

Cllr. P Hayes requested if a meeting could be organised with Tidy Towns Committees to discuss applications and share knowledge for the coming year.

Cllr. P. Hayes queried if the delay in the construction of the new fire station in Clonakilty was on the Cork County Council side. The SEO advised the project was funded by the Department and the Clonakilty station was third on the current list to be built.

Cllr. D. Collins queried the list and funding for local road schemes. The SEO said the current rules that apply will to be circulated to members.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Declan Hurley on his recent marriage.

Cait Lehane E.E on her recent marriage.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

To the wife and family of Dan Crowley, Cork County Vet who passed away on the 30th December 2019.

To Fiona & Jennifer Dempsey on the death of their father Denis Dempsey R.I.P.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH _____

DATE _____