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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Dunmanway Swimming Pool on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 11.00 a.m.

**Members present:** Cllrs. Karen Coakley, P. Hayes, D. Hurley,  
K. Murphy, D. Kelly, J. Carroll, R. O'Connell

P.G. Murphy per Phone link

**In attendance:** John Ahern S.E.E  
Kevin Lynch E.E.  
Niall Chamberlain 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. D. Collins presided.

Apology received from Ms. R. O'Brien

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Kelly seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes members agreed to receive a deputation from Chapel Street, Dunmanway to discuss a request for a submersible pump for the lake in Dunmanway. Mr. Con O'Leary requested the installation of a minimum ten-inch automated submersible pump and the widening of a culvert to prevent an occurrence of flooding on Chapel Street. Ms. Mavourneen Smith outlined that her house was first flooded in 1959. Ms. Smith described the distress caused by the flooding of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and praised the assistance received from her neighbours and a retired Cork County Council worker. Ms. Smith expressed concern that flooding will be exacerbated following the proposed construction of thirty-two houses on Spa Road.

Members supported the deputation and requested that a letter should be sent to the Office of Public Works in support of a project to install an automated submersible pump without delay. Members noted the lack of outdoor workers resulted in drains not being maintained regularly.

Members thanked Mr. Con O'Leary and Ms. Mavourneen Smith for addressing the meeting.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MDWC MEETINGS OF 06-07-20 & 31-08-20**

At the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding a request for the provision of public convenience facilities on Sherkin Island, the S.E.O. noted he is awaiting contact from the local community re same.

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding the proposed Skate Park in Skibbereen, the M.D.O. noted that works are due to commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Hurley regarding footpath repairs required at Kilbarry, Road, Dunmanway, Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that funding has been secured for footpath refurbishment and a programme of works will commence shortly.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Collins regarding previous Notices of Motion requesting a resumption of recycling facilities at Bantry and Dunmanway, the S.E.O. noted that no update has been received.

In reply to a query from Cllr. J. Carroll regarding the public convenience facility at Ballineen, the S.E.O. noted that members did not reach a decision regarding the future use of the site at the July 2020 M.D. Meeting and reminded members to consider same in future budget discussions. Cllr. D. Hurley noted that a petition is currently ongoing in Ballineen to retain and refurbish the facility. Cllr. P. Hayes noted that Bus Eireann do not provide buses with toilet facilities on commuter routes.

## **STATUTORY BUSINESS**

- a. Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of right-of-way to public road at Pairc Goodman, Skibbereen to ESB Networks, ESB Brookway, Dunmanway, Co Cork - Substation site measuring 8 sq. metres with 3m-wide right-of-way

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley seconded by Cllr. K. Coakley, members approved the Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of right-of-way to public road at Pairc Goodman, Skibbereen to ESB Networks, ESB Brookway, Dunmanway, Co Cork - Substation site measuring 8 sq. metres with 3m-wide right-of-way, for a consideration of one euro and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- b. Disposal of Site A (0.0836 hectares) and Site B (0.1068 hectares), School Road, Durrus, Co. Cork to Ciaran Cronin.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Murphy seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the disposal of Site A (0.0836 hectares) and Site B (0.1068 hectares), School Road, Durrus, Co. Cork to Ciaran Cronin for a consideration of fifty thousand euro and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- c. Disposal of Site No. 18 (0.3189 hectares), Dromleigh Heights, Dromleigh North, Bantry to David & Katie O'Shea.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Murphy seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the disposal of Site No. 18 (0.3189 hectares), Dromleigh Heights, Dromleigh North, Bantry to David & Katie O'Shea for a consideration of ninety-four thousand euro and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- d. In accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) - Cork County Council gives notice of its intention to consider the making of an order under Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, to declare the estate roads set out in the schedule hereunder to be public : -

<b>ESTATE NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>LINEAR METERS</b>
Cois Atha	Skibbereen	108
Coronea Court	Skibbereen	53

The M.D.O. advised members of the notice above and noted that it was advertised in the Irish Examiner of 04-09-20.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Proposed by Cllr. K. Coakley seconded by Cllr. Katie Murphy**

- a. *"I call upon the West Cork Municipal District to review the contracts and rates for the Superloos in all West Cork towns. In the current financial climate, there must be more cost effective measures put in place".*

Cllr. K. Coakley and Cllr. P. Hayes noted the exorbitant costs involved in renting and servicing the Superloos in Clonakilty and Skibbereen and suggested that more cost-effective measures should be considered for the provision of public convenience facilities before the renewal of their contracts. The M.D.O. noted that the first contracts are near expiry and arrangements have not been made to renew same. The M.D.O. said there would be no difference between the cost of building a new facility and maintaining same over a lifetime and the provision of Superloos.

The M.D.O. undertook to review and produce a detailed report on same.

### **Proposed by Cllr. K. Coakley seconded by Cllr. Katie Murphy**

- b. *"I call upon this Council to implement a one-way traffic system on North Street, Skibbereen with immediate effect as North St is chaotic and dangerous. In the interest of health and safety for residents, businesses, drivers and for the overall economic value of our town a one-way system is the only way to alleviate the chaos."*

Report from Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E.

*One-way traffic systems are implemented under Section 38 traffic calming measures of the Roads Act 1994. This is a statutory process which requires a public advertisement & display of proposals followed by a mandatory public consultation period of 1 month and mandatory consultation with other listed stakeholders. All submissions made during the public consultation process are then considered before a final decision can be made. This process would also be required for any one-way traffic system proposed to be implemented even on a trial basis.*

Cllr. J. Carroll agreed that North Street needs immediate attention but proposed the installation of a traffic lights on a trial period as some residents may not be in favour of a one-way system. Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that traffic lights would only work if there was a "straight through" system, residents coming on to the street would be unsure which direction to travel.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Coakley seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes, members recommended the commencement of Section 38 Traffic Calming process.

### **Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll**

*"That this council give an update on their agreed plan to address the increasing problem of noxious weeds such as ragwort on roadside verges, as per my motion of the 2nd of September 2019."*

Mr. Niall Chamberlain E.E. noted that a trial contract for spraying ragwort is currently being compiled and is to be added to the Japanese Knotweed management programme. It is hoped to deliver this in September/October 2020.

Cllr. D. Hurley recommended the topping of ragwort seed heads in particularly badly affected areas. Members also expressed concern regarding the problem of overhanging trees and shrubbery on roads.

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Kelly seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley**

*"That this Council would agree that the manual pump located at the lake in Dunmanway should be replaced with a submersible pump which would kick in automatically in the event of flooding. In that regard a request should be forwarded to the OPW for funding in relation to same."*

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

*Cork County Council is currently engaged in discussions with a Consulting Engineer to undertake a flood analysis on the catchment area which contributed to the flooding at Chapel St in August. The report will examine all contributory aspects such as catchment area, existing culverts and drainage network in the region and the operation of the existing 6-inch pump. Cork County Council will consider the recommendations of the report before deciding on how best to proceed.*

Members requested that a letter should be sent to the Office of Public Works in support of a project to install an automated submersible pump without delay.

**Cllr. D. Collins**

*"I am calling on Cork County Council to initiate a plan of action for traffic calming prior to approaching Adrigole church on the R572 from the Glengarriff side also to install three new public lights at the same area and to repair the walls and surface dressing at the two lay bys."*

Report from Mr. N. Chamberlain E.E.:

*Regional Local Road Design Office are examining options for the R572. The walls are to be examined to investigate if they are retaining walls or standard boundary walls before a decision can be made on them. It was noted that "traffic Calming" falls under a section 38 statutory process.*

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Speed Limit at Ballylickey*

Mr. N. Chamberlain E.E. noted that Transport Infrastructure Ireland are due to review Speed Limits in 2021. The Residents Committee and Tourism and Development Association feel that this is too far ahead and have asked representative to contact TII to on their behalf. The previous unsuccessful attempt in Ballinascorthy was mentioned but it was also noted that Bonane, Co. Kerry was successful and may be useful to highlight the precedent in any communication to T.I.I.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. K. Coakley requested that the Council examine the feasibility of the installation of refuse bins between The Square and Ilen Street in Skibbereen.

In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding residents parking at Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen, the M.D.O. noted that there is no provision for residents specific parking in the town.

Cllr. D. Hurley requested re-lining at the AIB junction in Dunmanway and asked that the Speed Activation Sign be moved to the entrance of Nowen View Estate on Bantry Road, Dunmanway. Cllr. Hurley queried when the toddler pool at Dunmanway, which has been out of use for some time, will be back in use and requested the reinstatement of the use of pool shower facilities. The S.E.O. informed members of difficulty with a build-up of calcium in the toddler pool which could potentially cause injury and the reason for this must be identified and resolved before it can be opened to the public again and agreed to look at the implications of re-opening the showers to the patrons of the pool.

In reply to a query from Cllr. P. Hayes regarding a road closure at Knockskeagh, Clonakilty which is causing inconvenience especially for Knockskeagh N.S., the S.E.E. noted that it is on a Programme of Works for September.

The M.D.O. informed members that the County Development Plan Review briefing will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October prior to the MD meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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