



MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Dunmanway Swimming Pool on 7th December 2020.

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

In attendance: John Ahern S.E.E
Ruth O'Brien S.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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MDWC MEETINGS OF 02-11-20

At the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley seconded by Cllr. K. Coakley, the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork meetings held on 2nd November 2020 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Cllr. J. Carroll queried what steps have been taken to promote marketing of Dunmanway Swimming Pool, extension of the opening hours and queried the restriction of showers for pool users. Cllr. D. Kelly welcomed the update that West Cork Orcas Swimming Club have resumed training at the Pool. Cllr. D. Collins requested an update on repairs to the children's pool. The S.E.O. noted that an internal group are examining operations at Dunmanway Pool with a view to maximizing the use and identifying the level of subsidy given by ccc to the patrons and groups using the facility. Membership of the Pool and Gym will be advertised post the Covid-19 pandemic. The S.E.O. outlined the difficulty in balancing employing additional staff and extended opening hours. Opening hours and restrictions of shower use are in place to facilitate Covid-19 sanitisation. The S.E.O. noted that the problems with the build-up of calcium in the children's pool occurred in November 2019 and the cause of same has not yet been established. The S.E.O. advised that the Hydrotherapy Pool is awaiting a service from its German manufacturers who are not able to travel during Covid 19 restrictions.

- In reply to a query from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding the re-instatement of a public convenience in Ballineen the S.E.O. informed members that a quotation for the design of same has been sought. The S.E.O. advised members that they could recommend the allocation of funding for the provision of public convenience facilities at Ballineen from the 2021 General Municipal Allowance or the Village Enhancement Scheme 2021.
- In reply to a request from Cllr. K. Coakley regarding the commencement of the construction of Skibbereen Skate Park, the M.D.O. noted that construction is due to begin early in 2021 with moulds for same due for delivery by 17th December 2020.
- Cllr. D. Hurley welcomed the return of the training by West Cork Orcas Swimming Club at Dunmanway Swimming Pool and thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for improved traffic calming on Bantry Road, Dunmanway. Cllr. Hurley requested the installation of Age Friendly Parking Spaces in Dunmanway square. In reply to queries from Cllr. D. Hurley, Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that it is hoped to complete lighting on Bridge Street, Dunmanway before Christmas and that funding for resurfacing Sackville Mews will be available in 2021.

Cllr. Ross O'Connell referred to proposals discussed at the previous meeting regarding the Mizen Head Signal Visitor Attraction and noted that he supports the taking over of land at the centre but he and the Mizen Tourism Co-Operative Society Ltd are not in favour of the taking over of management of the centre by Cork County Council.

- Cllr. D. Collins referred to his previous Notice of Motion regarding the councils plans for land on Church Road Durrus, which is overgrown with vegetation and attracting rodents to the area. The S.E.O. noted that the Housing D.O.S., at the November Western Committee, does not presently have plans to develop this land for social housing use as there isn't a sufficient social housing need in the area to support such a scheme. The Housing D.O.S. to be contacted regarding future maintenance plans for the site.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

- a. Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of wayleave at Pairc Thiar, the Miles, Clonakilty, Co Cork to ESB Networks

On the proposal of Cllr. Paul Hayes seconded by Cllr. Karen Coakley, members approved the Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of wayleave at Pairc Thiar, the Miles, Clonakilty, Co Cork to ESB Networks, for a consideration of one euro plus legal costs of €750 plus VAT and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- b. Grant of Wayleave at Knockroe, Ballydehob, Co Cork, 13m x 10m wide, to Vincent Kelly, Henry Sweetnam and John Collins as Trustees of Knockroe Group Water Scheme

On the proposal of Cllr. Katie Murphy seconded by Cllr. Danny Collins, members approved the Grant of Wayleave at Knockroe, Ballydehob, Co Cork, 13m x 10m wide, to Vincent Kelly, Henry Sweetnam and

John Collins as Trustees of Knockroe Group Water Scheme, for a consideration of one euro, and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- c. That being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993, the following road to be a public road:-

ESTATE NAME	LOCATION	LINEAR METERS
Coronea Court	Skibbereen	53

On the proposal of Cllr Karen Coakley, seconded by Cllr Paul Hayes, the Members of the Municipal District of West Cork agreed to declare the above to be a public road.

- d. Proposed dates for presentation of the Preliminary Draft County Development Plan by the Planning Policy Unit.

On the proposal of Cllr. Declan Hurley seconded by Cllr. Karen Coakley, members of the Municipal District of West Cork agreed to hold special meetings on the following dates to consider the draft development plan.

- Friday 12th February 2021 and
- Friday 12th March 2021

- e. Lease of former Railway property Baltimore Co. Cork.

The S.E.O. updated members on a proposal to lease the former railway property in Baltimore which was discussed at the November 2020 MDWC meeting. Fáilte Ireland have agreed in principle to lease the property to C.C.C. until December 2025 for the sole purpose of subletting it to Cuas/ West Cork Maritime Heritage Company Ltd. A recent structural survey indicated that funding of in excess of €561,000 is required to restore the property into use. The Council has sought evidence from CUAS that the company is in a position to carry out these works. If the building is not up to standard and open by December 2025 the property would revert to Fáilte Ireland. Members discussed the proposal and concluded that it could only proceed on a cost neutral basis and therefore at present would not recommend to full council the undertaking of the lease between Fáilte Ireland and Cork County Council and subsequent sublease to CUAS.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley seconded by Cllr. Joe Carroll

- a. That this Council find the means to install a public footpath at Prospect Lawn to service the estates of Prospect Grove and Shanagarry Heights, Dunmanway.

Report by Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E.

The L85724 road in Underhill past the Dohenys GAA grounds entrance to Prospect Lawn & Shanagarry Heights Estates is not of adequate width to provide for the installation of Footpath to even a minimum standard width whilst also maintaining two-way traffic without the requirement for interference with third party properties, specifically the removal of the bounds Ditch and trees and poles along the side of the road so that existing boundaries could be set back to provide the necessary increase in width. If consents for the removal of same were readily forthcoming Cork County Council could undertake the design of a footpath and subsequently apply for a source of funding for same.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley seconded by Cllr. Karen Cookley

- b. That this Council relocate the vehicle activation sign at the western end of Drinagh Village closer to the National School and install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding in the village.

Report by Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E.

The enforcement of the speed limit is a matter for An Garda Siochana. Cork County Council will undertake a traffic and speed survey in Drinagh village to inform of the speed and numbers/types of vehicles through Drinagh on a daily basis. This will be undertaken in Q 1 of 2021 assuming present levels of National restrictions do not advance beyond Level 3. This information will be used in the Design of a traffic calming scheme for the village for which a dedicated source of funding will subsequently need to be applied for. Cork County Council will review the present location of the Driver Feedback sign.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Salting Programme

Ms. R. O'Brien circulated maps of the four salting routes for Priority 1 and 2 routes in West Cork

- W1 Clonakilty – salter based in Skibbereen Machinery Yard
- W2 Bantry – salter based in Skibbereen Machinery Yard
- W3 Castletownbere- salter based in Bantry Area Yard
- W4 Dunmanway – salter based in Skibbereen Machinery Yard

It was confirmed that there are 4 large salters with snow ploughs which treat these routes and that an additional salter is available from the Machinery Yard in the event of a more severe event. There are demountable salters in each of the six areas; 1m³ salters in Bantry and Schull and 2m³ salters in Castletownbere, Clonakilty, Dunmanway and Skibbereen areas.

It was noted that the capacity of the salt shed in Skibbereen is 1400 tonnes and the capacity in each of Bantry and Dunmanway yards is 40-50 tonnes.

Cllr. Declan Hurley ask if certain roads had been removed from the schedule and Ms. O'Brien S.E.E. confirmed that no roads had been removed from the schedule; that in fact, additional routes have been added in the last few years including the R-584 from Kealkill to Ballingeary. Cllr. Hurley also queried if the programme had been impacted by Covid 19 and it was confirmed that there is now a single driver in the truck in line with Covid 19 guidelines and that the route to the Covid test centre at Ballinacarriga has also been added to the route. He also requested that the road from Drinagh to the R586 at Manch be included on the salting route due to the volume of Co-Op lorries using the route. Cllr. Paul Hayes asked if CCC would highlight on social media when salting has been carried out to pre-empt negative feedback. Cllr. Danny Collins asked if the road to Durrus is salted and it was explained that that this regional road is a priority three route and would therefore be salted by the Bantry Area, when priority three routes were being treated

Climate Action Pilot Scheme

The S.E.O. noted that Cork County Council is the regulatory authority for climate action, and that a plot of land owned by CCC has been identified adjacent to Glengarriff G.A.A. grounds to plant trees as part of a pilot scheme. This would involve fencing, the engagement of a forester and an ecologist to survey before and after. The cost would be approximately €23,000.00, which is recoupable from the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine: 75% when planted and the remaining 25% when established. On the proposal of Cllr. Paul Hayes, seconded by Cllr. Danny Collins, members agreed to proceed with the proposal and to finance the proposal from the 2021 G.M.A.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Katie Murphy requested the provision of a safe walk/cycleway in Schull from Cadogan's Strand to Schull old workhouse.

Cllr. Declan Hurley requested re-lining of three pedestrian crosses in Dunmanway and one in Ballineen and at the bypass junction in Dunmanway. In reply to a query from Cllr. Hurley regarding amber beacons for Dunmanway Pedestrian Crossing, Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that works will commence following certification by the E.S.B.

Cllr. Karen Coakley requested the installation of public lighting in Rosscarbery from the playground to the Celtic Ross Hotel. Cllr. Coakley requested the installation of a footpath in Baltimore from Harrington's Cross to Baltimore Holiday Homes. The S.E.O. invited members to submit details of proposed footpath schemes to the M.D.O.

Cllr. Paul Hayes thanked staff for the excellent works carried out following flood damage in August 2020 and for traffic calming measures installed in Kilmeen. Cllr. Hayes suggested that plans should be prepared for greenways in the event of funding becoming available in the future, especially for the completion of the Joe Walsh Greenway in Clonakilty and Clonakilty to Inchydoney and Clonakilty to Ring Village.

Cllr. D. Collins requested the installation of a crash barrier at Shiplake, Derrynacaheragh. Cllr. D. Hurley noted that following a N of M he had placed last year it was considered that the ground was unsuitable for foundations and that the local landowners should be approached regarding same.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Collins regarding Local Improvement Schemes, Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. outlined that the criteria for new applications is changed in that applications now require two agricultural herd numbers

as road users. Ms. O'Brien noted that cul de sac roads do not qualify for L.I.S. schemes. Cllr. Collins requested that members should receive updates on what roads are proposed for L.I.S. schemes and which roads have been completed.

The M.D.O. asked members about their preference for the holding of MDWC meetings in 2021 and members expressed a preference for physical Municipal District meetings going forward.

The Cathaoirleach extended thanks and best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

TO:

Niall Healy D.OS. on the death of his father Cornelius Healy on 9th November, R.I.P.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH _____

DATE _____