



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held on MS Teams at 11.00am on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Members present:** Cllrs. Patrick Gerard Murphy, Declan Hurley, Danny Collins, Karen Coakley, Deirdre Kelly, Joe Carroll, Paul Hayes, Ross O'Connell

**In attendance:** John Ahern S.E.E Skibbereen  
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E. Bantry  
Mac Dara O H-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.  
Clare Zuk, MDO M.D.W.C.  
Martina O'Driscoll, Meeting Administrator M.D.W.C.

Cllr. PG. Murphy presided.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

***Proposed by Cllr. K. Coakley***

***Seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley***

**Resolved:**

"That the minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

- b. Confirm clarification from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 Municipal District Minutes – Re Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over road No. L-4731-0, Hospital Grounds, Dromleigh North, Bantry, Co.Cork, length of public right-of-way to be extinguished 120 linear metres. Clarification – "On the proposal of Cllr. D. Collins seconded by Cllr. PG. Murphy, members approved the above Extinguishment of Public Right of Way".

***Proposed by Cllr. PG. Murphy***

***Seconded by Cllr. D. Collins***

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> November note the following clarification – "On the proposal of Cllr. D. Collins seconded by Cllr. PG. Murphy, members approved the above Extinguishment of Public Right of Way".



## **MATTERS ARISING**

In response for an update on the Baltimore Community Council meeting the S.E.O. advised that once clarifications were received on some issues pending, a meeting would follow in due course.

Following a query on the timeline for the Ballineen Toilets project, the S.E.O. noted that a designer had been appointed to the project and a timeline would be forthcoming shortly.

Following a request for an update on the Bus Eireann route to revert to using North Street in Skibbereen, Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. reported that Bus Eireann had advised that they were bringing North Street outbound/inbound back into service and will be applying for a change to their licence from the NTA.

In response to members concerns in relation to parking permits the S.E.O. noted that the legislation sets out that parking permits can only come into place where paid parking is introduced. Following a report of parking spaces being taken over for individual business use, the S.E.O. advised that the Roads Act would be reviewed to address the issue.

## **STATUTORY BUSINESS**

### **Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Situation:** Grant of Wayleave at Knockroe, Ballydehob, Co. Cork,  
**To Dispose To:** Irish Water  
**Area:** 13m x 10m wide  
**Consideration:** €1

On the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

**Situation:** Grant of Right of Way over non-public road at Castlefreke, Clonakilty, Co Cork.  
**To Dispose To:** Patrick Norris & Pauline Norris, The Glebe, Rathbarry, Clonakilty, Co Cork.  
**Area:** C. 55m2  
**Consideration:** €1

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

## **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Municipal District Officers Report**

The M.D.O. Ms. Clare Zuk updated members with the following items from the Municipal District Officers Report – January 2022

### **Derelict Sites Update**

The Chief Executive has asked that we prioritize the issue of Derelict Sites and provide Members with a Quarterly update in relation to progress. The aim is to tackle the issue of Derelict Sites in a methodical, proactive manner, prioritizing in the first instance dereliction located within the core of the 23 key towns. Work on this has commenced and to begin we have been asked to undertake a review of the existing MD Derelict Sites registers and to confirm the current condition and status of the properties in questions – this review is nearly complete and we have identified a number of properties across the six towns that have been renovated or which are no longer considered to be derelict under the terms of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

A further progress update will be provided to the Members at the April MD meeting.

### **Town and Village Funding 2021**

Cork County Council is awaiting an update in respect of our applications under the Town and Village Funding measures, which is expected imminently.

Members also discussed the Community Fund schemes which had a timeline of 18 months to draw down funds but following a difficult 2 year with COVID restrictions and an extension of time for drawing down funds was requested.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

In response to a Member's query in relation to dealing with vandalism and anti-social behavior at the newly refurbished tennis courts in Dunmanway the S.E.O. noted that any vandalism would be reported to the Gardai and will review if improving public lighting in the area may deter antisocial behavior at this location.

Members discussed recent water outages at the Shanagarry Heights estate which occur frequently and requested a letter be sent to Irish Water to review the matter.

A request for the public lighting to be extended out to the GAA complex in Clonakilty was discussed and the SEO advised that the matter would be considered subject to funding.

Members discussed the matter of playground upgrades in the West Cork area and requested an Audit of parks and Playgrounds to assess when repair/upgrade works were required. The S.E.O. advised that an audit would be compiled and noted that it was not the council's policy to replace equipment that was functioning correctly.

In response to a request for an update on the proposed works at Chapel Street, Dunmanway, J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that tenders had been received before Christmas and a report would be available in the next few weeks.

An update on the recent recruitment drive for Dunmanway swimming pool was sought by the members and the S.E.O. reported that interviews were due to commence shortly following recent recruitment competitions and an update would be available to the members once new staff were in place.

In reply to the members request for an update on the works for the centenary anniversary commemoration of the ambush at Beal Na Bláth, the MD Clare Zuk noted that she would request that the appropriate person be invited to a Municipal District meeting to update the Members in relation to same at a future date.

Following a query relating to the proposed new footpath from Glengarriff village to the Nature Reserve, R. O'Brien S.E.E. advised members that a report would be made available to them at the February MD meeting.

An update on the drainage works at Baile Nua, Bantry was sought and R. O'Brien S.E.E. advised the drainage issue would be dealt with in the coming weeks.

A report of damaged life buoys stands at Barleycove beach being uprooted by a recent storm will be noted for reinstatement by the Schull Area Engineer.

A progress update was sought for Turk Head pier and the S.E.O. reported that an audit of piers and harbours had recently been compiled and 2 issues in relation to Turk Head pier were being reviewed including land ownership and funding for the works.

The requirement for a footpath from Shanagarry Heights estate into Dunmanway town was discussed and J. Ahern S.E.E. noted that acquisition of land was required to progress this footpath.

The recent flooding of the Ring road in Clonakilty was highlighted and the S.E.O. informed the meeting that the Coastal Management Section were looking at this matter.

The recent refurbishment works at the Skibbereen Town Hall were acknowledged by the members who requested an update on the progress of works there. The S.E.O. reported that works were in the final stages and a site visit would be arranged following their completion.

The recent damage to the pontoon at Glengarriff pier was highlighted and R. O' Brien S.E.E. advised that repair works were planned to remedy the damage caused.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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