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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held on MS Teams at 11.00am on 7th March 2022

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

In attendance: Michael Lynch D.O.S. Planning
Sean O'Brien A.O. Planning
Claire Looney O'Sullivan S.E.O. Planning
Mac Dara O H-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.
Clare Zuk, MDO M.D.W.C.
John Ahern S.E.E Skibbereen
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E. Bantry
Martina O'Driscoll, Meeting Administrator M.D.W.C.

Cllr. PG. Murphy presided.

At 11a.m. the Chairman approved the MDWC S.E.O.'s request for an 'IN COMMITTEE' meeting to convene and the Director of Service Planning & Development Directorate discussed the updated position in relation to Taking in Charge of Estates. The Councillors were advised that if they had queries in respect of any of the estates they could contact Claire Looney O'Sullivan or Seán O'Brien in the Estates Section directly.

The in-committee meeting ended 11.40am and the Municipal meeting resumed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 7th February 2022

Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley

Seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes

Resolved:

"That the minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 7th February 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

MATTERS ARISING

Following a request for an update on the Ballineen public toilets the SEO advised members that he will circulate a breakdown of the process involved in the proposed refurbishment works.

Members discussed the recent letter sent to Minister Humphries regarding the Dursey Cable Car issue and sought an update communications with her office, the S.E.O. noted the matter and will contact the Mayors office in relation to any reply received from the Ministers Office.

In reply to the members request for an update on extending the hours at Dunmanway swimming pool, the S.E.O. reported that the recent recruitment competition had concluded and once new staff were in place the opening hours could be reviewed. An update on the arrangements for the Orca's swimming club were discussed and the S.E.O. noted that offers were made to various users/groups and progress is ongoing with the matter.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 Disposal Notices

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 2nd March 2022.

Situation: Disposal of land at Berehaven Lodge, Castletownbere, Co. Cork
Area: c.0.115 hectares
Acquired From: Registered to Cork County Council since 1999
Dispose To: Fast Fish Ltd
Consideration: €2,000.00

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

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 4th March 2022.

Situation: Grant of Wayleave at Spa Road, Dunmanway, Co Cork
Area: 127m x 4m wide
Acquired From: Finbarr Kearney
Dispose To: ESB Networks.
Consideration: €1

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. D. Kelly, members approved the above grant of wayleave and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

NOTICES OF MOTION/ FOGRA RUN

Cllr. D. Collins proposed, Cllr. PG. Murphy seconded

I am calling on Cork County Council to make the footpaths wheelchair accessible in Ballydehob especially near the post office, at the health clinic and heading up the town near the Irish Whip Public House.

Report from Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E.

Schull Area Office has been in contact with a local man that requested such footpath works since January. We have also had other contact to our office about this request. The works are in our programme and we will complete them when we have availability of staff and suitable weather for concreting works.

Cllr. D. Collins proposed, Cllr. P.G. Murphy seconded

Under the new allocation of funding through the grant system O.R.I.S. I am calling on the council to apply for funding to improve accessibility for marine and leisure users at Kilkileen slipway as the works that needed to be done here tick all the boxes for this funding.

Report from Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E.

The only piece of infrastructure at Kilkileen (97) is an access ramp onto the foreshore and there is no port activity at this location. Any such works as described by Cllr. Collins would be deemed capital works. Any development would need to consider foreshore licences, potential impact of works in an SAC and NHA and may need land purchase to develop the area for marine and leisure users. In addition, the road network here may also need to be upgraded if the area was to be developed.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal District Officers Report March 2022

The M.D.O. Ms. Clare Zuk updated members on items from the Municipal District Officers Report – March 2022 including the Pride of Place competition, West Cork Islands Community Fund Scheme 2022, Town and Village Update 2021 and Launch of Clár 2022.

In response to a query on the Village Enhancement Scheme the MDO requested that members send in nominations for villages to prepare a new list of approx. 10 villages for the next round of the scheme.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In reply for an update on the proposed works at Chapel Street, Dunmanway, Mr. J. Ahern advised that a number of funding sources had been approved but a shortfall of funding remained. An application for capital funding was due to be reviewed this week to meet the shortfall.

Members discussed the lack of graveyard maintenance which was raised on previous motion by Cllr. K. Coakley's in June 2021. Members reported the dissatisfaction within local communities over the lack of graveyard maintenance and called for increased funding to be allocated to deal with the issue. The S.E.O. noted that extra funding was previously sought but this was not made available through the Budget process and instead measures were underway to ensure better value for the budget allocation available he also asked members to bring to the notice of the MDO any specific Burial Grounds where there were issues.

The playground equipment in Leap was discussed and the S.E.O. noted that a lease from the Community Council needed to be renewed before funding could be sought to upgrade the playground equipment.

A request for resurfacing was made for the road going up to the Gaelscoil in Skibbereen as it was reported to be in bad repair, and also the road going up to the Ard Carrig Estate in Skibbereen.

An update on a previous motion for a new design for Bantry Town was requested and Ms. R. O'Brien advised that consultants from Fáilte Ireland Destination Town and Flood Relief consultants as well as the Regional and Local Roads Design Office staff were working together with a view for whatever is developed is holistic for the whole town.

Members discussed the reinstatement of in-person monthly MD meetings, and Cllr. D. Hurley advised that an update from a recent CPG meeting had pushed out the date for blended meetings being available in West Cork to July 2022 due to a delay in the delivery of technical equipment. The S.E.O. noted that physical meetings were recommencing in the Bandon/Kinsale area shortly and advised that both he and the MDO would review the possibility of in person meetings recommencing in West Cork in the near future.

An update on the footpath works from the Ballylickey caravan park to the Ouvane Falls was requested and Ms. R. O'Brien advised that discussions were ongoing with the Traffic and Transportation Dept and in consultation with the National Roads Design Office regarding the design for works required there.

In reply to a query on the proposed works for the bridge at Allihies, Ms. R. O'Brien noted the matter for follow up and will revert once progress information is available.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH _____ **DATE** _____