

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021.**

**Present:** Cllrs. S. Sheppard, A. Barry, C. Rasmussen, A. O'Connor, S. O'Connor & S. O'Callaghan

**Officials:** Mr. S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

**1.0 Part 8 Planning for Ballintubber Flood Relief Scheme:**

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed to suspend standing order and hear the presentation in relation to the Ballintubber Flood Relief Scheme. Cormac Manning, Cork County Council and John Fallon, J.B. Barry & Co., outlined the proposals for the scheme which would be located in two areas in Ballintubber. The scheme consists of a passive system which does not require a pump or ongoing maintenance, it is essentially a gravity fed system. Cllr. A. Barry queried the depth required for the pipe and the timeline. Mr. Manning replied that the gravity system was adopted in order to mitigate against ongoing costs, the part 8 would be advertised during April, submissions would be received up to the end of May and would be back before the members in July. Construction would take approximately 20 weeks and would commence in 2022. Cllr. Barry pointed out that not all the works were within the Cobh MD area, some of the electoral area of East Cork was in the Cobh MD roads area and stated that this was not satisfactory and a flaw in the system. Cllr. A. O'Connor was informed that the estimated cost of the scheme was in the region of €350,000. The members thanked the team for the presentation, who then withdrew.

**2.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí/Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, were adopted.

**3.0 Matters Arising:**

**Connolly Street:**

P. Lynch stated that the matter had been referred to Coastal Management again but to date no response had been received. Cllr. S. O'Connor stated that the contractors had now finished but two sections were still in very bad repair and overhanging several fishermen's sheds.

**Cobh Road Potholes:**

G. O’Hora stated that the remedial works repairing potholes were ongoing.

**College Manor, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the road lining had been completed.

**Burma Steps, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that a contractor had now been appointed and repair works were proceeding.

**Whitepoint Estate, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the repairs to the footpath had been postponed due to ongoing problems with a leaking water main and was awaiting Irish Water to repair the water main.

**Derelict Houses on Carrignavar to Whitechurch Road:**

P. Lynch stated that a Derelict Sites notice would be issued.

**Old Church Cemetery, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the cemetery access road was inspected, and some minor repairs had been listed for the road.

**Potholes in Cobh:**

G. O’Hora confirmed CCC’s programme of remedial works to road potholes in Cobh town was on-going.

**Skenagh (R639):**

G. O’Hora stated that the junction had been listed for remedial works.

**O’Sullivan’s Bridge, Rathpeacon:**

G. O’Hora stated that the rubbish had been collected.

**High Road, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the wall at the High Road had been repaired.

**Tay Road, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the screen on the sign had been damaged and an replacement had been ordered.

**Barryscourt, Carrigtwohill:**

G. O’Hora stated that the watermain break had been repaired and road also repaired.

**N25 Encampment:**

P. Lynch stated that a letter had issued to An Garda Síochána.

**Norwood Park Sign:**

G. O’Hora stated that the driver feedback sign had been ordered, but it would be mid-summer before it would be put in place.

### **Bayview Estate, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that the tree had been listed for pruning and the footpath repairs had been added to this year’s footpath programme.

### **Whitepoint, Cobh:**

Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that the road near the bridge at Whitepoint is very badly rutted and there is a gap where the repairs by the contractors do not ‘knit in’ properly with the existing road causing problems. R. O’Sullivan responded stating that the contractors are only required to re-instate the trench that they dig but he will ascertain if the machinery has damaged the adjacent road and contact the contractor if so.

### **Slatty Pond:**

Cllr. A. Barry sought an update in relation to Slatty Pond, P. Lynch stated that no response had been received and will issue another letter.

### **College Manor Pedestrian Crossing:**

Cllr. Sheppard asked if the type of signage erected at the pedestrian crossing in Top of the Hill could also be put in at College Manor. Engineer to revert.

### **Dog Fouling:**

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. Rasmussen that an agreed notice of Motion in relation to dealing with dog fouling would issue to full Council from the Cobh Municipal District. Cllr. Sheppard is to submit the wording to P. Lynch who will then submit the proposal to County Hall.

### **Elton Estate, Cobh:**

Cllr. Rasmussen enquired whether any response had been received from Irish Water, P. Lynch confirmed that to date there had been no reply, he will write again.

## **4.0 Comhfhreagras/Correspondence:**

1. Email re Belvelly Bridge – Cllr. Sheppard stated that this matter had been dealt with at the County Development Meeting.
2. Email received in response to a Motion passed at the February Meeting relating to the Councils lands at Ballynoe was circulated to the members.
3. P. Lynch stated that a letter had been received from Mr. E. Mansworth in relation to unauthorised structures on the footpath at West Beach. The owners wish to apply to Cork County Council for retention of the structures and needed the permission of the members to this application. On the proposal of Cllr. S. O’Connor seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed that a letter would issue granting permission to apply for planning permission.

## **5.0 Tuairiscí ó Ofigigh/Officer’s Reports:**

Cllr. A. Barry stated that there was an issue from the Cork Plastics premises to the Golf Club. G. O’Hora replied that the lining was listed, and he would contact the contractors.

## **6.0 Tuairisc ó Ofigeach Ceantair Bardasacha/ Municipal District Officer's Report:**

P. Lynch circulated the Municipal District Officers report for April which outlined the current status of the General Municipal Allocation. P. Lynch thanked Cllr. A. Barry for nominating the Harpers Island Steering Committee for the County Mayors awards and stated that the groups success in this and other awards reflects the work being done in the area by the volunteers. Cllrs. C. Rasmussen and A. Barry offered their congratulations, Cllr. Barry extended his thanks to the Council staff, G. O'Hora, R. O'Sullivan, P. Lynch and S. Casey whose continued support was crucial to the success of the amenity.

Cllr. Sheppard stated that the overall Casual Trading situation in Cobh needed to be addressed, as some traders were holding Casual Trading spots but not using them and suggested licence holders be contacted to ascertain how often they are using the spaces allocated to them. Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that residents in the Cobh area were not happy that the spaces were consistently vacant. P. Lynch expressed his reservations about this action, as Government restrictions on travel were still in place. He stated that there was a waiting list and people on this list were being contacted as vacancies arose.

Cllr. O'Callaghan enquired about the incomplete/excluded applications for the Parks licences at Haulbowline and Cobh. P. Lynch responded that the applications did not contain all of the documentation requested i.e. lacking an indemnity to Cork County Council, business registration with the HSE or a Tax Clearance Certificate. All of the unsuccessful applicants had been contacted and the issues with their application explained. Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that the period of the licence of 12 months was very short and made it difficult for businesses to decide if the licence was commercially viable. P. Lynch replied that these licences were issued in line with the Casual Trading licences but that he would investigate if it were possible to extend the period of the licence.

## **7.0 Allocation of Community Fund Scheme Grants:**

P. Lynch circulated the list of Grants allocated by the members in committee. On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to allocate the funds in line with the following list. It was also agreed that any unallocated funding would be held until later in the year.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant</b>
<b>AMENITY GRANTS</b>	
25th Cork (Cobh) Scout Group	<b>1,375.00</b>
80th Cork Scout Group Little Island	<b>825.00</b>
Carraig na bhFear Juvenile GAA Club	<b>875.00</b>
Carrignavar Community Council	<b>4,075.00</b>
Carrigtwohill Community Council CLG	<b>4,694.00</b>

Carrigtwohill Family Resource Centre CLG	5,025.00
Carrigtwohill Juvenile GAA Club	750.00
Cobh Camogie Club	500.00
Cobh Gaa	1,925.00
Cobh Lions Club	500.00
Cobh Pirates RFC	900.00
Cobh Sea Scouts	2,425.00
Cobh Youth Service Ltd	2,175.00
Cobh Zero Waste	775.00
Elton Pitch & Putt	1,075.00
Friends of Cuskinny Beach	1,750.00
Glanmire & District Salmon & Trout Anglers Association	2,800.00
Glounthaune Community Association	1,500.00
Glounthaune United	675.00
Irish Red Cross Cobh Branch	1,375.00
Irish Sudden Infant Death Association t/a FirstLight	275.00
Knockraha Area Community Association CLG	2,875.00
Little Island Community Association	1,925.00
Rockmount AFC	2,175.00
Springfield AFC	1,625.00
St Colmans Cemetery Restoration	3,850.00
WATERGRASSHILL COMMUNITY CARE	250.00
Watergrasshill GAA Club	575.00
Watergrasshill Lades Football & Camogie Club	1,975.00
Watergrasshill United	400.00
Whitechurch & Waterloo Community Association CLG	925.00
Whitechurch & Waterloo Tennis Club	2,700.00
<b>RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS</b>	
Ard Aoibhinn	250.00
Assumption place/Ringmeen Res Association	400.00
Ballynaron residents association	400.00
Ballynoe Residents Association	850.00
Ballytrasna Residents Association	400.00
Ban na Greine Residents Carrigtwohill	400.00
Barleyfield Residents Commitee	150.00
Belvelly Community Association	400.00
Carraig Eoin Residents Association	250.00
Carrig Court, Carraig na Bhfear Residents	250.00
Carrigaloe Community Association	400.00
Carrigwell Residents Association	400.00
Castleview Residents Association	600.00
Cedar Crescent Residents Association	250.00
Cluain Ard Residents Association	600.00

College Drive, Residents, Carrignafoy Entrance	250.00
College Green/Lawn Residents Association	250.00
Coolamber Residents Group	250.00
Cul Ard Residents Association	1,000.00
Dawn View Residents Association	150.00
Fota Rock Residents Association Carrigtwohill	1,000.00
Hilltop Park Residents	250.00
Inis Alainn Residents Association	400.00
Inishmore Park Residents Association	400.00
Island Cross Residents Association	250.00
Lavallin Residents Association	250.00
Leeview Court Residents Association	250.00
Meadow lawn Residents	150.00
Mount Eaton Residents Association	150.00
Norwood Court Residents Association	250.00
Norwood Park Residents Association	600.00
O'Neill's Place Residents Association	400.00
O'Sullivan Place Residents Association	150.00
Priory Court Residents Association.	600.00
Rushbrooke Manor Resident Ass	850.00
Russell Heights Residents Association	600.00
St Patrick's Square Association	250.00
St.Lappan's Place & Ballyverry Resident Association	400.00
Summer Hill Residents	150.00
The Crescent Residents Association	150.00
The Park Residents Association	150.00
Whitepoint Drive Residents Association	150.00
Willow Park Residents association	250.00
Woodside residence committee	400.00
<b>CAPITAL GRANTS</b>	
Carrigtwohill GAA Club	10,000.00
Erins Own GAA	10,000.00
Leeside A.F.C.	10,000.00
Sirius Arts Centre	10,000.00
<b>COMMUNITY CONTRACTS</b>	
Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns	10,000.00
Cobh Tidy Towns	20,000.00
Glounthaune Tidy Towns (GTT)	10,000.00
Knockraha Area Community Association Tidy Towns Group	3,500.00
Little Island Tidy Towns	5,000.00

## **8.0 Disposal of Property:**

- (a) On the proposal of Cllr. A. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, it was agreed to dispose of the property to Carrigtwohill Community Council Limited for the consideration of €114.25 per annum for a term of 60 years.
- (b) On the proposal of Cllr. A. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, it was agreed to dispose of the property to Carrigtwohill Community Council Limited for the consideration of €285.75 per annum for a term of 60 years.

## **9.0 Fograí Rún/Notices of Motion:**

### **1. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**

That this MD would look at putting traffic calming ramps and signage in Bayview estate.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed the engineer would install Road Safety signage in the estate. Cllr. A. Barry enquired if all housing estates had a 30KM speed limit. G. O'Hora replied that cars are parked on both sides of the estate road, narrowing the road and this slowed traffic speeds on the estate road, but he would examine erecting children at play signs at the entrance to the estate.

Regarding Cllr. A. Barry's enquiry if all housing estates had a 30Km/hr speed limit, G O' Hora replied, no, not all estates have a 30Km/hr speed limit.

### **2. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

That this Municipal review the decision to have no rubbish bins or Dog Poo bins located in the new Haulbowline park and that the running of the park be clarified to members in relation to the cost of maintenance as well as the opening and closing of the park and the cleaning of the toilet block.

Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the park had become very popular in the short time since it had opened and rubbish was an issue, both in the park itself and by being thrown into the water. He also stated that the toilet block was still not completed to regulation standard. Cllr. Sheppard stated that the Carrigaline district had agreed to empty the bins, all the Cobh MD needed to do was supply them. P. Lynch stated that the cost of emptying the bins would have to be met by the Cobh MD, even if crews from Carrigaline were carrying out the work. He stated that a number of amenity walks and attractions provided by Cork County Council in the recent past did not have bins provided and this was a County wide policy. It was the responsibility of the current licence holder to remove any rubbish created by his business anywhere in the park. The works required to bring the toilet block up to regulation standard were delayed by the restrictions imposed by Covid 19 and the costs of these works were the responsibility of the contractor. Cllr. Barry stated that he agreed with the policy in principal, but the reality is that this policy would create litter and the negative publicity was not worth Cobh or Carrigaline to patrol the area. S. O'Callaghan reminded members the Killarney National Park, one of the largest in the country, did not have any bins provided and

while there would be initial criticism to this policy, there were long term benefits. Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that he could see both sides of the argument but felt that the dog fouling in particular was a health issue and he did not agree with the Policy and if this policy was to be taken to its logical conclusion, then surely bins should be removed from amenities like the Promenade in Cobh. P. Lynch stated that this policy only applied to new amenities going forward and there were no plans to remove bins from existing parks. Cllr. Barry suggested an information campaign to explain the policy and Cllr. S. O'Connor suggested signs in the park.

**3. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

That this Municipal would finally agree on suitable locations for bus stops in the Belvelly and Carrigaloe area and that any other areas of concern in the town of Cobh be resolved as well.

Cllr. Rasmussen stated that he had spoken to many of residents, Gardai and the bus operator and hoped to meet on site in the next few weeks, Carrigaloe residents stated that they felt isolated as the bus passes their houses but they cannot avail of the service. Also the current positions of the bus stops at Ballynoe Hill and Park Road are creating problems for bus users.

G. O'Hora replied that he had met with the bus operator who also had road safety concerns, a safe crossing point and footpath for bus users would need be to be provided before new bus stop locations could be agreed.

There is a high volume of traffic on the R624 road at both Belvelly and Carrigaloe and having examined proposed bus stop locations it is not safe to provide a bus stop at these locations, in addition to which landowners were not in agreement to cede ground for bus stop locations.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed that Cllr. Rasmussen would organise a meeting with the various stakeholders, which should include the NTA.

**4. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**

That Cobh Municipal Council ensure that the historic Belvelly Bridge built c.1803, is listed on the RPS.

Cllr. S. Sheppard withdrew the motion, as the matter had already been dealt with at the County Development Meeting.

**5. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

That this Municipal would look at what needs to be done to allow the development at no 23 /24 West beach take place and that if necessary that this council would intervene to make the upper section safe under section 59 of the planning and development act.

**6. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sean O'Connor:**

That we the members of Cobh M.D insist that immediate action be taken to have the 2 derelict listed buildings at 23/24 west beach restored. The owner of the top floors of these 2 buildings has chosen to ignore many efforts to have these buildings restored



since 2017. These buildings are in a very dangerous condition. They are on the Main Street and are a major threat to public safety. It is also important to note that the owner of the 2 shop units on the ground floor has been denied the opportunity to develop his premises for the past 4 years, despite the fact that he received planning permission. We have too many vacant sites and buildings on our main streets.

Cllr. Rasmussen and Cllr. O'Connor agreed to have their motions dealt with together. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the owner of the ground floor premises had obtained planning permission but was unable to carry out works due to the condition of the upper floors of the building. Cllr. O'Connor reminded members of the history of landslides in the town. Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that she had spoken to Mr. N. Healy and she understood that the property would be inspected shortly. It may be possible to address the issues under the conservation acts, as the building is a protected structure, under the Derelict Sites legislation only the outside of the building may be dealt with. P. Lynch stated that the property had been on the Derelict Sites Register since 2018, the owners were requested to carry out specific works and these had been carried out, to date no response had been received to a further letter which had been issued. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that a full report was required from the Planning department and that the building was a risk to the public. Cllr. S. O'Connor stated that glass had fallen from one of the upper windows onto the street. S. O'Callaghan responded that this was the first indication that there was a serious risk to the public and that if the building was dangerous as opposed to derelict, then different legislation and criteria applied. Cllr. Sheppard stated that declaring the building dangerous has implications for both owners. Cllr. O'Connor felt that the sooner the matter was dealt with, the better. Cllr. Rasmussen brought the discussion to a close, stating that the engineers would make the call whether the building was dangerous or derelict when they got access.

## **10.0 Aon Ghnó Eile/Any Other Business:**

### **Cllr. S. O'Connor:**

**10.1 Newtown:** A car crashed into a boundary wall at Newtown. Engineer confirmed car crashed into a private wall and wall is site owner's responsibility.

**10.2 Anchorage:** When will the pillar at the Anchorage be restored.

**10.3 81 Belmont Place:** This was a Council house that had been vacant for a number of years. P. Lynch advised Cllr. O'Connor that this was a matter for the Housing Department and should be referred directly to that Department.

### **Cllr. A. O'Connor:**

#### **10.4 Speed Limits:**

The speed limits displayed on GPS devices were often different from the speed limit signs on the road. Is there a database containing this information and could any discrepancies be corrected.

#### **10.5 Section 38 Carrigane:**

Speed query on the brow of the hill. Engineer to examine.

**Cllr. C. Rasmussen:**

**10.6 Belmont Place:**

The roads in the estate are in very bad condition. Engineer confirmed road is listed for repair.

**10.7 Glenmore Hill:**

Potholes in the middle section of the road. Engineer confirmed road is listed for repair.

**10.8 West View:**

The leak/discharge on West View needs urgent attention. Engineer to examine.

**10.9 Hawthorn/Roches Terrace:**

The double yellow lines are nearly gone and need urgent replacing as the bin lorry cannot access the terrace and the bins cannot be collected. Engineer confirmed lining contractor will repaint yellow lines on road.

**10.10 Five Foot Way, Cobh:**

Works need to be completed at the fence at the entrance to the car park at the Five Foot Way. Engineer to examine.

**10.11 College Manor, Cobh:**

The large gap in the ditch and fence in College Manor at the top near the water tower end needs to be closed fully on the request of the residents' association. Cllr. Rasmussen has spoken to the developer, but this needs to be followed up. The grass area at the Carrignafoy entrance needs to be raked and reinstated where the two new lights were put in. Engineer to examine.

**10.12 Old Church Cemetery:**

The Old Church graveyard needs urgent cutting as the community employment scheme and tidy towns have no workers available. Engineer to examine.

**10.13 Hartlands Point, Cobh:**

The rubbish collected by the residents at the back of Hartlands point needs to be taken away and the ground cleared to allow the grass to grow better, the residents are seeking assistance in improving estate management. Engineer confirmed grass will be cut and rubbish collected.

**Cllr. A. Barry:**

**10.14 Castle View, Carrigtwohill:**

The drains at Castle View need clearing and the footpaths need attention. Engineer confirmed drains are listed for cleaning.

**10.15 Cul Ard, Carrigtwohill:**

The speed limit in the estate was 50KM, which is too high, the road is a through road and has large volumes of traffic. The sightlines are appalling and dangerous. Engineer to examine.

**10.16 Lands at Glanmire:**

Land in Glanmire has been leased to the FAI, who are now not in a position to develop them as agreed. Is there a clause in the lease that allows the land to revert to Cork County Council in the event that the terms of the lease are not met. Currently the land is lying idle.

**Cllr. S. Sheppard:**

**10.17 Promenade, Cobh:**

The Promenade should stay open later during the Summer months, currently locked at 6.p.m. Was there a possibility that the park could remain open permanently? Cllr. Rasmussen was not in favour of the park remaining open permanently, but should close at 10 p.m. Cllr. Sheppard enquired as to whether this later opening time could take immediate effect. P. Lynch to check.

**10.18 Old Street, Cobh:**

There was a lot of anti-social behaviour in and around the Old Street. Letter to issue to the Gardai.

**Cllr. S. O'Callaghan:**

**10.19 Corryfield, Glanmire:**

The shores are blocked. Engineer confirmed drains are listed for cleaning.

**10.20 Little Island:**

Two shores blocked on left hand side of road after the petrol station. Engineer confirmed drains are listed for cleaning.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER.**