

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL & MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

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

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

Apologies were received from Mr. S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer.

**1.0 Election of Cathaoirleach:**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, Cllr. C. Rasmussen was elected as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Rasmussen then took the chair.

**2.0 Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach:**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, Cllr. Anthony Barry was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

**3.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes of MD Meeting held on 8th June 2021:**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were adopted.

**4.0 Ballintubber Flood Relief Scheme Presentation**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to suspend standing orders to hear the presentation on the Ballintubber Flood Relief Scheme.

Alice Riordan, Senior Engineer, Coastal and Flood Projects, gave an update on the proposed flood relief scheme, giving a brief synopsis of the progress to date, an outline of the submissions received and confirming the proposed route. Cllr. A. O'Connor requested a timeline for the construction phase and asked what the 'headwall' would look like. Ms. O'Riordan confirmed that contractors would be appointed before the end of the year and that construction was scheduled to take 20 weeks. The 'headwall' size and scale was related to the size of the pipe and would not be very big. Cllr. A. Barry welcomed the progress, confirmed with the engineers that the scheme would be gravity fed and as a result some of the excavations would be up to 5m deep.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, it was agreed that the scheme would be recommended to full Council.

## **5.0 Matters Arising:**

### **Norwood Park Sign:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that the pole had been erected, the sign would shortly follow.

### **Bayview Estate:**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed the children at play signs had been put up.

### **West View:**

R. O'Sullivan stated he was awaiting confirmation of the costs of the work before authorising the repairs.

### **Connolly Street:**

P. Lynch stated no response had been received to date from the Coastal Management section on foot of his letter.

### **Carrigaloe:**

P. Lynch stated that Irish Rail had put the works required out to tender and were awaiting responses. He advised that Irish Rail had confirmed that the work would be carried out in September.

### **Carrignafoy Road, Cobh:**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed a yellow box was listed for College Manor.

### **Burma Steps, Cobh:**

The ESB are to contact R. O'Sullivan in the next few weeks regarding the works.

### **Slatty Pond:**

P. Lynch stated that he had no further details in relation to the works at Slatty Pond.

### **Drainage on High Road, Cobh:**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the programme of drain cleaning had commenced.

### **Ballymore Graveyard:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that he had received one price works at Ballymore cemetery, but was awaiting one other before authorising work to commence.

### **Hartlands Point, Cobh:**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the grass would be cut more often when the clean-up from the recent bonfires had been completed.

### **Carrigtwohill Playground:**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the surface of the pathway had been changed to tarmac.

**West End, Carrigtwohill:**

R. O’Sullivan stated that the road at West End was listed for works.

**Tay Road, Cobh:**

R. O’Sullivan stated that more signs would be put up this week and additional road lining was planned.

**Carrigtwohill Gym Equipment:**

R. O’Sullivan stated that he would contact the Community Council and arrange a date for works to be carried out.

**Rushbrooke Links:**

R. O’Sullivan confirmed that the footpath had now been repaired.

**Five Foot Way Toilet:**

P. Lynch stated that the architects’ department were to confirm a timeline for the works. On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard it was agreed the temporary toilet would be retained until the permanent structure was in place.

**Ballynoe Farm, Cobh:**

R. O’Sullivan stated that the Estates section of Cork County Council should be contacted in relation to releasing some of the bond held to complete the required works.

**Belmont:**

R. O’Sullivan stated that the footpath had been repaired.

**Norwood School:**

R. O’Sullivan stated that the design would have a design prepared for the next meeting.

**Elton Estate, Cobh:**

Cllr. S. O’Connor requested an update on the sewerage problem at Elton Estate. R. O’Sullivan to pursue.

**Old Church Cemetery, Cobh:**

Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that the grass was very overgrown and that the bins needed to be emptied. R. O’Sullivan to investigate.

**Tay Road, Cobh:**

Cllr. S. O’Connor queried if it were possible to install speed ramps on the Tay Road, especially near groups of houses. R. O’Sullivan replied that this option had been previously examined and rejected on the grounds of noise, he advocated giving the extra measures time. Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that this was a problem area and the Gardai don’t have the manpower to enforce it.

**6.0 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence**

P. Lynch stated that no correspondence had been received.

## **7.0 Tuairiscí ó Ofigigh / Officer's Reports**

R. O'Sullivan stated that in response to one of the members queries he had confirmed that the Section 38 for Bishop Street was a reserved function and the members now had two options, they could leave the process take its course and await submissions or they could stop the Section 38. Cllr. A. O'Connor recommended that the project go to Public Consultation and stated he was in favour of it even though the completion of the project would result in the loss of approximately 12 parking spaces on Bishop Street, on the basis that children's safety trumps parking. Cllr. S. Sheppard stated she was nervous about the reaction to the project, while she supported the efforts to encourage children to walk or cycle to school, she still had reservations. Cllr. Sheppard wanted to know if the project could be scrapped after the public consultation stage or once started did it have to proceed and was this project part of the proposed Public Realm? P. Lynch replied that the decision was a reserved function and it was entirely up to the members whether to proceed or not, and that this project was separate to the Public Realm. Cllr. S. O'Connor stated that the public consultation should go ahead and then the members could make a decision. Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that he also had concerns about the project and the number of parking spaces being removed which would impact parents taking their children to school, there was nowhere else to park and proposed that the public consultation should be delayed until September. R. O'Sullivan stated that he was unsure of the timeframe for funding for this project and whether it could wait until September.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed to start the public consultation process in September 2021.

R. O'Sullivan presented drawings for the proposed Section 38 works at Carrignavar. On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, it was agreed that the public consultation would proceed. Cllr. Sheppard expressed her thanks to the engineering team, stating that the proposed works would make Carrignavar safer and more accessible.

R. O'Sullivan reminded the members that the speed review would be commencing in the autumn and to send any proposals in by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## **8.0 Tuairisc ó Oifigeach Ceantair Bardasacha / Municipal District Officer's Report**

P. Lynch presented this months' Municipal District Officers report to the members, detailing the amounts spent to date under the General Municipal Allocation and the Town Development Fund. The closing date for the Paint Scheme has been extended, currently there were a number of applications on hand totalling €3,300 to be allocated, including one from Cobh Hospital. P. Lynch informed the members on foot of a query from Cllr. Sheppard, that there were sufficient funds in the scheme to pay the total amount for painting Cobh Hospital. On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed to fund the painting of Cobh Hospital in full.

P. Lynch stated that a ‘blended’ approach to future Municipal District Meetings would be adopted. The members agreed to the procedures outlined, which would begin with the September meeting.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen asked if there was an up to date figure available for Campervan fees, if the warden was inspecting the area and whether a Parking Dividend was due to the Cobh MD. S. O’Callaghan had previously confirmed that a parking dividend was payable, but no figure had been forthcoming.

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

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

That this Municipal would consider painting double yellow lines on the Carrignafoy road in Cobh at entrance to Glasson’s Avenue to ensure safe access from Glasson’s Avenue onto Carrignafoy road.

Cllr. Rasmussen explained that when a GAA or soccer match was taking place, it was very difficult for the residents to exit Glasson’s Avenue.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was carried.

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

That this Municipal would conduct a full traffic layout review of the area from the hill at Whitepoint all the way into and including the car park at the five foot way taking into consideration the large volume of traffic using the area and to see what if any improvements can be done to ensure the safe operation of the car park once the buses return for the liner season next year.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that the popularity of the Five Foot way during the various lockdowns had caused problems for both residents and visitors.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O’Connor, the motion was carried.

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

That this Municipal would look at improving the corner at the bottom of Donegal Hill with some form of road markings and to clear some vegetation on the road front to allow safe access to Marian Terrace

Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that steps were needed at the end of Marion Terrace, Cllr. O’Callaghan thought the speed limit of 50km on this section of road was too fast.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, the motion was carried.

**4. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:** That this municipal district contact the transport section regarding the newly opened greenway in Glounthaune . There has been a number of issues between motorists and users of the greenway particularly at the junction of Gort Fada where the sight lines are very bad.

Cllr. A. Barry queried who has the right of way on the greenway? He suggested that bollards or some other device should be used to indicate where the greenway crosses or meets a road. Large numbers of people were already using the greenway; however it was not suitable for semi-professional cyclists and this should be made clear. R. O'Sullivan stated that he had been in contact with the transport section, the greenway was constructed using an NTA design, however he was aware that chicanes were used on sections of the Waterford greenway and that the design team were investigating same.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, the motion was carried.

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

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

**Ballinaltig Cemetery:** The boundary wall at Ballinaltig Cemetery is very poor repair, a bank of earth supporting it has been removed. Engineer to examine.

##### **Cllr. S. Sheppard:**

**Glavins Terrace, Cobh:** Road lining needs to be renewed at Glavins Terrace, also cars are parking on the corner causing problems for residents. Engineer to examine.

**Ballyleary, Cobh:** A stop sign should be installed at the bend. Engineer to examine.

**Top of the Hill, Cobh:** Very bad potholes. R. O'Sullivan replied that works had been listed in the area for the 'hotbox'.

**Belmont, Cobh:** The road surface in very poor condition. Engineer to examine

**Kirkwood Villas, Cobh:** The road was in very poor condition near the Spar shop, also near the entrance to Cobh Hospital and at Cluain Ard. Engineer to examine.

##### **Cllr. A. Barry:**

**Carrigtwohill:** Community Alert Signs to be put up. Engineer to meet with Community Council.

**Barryscourt, Carrigtwohill:** Road lining and signs needed at Barryscourt roundabout as pedestrians are using the area. Engineer to contact TII regarding same.

**Woods Quarry, Carrigtwohill:** The hydrant outside the quarry is sinking.

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

**Assumption Place, Cobh:** A tree outside no. 5 Assumption Place needs to be trimmed back. Engineer to examine.

**Elmwood Grove, Cobh:** A name plate needs to be put up at Elmwood Grove. Engineer to examine.

**Valley Road, Cobh:** The road surface is in very poor condition. Engineer to examine.

**Harbour Row, Cobh:** Are there any plans to introduce 'laybys' in Harbour Row, to facilitate traffic flow. Engineer to examine.

**23/24 West Beach, Cobh:** What is the up to date position? P. Lynch replied that there was a current Planning Application in relation to the site, so the issue could not be discussed further.

**Cllr. C. Rasmussen:**

**Harbour Row, Cobh:** Cllr. Rasmussen enquired whether the traffic warden patrolled the entire length of Harbour Row. P. Lynch replied that the traffic wardens did patrol the entire street.

**Bishop Street, Cobh:** The trees are damaging the footpath, particularly bad near the schools. Engineer to examine.

**College Manor, Cobh:** The wall is in need of repair. R. O'Sullivan replied that the developer had appointed a contractor.

**Assumption Place, Cobh:** There are several bags of grass near the Grotto to be collected. Engineer to arrange collection.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Municipal District Officer.**