

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD AT CARRIG HOUSE, COBH ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH, 2020.

Present: Cllr. A. Barry, C. Rasmussen, S. Sheppard, S. O'Connor, A. 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. C. McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

1.0 Attendance by Cobh Broadband Group

Eoghan Allen, Kevin Twomey, Dave Muldowney and Jim O'Meara made a presentation on behalf of the Broadband Action Group in relation to broadband speeds with the Cobh Municipal District and outlined errors that they perceived in the correspondence sent to the members by Eir in response to a motion raised at a Municipal District Meeting in November 2019.

Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that several motions had been raised at full Council level on this issue. Cllr. S. O'Connor thanked the delegation, who then withdrew.

2.0 Part 8 Planning Application for Construction of Proposed Strategic Cycle Corridor from Bury's Bridge to Carrigtwohill

Mr. C. O'Suilleabháin, from Cork County Council's Traffic and Transportation Section, outlined the objectives of the planning application and briefly summarised the 58 submissions received. Cllr. A. Barry requested that benches be installed at various point along the route, Mr. O'Suilleabháin agreed. Cllr. C. Rasmussen enquired about the proposed timeline, Mr. O'Suilleabháin replied that it was hoped to be on-site early next year.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, it was agreed to recommend the Part 8 Planning Application to full Council.

3.0 Welcome

Cllr. A. Barry welcomed Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan to the meeting.

4.0 Suspension of Standing Orders

Cllr. C. Rasmussen proposed the suspension of standing orders to discuss the strategic housing development at Ballyleary. P. Lynch quoted from circular letter PL 02/2018 which states that discussion of current planning applications at Municipal District meetings does not form part of the statutory process for consideration of such applications. Discussion of live planning applications shall not take place at Municipal District meetings.

Cllr. A. Barry then ruled the matter out of order.

5.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd February 2020, were adopted.

6.0 Matters Arising

Streetscape, Cobh: P. Lynch advised the members that another meeting with the architects department was scheduled for later in the week.

Connolly Street, Cobh: R. O'Sullivan stated that he had been in contact with Coastal Management and there may be funding for localised works.

College Manor, Cobh: G. O'Hora stated that a barrier at this location would be included in the 2020 footpath programme.

Carrigtwohill Traffic Warden: P. Lynch stated that the traffic warden had commenced working in Carrigtwohill, however this was

Bus Shelters in Cobh: G. O'Hora stated that he had been in contact with the Council's Traffic and Transportation Department and the NTA, who would examine proposed locations and may fund shelters if the locations proved suitable. Cllr. C. Rasmussen to forward a list of locations.

Deep Water Quay, Cobh: P. Lynch confirmed that all relevant correspondence had been circulated to the members.

West View, Cobh: G. O'Hora confirmed that repair of the potholes and replacement of the concrete has been listed for work.

Belmont, Cobh: G. O'Hora stated that he was in the process of contacting the service provider to carry out repairs.

Elmwood Grove, Cobh: G. O'Hora stated a new sign had been ordered and would be erected by council staff shortly.

Cobh Hospital: G. O’Hora confirmed that a contractor had been appointed to carry out road patch repairs.

The Crescent, Cobh: Listed for works.

Whitepoint, Cobh: G. O’Hora confirmed that repairs to the footpath at Whitepoint were included in this year’s footpath programme and a bollard would also be installed as part of footpath works.

Lower Road, Cobh: Road listed for potholes repair.

Velvet House Cross Roads, Cobh: G. O’Hora stated that the work had been started by Cobh Tidy Towns.

Ballinviny: G. O’Hora stated that the dumping had been reported and inspected by the Environment Department which were due to follow up. Cllr. A. Barry reported that the rubbish was still in situ.

Carrigtwohill: G. O’Hora stated that the laneway was scheduled for a clean-up and hedge cutting.

Barryscourt, Carrigtwohill: Engineer confirmed road potholes have been repaired.

Cul Ard, Carrigtwohill: G O’Hora confirmed Sweeper due this week to sweep Cul Ard.

Five Foot Way, Cobh: P. Lynch stated that the County Architect had advised he is awaiting additional resources to progress a number of projects, including this one.

New Line, Glanmire:G. O’Hora stated that the damage to the wall had been reported to the Roads Design Office and the Gardai had been contacted in an effort to ascertain who had crashed into the wall. A section of the wall had been closed off and a full repair would be undertaken in due course. Cllr. A. O’Connor enquired whether anything could be done to make the road safer, G. O’Hora replied that additional signage would be erected on the road and road drainage works would be carried out.

7.0 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence:

Land at Ballynoe, Cobh: P. Lynch circulated an email received in response to the Notice of Motion raised at the February meeting which stated ‘that the Planning Authority were about to start the 2 year County Development Plan Review process during which land use zoning objectives will be considered across the County: a process that will provide the opportunity to consider the use of the lands.

In the meantime a meeting will be arranged with representatives from Planning, Municipal Districts, Housing and Property Sections to consider the matter and how it may be progressed.’

Cllr. C. Rasmussen requested that this meeting be held in the next few weeks.

8.0 Disposal of Property

Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that he had been in contact with the group who were seeking permission to connect temporarily to the public lighting system to obtain power. R. O’Sullivan stated that he would examine the matter, but was extremely doubtful that it would be allowed. S. O’Callaghan also stated that it was unlikely.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. O’Connor, it was agreed to grant the 2 Wayleaves to the Cove Sailing Club Company Ltd. by Guarantee for the consideration of €1.00.

9.0 Tuairiscí ó Ofigigh / Officer’s Reports

9.1 Information to Members of Cobh Municipal District in relation to Material Contravention for Cobh

P. Lynch advised the members that notification of material contravention had been advertised on 22nd February, 2020, the closing date was 20th March and the Chief Executive was due to issue a report on 3rd April, 2020.

9.2 Footpath Programme 2020

G. O’Hora presented the Cobh MD Footpath Programme for 2020 which listed 35 locations throughout the district for refurbishment. He requested that if the members had additional locations, they should advise him as soon as possible. Cllr. Rasmussen wished to add Wilmount Terrace and Ticknock Hill, while Cllr. Barry added further location in Carrigtwohill.

9.3 Presentation to Towns Programme 2020

G. O’Hora gave the members a list of proposed works to be carried out on the approach roads to the major towns and villages in the Municipal District during 2020.

9.4 Public Lighting Programme 2020

G. O’Hora stated that a total of 7 locations were to be accessed for additional lights under this years’ Cobh MD public lighting programme. Cllr. S. Sheppard enquired whether it was possible to include a section of Cluain Ard, Cobh in this list, however as the estate has not yet been taken in charge it cannot be considered. Cllr. Sheppard also sought additional lights at Carrignavar, engineer to examine.

10.0 Tuairisc ó Ofigeach Ceantair Bardasacha / Municipal District Officer’s Report

10.1 Community Fund Scheme 2020.

P. Lynch presented the members with his report for March. He suggested that the members meet on 30th March at 11 a.m. at Carrig House, in committee, to discuss the allocation of 2020 Community Fund Scheme. On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. Sheppard, it was agreed to meet in committee on that date.

10.2 Pride of Place Competition 2020-03-04

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to nominate Cobh Vitality Day for the Pride of Place competition under the Community Well Being Initiative.

10.3 Funfair Licence Application

P. Lynch advised that Ms. Sharon Piper was no longer seeking a licence for 17th March. On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to grant a Funfair Licence for the revised dates subject to the appropriate insurance documents, fee and Safety Certificate being supplied.

10.4 County Development Plan

It was agreed that the members would meet with the Chief Executive prior to the Development Committee meeting on 17th July and that the monthly meeting start would be moved to 2 p.m. on the relevant dates.

Cllr. A. Barry asked if legal advice would be provided to the members during discussion of the Development Plan. S. O’Callaghan stated he would enquire but it was his understanding that the members should procure their own legal advice if required.

10.5 Ferris Wheel

Cllr. C. Rasmussen enquired as to what was happening with the proposed Ferris wheel. P. Lynch replied that he had been authorised by the members to speak to the organisers and local groups. He had had some discussions with the local Triathlon Club and correspondence from Summer Swing. Once the discussions with the organisers had concluded, he would revert to the members.

11.0 Review of Cobh Town Council Jarvey Bye-Laws, 2011

P. Lynch presented a report to the members detailing the background to the bye-laws and the numbers of licences which had been issued. Following legal advice from the County Solicitors office, if the members wished to proceed with the revocation of the 2011 Bye-Laws, all that was required was a resolution with effect from a specific date.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to revoke the Cobh Town Council Jarvey Bye-Laws 2011 with immediate effect.

12.0 Fograí Rún / Notices of Motion

12.1 To Consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:

“That we write to the HSE and invite a representative to meet us to discuss the delay in the roll out of the Primary Care Centre in Cobh.”

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

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

“That this Municipal would review the litter management plan for the town of Cobh now before the summer season begins and in light of all the works ongoing in the town to see what if any extra resources are needed or may be available.”

Cllr. Rasmussen stated that additional resources were required to deal with litter, particularly with the ongoing disruption. P. Lynch stated that the current traffic warden was very proactive in tackling litter also and was actively working with Cobh Tidy Towns to deal with waste reduction.

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. O’Connor, it was agreed to organise a series of meetings with the various Tidy Towns groups throughout the district.

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

“That this municipal district would make temporary arrangements for a school warden outside the Gael Scoil in Cobh while we wait the arrival of a permanent person.”

P. Lynch stated that any temporary warden needs full Garda vetting as well as the appropriate training. Two members of the roads staff are currently trained as school wardens, however one is currently covering a temporary vacancy in Carrigtwohill and is due to retire in three weeks, while the other staff member is fully involved in street cleaning. An advertisement has been placed for a replacement and a relief school warden, the closing date is 12th March, 2020.

13.0 Aon Ghnó Eile / Any Other Business

13.1 Ballard, Cobh: Cllr. S. O’Connor sought clarification regarding the installation of a continuous white line at Ballard in front of an engineering works. The engineer assured the members that where a continuous white line had been installed in front of an existing premises it was in order to cross same.

13.2 Community College, Cobh: Cllr. S. Sheppard requested that the dog fouling bin be moved away from the finish line of the Junior Park Run. Engineer agreed to move the bin.

13.3 Cycling signage: Cllr. S. Sheppard requested that the Council apply to the RSA for signage depicting safe distances for vehicular traffic to overtake cyclists. Engineer confirmed some road signage would be erected shortly.

- 13.4 Spike Island Visit:** Cllr. A. O'Connor advised the members that a visit to Spike Island with representatives from Bord Failte had been arranged for 17th April, formal invitation to follow.
- 13.5 Whitechurch:** Cllr. A. Barry stated that several serious incidents had occurred on the two main roads leading to Whitechurch including cars overturning. There appeared to be an issue with the camber on the road and water lodging on it from nearby lands. Engineer confirmed section of road list for drainage works and resurfacing.
- 13.6 Castelake, Carrigtwohill:** Cllr. A. Barry stated that dumping in the stream was an ongoing problem. R. O'Sullivan to contact the Property Manager.
- 13.7 Hedge cutting:** Cllr. A. Barry enquired what was the Council's position regarding hedge cutting now that the season for same had passed. G. O'Hora stated that the Council had the power to cut hedges back under road safety legislation at any time of the year and the council could recoup the costs of same from the landowner,
- 13.8 Watergrasshill:** Cllr. S. O'Callaghan enquired as to when the pedestrian lights at Watergrasshill would become operational. G. O'Hora replied that the ESB had been contacted to connect the lights and connection works should commence shortly.
- 13.9 Assumption Place, Cobh:**
On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen it was agreed to move the Disabled Parking space outside no. 19 Assumption Place to no. 6 Assumption Place.
- 13.10 Maryville, Carrigtwohill:** Cllr. A. Barry stated that there were a number of overgrown trees at Maryville. Engineer to examine.
- 13.11 Inis Álainn, Cobh:** Cllr. S. O'Connor requested speed ramps be installed at Inis Álainn, Cobh. The engineer replied that as this estate had not yet been taken in charge the issue should be referred to the estates section.
- 13.12 Bishops Road, Cobh:** Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that there was a depression in the road opposite Bellavista. Engineer to examine.
- 13.13 Top of the Hill, Cobh:** Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that a number of potholes had opened up again near the Youth Centre at Top of the Hill. Engineer to examine.
- 13.14 Dockyard, Cobh:** Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that there were a number of deep potholes on the road near the Dockyard. Engineer to examine.
- 13.15 Cobh:** Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that the Lower Road also had a number of potholes, as did Leevue Court. There was also a deep potholes following excavation works near the Sirius Arts Centre. Engineer to examine.
- 13.16 Back of Great Island:** Cllr. C. Rasmussen queried when work would resume on the walls at the back of the Great Island. The engineer replied that it would be September before work resumed, due to other commitments.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Municipal District Officer.