



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 at 14:00.

**Present:** Cllr. Liam O'Connor (Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Marcia D'Alton, Cllr. Audrey Buckley and Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan.

**In Attendance:** Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer; Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer; Sophie Ryan, Assistant Staff Officer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked that the minutes be amended to show that she requested that the issues of bins at Haulbowline Park be brought up again. The minutes from the April meeting were proposed by Cllr. D'Alton and seconded by Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked for updates on installation of ASD boards in Carrigaline and also on a beach wheelchair report. He also noted that there was flooding in Ballinhassig recently and asked could something be done about this. Carol informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that the ASD boards are ordered, Nicola added that these will be in the short term. There is no updated on the beach wheelchairs. Madeleine said that they can clear the debris associated with the flooding but added that not much could be done to prevent flash flooding.

Cllr. D'Alton asked was there an update on heritage funding for the dock offices. She also asked for an update on bicycle stands and if the possibility of a boardwalk in Ringaskiddy could be incorporated in the overall greenway plan. Carol said that funding had not been secured for the dock offices and that they were looking to place bicycle stands in Roberts Bridge.

### **3. Election of Chairperson**

Cllr. Liam O'Connor proposed Cllr. Buckley this was seconded by Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Buckley was deemed elected as Chairperson of the Carrigaline Municipal District.

### **4. Presentation from the NTA from Edward Rhys Thomas**

Edward Rhys Thomas informed members that he worked in the service planning team. He then went through a detailed presentation in relation to the bus services in the MD. He added there is permeability issues in the MD and that a redesign survey is being carried out.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Edward for the presentation and added that overall the service in the MD was good. He raised the issue of the 225 no longer going via Coolmore. He asked could it go Shanbally via Coolmore in one direction at least. He also added that serving schools such as Edmund Rice College and Educate Together is also an issue. Passage West to Carrigaline still requires a connection. The bridge in Carrigaline needs a shelter as it's a very busy stop. There is a limited service serving Carrickmahon and this needs to be improved.



Cllr. D'Alton added that a connection between Passage West and Carrigaline is badly needed as many essential services for Passage West are in Carrigaline. She also raised the issue of the 225 and Carrickmahon. Cllr. D'Alton added that people are refusing houses in Church Hill due to lack of services. A bus shelter is needed across from the cross-river ferry in Glenbrook and that bus poles are still missing in Marmullane Park. The stop sign missing a head in Lucia Place is also causing problems.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan welcomed the 225 route to Ballygarvan and Fivemile but added that this does not serve Edmund Rice College. Residents in Waterfall want the extension of the 208 to serve here also. Maurland Estate needs a pole as does the 226 stop in Five Mile. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan also asked could the Bishopscourt nursing home be connected to a service and if he could get a direct contact in the NTA.

Cllr. Buckley concurred with other members and asked if the NTA could carry out a survey on all bus poles and shelters in the MD. She also noted that anti-social behaviour on busses is also an ongoing issue.

Edward added that he could not make commitments regarding the 225 and that all issues can't be solved with one route. He added that he could look at the school's issue and that he is aware of the Passage West to Carrigaline connectivity issue and this could feed into the redesign plan. Edward also informed members that he would feed issues regarding poles and shelters to the relevant people. Issues such as Carrickmahon, Waterfall and Bishopscourt nursing home will all need to feed into the redesign plan. He also added that he would report issues regarding anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. McGrath asked for a timeline for the redesign period and Cllr. D'Alton added that she is disappointed that critical services are not being addressed and asked could the possibility of using smaller buses be explored.

Edward informed members that the consultants had been appointed in January for a 15-month programme and that the first round of public consultation will take place in late June/Early July. Edward thanked members for their question and queries.

## **5. Reports & Recommendations**

### **(i) Lease of old water tower Passage West**

Proposed by Cllr. D'Alton and seconded by Cllr. McGrath

### **(ii) Right of way Harbour View**

Deferred until more information is available

### **(iii) Water Sports Report**

Sophie Ryan went through the detailed report and invited the members to comment and put forward any questions.



Cllr. O'Connor thanked Sophie for the report and proposed that we apply for ORIS funding. Cllr. McGrath seconded this and added that there are pros and cons to all locations in the report and that the estuary is currently underutilised. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Sophie for the report and added that there is a great appetite for this and that it would help with tourism. Cllr. Buckley added that parking would be an issue at Drakes Pool and asked was Coolmore looked at to which Sophie replied that this area was not looked at for this report. Nicola added that a strong case would be put forward but that there was no guarantee of funding.

#### **(iv) Litter Management Plan**

Cllr. D'Alton said that she is glad to see the plan but would like to see further discussion and proposed to defer until there is adequate time to discuss. Cllr. McGrath agreed not to rush but added that he is not satisfied with the overall plan as he believes it is over reliant on community groups. Both Cllr. O'Connor and Cllr. Buckley agreed that more time was needed. Nicola advised members to submit ideas.

#### **6. MDO Report**

Carol Conway went through the contents of her report. Cllr. McGrath asked was there an update on the public toilet. Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that she would find out and revert. Cllr. Buckley asked was there and updated on portaloos. Carol replied that these had been approved will be in place shortly.

#### **7. Motions**

##### **Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. *"That this Municipal District would write to the NTA to request a city linked bus route for Waterfall village. We would ideally be requesting an extension to the 208 service."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked if we could write to the roads SPC asking for support and to write to the NTA also. Carol Conway said she would write to both.

2. *"That a footpath would be installed between Walsh's park and the bridge at Halfway. In the meantime, could the verge be levelled with gravel installed with safety bollards installed to provide an interim safe access to Walsh's park from the Halfway. Currently, mothers with buggies, young people and older people have to walk on the main road to access the park. This is highly unsafe."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked would this eligible for an NTA scheme. Madeleine informed that this may be eligible for the active travel scheme but will look to see what can be done.

3. *"That repairs would be carried out to the bridge at Halfway village. A section is currently knocked down for a number of months."*

Madeleine said that she will look at what can be done with the bridge.



**Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. *“To request that the Engineer considers the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing in the vicinity of the school at Shanbally (school road). Also, to seek an update on the previous request for a crossing on the N28 at Shanbally.”*

Cllr. McGrath was grateful for the response and asked for an update regarding the crossing at Shanbally. Madeleine said that they will try to secure funding once design is finished.

2. *“To seek a written update on the proposed roundabout at Ballinrea Cross. Please outline a specific timeline for the delivery of this project.”*

Cllr. McGrath said he was disappointed with the response and asked could we go back to the RDO with this as it has been slow progressing over the last 2 years. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan seconded this.

3. *“To seek a written update on the proposals for Carrigaline and Passage West as part of the funding allocated under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.”*

Cllr. McGrath noted the response and asked could members be briefed as more details emerge. Cllr. D’Alton seconded this.

**Cllr. Marcia D’Alton**

1. *“That as a Main Town in the Carrigaline Municipal District, Cork County Council would provide a personnel resource to carry out daily street cleaning to Passage West/Monkstown as is already provided in the Main Town of Carrigaline and in the Key Village of Crosshaven. There has been no Council-provided litter picking/street cleaning in Passage West for over 11 years.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that it is not possible to attract participants to litterpick. Tidy Towns function is to enhance the town not pick up litter. Cllr. D’Alton said she was asking for a shared resource, for the council to provide basic street cleaning and litter picking. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan supported the motion. Cllr. McGrath also supported the motion and added that it should form a part of the litter plan discussion. Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. O’Connor also supported. Nicola informed members that allocation of staff is an executive function. Madeleine said resources are a major issue and are doing the best with the resources at our disposal. Cllr. D’Alton added she is very grateful about what is being done but that this is about parity with other towns.

2. *“That clear advisory user signage would be provided at the entrances to the greenways at Passage West, Carrigaline and Crosshaven.”*

Cllr. D’Alton will bring up again.

3. *“That street lighting would be provided along the R610 from Buncoille to Murph’s Pub. This would be lighting focusing specifically on the footpath rather than on the road or spilling into the SPA of Monkstown Creek and its purpose would be to enable safe amenity use of this footpath after dark.”*



Cllr. D'Alton will bring up again.

**Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. *"I would ask that we as a local council would look at the area crossing from the parking at Hugh Coveney Pier to access the footpath/Post Office is a very busy part of Crosshaven village, used by many. Is it possible we could look at putting a raised 'Island' or Zebra Crossing? Right now, there is a white lined area but unfortunately car owners are parking there and the risk to people trying to cross is very dangerous."*

Cllr. Buckley will bring up with the area engineer.

2. *"R612 Lower Road Crosshaven - "I would like an engineer to look at the Zebra Crossing area by the RCYC. What is happening in this area especially when large cars/vans park right up to the edge of the raised path by the Zebra Crossing from the RCYC side, a pedestrian cannot be seen. The area is blocked for oncoming cars. Is there a mandatory requirement for the area between cars parking and visibility to an oncoming car? Also, the residents are finding it difficult to sleep as the lights are flashing 24/7, Could we look at rectifying this please for the residents."*

Cllr. Buckley will bring up with the area engineer.

3. *"I would ask that going forward we would allow if needed, a graphic/photos with our monthly motions. I would myself find this very beneficial."*

Nicola Radley advised Cllr. Buckley that photos are not permitted to be attached with motions.