

Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 at 14:00

**Present:** Cllr. Marcia D'Alton (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan (Leas Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Liam O'Connor, Cllr. Seamus McGrath and Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

**In Attendance:** Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer; Vincent Florish, Executive Engineer; Michael Lynch, Director of Service, Cormac Ó' Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer; Flor O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer; Aaron Higgins, Executive Engineer; Tony Lynch, Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

# 1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Liam O'Connor.

# 2. Matters Arising

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the 225-bus route, disabled parking at Luck beach and public CCTV in Carrigaline. Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that she would send a reminder re CCTV. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that she had not yet contacted the IDA with regards to Luck beach.

Cllr. O'Connor asked for an update on the water sports funding to which Carol replied that there was no funding received this year.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for updates on the design of the Aldi roundabout, one-way system on Railway Street and the omission of Passage West from a recent webinar. Cllr. D'Alton also asked for data from speed signage to be forwarded to members. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that they are trying to put a plan together for Railways Street and that she has not heard back from the consultant in relation to the roundabout. She will send on the speed data. Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that a reply regarding the webinar has been issued to members.

## 3. Breithniúcháin ar Tuairiscí agus Moltaí / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

(i) Carrigaline TPREP

Michael Lynch started by congratulating Cllr. D'Alton on her election as Chair of the Carrigaline Municipal District. He thanked members for their contribution to the plan and added that he believes this is a very comprehensive plan which will lead to less dependency on cars and the rejuvenation of Carrigaline Town Centre.

Tony Lynch went through the plan in detail and invited comments from elected members.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton commended the engagement and the plan itself and added that the timing for a plan like this was right.

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Cllr. McGrath echoed Cllr. D'Altons comments regarding the excellent engagement. The plan is hugely progressive and brings a lot of positives.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan echoed other members sentiments regarding positive engagement and added that implementation will be key for the plan.

Councillors Buckley, O'Connor and Murtagh all concurred with other members.

Cormac Ó'Súilleabháin give his appreciation for the members and endorsement and thanked them for their role in the plan.

(ii) Ringaskiddy Public Realm Update

Vincent Florish gave a detailed update on the scheme and invited members queries. Carol Conway added that there had been high levels of interaction with both members and the local community. All members endorsed the plan.

(iii) Grant of Wayleave at Kilnagleary, Carrigaline to Irish Water

Cllr. Murtagh said he was delighted to see Irish Water working here. Cllr. McGrath said it was important it proceeds. Cllr. O'Connor said it can't be held up any longer and that the report provided was good. Cllr. McGrath proposed and Cllr. O'Connor seconded.

## 4. Correspondence

Cllr. McGrath asked for the NTA to address the 225 routes. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked that a submission be made for Waterfall when the public consultation opens. Cllr. D'Alton asked would it be best to make submissions on critical issues as an MD. All agreed to this.

## 5. MDO Report

Carol Conway went through the contents of her report and gave updates on a number of ongoing projects. Cllr. McGrath welcomed the update on the bandstand and asked for an update on the public toilet in Carrigaline. Cllr. D'Alton asked was it a delay with a contractor holding up the canopy in Passage West. Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that it was a contractor issue.

## 6. Roads Programme Update.

Madeleine Healy noted that we have been very lucky with the weather and there has been a substantial amount of work done to date. Outstanding works would be starting in the next week or so. Myrtleville has been deferred to next year as it is too busy.

Cllr. Murtagh added his disappointed at the deferral of Myrtleville and added that Graball Road is in a very bad condition. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan noted the amount of good work being done on the western side of the MD. Cllr. Buckley added her support for the delay of the Myrtleville works due to the busy



nature of the road, she also asked was Church Bay on a separate programme. Cllr. McGrath echoed members comments. Cllr. D'Alton asked would the money for Myrtleville be re allocated.

Madeliene said that surface dressing is carried out to keep roads usable.Graball and Church Bay would be discussed at a later date. However, she does not think there will be money left over.

Madeleine added that a planning application had been lodged and part of the application included roadworks therefore it would not make financial sense to carry out works in Churchbay at this time. Madeleine also added that everything on NNRDO contracts will be completed. Similar to Churchbay there is no point in carrying out works at Graball until sewage works are complete.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Madeleine for the update and added that the L6300 is in bad condition. Cllr. McGrath added that he understands the logic behind the Church Bay works. However, he has concerns re the road surface there.

Madeleine added that she was aware of the L6300 and that is one of the priorities for next year.

# 7. Carrigaline Mid-Year Report

Carol Conway informed members that the report had been published for their viewing and even though it had been a tough year there has been many positives and highlights to take.

All members thanked Carol for the report.

## 8. Notices of Motion

## **Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. "This Committee requests the Council to re-examine options to provide lighting at the Skatepark in Carrigaline."

Cllr. McGrath added that the issue has been raised before and that he believes the issues can be resolved and that it would be a massive success story. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan, Cllr. Murtagh and Cllr. D'Alton all supported the motion. Carol Conway informed Cllr. McGrath that both her and Vincent Florish had surveyed other local authorities who are also not in favour of lighting their skate parks. Cllr. McGrath raised the possibility of local at similar skate parks in the UK.

# 2. "To request that the Engineer considers acquiring a Walk Behind Sweeper Machine for this Municipal District."

Cllr. McGrath added that this is badly needed for an MD of our size and noted the response. He asked would it be Carrigaline based or rotated throughout the MD. Cllr. D'Alton added that it would be a tremendous resource and also noted that Passage West has no litter picking resource. Cllr. Buckley added that the local business community have a sweeper in Crosshaven and that it works really well as it also sweeps up weeds. Madeleine informed members that it will be used throughout the MD.



3. "To seek a written update on the provision of a footpath between the Forest Hill roundabout and Rosehill."

Cllr. McGrath added his disappointment to the response, he was of the understanding that this had progressed and that a footpath is required urgently in the area and that more information regarding a timeline and a more detailed understanding of the project is needed. Madeleine added that the area overlaps with TPREP. Cllr. McGrath asked to seek clarification from transport with a more detailed report.

## **Clir. Audrey Buckley**

1. "I have received a request from some residents in Roberts Cove regarding an update with the water system for the area. The swimmers were looking for a new public shower and the water tap to be reinstated. It is my understanding that Cork County Council is still delivering water weekly to the area. This is unsustainable and residents would like an update please on when this issue will be rectified"

Cllr. Buckley noted that there are many varying stories regarding the issue and asked could we write to Irish water. Cllr. Buckley also asked are Cork County Council paying for the weekly supply of water. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion. Carol informed Cllr. Buckley that we can write to Irish Water expressing concerns and the possibility of showers can be explored when supply issues are resolved. She also added she will look into whether Cork County Council are paying.

2. "I had previously requested that the 60-year-old Minane River Dam that was built to protect the village of Minane Bridge from tidal flooding be investigated. Who is responsible to service and maintain the dam? When was the last time the Minane Dam was walked by an engineer? Can I ask for an engineer's report please to be done on the dam."

Cllr. Buckley noted the response and asked to be kept up to date with any reply. Cllr. D'Alton seconded this. Cllr. Murtagh added that this could be a very good leisure facility.

## Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

1. "That the severe combination of a 90-degree bend and ramp in the greenway behind the PACE Centre, Passage West would be made safer as a matter of urgency."

Cllr. D'Alton explained that one side is higher than the other and that the higher side is adjacent to the water. It has been raised before and PACE are ok with taking a small bit of space to cut the corner by taking down some of the wall and smoothening the angle. Cllr. McGrath added his support for the motion and noted that its disappointing it had none been addressed yet. Cllr. Murtagh added that Greenways are very busy and popular and that he supports this motion. Carol added that there is currently no identifiable budget for this at the moment. Cllr. D'Alton asked was there not a Greenway maintenance budget. Cllr. Murtagh added that between Rabbit Island and RCYC, overgrowth is causing safety concerns and needs to be maintained better. Madeleine informed members that there is a maintenance budget and that they are maintaining greenways as much as possible. Cllr. McGrath and that appearance is an issue and asked had this been looked at since the last meeting. Cllr. O'Connor



added that the Tidy Towns had met with Pat and that there had been a delay to the cutting schedule and that presentation should now begin to improve.

#### Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. "That Castán Doirne Estate in the Halfway would be taken in charge by Cork County Council at the earliest opportunity."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan noted the response and asked to write back and ask that this be prioritised.

2. "That the bridge in Halfway village would be resurfaced. The road surface is in a terrible condition."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan added that the wall on the bridge has collapsed and there was a drainage issue on the bridge. Madeleine informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that this will be done as soon as possible.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Cllr. Buckley added that she had been liaising with the Gardaí regarding anti-social behaviour and parking. She noted that there were over 100 tickets issued and was wondering where that money goes. She also added that they are still waiting for double yellow lines in Myrtleville and Churchbay.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked could a temporary solution be looked at to make Bowens Cross safer. He also asked for an update on the motorhomes parking report and for an update on a timeframe for the installation of repeater signage.

Cllr. McGrath raised the issue of water on the ground at Rosehill. He believes Shanbally village is suitable for repeater signage. He asked to explore the possibility of funding for a controlled crossing at Maulbaun junction.

Cllr. Murtagh asked for consultation with landowners in relation to biodiversity etc.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for an update on the Passage West framework plan and an update on the Monkstown speed control. She also added that she doesn't want the gate approach to Passage West and the Roberts Bridge end forgotten about. Cllr. D'Alton also added that the bins and toilets had been removed from Luck beach.

Cllr. Buckley raised the issue of Roberts Cove beach not being cleaned since last Saturday.

Madeleine stated that there is a problem with sea lettuce at Roberts Cove and the contractor should be cleaning more regularly but that this can only be done when the tide is out. She informed Cllr. Buckley that the yellow lines will be done as soon as possible. Bowens Cross can be looked at, but resources are extremely stretched, speed signage will be installed as soon as possible. Madeleine agreed with Cllr. McGrath regarding Shanbally and added that she will look at the water at Rosehill, she believes this is a leak. There are no plans for a controlled crossing, however the junction will be



future proofed. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she will revisit the Monkstown speed plan and she will look at the gateway also. Madeleine will investigate the bins and toilets at Luck.

Carol Conway informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that the motorhomes query has gone to the tourism SPC.