



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at 14:00

**Present:** Cllr. Marcia D’Alton (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan (Leas Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Audrey Buckley, Cllr. Seamus McGrath and Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Liam O’Connor

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

Cllr. D’Alton asked the July minutes to be amended to show that she asked had Castlefarm been considered for improvement works. Cllr. Murtagh asked that the July minutes be amended to show that he asked would the works at Graball be commencing before the end of the year.

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Audrey Buckley.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. McGrath asked for updates on the disabled parking at Luck Beach, Forest Hill footpath and the feasibility study for installing lighting at the skate park. He also asked that Shanbally be considered for speed repeater signage.

Cllr. D’Alton asked for updates on the parking signs and one-way system for Railway Street and also the 90-degree bend behind the PACE centre in Passage West.

Carol Conway informed Cllr. McGrath that a feasibility study will be carried out on the skate park and informed Cllr. D’Alton that she will get a detailed response regarding the bend in Passage West. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that she will revert regarding Luck Beach and informed Cllr. D’Alton that she is currently working on something to prepare for a formal process for Railway Street.

### **3. Presentation by Anthony Holmes – Age Friendly Healthy Homes Co-Ordinator**

Anthony Holmes the Age Friendly Healthy Homes Co-Ordinator gave a detailed presentation to members and invited any questions they may have. Cllr. Buckley said that it is great that the elderly are being looked after in this way and asked are people who take their parents into their homes eligible. Anthony informed Cllr. Buckley that this is on a case by case basis but that all cases will be looked at. Cllr. Murtagh added that a few people had been in contact with him already and thanked Anthony for his easy to follow presentation and referral form. Cllr. McGrath thanked Anthony for the presentation and asked Anthony what the age for these grants is. Anthony informed Cllr. McGrath that the age for adaptation grants is usually 65+ but that this can be looked at depending on the case. Cllr. D’Alton asked at what stage does he bring the application too. Anthony added that he is available to help people to fill in the paperwork themselves but that he also attempts to get families involved in the process.



#### **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

##### **(i) Lease of Land at Fort Camden**

Members agreed to delay this item until October's meeting when more information would be available.

#### **5. Carrigaline MD Road Programmes Update**

Madeleine informed members that surface dressing works are complete and that drainage works are still continuing. Lots of schemes have been completed however Graball and Church Bay Road have been removed from the list. Graballs removal does not in any way signify that this project is not moving ahead but works will not have progressed sufficiently to spend the allocation on resurfacing by the specified date at end of November. Church Bay full upgrade is likely to proceed in next 12 months and therefore a temporary solution as was proposed is not advisable this year. The grant money needs to be spent before the end of the year so Highlands estate in Passage West has been added.

Madeleine gave an update on the safety improvement works taking place. She informed members that Maulbaun will progress, but that Ballygarvan Bridge works were progressing slowly and therefore affecting the other 2 schemes which will not be complete this year. There have been 3 substitute schemes added in Toureen Terrace, Passage West, Raffeen Village and Brightwater Estate.

Cllr. Buckley said would it be possible to add a skim to Church Bay Road and welcomed traffic calming measure at Brightwater and asked what kind they would be. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that the developer intends to begin as soon as possible and that it would cost around €50,000 to add a skim and that this would be a lot of money for a temporary solution. The Brightwater safety improvements are to deal with the residential roads rather than the spine road.

Cllr. McGrath added that he believed something needed to be done regarding the Church Bay Road. He also added that the spine road at Brightwater is the busiest road. He thanked Madeleine for reusing some of the money also and added that Main Street Carrigaline needs to be done soon. He asked could Castlefarm be considered as one of the substitute schemes and that Chestnut Grove be considered for 2022. Cllr. McGrath noted that he understood the delay in Ballygarvan but that it was disappointing. Madeleine stated that Brightwater spine road already has a crossing and that's why the residential roads are taking the priority. Main Street Carrigaline works will be done at night at the end of the month. Castlefarm will be covered under the patches scheme and that Chestnut Grove will be submitted for funding for 2022.

Cllr. Murtagh agreed regarding Brightwater. He added that the ground across from the RCYC is being used and asked could something be done there. Madeleine informed Cllr. Murtagh that this is private land and that public money could not be spent here but that she would have no problem meeting him to discuss.

#### **6. Section 38 Road Traffic Act Process**

Madeleine informed members that this is Section 38 of the 1994 Road Traffic Act. This deals with any interventions on a road. An advert must be placed to inform the public and submissions can be



made. Madeleine added that she hoped to go out with the Railway Street Section 38 soon. Cllr. D'Alton asked for clarification on the whole process as ramps etc had been put in previously without a section 38 process and asked would a section 38 be required for Maulbaun. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that a section 38 would be required for Maulbaun.

## **7. Correspondence**

Carol informed members that all correspondence had been published on Quick Minutes, including a report on URDF funding. Cllr. McGrath asked could this be discussed at the next meeting. Nicola informed Cllr. McGrath that the PPU will be doing a meeting specifically. Cllr. D'Alton asked could we get a timeline on this, Nicola agreed.

## **8. Municipal District Officer Report**

Carol gave a detailed run through of her MDO report. Cllr. Buckley asked could festival money be used elsewhere. Nicola said it could once a costed business plan was brought before members for agreement. Cllr. McGrath added that it was a very positive report and well done to all involved. Cllr. D'Alton echoed Cllr. McGrath's comments and asked if the running track surface needs a certain type of weather. Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that it needs dry weather. Cllr. Murtagh asked where the €33,823 was being used to which Carol replied Point Road.

## **9. Notices of Motion**

### **Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

- 1. I request that this MD consider removing (in the near future) the railing from the low-lying wall, to the right of the entrance to the green (rivers end cafe) at Crosshaven Village centre. By removing these black metal railings, it allows more areas for locals and visitors to sit. I also would like to see wooden seats to be placed on the wall.*

Cllr. Buckley added that she had met with Pat regarding this motion and Carol added that these railings would not be removed this year as it is an expensive process.

- 2. I request that this MD provide traffic lights at the dangerous crossing at Bowens Cross, Ballygarvan.*

Cllr. Buckley noted the response.

- 3. I request this MD consider cutting back the excess vegetation coming onto the footpath at the area on Lower Road, Crosshaven. Can local landowners in the MD owners be contacted please to start cutting back the excess growth on our laneways and roads? This area is used by Crosshaven Development Committee for Christmas lights.*

Cllr. Murtagh added that the around Whispering Pines there is vegetation encroaching on the road which is dangerous and needs to be removed. Madeleine informed members that advert goes out to landowners reminding them of their responsibilities each year and that there is no way of contacting everyone, she asked members if they know specific landowners to leave her know and she can contact them.

### **Cllr. Seamus McGrath**



1. *This Committee requests that a feasibility study be carried out on the provision of a Municipal Swimming Pool in the Carrigaline Municipal District.*

Cllr. McGrath added his disappointment to the response received and that he would like it reviewed to at least explore the concept of a feasibility study as he believes this is a reasonable response. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan added that there is a demand for more amenities and the appetite for a pool is there. Cllr. McGrath mentioned the recent feasibility study carried out in Midleton. Nicola informed members that there had been a different system in place in Midleton and that the study was not carried out by Cork County Council, there had been a committee formed to carry out this study. She suggested that a committee could be set up and that Committee could then liaise with the Midleton committee.

2. *To strongly request that interim safety measures be put in place at Ballinrea Cross pending the construction of the new roundabout.*

Cllr. McGrath added that there had been a road traffic collision again here recently and that there had been a significant increase in traffic using the cross. He noted the reply but added that safety measures need to be put in place to make the cross safer and that he would like a safety audit carried out. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion and added that urgent action is needed as it is a very dangerous cross. Madeleine informed members that immediate measures will be carried out and that something could be done in relation to speed signage. Cllr. McGrath asked could the speed signs be left here for the moment and if a temporary speed limit reduction could be implemented. Madeleine said that signs lose effectiveness after a while, but this could be looked at and that a manager's order would be needed to reduce speed limit. Speed audits are not carried out on existing set ups.

3. *To request that all Utility companies, particularly Eir, would be contacted and asked to carry out an inspection on all their chamber covers on public footpaths within our Municipal District. Many of these are damaged and present a serious safety hazard.*

Cllr. McGrath added that many of these are in bad conditions and that utility companies should carry out full surveys. Cllr. D'Alton seconded this. Madeleine informed members that the utility companies will be contacted by the director of roads.

**Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. *That street lighting would be installed at the public footpath from Five Mile to Ballinabearna*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan was grateful for the response and added that the footpath makes a huge difference and was very grateful.

2. *In the future, that Cork County Council would consider the provision of a public swimming pool for Carrigaline.*

Covered under Cllr. McGrath's motion.

3. *Mahers Lane needs attention: I ask the Carrigaline MD for the following works to be completed:*



- (i) *SLOW road markings and refreshing of existing stop lines.*
- (ii) *Repair to the bridge*
- (iii) *installation of repeater signage to combat speed.*

Cllr. McGrath supports the motion. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked could we write to the City Council. Carol informed members that she will write to the City Council.

#### **Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

1. *That the elected members in the Carrigaline Municipal District would be provided with a comprehensive update on the ongoing route analysis for delivery of the Glenbrook – Carrigaline – Ringaskiddy section of the Cork Harbour Greenway.*

Cllr. D'Alton was grateful for the response and added that this scheme is very important and that she was unaware that the NTA chose the route and that it would be nice to be involved in the route choice in similar fashion to members involvement in Carrigaline TPREP. Cllr. D'Alton asked if members could be provided with a more descriptive update if possible. Cllr. McGrath seconded. Carol informed members she would seek a more descriptive update.

2. *That the Carrigaline Municipal District Committee would ask Bus Eireann and the National Transport Authority to consider rerouting the 216 bus to serve Carrigmahon Hill and Upper Monkstown at off-peak periods. Until 2014, a regular bus served residents of Carrigmahon Hill and Upper Monkstown and in this location with its extreme topography, the loss of the bus service continues to be severely disabling. The rerouted 216 could continue along Scotsman's Road to the Rochestown Inn serving residents living along that route and eliminating the need for the bus to turn. It would then re-join its normal route at the Rochestown Inn. A similar service would be offered by buses travelling in the opposite direction. The 223 service would continue to deliver to residents of Monkstown, Passage West, and Glenbrook during those off-peak times.*

Cllr. D'Alton stated that this suggestion came from a resident and that it is a very good suggestion and that it could be easily implemented in the short term. If 1 or 2 buses could go up Carrickmahon hill in off peak times would make a huge difference. The service was withdrawn in 2014 and residents have been without a service since. Cllr. McGrath fully supports the motion.

3. *That a controlled pedestrian crossing would be provided at Church Hill, Passage West.*

Cllr. D'Alton added that a controlled crossing is needed at Church Hill, the location is up to debate but is more needed at the bottom of the hill. She also added that it doesn't make sense for a controlled crossing at Maulbaun as it is too dangerous, and this really needs to be looked at. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion however he disagreed regarding Maulbaun. Madeleine added that she is not in favour of a controlled crossing at Maulbaun as there is speed issue and horizontal alignment issues. She added that she is not against a controlled crossing at Churchill but that a location is not easily arrived at. Madeleine suggested looking at Churchill overall in 2022 if Active Travel funding becomes available as it is too important a project rush. Cllr. D'Alton agreed with this suggestion.



### **10. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. McGrath asked that the MD congratulate the Carrigaline Committee for Culture Night. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan seconded this. Cllr. Buckley asked that the MD congratulate Templebreedy SOS. Cllr. McGrath seconded this. Cllr. D'Alton asked that the MD congratulate all the ground staff of Cork County Council who have done great work throughout the year, all members agreed.

### **11. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Murtagh asked for road markings outside the Grand Hotel. Cllr. Buckley thanked Cork County Council for the public toilets and bins which worked really well. Cllr. D'Alton brought up the issues affecting the toilet in Passage West lately and added that it would be a shame for it to be closed. There are plumbing issues and also problems with the door. She also asked Madeleine about some 1.5m passing distance signs for cyclists being installed and also clarity was needed on the Monkstown bus shelter. Madeleine informed Cllr. Murtagh that she will discuss this when she meets him. There will be 1.5m passing signs being installed on the R610, Madeleine will enquire about the Monkstown bus shelter and revert. Carol added that the issues in the Passage West toilet seem to be vandalism related. Cllr. D'Alton said the door may need to be looked at.

Cllr. Murtagh asked could we write to Irish Water with issues. Cllr. D'Alton said she believed it was too late to submit a snag list, Madeleine agreed but that it would not hurt to send it. Cllr. McGrath added that there is visible sewage in the river and estuary and asked could we write to Irish Water and find out what this relates too. Carol agreed to do this.