



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 17th of January 2022 at 14:00.

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

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. D’Alton asked could we send a reminder to Bus Eireann regarding bus poles/stops etc. Carol agreed to write to Bus Eireann.

Cllr. McGrath asked could members see a report into lighting the skatepark in Carrigaline. Nicola Radley informed Cllr. McGrath this could be done.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the extension of the solar lights from Rabbit Island to O’Leary’s Cross and added that the lighting is inadequate and does not provide the appropriate level of safety. Carol Conway informed Cllr. Buckley that the district supervisor had been in contact with someone regarding the lights. Cllr. McGrath supported Cllr. Buckley’s point of the lighting being inadequate and that it needs to be improved to improve accessibility. Cllr. Murtagh also added his support to Cllr. Buckley. Cllr. White asked if there are other greenways with a better balance of lighting. Cllr. D’Alton added her support stating that the Rochestown to Passage West Greenway has full lighting and asked could lighting on the greenway be added as a specific agenda item and a report done on it. Nicola Radley informed members that their comments will be taken away and looked at.

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

(i) Derelict Sites

Carol Conway gave a report on derelict sites and added that there will be a further update in February.

Cllr. Buckley asked were any properties in Crosshaven being looked at and what was the process. Nicola added that there would be a strong focus on dereliction in 2022 and that Noelle Desmonds team would be looking at the more derelict sites and contacting owners on an informal basis to begin with and will work with them etc. Nicola also added that any specific sites should be taken offline.

Cllr. Murtagh added that this is a very important initiative and should be kept on the agenda.



Cllr Marcia D’Alton asked could updates be provided to members when sites are added or removed from the register. Are we actively going to chase levies? And that a discussion around Passage West/Monkstown is needed. Nicola agreed with Cllr. D’Alton on her 3 points.

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the focus on dereliction but added that it is important not to be too lenient regarding levies and that CPO needs to be used more often. Cllr. McGrath asked could we contact the law society for more information.

Cllr. White asked could a communication campaign around derelict sites be looked at.

Nicola informed members that their comments will be taken onboard and passed on where appropriate.

(ii) WiFi4EU Initiative

A report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr. Murtagh welcomed the Wi-Fi for Camden Fort Meagher adding that it would boost tourism and help local business.

Cllr. White asked for an update on public Wi-Fi for Carrigaline. Carol informed Cllr. White she would look into this.

Cllr. D’Alton asked could the centre block in Passage West be considered if the scheme was to be extended.

(iii) Municipal District Officers Report

Carol Conway went through the contents of her report. Cllr. D’Alton thanked the executive for the extension of a number of deadlines. Cllr. McGrath added that it was important to be more proactive this year with communities regarding Christmas lights.

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan thanked Carol for a very positive report and asked would the Members Discretionary Fund be open this year. Carol informed Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan that it would be open again this year.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *“To request that additional public lighting be installed on the Rock/Fernhill Road from the junction with Church Road. There is currently a back spot on the start of this road between the junction and the housing estates of Castlehill and Waterpark.”*

Cllr. McGrath acknowledged the response received. Cllr. D’Alton seconded the motion.

2. *“To request a safety review of the Carrig naCurra & Janeville junction. The review should include the possibility of removing the straight-ahead inner lane in the southbound direction. This should be left only with the possible exception of public transport. Improvements to pedestrian safety and traffic calming should also be considered given the extremely wide road carriageway.”*



Cllr. McGrath described this as a gateway into Carrigaline and it is important to send the correct message at our entry points. There have been many reports from residents regarding the inner lane and it is a regular talking point. Cllr. Buckley seconded this motion. Cllr. D'Alton and Cllr. Murtagh also added their support.

3. *"That the Council would carry out repairs to the footpaths at Maulbaun, Passage West."*

Cllr. McGrath acknowledged the response received.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *"Could we look at sponsoring some 'Salt Bins' for our local MD. We know that they are needed in a few key locations around the Carrigaline MD"*

Madeleine Healy noted that public roads are salted by Council staff during the winter months. Cllr. D'Alton asked where the liability of putting salt down lies. Cllr. McGrath added that the form refers to liability. Madeleine stated that she will look into this and revert.

2. *"Is there a standard signage for walkers on our national roads? Can we please order some metal walking signs for the Carrigaline MD area. Many people have noticed the new metal poles and signs for the cyclists, the welcomed EUVELO scheme. This is a great initiative but is there a national or EU initiative we could look at do the same for the many walkers on our rural roads?"*

Cllr. Buckley asked could we use the existing poles to put walker signage up. Madeleine said this couldn't be done as these are part of EUVELO scheme and these signs are for a designated tourist scheme.

3. *"Can we look at Fountainstown carpark please, the area needs to be resurfaced and line markings for car parking. The older toilet units need to be updated and can we look at designated spots for the many outdoor vendors that are parking in the area."*

Cllr. Buckley added that the residents are doing great work in the area and they should be supported. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan seconded this motion, he commended the local community for the work they do. Cllr. White supported the motion adding that dog fouling in the is an issue. Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Murtagh also supported the motion. Carol Conway added that Fountainstown was an area that needed to be looked at with fresh eyes and also that the beach management committee were looking at the issue of dog fouling. Cllr. Buckley asked could bollards be looked at. Madeleine added that Fountainstown had been put forward for the Community Involvement Scheme but there is no update.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. *"That line markings (Stop/ Yield) would be installed as a matter of urgency at Lios Cross. None are currently present."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response and asked could this be prioritised. Madeleine stated that it is just a matter of getting a contractor on the ground.



2. *“That Carrigaline Municipal District would take steps to become the 1st MD to implement a whole MD plan to make the District more ASD & Autism Friendly. Small and effective projects could be identified to pursue. I’m requesting that a report would be compiled over the next few months on measures which this MD could implement specifically, and only on areas within their remit.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan acknowledged the response and asked could a document be put together to see what can be done. Cllr. D’Alton seconded the motion and Cllr. Murtagh also added his support. Nicola Radley added that this could be looked at within the MD’s remit.

3. *“That the Forest Road would be fully resurfaced under the RI resurfacing program. Due to budgets, it is understandable if this takes place in phases.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan was grateful for the response adding that people had been bringing this up for a long time. Madeleine stated that was close to the top of the list for 2022. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and asked was the programme complete. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that it was complete in draft form and that it would be ready for the February or March meeting. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan asked could the L6300 be considered.

Cllr. Jack White

1. *“Carrigaline Traffic Warden. Anecdotally, the presence of the traffic warden and the new parking guidelines seem to be positive, with spaces being recycled on Main Street and better use of the Owenabue Carpark. However, can I please:
Seek an update on the Warden’s powers, i.e. - can he now issue fines, etc? Can we please request that he work in Carrigaline on a Friday (the town’s busiest day for traffic) along with his other day/days here.”*

Cllr. White acknowledged the response and added that the warden is having an affect but asked how we would go about making bye laws. Nicola stated that it is a lengthy process to introduce bye laws and there is lots to be considered. Full time wardens are currently only in paid parking towns and the resources are not there to have a warden for more than one day. She also added that higher fines are being introduced from February 1st. Cllr. McGrath added that parking changes were welcome at the time but believes the turnover of critical spaces is fizzling out and that bye laws should be considered.

2. *“Greenway Carpark. Can we please get the car-parking lines re-painted (and possibly the spaces widened a little) in the First carpark (LuLu Carpark) on the Carrigaline-Crosshaven Greenway? Secondly, the spaces are currently diagonally lined for the most part - should this be changed?”*

Cllr. White asked for clarity on diagonal spaces and also if they could be widened. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and added that the spaces are too narrow. Cllr. Murtagh supported the motion. Madeleine said that diagonal spaces are not recommended on roads but are much safer in car parks. She also added that this can be looked at if funding is received.



Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

1. *“An update or indication that the road surfacing improvements which began on the R612 from the RCYC last year are continued and progressed in the schemes scheduled for 2022.”*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response and asked would more funding be needed to continue the wall. Madeleine informed Cllr. Murtagh that a different funding source would be needed for this.

2. *“That the MD is provided with a schedule of works for 2022 for the Graball Rd, Crosshaven.”*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response received.

3. *“That the MD writes to the department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for funding to facilitate the extension of wastewater & sewage collection on the point rd., Crosshaven. The Department provide funding through a multi annual rural water program for extensions to wastewater collection system in areas which are prioritised for environmental protection. With nesting curlew among a range of protected species in the vicinity the Point rd. should come under consideration for this funding.”*

Cllr. Murtagh added this needs to be looked at and extended as it is an important issue. All members supported the motion. Carol Conway undertook to write this letter.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton

1. *“That one year on from the R&H Hall fire in Ringaskiddy, Cork County Council would update on the commitments made at the meeting of Full Council on 11th January 2021 to undertake a post-incident review leading to a local response plan for Ringaskiddy that could be adopted by all agencies.*

Cllr. D’Alton stated that residents did not know what was going on and gathered most of their information on social media and only for the wind blowing in a certain direction the effects of the fire could have been a lot worse. She added that the Chief Executive had promised a post incident review would be undertaken and that the learning undertaken from this would help to further thinking around a local incident plan. Cllr. McGrath had asked for an update in March 2021 and he was told the report was being developed and there has not been an update since. The County Emergency Plan is the one which will be activated if there are further incidents. All members agreed that this was not satisfactory and given the level of industry in Ringaskiddy it needs its own emergency plan. Carol Conway agreed to relay these points.

2. *That Cork County Council would establish a hot-desking hub in Passage West town centre.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that there are many hubs in Cork but there is a lack of hubs in South Cork. She believes that Passage West would be well suited for a hub as it has very little office space. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and added that he believes remote working will be important even post Covid. Cllr. Murtagh and Cllr. Buckley both added their support for the motion. Carol Conway will liaise with Economic Development.



6. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked to congratulate Garda Time McSweeney on his 21 years' service serving Passage West & Monkstown. She also asked to congratulate all the MD's entrants and winners at this years BT Young Scientist Awards which included the following:

1. Éadaoin Farrell and Ethel D'Alton Bateman from 2nd year in St Peter's Community School. They won second place in the Social and Behavioural Sciences category. They also won a display award.
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4. Edmund Rice College, Carrigaline had two entrants with individual projects,
5. Gaelcholáiste Charrig Uí Leighin had seven students enter three projects (two group and one individual).

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan asked to congratulate Jack Brierly on his retirement from Hayfield Manor at the age of 90.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath asked to congratulate Brian O'Shea on running 5km everyday in 2021 in aid of Pieta House.

Cllr. Jack White asked to congratulate the Roberts Cove Vintage Committee on their New Years and Christmas tractor run. He also asked to congratulate Passage West GAA Club on the launch of their new book.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan asked that a railing be put on a path in Maurland Estate. There is a yield sign after being knocked down at Flaherty's Cross. There is also a broadband pole down in Killingley. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan also asked could the dykes between Ballygarvan and Five Mile be cleared. There is also an 80km sign missing between Ballinphellic and Briar Hill. He also asked for an update on repeater signage for Forest Road.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the picnic bench which was burnt. Cllr. Buckley welcomed the raised tables at Brightwater estate but added that other residents are looking for the same raised tables now. She asked could she meet Madeleine at Drakes Point to discuss putting a raised table



back in. Cllr. Buckley also asked would it be possible to put a mural on the back of the Library in Carrigaline.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath said that residents in Willowbank are concerned about the removal of a ditch which they believe will affect their privacy. The right turning lane to Estuary Business Parks road marking are gone. He raised the issue of the faulty lights on the Rochestown to Passage West Greenway not being repaired yet. He added that the surface of the front of the Owenabue car park is in a poor state and also asked could some minor works be done behind the Carrigaline Community Centre to help kayakers enter and exit the water. He asked when members could expect to see a report on the Minane Bridge Section 38.

Cllr. White added there is some clarification needed as to why trees on the Ballea Road had been cut down. Cllr. D'Alton seconded this.

Cllr. D'Alton asked could there be a slight moving of the ramp at Toureen. She also added that during the clearing for the M28 a bridge had been discovered which she believes could be used as part of the Raffeen to Carrigaline greenway and that it has huge potential and asked could this be explored further. All members supported Cllr. D'Alton regarding the newly discovered bridge.

Madeleine informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that issues regarding drainage and signage are on a programme of works and that all repeater signage will be systematically reviewed. She added that both the broadband pole at Killingley and the railing at Maurland can be looked at.

Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that there was no update on the picnic bench. She added that Cllr. Buckley could send on details regarding Brightwater but that she was unaware who removed the ramp and Drakes Point.

Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that she is aware of the road markings issue. She has spoken to residents at Willowbank and there will be no safety issue. A report on the section 38 for Minane Bridge is currently being put together.

Madeleine informed Cllr. White that the removal of trees on the Ballea Road was necessary for the footpath.

Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she had passed on the information regarding the ramp at Toureen.

Carol added that permission would be needed for a mural and that costs and interaction with the Public Realm team would be needed with regards to water access and the Owenabue car park. Carol undertook to liaise with the Raffeen to Carrigaline greenway team regarding the bridge.