



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of November 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.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

### **2. Matters Arising**

Carol Conway informed members that the electrical works had been complete for the canopy in Passage West and they were awaiting the contractor to install the canopy. The bend behind the PACE building is being looked at by traffic and transportation as part of a larger plan. Cllr. Marcia D'Alton added that she was not happy with the response as this matter was dangerous and needed to be addressed urgently and that it could be a long time waiting on a larger plan. Carol Conway informed Cllr. D'Alton that she would follow up on the matter.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked for an updated on the bus shelter at Maurland to which there was no update as of yet.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath asked for an update on the broken lights on the Rochestown to Passage West Greenway. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that she had contacted Airtricity and also the City Council on the matter.

Cllr. D'Alton asked would it be helpful to arrange a separate meeting to discuss a submission to Bus Connects, all members agreed. Cllr. D'Alton also asked for an update on parking and the one-way system for Railway Street. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that Railway Street was to be looked at as part of a bigger scheme for Passage West.

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

- (i) Lease of Land at Fort Camden

Both Nicola and Carol informed members that open lines of communication will be kept with John Forde and that he will attend both the February and September meetings to give updates to members

Proposed by Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh and seconded by Cllr. Audrey Buckley

### **4. Roads Programme Update**

Madeleine informed members that the Restoration Maintenance works had now all been complete and that some Restoration Improvement works were ongoing. She added that Section 38 process had been run and completed for a number of projects in the area. She outlined the details to the



Members. A summary of issues raised re the Monkstown proposal and recommendations will be circulated. She added that the crossing at Maulbaun will be an uncontrolled crossing and that the ramps at Templebreedy will be tabletop ramps with the road being a shared surface.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Madeleine for the update. Cllr. McGrath also thanked Madeleine and asked were the crossings on Church Road and Wheat Fields were zebra crossings to which Madeleine replied that they were.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan commended the work that Area Office does with limited resources. Cllr. Buckley seconded this.

Cllr. D'Alton asked about the Irish Water snag list and subsidence on the R610. Carol Conway added that she had yet to receive a reply from Irish Water. Madeleine said that she believed it could be too late but that she would follow up.

#### **5. Members Discretionary Fund**

- (i) Owenabue Arts Collective

All members in agreement.

#### **6. Municipal District Officers Report**

Carol Conway presented the contents of her report and invited any queries from members. Cllr. Murtagh added that he had concerns about the sculpture being erected in Crosshaven.

Nicola Radley thanked Carol for her report and added that there had been a fantastic update for Passage West. She informed members that Cork County Council are in the process of acquiring the area at Railway Quay in Passage West but that this was commercially sensitive and no other details could be discussed, Nicola described this as a landmark moment for Passage West.

Cllr. McGrath added that this was a very positive update as the site is a key site with enormous potential and that it was the first acquisition of land in Passage West in a long time.

Cllr. D'Alton welcomed the fantastic news and echoed Cllr. McGrath's views and thanked everybody involved in the process to date.

#### **7. Crosshaven Project Group**

Carol Conway advised that this group was set up by Divisional Manager Valerie O'Sullivan and the request of Minister Simon Coveney. Members will be invited to the next meeting.

Cllr. McGrath asked would members be able to contribute. Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that it would be appropriate to contact the Divisional Manager. Cllr. Murtagh added that councillors would view that others may not have. Nicola Radley added that she is happy to take comments back to the Divisional Manager and that the framework process will be getting under way in January and members will be consulted.

#### **8. Motions**



**Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh**

1. *That Cork County Council conduct a safety audit for the area facilitating the cross-river ferry from Glenbrook, Monkstown as a matter of urgency. Suitable footpaths, lighting, and connectivity are required for the safety of the many pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles using the ferry service.*

Cllr. Murtagh added that Cllr. D'Alton also brought this up at MD level before and asked for a timeline. Cllr. D'Alton seconded the motion. Cllr. McGrath added there is an issue with queuing on the road and that he would like to see this looked at. Madeleine informed members that this issue is currently with the NNRDO and are awaiting a design report.

2. *In the wake of two more serious road traffic collisions in quick succession, on the Carrigaline end of the N28 Carr's hill, I would like the MD to write to the NTA and the department of Transport to expedite the upgrade on the road particularly the area coming out of Carrigaline.*

Cllr. Murtagh asked could we write to TII and Department of Transport as an MD. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and added that safety is a huge issue on this road and that further measures are needed. Carol agreed to write to TII.

**Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. *To seek an update on the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing on the N28 at Shanbally Village.*

Cllr. McGrath added that he has been highlighting this for some time and that applications to carry out works would need to go through a few stages and asked had there been any feedback from TII. Cllr. D'Alton seconded the motion.

Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that the NNRDO have made an application and have been in contact with TII. The crossing will be going forward as a package of similar schemes throughout the county. A design process would be needed but it would not be a huge design process.

2. *To request an extension of the footpath at the corner of Church Road & Station Road, Carrigaline, to provide a link to the pedestrian entrance to the National School.*

Cllr. McGrath said that he had already discussed with Madeleine as it is not a safe system as is.

3. *To request that the public lighting along the road between Coolmore Cross and the Grotto be improved.*

Cllr. McGrath added that he had raised this issue before, it is an exceptionally busy road and there are poles there already which could get heads.

**Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. *I would ask that Carrigaline MD would look at areas outside our local post offices, for Age Friendly Parking. I would also ask that the area outside the Crosshaven Post Office be looked*



*at. Cars are parking on the left-hand side coming into Crosshaven and on the median line between the upper and lower roads.*

Both Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Murtagh agreed that something needed to be done in this area. Madeleine informed members that it would not be suitable as it is not a safe area to cross.

- 2. Is it possible that we can get the response from the NTA on the Bus Shelter List that we had compiled before the summer? Our children and older residents are waiting in the rain for buses. With the lack of bus shelters our school going children are sitting in wet clothes all day, this is something that needs to be addressed.*

Cllr. Buckley asked would it be possible to install a community funded lean too in areas where there are currently no bus shelters. Madeleine said she was not sure what the situation with sponsoring temporary shelters was but that she would follow up.

**Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

- 1. That the Carrigaline Municipal District would ask Cork County Council include the purchase and development of the Convent of Mercy, Passage West in its application to the next round of URDF funding. The Convent of Mercy is a significant site in a critical location in Passage West town centre and has the potential to provide for car parking, green spaces, housing and commercial development, all of which would benefit the future development of Passage West town centre and compliment the aims of the Passage West Framework Plan.*

Cllr. D'Alton added that this would an ideal location for housing, parking, and commercial uses. She added that this would not be a cheap site to develop but believes that this would be a missed opportunity if not explored. Both Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Murtagh supported the motion.

- 2. That the Municipal District would consider favourably the erection of a plaque along the planned greenway between Monkstown and Raffeen to commemorate the historic and tragic drowning of two men, Joseph Harris and Jeremiah Dunvert, whilst they were fishing less than 30 metres from the shoreline.*

Cllr. D'Alton read a newspaper article in relation to the tragedy which she stated gave a fantastic snapshot of life at the time. Both Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan and Cllr. McGrath supported the motion. Carol Conway informed members she would write to the commemoration committee.

- 3. That the HSE would be contacted with regard to cutting back the overgrowth from Mount St. Joseph's, Fair Hill, Passage West.*

Cllr. D'Alton noted that the HSE is no longer the owner but that overgrowth was still an issue and asked could the landowner be contacted. She commended the work done by the sweeper in the area recently.

**Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**



1. *On the intersection between the L2494 and R611, I am requesting that the directional sign be replaced as soon as possible as it is causing confusion for motorists. There is currently no sign present.*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan noted the response received.

2. *That the start of the L6292 (Gortnaclough, Ballinhassig) would be looked at. There is an ongoing issue here with poor surfacing - possibly due to a leak, I would ask that this be investigated and rectified by the area office.*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan added that the pipe under the road is now exposed and needs to be addressed urgently. Madeleine said that this is a water issue and she would contact Water on the matter.

3. *That the road in Ballinreeshig, Ballygarvan would be included on the next resurfacing program of works.*

Madeleine Healy said that this could be looked at.

#### **9. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. D'Alton asked the MD to congratulate the team behind the recent Halloween display in Passage West which raised €5,000 for Marymount. Cllr. McGrath seconded this.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Murtagh raised the issue of sewage leaking into the water at Point Road and asked could a letter be sent to Irish Water. Cllr. Murtagh also asked to write to the City Council to enquire about the Lee to Sea greenway.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on bike stands and also for an update on works at Graball. Cllr. Buckley acknowledged and commended the work that Pat O'Sullivan and his team have been doing.

Cllr. McGrath supported Cllr. Murtagh regarding the Point Road adding that this isn't acceptable, and that sewage was still leaking into the water in Carrigaline also. Cllr. McGrath asked for an update from the roads design office on the proposed entrance to the education campus from the Cork Road. He asked could ramps be placed at the entrance to Pembroke wood. Cllr. McGrath added that the distance signage between Carrigaline and Crosshaven is incorrect and could this be looked at. He also asked for an update on the walk behind sweeper.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked that the ramp on R613 by Endsleigh Estate be re painted. He asked for an update on the bridge repair in Halfway. He also raised a drainage issue at Pottery Cross. He also raised the issue of two dangerous trees at Liscleary cemetery which Madeleine was aware of.

Madeleine added that traffic calming measures at Pembroke Wood could not be considered as the estate is not taken in charge. There is no update yet on the sweeper. She will look at the Carrigaline to Crosshaven signage and markings on the ramp at Endsleigh also. The bridge at Halfway is still on the works programme and that the drainage issue at Pottery Cross can be looked at.

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Nicola Radley informed members that the Lee to Sea queries would need to be sent to SPC to see what priority Cork County Council would be affording it. Cork County Council did write to Cork City Council previously on the matter. Cllr. D'Alton and Cllr. Murtagh added that consistency from start to finish would be great.

Cllr. D'Alton asked would it be appropriate to write to the County Engineer regarding the issues at Point Road. All members agreed.