

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 5th June 2020 at 10a.m in the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow

PRESENT

In the Chair: Cllr Bernard Moynihan

Councillors: Ian Doyle, Pat Hayes, Gearoid Murphy, Liam Madden, Tony O' Shea, John-Paul O' Shea, Gerard Murphy, James Kennedy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer North Cork, Jim Moloney, Senior Executive Engineer, Niamh Mullins, A/Meetings Administrator

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of the Chairperson it was agreed to suspend standing order to discuss the situation of the impact of Fresh Water Pearl Mussel on planning applications in the district.

All members expressed their concern with regard to this issue having a negative impact for granting planning permission particularly for larger developments e.g Dairygold & Lidl planning application in Mallow.

Members agreed that a letter should issue to Minister for Arts, Culture & Gaeltacht & possibly a meeting to discuss implications on future planning applications

The odour being emitted from the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Mallow was also discussed & the upgrade of the plant.

Members agreed that an up-date should be requested from Irish Water in relation to this up-grade.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the May minutes was deferred to the July meeting due to an amendment.

2. REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Municipal District Officers Report – Mary Hayes, SEO
 - Community Response
 - Town Activation Programme – Project ACT
 - Town Ambassador Programme

All members acknowledged the report and unanimously thanked all Cork County Council staff for their response to Covid-19 pandemic.

The following issues were raised by Members following on from the MDO report and discussion took place:

- The recent closure of the river walkway by the contractors resuming work on the Boardwalk project. Members were not advised of this closure
- Free Parking to be introduced in Mallow Town; when will this happen?
- The presence of a Traffic Warden is needed in Mallow
- Former Central Hotel Site – What is the current situation with the site?
- Derelict Site at Tuckey’s Hill – What is the current situation with this site?
- Possible re-location of the Taxi-rank from Main St
- Recycling Bins – Seem to be filling a lot quicker – Is it possible to request more capacity for recycling?
- Update requested on works in Dromahane which were funded under the Village Renewal Scheme
- TDF (Town Development Fund) to be replaced by ACT

Mary Hayes SEO replied as follows:

- *Free Parking & parking enforcements needs to happen
In relation to timeline for this – consensus will be reported from this MD Meeting*
- *It will be endeavored to have an up-date on derelict buildings for the next meeting. Both sites in Mallow Are currently in private ownership & there are complex legal issues regarding both.*
- *Issue with regard to bins will be brought to Environment Directorate*

This was welcomed by all elected members; Cllr B Murphy highlighted the issue of a derelict building at Strand Street Kanturk. Cllr T O’ Shea asked if all 3hr car parks in Mallow could revert to All Day car parks and that it is important to ensure turnover near the town centre, Cllr JP O’ Shea referenced an agreement last year that all car parks in Mallow would have the same limits, Cllr I Doyle queried if a proposal to Director is required for free parking for 3 months. Cllr T O’ Shea formally proposed that a recommendation be taken to management to streamline limits.

b. Senior Executive Engineers Report

J. Moloney advised that

- Power washing as part of the ACT programme in almost complete in the 5 towns in the district and that this is timely, considering the directive from Irish Water to conserve water usage
- Works will continue to enable social distancing in towns; discussions are ongoing with Town Teams. Emphasis & focus in on public confidence
- By-laws may be needed to implement temporary measures.
- A statement was read on behalf of Cumnor Construction who had recommenced work on the boardwalk in Mallow on 2nd June 2020.

J Moloney referred to previous comments made by all Members, with regards to the closure of the river walkway when works re-commenced. It was inevitable that the walkway would be closed for safety reasons; the duration of the works is likely to be the end of 2020. He has noted Members comments & sentiments to the contractor. The boardwalk is for the overall betterment of Mallow Town. It was also

acknowledged that better signage is needed to advise pedestrians. There are also issues that prohibit cyclists. Access to the lifebuoys will be looked into with the contractor. It was also noted that there have been recent incidents of vandalism to the lifebuoys and how important it is for the public to acknowledge the importance.

- Works are progressing on the N20 south of Annabella
- Reminder to Members when logging queries to use MyCouncil.ie
- Lifting restrictions at playgrounds – a cleaning operation will need to take place before playgrounds re-open.
- Works are progressing as planned at Dromahane and Ballydesmond.

All members acknowledged the report and unanimously thanked all Cork County Council roads staff for their response to Covid-19 pandemic.

Cllr G Murphy acknowledged that works on the boardwalk are progressing, he queried the timeline for completion of works, press release should be issued to all Members, costs; is the project on budget.

Cllr G Murphy also asked for an up-date on the horse sculpture.

Cllr J Kennedy acknowledged the swift response of Cork County Council to the water break in Mallow recently; more bins are needed in Mallow town.

Cllr P Hayes queried a motion that he had at a previous meeting re turning at Boherash Cross, could the traffic lights at Bridge St, Mallow be moved back possibly 3 spaces to enable traffic turning left from Park Rd, welcomed resumption of works at the boardwalk and queried if idea of a Pedestrian Crossing at the Plaza, Mallow be introduced instead of lights.

Cllr JP O's Shea requested if a list of public lighting works programme for 2020 be circulated.

Cllr I Doyle queried if playgrounds will be policed when re-open. As part of the ACT programme new road markings & road-lining should be encouraged, requested an up-date on the Pedestrian Crossing in Charleville.

Cllr L Madden asked for clarity with regards to restaurants putting tables outside their premises as part of Project ACT, clarity is also needed around playgrounds.

Cllr T O' Shea asked if the box at the Southside of the bridge could be re-instated, acknowledged good feedback with regards to works taking place on the N20, queried works from Ballinlough Cross to the Spa.

J Moloney, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

- Horse Sculpture will be re-instated on the N20 in the coming weeks.
- Acknowledged repair of the water main on behalf of the Water Directorate
- Issue with Domestic waste in bins but number of bins will be clarified.
- Boherash Cross – this will be following up with TII
- Lights at Bridge Street – this forms part of the Boardwalk works
- Pedestrian Crossing at the Plaza – this will be referred to the consultants.
- Road markings & road lining works had been done in Charleville, extra funding available through Project ACT.

- Discussions are taking place with town teams with regard to outdoor tables for restaurants.
- All playgrounds are currently closed – cleaning works will need to take place before re-opening.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Minister for Arts, Culture & Gaeltacht Affairs re Freshwater Pearl Mussel on the River Blackwater
- b. Irish Water re: Update on upgrade of Wastewater Treatment Plant in Mallow

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Draft copy of Mallow Historical Map was presented to members to come back with any comments before going to print. It is also hoped to start work on similar town maps for Kanturk & Newmarket.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: _____