

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the December Meeting of Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District held on Friday 6th March at 2.30 pm in Cork County Council Offices, Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork.

PRESENT:

In the chair: Cllr. Bernard Moynihan

Councillors: Ian Doyle, Pat Hayes, Gearóid Murphy, Liam Madden, Gerard Murphy, Tony O'Shea

APOLOGIES: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cllr. James Kennedy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary P. Hayes, SEO North Cork, Liz Donovan, Municipal District Officer, Jim Moloney, Snr. Executive Engineer.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of November Meeting of the Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District held on Friday, 7th February 2019 at 10.30 am in the Council Offices, Annabella, Mallow – Minutes were approved and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Liam Madden.

2. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

(a) Municipal District Officers Report – Liz Donovan.

Community Fund Proposed Allocation Listing was presented for Members Approval.

A discussion ensued noting the importance and value of this funding for community groups, The wide range of projects was noted together with value for money. The importance of members approving the overall budget of Cork County Council thus making allocations such as these possible was also noted. The recommendations were welcomed and approved on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

The following allocations were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Charleville Town Development Fund: Charleville St. Patricks Day Parade - €700

Mallow Pay Parking Dividend: Erection costs of Christmas Lights €9,000

Applications were provided for the Streetscape, painting and signage scheme 2020 and the scheme was discussed. It will be advertised in the press next week with a closing date of 24th April and application forms will be available from all area offices. It was agreed to officially launch the scheme following the next Northern Committee Meeting in Annabella.

It was noted that Dromahane Community Park Group would be submitted for Pride of Place 2020 and that members should contact the MDO if they had further nominees.

Members thanked staff members of the MD for their quick turnaround in relation to grant allocations.

- (b) Senior Executive Engineers Roads Report – Jim Moloney.

Bad weather over the past few weeks including floods and frost leading to increased pot holes was noted. Jim Moloney advised staff were attending to them as quickly as possible. N20 works were progressing with footpaths significantly complete. It was noted that crash barriers would be installed and a blacktop overlay would be progressed in this area. Grading of ironmines would take place over the next few weeks. A litter pick will take place on the N20 and N72.

The Drainage programme 2020, The Restoration Improvement Programme 2020 and the Restoration Maintenance Programme 2020 were presented. These were approved by members on the proposal of Cllr. Pat Hayes, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle.

A discussion ensued.

It was asked if approval could be granted for work to be carried out on Saturdays to deal with the pothole backlog as in previous years and agreed by the Senior Exec Engineer to query with the Director. Worn road patches on the N20 from bridge to wire rope area will be examined. Hogans cross works will likely be carried out during the summer. It was noted that the median island strip on the N20 would be concrete or stone. It was agreed to investigate a pot hole near Ballyclough GAA pitch.

Drainage works carried out by staff was commended by members.

It was agreed to write to Pat O’Sullivan, Area Engineer, Millstreet and Denis Kelleher, Millstreet thanking them for their work in the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District.

- (c) Part VIII – Mallow Castle, Proposed development of the walled gardens to the north of Mallow Castle House, improving public access to Castle Grounds and providing a natural themed, inclusive children’s playground amenity, with associated site works and landscaping.

Mary Hayes, SEO presented the Part 8 report on Mallow Castle proposed works, noting in particular the positive submission by an-taisce. She also noted that there were on-going meetings and discussion with Castlepark residents. Timelines indicated for commencement of work is this September dependent on Full Council approval and Ministerial Consent. She confirmed funding was in place due to successful grant applications under the Urban Regeneration scheme.

Members fully welcomed the development noting the positive impact it would make and increase the huge development, social, tourist and economic benefits to Mallow and North Cork. The Part VIII report was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes and agreed by the meeting.

- (d) Cork County Development Plan Statutory review.

It was agreed to ask planning if the meeting could be held on the Friday 24th rather than Wednesday 22nd. If that was not possible, Wednesday 22nd July at 10.30 am in Annabella, Mallow was agreed.

- (e) Grant of Right of way at Lissard, Burnfort.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan to forward the Grant of Right of way at Lissard, Burnfort, from Cork County Council to Paul Finnegan, Lissard, Burnfort, Mallow Co. Cork for the consideration of €1 as per the map on the understanding that queries of Cllr. Liam Madden with regard to location and reason were addressed to Cllr. Maddens satisfaction by the Property Section.

- (f) Concept proposal for Charleville Plaza & Pedestrian Crossing Connection to Town Park.

Mary Hayes, SEO spoke on the concept proposals developed and options for Charleville Pedestrian crossing and connection routes in the town. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that proposal B was the preferred option from an aesthetic, connectivity and safety viewpoint. It was noted that there would be loss of car parking spaces and the proposal would go through the formal Section 38 public consultation process.

- (g) Re allocation of Cork County Council Amenity Grant Fund 2019 – Lombardstown Community Council €729 from provision of bollards to purchase planters.
The re-allocation of Amenity Grant Fund 2019 to Lombardstown Community Council of €729 to purchase planters was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Tony O’Shea, seconded by Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

3. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr Gearóid Murphy 23/02/2020

- (a) *To seek an update on the construction of the boardwalk on Mallow Bridge and to ask when the project is likely to be completed.*

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes

Response: Jim Moloney, Senior Exec. Engineer outlined the response from Mark O’Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Design office noting that the relocation and lowering of existing ducting, installation of new service ducts and water mains, removal of electrical poles, undergrounding of overhead lines and the demolition of the disused toilet block has been completed. Works have also begun on the pointing and cleaning of the vertical faces of the existing bridge.

The War of Independence Memorial will be temporarily relocated to the site for the upcoming Easter commemoration.

The contractor has currently demobilised from site and will return to site in Quarter 2 of this year. The fabrication of the boardwalk will take place off site .In parallel to the fabrication of the boardwalk, the contractor will return to site to complete some of the outstanding works with the balance being completed post the installation of the boardwalk. The installation of the boardwalk is scheduled for Quarter 3 2020.

The response was welcomed and it was asked that works that would cause disruption to traffic movement would take place during school holidays.

- (b) *To ask whether there are any plans for the development and promotion of Lisscarroll Castle as a tourist attraction and to enquire as to Cork County Council’s role in same.*
The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

Response: Liz Donovan, Municipal District Officer advised that the castle was owned by the OPW and the Council had grant assisted the community in recent years in removing the derelict garages fronting the castle and would assist going forward in any plans for promotion. It was noted that there were legal issues being worked on by both the community and the OPW near resolution currently. The community were commended on their work to date.

- (c) *To ask whether the road between Grenagh village and Rathduff National School is on a programme for resurfacing and to ask that it be considered for same.*
The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Liam Madden.

Response: Jim Moloney, Senior Exec. Engineer advised that the Area Roads Office is working off the existing 2019-2021 Roads 3year Programme. This road is not on the current programme. The

road can be considered for future programmes. In the interim the Roads Office will monitor the road condition and take remedial measures as may be appropriate within the constraints of available resources. The area would be considered for the next programme which would commence in 2022. A discussion ensued, it was agreed to examine the areas where there is partial lining only and where the surface type changes on leaving the village.

Cllr John Paul O'Shea 29/02/2020

- (d) ***"That Cork County Council request the TII to erect a permanent crash barrier on the N72 at Pallas, Lombardstown in order to prevent cars going off the road in this area".***
The motion was proposed by Cllr. Tony O'Shea, seconded by Cllr. Liam Madden.

Response: Jim Moloney, Senior Exec. Engineer agreed to raise the matter with TII.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Reply from HSE re Proposed Elective Hospital Cork 24/02/2020

The contents were noted and the meeting in committee referred to with regard to working on proposals with the HSE locally.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan queried the provision of ramps for schools at Boherbue and Kiskeam. The Senior Exec. Engineer advised that the traffic calming policy was adopted at full council but that there was not an associated funding stream provided. He advised that it was intended to develop a prioritisation strategy in relation to traffic calming works in KMMD.

Cllr. Pat Hayes queried the possibility of undergrounding cables in Mallow Town. It was noted that this would form part of the overall public realm proposal for Mallow Town which is currently being developed and the concepts will be brought to members in the next number of months.

Cllr. Pat Hayes asked if Boherash junction and cross could be examined as the right turn northbound manoeuvre was hazardous in the absence of a filter box. Jim Moloney agreed to talk to TII regarding this area.

Backup of Traffic in Mallow Town was noted as a concern and difficulty by a number of members. The Senior Exec. Engineer advised that the Council's Traffic Lighting contractor was currently on site examining signalling and that works on the N20 together with a traffic survey taking place may have added to the build up on specific recent days, it was asked that the traffic lights at the clock house be turned off and provision of a push button pedestrian crossing be examined.

Build up of Refuse at private property 165 West End was noted and it was agreed to continue to follow up with the owner and the Environment Directorate.

It was asked that a cigarette ballot box as provided in Cobh would be provided in Mallow. Mary Hayes, SEO sought suggestions as to locations for consideration.

It was noted that the Urban Neighbourhood in Mallow Castle grounds were nominated for the Irish Forestry Awards.

It was noted that Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Ian Doyle would visit Tinley Park, Illinois (Twinned with Mallow) during his St. Patricks Day visit to Chicago.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Municipal District will take place on Friday, 3rd April at 10.30 am, at Charleville E-Centre, Charleville, Co. Cork.

Signed: Bernad Mynshaw
CHAIRPERSON

Date: 8/5/20.