

## **CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the November Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 11.15a.m. in the Council Chamber, Co. Hall. Cork.

### **PRESENT:**

In the chair: Cllr. Pat Hayes

Councillors: Gearóid Murphy, Liam Madden, Gerard Murphy, Tony O'Shea, John Paul O'Shea, James Kennedy, Ian Doyle, Bernard Moynihan.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary P. Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development, Jim Moloney, Senior Executive Engineer, Jennifer Murphy, Staff Officer and Anita Leader Meetings Administrator.

### **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Minutes of October Meeting of the Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 10.30a.m. in the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork – Minutes were approved and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

### **2. SECTION 183 DISPOSAL NOTICE**

The proposal for the disposal of Land (0.0011 Hectares/0.0027 Acres) at Bellevue Ballydahin Mallow Co. Cork to Daniel O'Mahony Bellevue, Ballydahin, Mallow, Co. Cork for the consideration of One Euro - approved on the proposal of Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

### **3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **(a) MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Senior Executive Officer presented a report on Project ARCC - A Real Cork Christmas. A detailed report was issued to members outlining the ethos of the initiative. The following is at the core of what project ARCC aims to achieve:

- To support business trading in different ways through Covid 19
- Promote shopping local
- To animate the towns visually, aesthetically.

In her report the SEO stated ARCC is an extension of “Project ACT”, which was established earlier in the pandemic to make a direct, positive difference to individual communities.

Update on Project ACT. It was confirmed that Cork County Council COVID-19 Community Call Helpline is still operational. Full report detailing progress on works and allocations circulated to Members which included Village Renewal Fund, Town and Village Renewal National Scheme 2020: Accelerated Measures National Scheme granted along with recent Clar allocations as follows :

<b>Kilbrin National School/Kilbrin Community Council</b>	<b>New footpath, pedestrian crossing, and ramps.</b>	<b>€45,540.00</b>
<b>Ballyhass National School</b>	<b>New car park and associated works, road signage and markings.</b>	<b>€45,448.00</b>
<b>Castlemagner Community Council</b>	<b>Digital speed signs and ramps</b>	<b>€12,600.00</b>

**Members raised the following queries/made the following observations:**

**Cllr. B. Moynihan** acknowledged the tremendous work carried out by Cork County Council Staff in preparing the Clar applications and he welcomed the funding stating this money will be a huge boost to all three communities.

**Cllr. J Kennedy** was in agreement with Cllr Moynihan and also commended staff on all the hard work and effort put in.

**Cllr. J.P. O’Shea** also commended staff and welcomed the Clar funding which will be a huge boost for all three Communities during these difficult times. Cllr O’ Shea queried the location of two Temporary Licence applications for parklets for Kanturk. The SEO will revert with the location of both parklet applications.

**Cllr. I. Doyle** stated that it is evident that Businesses in the Kanturk /Mallow MD suffered because of the pandemic. However, it must be noted that businesses have adapted and this is evident from essential businesses operating Click and Collect through the assistance of project ACT. Cllr Doyle also welcomed the development of the town plaza in Charleville, stating how important the investment is in preparing Charleville for the M20 bypass.

**Cllr. L. Madden** welcomed Clar funding for three communities all within a close geographical radius. Cllr. Madden highlighted the importance of having the work which is currently ongoing in Mallow finished by the time level 5 restrictions are eased in order to minimise disruption to the town.

**Cllr. T. O’Shea** thanked the SEO for the comprehensive report and welcomed the allocation of funding. Cllr. T O’Shea queried the proximity of the pedestrian crossings at

Fair Street, St. James Avenue and O'Brien Street in particular, raising concerns to the disruption to traffic flow through Mallow. The SEO responded by saying that the pedestrian crossings are being provided on foot of requests raised during Town Activation meetings to facilitate improved crossings for pedestrians. The three crossings incorporating raised ramps will not be on the Main St but on the side streets at junctions.

**Cllr. P. Hayes** welcomed the Clar funding and acknowledged the tremendous work done by Cork County Council in support of Local Businesses. He wished to express his thanks to the Taxi Association for the Co Operation in facilitating the move of the taxi rank to the new location.

- (b) **Update on Derelict Sites Register.** A detailed report was circulated to members along with a copy of the Register. Cllr J. Kennedy raised the query if Cork County Council spend money on a derelict site or premises will all monies spent be recouped in the event of a sale. The SEO pointed out the restrictions with regard to the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and a provision under the Land and Conveyancing Act 2009 where a bank is selling a property, it can dispose of the property with no regard to any judgements registered subsequent to its own charge having been registered. Concern was raised by Cllr Kennedy about the length of time a property is on the register. The SEO pointed out that just because a property / site is listed on the register does not mean they will be resolved. A lot of factors are at play which effect final outcome. Cllr Gearoid Murphy acknowledged the Act is vast and complicated and he suggested consulting with the legal department for clarification. The SEO confirmed this was previously done. Cllr. J.P. O'Shea stated that if the money is there following a sale that CCC should be able to have its debts paid. He also stated the incentive to spend money on derelict sites by CCC is not there if the money cannot be recouped. Cllr J.P. O'Shea recommended that a motion should be forwarded to Full Council seeking that correspondence be sent to the Minister requesting updating of the Derelict Sites Act. All members agreed.

(c) **Part VIII – Enhancement of public Realm at the Charleville Library**

Mary Hayes SEO spoke to members about the Public Realm planned for Charleville Library, stating that it would be a Bespoke Plaza which will help restore biodiversity, a public Realm which will enhance the town of Charleville. It will consist of a planting scheme carefully selected by an Architect which will enhance the space. A space which will accommodate all people of all ages and needs. The area will have raised tables and will involve the relocation of bus stops. The SEO stated that the proposal is subject to funding and that the first step is to get planning permission. Cllr. I. Doyle welcomed the investment in Charleville and restoring the area back to a public space with Biodiversity taken into account. He acknowledged the importance of part 8, for everyone to have an input. Cllr. J.P. O'Shea commended the SEO on the upgrade of the playground and town park.

He also queried the timeline for relocation of the bus stops. The SEO must establish timelines and will revert to members. J.P. O'Shea queried the Johnny Barrett memorial plaque if this will have to be removed or relocated. Cllr. O'Shea also highlighted the importance of engaging with all parties as the area is currently being used by a number of

groups. Members were advised that Part 8 is on display in Charleville and Annabella Offices up to the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 for submissions.

(d) **SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jim Moloney SEE presented his report informing Members of the following main points:

- N20 South of Annabella the Footpath east side of Blackrock Bridge is currently closed. Measures will be relaxed for two weeks at Christmas but unavoidably will close again in January to facilitate works.
- Active Travel Scheme – work to commence on footpath repairs in Dromahane, Buttevant, Ballydesmond and Newmarket.
- Low Cost Safety Scheme – Works are substantially complete on the Hospital Cross to Lisscarroll Road.
- Works at the Riverside walk are substantially complete.
- Drainage Works N20 funded under T.I.I. currently being carried out.
- Funding available through Reopening Towns Post Covid for Pedestrian Crossings approval received for pedestrian crossings, located in church Street Newmarket. and three on the Main Street in Mallow.
- Lisscarroll resurfacing works to commence in the next few days.
- Works at Shortcastle, Main Street and St. Joseph's Road near Castlepark will not proceed until the new year.
- Works on the upgrade of Kanturk Roundabout to commence in a week or so and should be completed by the end of the month.

**Members raised the following queries/made the following observations:**

**Cllr I Doyle** acknowledged the great work done in Dromina.

**Cllr B Moynihan** commended staff on the tremendous work done in the Duhallow region in 2020.

**Cllr. J Kennedy** asked if the works on the boardwalk will be completed by Christmas. The SEE stated he will receive an update from the contractors and revert. Cllr Kennedy also raised his concerns in relation to gullies at Bells Cross. The SEE is aware of the issue and will follow up.

**Cllr. J.P O'Shea** thanked staff for obtaining funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme to complete the upgrade of the roundabout in O'Brien Street, Kanturk. Cllr. O'Shea queried if it was possible to dome the centre of the roundabout to deter traffic from driving over it. The SEE responded by saying it will be slightly raised but larger vehicles will need to be able to drive over it.

Cllr. O'Shea also highlighted his concerns in relation to pedestrian crossing at Strand Street, Kanturk and Earl Street which is lodging water and is a hazard requiring immediate attention. The SEE will follow up.

Cllr. O'Shea requested an update from T.I.I. on the public consultation on the M20. The SEE will seek an update and revert to members.

Cllr. O'Shea sought an update on number of CIS and LIS taking place next year and the number on the waiting list. The SEE will revert to members with the figures.

**Cllr Gearoid Murphy**

Cllr. Murphy sought an update on the footpath near the Old Walls in Liscarrol. The SEE stated that work was currently ongoing in the area with the past week which includes additional curbing and some refurbishing works. Funding has been applied for through the Town and Village renewal scheme to improve footpaths and to install traffic calming measures in the village.

**Cllr. Liam Madden**

Cllr. Madden sought an update on the M20 Mallow bypass. He stated that monthly reports were spoken about and queried the route selection. The SEE will follow up.

**Cllr T. O'Shea**

Cllr. O'Shea queried if three pedestrian crossings on Main Street in Mallow would hold up traffic flow going through the town. The SEE stated that the concept for the pedestrian crossings came from meetings with the town representatives under Project ACT whereby NTA funding has been allocated to improve pedestrian movements to reopen towns post Covid.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

***(a) "To seek an update on plans to install a pedestrian crossing outside Lyre National School"***

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy [28/09/2020]

***The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J.P. O'Shea.***

**Response:** The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed he is aware of previous request for funding. Funding has been applied for and if successful work will advance. Works carried out will be dependent on funding received. Cllr. Murphy queried a timeframe for funding the SEE stated as there is a number of avenues for funding but he didn't have a timeline.

***(b) "That a footpath be considered for the beginning of the road from Mallow towards the Ironmines/Fountainville area, so as to allow for safer pedestrian access to the town from houses on that road and for pastime walkers and runners"***

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy [12/10/2020]

***The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. James Kennedy.***

**Response:** The SEE is aware of the matter; a number of requests have been made from residents. The provision of a footpath will be very expensive. The existing boundary will have to be taken to facilitate a footpath due to lack of width. SEE is currently looking at

ways to fund the works through central government, through Active Travel, Low Cost Safety Scheme and NTA.

**(c) “That Speed control measures be put in place outside College Wood estate on the Killavullen road in Mallow”**

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy [12/10/2020]

**This motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.**

**Response:** The SEE stated CCC have undertaken significant traffic calming measures in the estate. At present, CCC do not have funding to carry out the works outside the estate but through the Low Cost Safety Scheme he is hopeful work will be carried out in 2021.

*Members were in agreement that the next two motions would be taken together.*

**(d) “That Cork County Council give a breakdown on the funding of Parklets for Businesses availing of them”**

Cllr. Tony O’Shea [22/10/2020]

**This motion was proposed by Cllr Tony O’Shea, seconded by Cllr. Liam Madden.**

**(e) “Temporary Licenses for Parklets that can be reviewed after 3 months the need to get clarity on this for future as going forward these are going to be a necessity for certain type of business.”**

Cllr. L. Madden [31/10/2020]

**This motion was proposed by Cllr. Liam Madden, seconded by Cllr. Tony O’Shea.**

**Cllr. T. O’Shea** asked if CCC could do something similar to Fingal County Council whereby the structure is provided by the local Authority while the furniture and any extras like heating would be up to the individual business owner. Cllr. O’Shea queried the possibility of increasing the funding for parklets to €1,500 for one space and €3,000 for two adjoining spaces.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** stated that businesses applied for funding in good faith. The level of funding offered to businesses was unclear. He raised his concerns that the current amount offered is not enough.

**Cllr. J.P. O’Shea** stated that there is a need to support businesses, incentivise businesses to put parklets in place. He welcomed the parklets in Mallow, Newmarket and Kanturk while pointing out there wasn’t any applications for parklets for Charleville, this needs to be encouraged as living with Covid is and will be ongoing into the future.

**Cllr Pat Hayes** said while the parklets are a great addition to a town, care must be taken that towns do not have more than they need.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** stated that consultation with all stake holders is imperative for individual town needs must be taken into account and asked how permanent these structures are.

**Response:** The SEO outlined the following possible funding which could be made available from Project ACT funding in Mallow to fund parklets, i.e. €1,000 for one space and €2,000 for two spaces. It was agreed that the SEO would review Cllr. T. O’Shea’s recommendation for an increased amount as set out above and that she would revert to Members at the next meeting. Members were advised that these parklets are only intended as temporary structures and may not tie in with the longer term public realm vision for Mallow. The SEO advised Members that while she would consider increasing the amount of funding and would revert to Members, she highlighted that other applications for parklets were also in for approval and that an increase in funding could only be considered subject to availability of funding and the number of requests received for same.

*Members agreed that due to time constraints, the following remaining Notices of Motion on the Agenda would be deferred to the December meeting of Kanturk/Mallow M.D.:*

**Cllr. L. Madden [30/11/2020]**

**(f) “Following recent approval for upgrading facilities in Mallow people have asked what about the need to accommodate extra tourists and the need to provide extra facilities like a camper car park.”**

**Cllr. I. Doyle [02/11/2020]**

**(g) “That Cork County Council would put railway road, Charleville on to road resurfacing programme.”**

**(h) “That Cork County Council would look again at public light provision outside Council office on old Cork Road, Charleville.”**

#### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 –Time and venue to be confirmed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRPERSON

Date: \_\_\_\_\_