

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the December Meeting of Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District held on Friday 10th January 2020 at 10.30 a.m. 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, James Kennedy and Tony O'Shea.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors. Gerard Murphy and John Paul O'Shea

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary P. Hayes, SEO North Cork, Liz Donovan, Municipal District Officer, Jim Moloney, Sr. Executive Engineer, Diane Finucane, Staff Officer.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of December Meeting of the Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District held on Monday, 16th December 09.15am 2019 in the Council Offices, Annabella, Mallow – Minutes were approved and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting in Committee re Pay Parking in Mallow held on Tuesday, 17th December 11.00am in Cork County Council Offices, Annabella, Mallow – Minutes were approved and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

2. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Part 8 Planning, proposed improved access and playground at Mallow Castle House, Mary Hayes, SEO, North.

Mary Hayes, SEO, North outlined proposals, notice & maps as advertised in December at Mallow Castle which include walled gardens, improved access, a playground, repairs conversation and restoration works to existing remnant stone walls and glass house remnant.

Cllr Gearóid Murphy welcomed the enhancement of public spaces in Mallow and mentioned the innovative style of the playground that will fit in with the historical backdrop of the Castle. Cllr Murphy asked if a section of the playground can be sensory and Autism friendly.

Mary Hayes, SEO, replied this playground will cater for different age groups and will be a destination adventure style playground and will refer the request for an Autism friendly section to the consultants.

Cllr Pat Hayes commended this project along with other positive planned development in Mallow and queried if Mallow Castle will be linked with access to Tipp O'Neill park and Spa house and also if it is possible to have a dedicated section in the Town Park for a Cricket pitch.

Mary Hayes, SEO noted access routes and the request for a Cricket pitch.

Councillor James Kennedy welcomed this project as it will be a big boost for tourism and will also impact the North Cork region. Cllr Kennedy asked if a skateboard park can be included to facilitate for teenagers.

Mary Hayes, SEO spoke of plans for a skateboard park in the current playground along with a small pocket playground; a detailed design for this area will be presented at a future meeting.

Cllr Tony O'Shea enquired on a commencement and completion date.

Mary Hayes, SEO replied a commencement date is imminent once planning is granted with a completion date in autumn 2020.

- (b) Image of proposed entrance to Town Park adjacent to new Mallow Boardwalk, Mary Hayes, SEO, North.

Mary Hayes, SEO outlined images of the proposed entrance to the Town Park adjacent to the new Mallow Boardwalk and noted the junction layout shown is not yet finalised.

Councillor Gearóid Murphy welcomed the plan to cut back the pavement to allow vehicles to manoeuvre onto Bridge St and asked if there will be a planned maintenance for the planted area, Cllr Murphy also looked for a drawing of the war memorial.

Mary Hayes, SEO noted the request for an image of war memorial and confirmed there will be planned maintenance for the planted area.

Cllr Pat Hayes queried if the war memorial will be complete for Easter.

Mary Hayes, SEO confirmed the war memorial will be complete by Easter.

- (c) Municipal District Officers Report.

Liz Donovan outlined the MDO Report, Community Fund 2020 was discussed.

(Cllr Gearóid Murphy took position in the chair 11.43am) MDO Officer spoke of works continuing in both Ballydesmond and Dromahane; Cork County Council will be meeting with both Communities. (Cllr Bernard Moynihan resumed in the chair at 11.45am)

The playground in Tullylease will be completed by the end of January.

Cllr Ian Doyle queried if the painting scheme will continue in 2020.

Liz Donovan, MDO, replied this query is with finance at the moment.

Cllr Pat Hayes asked which scheme Mallow Twinning Group can apply for funding. Cllr Hayes also asked if a civic reception can be organised as this year marks the 30th anniversary and a large group will be travelling to Mallow for this celebration.

Liz Donovan, MDO confirmed she has met with this group; the group can apply under the amenity grant scheme and asked Cllr Hayes for further information on the celebration i.e. dates etc.

Cllr Tony O'Shea queried the outstanding works in Dromahane.

Liz Donovan, MDO replied public realm works in Thomas Russell Place will complete the project.

Cllr James Kennedy asked if a civic reception can be organised for James Kennedy as he is due to travel back to Europe shortly.

- (d) Extinguishment of Public Right of Way LT 13211, Egmont, Churchtown

This was proposed by Cllr Gearóid Murphy and seconded by Cllr Pat Hayes.

Having considered the proposal to Extinguish the Public Right of Way to which no objections or representations were received and having complied with section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993, it is hereby resolved that the Public Right of Way over Road NO LT 13211 at Egmont, Churchtown, Mallow is hereby extinguished.

- (e) Senior Executive Engineers Roads Report.
- i. Jim Moloney SEE confirmed that although Road Grant allocations have not yet been announced by the Department of Transport that preparatory works on drainage and procurement of raw materials etc were being made locally.
 - ii. The SEE confirmed that works have resumed on the N20 Southern Approach to Annabella Overlay contract. Works prior to Christmas concentrated on footpath and verges on the western edge. The next phase of work will target footpath works on the eastern side in conjunction with bridge parapet works, crash barriers and railings. A blacktop overlay will be undertaken towards the end of the contract – likely after Easter.
 - iii. It was confirmed that the temporary speed ramps on St Joseph’s Road near the northern entrance to Castlepark were replaced with permanent installations immediately prior to Christmas.

Cllr Liam Madden told of motorists mounting the footpath on the old Cork road to avoid driving over the speed ramp.

Jim Moloney, Senior Executive Engineer will investigate this.

Cllr Gearóid Murphy asked for an update on the rider and horse’s statue.

Jim Moloney, SEE, this is part of the current works on the Cork road and the contractor will place the statue at the location previously agreed.

Cllr James Kennedy requested a copy of the traffic calming policy.

Jim Moloney advised that the Council is currently in the process of adopting a Traffic Calming Policy. He confirmed that once same has been adopted and its implications considered and discussed among the executive that he will arrange for Members to be informed of the manner of implementation of the policy. This may be at the February meeting.

Cllr Ian Doyle queried when road marking works will be done at Smiths Road, Charleville from St Marys School and also from the Bridge to two mile cross.

The SEE confirmed that the issues are on the works list and will be addressed in the near future as weather conditions and resources permit.

Cllr Pat Hayes asked if a telegraph pole in the middle of the footpath in Ballydaheen can be moved and for pothole repairs are carried out outside the AI station on the Mitchelstown Road.

Jim Moloney, SEE advised that in the short term the footpath will be improved in the vicinity of the pole to facilitate pedestrian movement and that ultimately arrangements will be put in place to relocate the pole. The SEE will investigate the reported pothole on the N73.

- (f) Community Fund Applications 2020
Discussed.

- (g) Grant of Option Agreement, Right of Way and Wayleave at Bottlehill Co Cork
Liz Donovan, MDO advised Members this will be going to full Council.

3. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion Cllr Liam Madden 02/01/2020

- (a) ***“Update re Patrician Academy Building Project and the need to fast track planning due to priority and Importance”.***

This motion was proposed by Cllr Liam Madden and seconded by Cllr Gearóid Murphy.
Mary Hayes, SEO advised the meeting as this is a live planning it cannot be discussed.

- (b) ***“The need to change Cork Racecourse Mallow back to original name Mallow to promote area and its surrounds as a lot of companies in Mallow are involved in sponsorship”.***
This motion was proposed by Cllr Liam Madden and seconded by Cllr Pat Hayes.
Liz Donovan, MDO Officer advised the meeting this issued has been debated before and suggested inviting Cork Racecourse to meet with Elected Members.

Motion Cllr Bernard Moynihan 02/01/2020

- (c) ***“That an update be provided on rendering process for new link road in Kanturk”.***
This motion was proposed by Cllr Bernard Moynihan and seconded by Cllr Ian Doyle.
Reply from John Slattery, Senior Engineer, Roads Office.
Cork County Council has been successful in attracting €619,500 of funding to Kanturk Link Road through the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund. This funding will allow Cork County Council to construct this vital infrastructure which will promote the ongoing development of Kanturk. The delivery timeframe is expected as follows:
- Q1 2020 Finalise detailed design and prepare contract documents
 - Q2 2020 Tender, tender assessment and award of contract
 - Q3 2020 Construction Commence
 - Q1 2021 Construction Completion.
- (d) ***“That an update be provided on number of site visits with enterprise Ireland organised by Councils economic unit in last 3 years For Duhallow region”.***
This motion was proposed by Cllr Bernard Moynihan and seconded by Cllr Ian Doyle.
Councillors expressed their disappointment at not having a response to this motion.
Mary Hayes SEO confirmed management were working on a reply and will be circulated at the next meeting and suggested scheduling a meeting with Enterprise Ireland and the L.E.O office.

Motion Cllr Gearóid Murphy 02/01/2020

- (e) ***“To write to Irish Rail inviting them to consider a site in the Mallow area as a location for their planned new train depot for the Cork area. Mallow would be an ideal location for a new depot, being located on the main Cork-Dublin line, with good road links and proximity to Cork City”.***
This motion was taken with motion g. This motion was proposed by Cllr Gearóid Murphy, Cllr Pat Hayes and Seconded by Cllr Liam Madden.
Write to the Minister for Transport, Irish Rail (Barry Roche) on this motion.
- (f) ***“To write to the National Transport Authority seeking an additional Bus Éireann Route 243 service to be provided between Charleville and Cork City, to depart Charleville at 6:10 am and to serve intermediate stations in Ballyhea, Buttevant, New Twopothouse, Mallow, Rathduff and the outskirts of Cork City, with appropriate connectivity to employment and education hubs to the south of the city”.***
This Motion was Proposed by Cllr Gearóid Murphy and seconded by Cllr Ian Doyle.
Cllr Ian Doyle spoke of the need for an earlier bus however it is vital to retain the current service also.

Motion Cllr Pat Hayes 04/01/2020

- (g) *“That Mallow/Kanturk Municipal District calls on the Department of Transport and Irish Rail to consider locating the Cork area train depot in the Mallow-Buttevant region. This is in light of the existing plans under the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy to expand commuter rail services. Mallow's proximity to the Kerry line and Limerick Junction makes it an ideal location for further investment from Irish Rail”.*
- (h) *“That the Mallow/Kanturk Municipal District write to the HSE asking the agency to consider locating the new Elective Hospital for Cork in the Mallow area. This is in light of the current plans to expand elective procedures in the Mallow General Hospital and the strategic location of Mallow's catchment area”.*
This motion was Proposed by Cllr Pat Hayes and seconded by Cllr James Kennedy.
- (i) *“That Cork Co Co consider putting in place speed calming measures at Lisgriffin National School”. This motion was proposed by Cllr Pat Hayes and seconded by Cllr James Kennedy.*

Jim Moloney, SEE outlined that significant measures have been implemented near Lisgriffin National School over the past two years – flashing school lights and speed limit feedback signs have been installed together with road lining improvements. He reminded Members that the policing of speed limits is primarily a matter for the Gardai and in this regard they should be contacted by the school authorities. The Area Roads Office will also raise the matter with the Gardai at future meetings

The SEE further advised that the Roads and Transportation Directorate are currently formulating a policy on traffic calming measures. This policy will dictate works going forward along with available budgets and resources.

It is noted that Members appear to be presenting Motions and making representations on a regular basis for traffic calming measures. Without prejudice to what may emanate as part of any new policy on the matter I would suggest that a procedure for proposing, assessing, designing, approving, funding and delivering a number of such schemes in the MD annually may need to be implemented. Funding may be by specific budget, T&V, local contribution, Clar, etc. May need Directorate sanction.

Motion Cllr Ian Doyle 05/01/2020

- (j) *“That Cork County Council would give update on Pedestrian Crossing at Park Road Charleville in line with Town Park Development”.*
This motion was proposed by Cllr Ian Doyle and seconded by Cllr Gearóid Murphy.
Mary Hayes, SEO – it is hoped to bring a lay out proposal to the next meeting (part of section 38 process)
- (k) *“That Cork County Council would give update on footpath repair programme for Charleville and Newtown”.*

This motion was proposed by Cllr Ian Doyle and seconded by Cllr Bernard Moynihan.

Jim Moloney, SEE advised footpath works on Smiths Road has commenced and contractor will go to Newtown works after complete. Alternative contractor to complete section agreed in Holycross. Is hoped that all works be completed by end of Quarter 1 2020

- (l) *“That Cork County Council would look at the possibility of lining out designed walking existing routes within the town for safety reasons”*

This motion was proposed by Cllr Ian Doyle and seconded by Gearóid Murphy.

Cllr Ian Doyle outlined the two routes, (1) Council office route (2) Railway route, Cllr Doyle asked if these routes can be signed.

Jim Moloney, SEE will investigate this and may need to liaise with TII regarding national roads element.

Motion Cllr Tony O’Shea 05/01/2020

- (m) *“That CCC would sweep the walk way known as the bullies from where it starts off the N72 down to the river Blackwater”.*

This motion was proposed by Cllr Tony O’Shea and seconded by Cllr Pat Hayes.

Jim Moloney, SEE advised this walkway is not in ownership of Cork County Council but we will refer this to Irish Rail.

- (n) *“That CCC would put in place some form of traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Ballyclogh NS”.*

This motion was proposed by Cllr Tony O’Shea and seconded by Cllr Gearóid Murphy.

Jim Moloney, SEE will talk to Gardaí on this. The SEE further advised that the Roads and Transportation Directorate are currently formulating a policy on traffic calming measures. This policy will dictate works going forward along with available budgets and resources.

Motion Cllr James Kennedy 06/01/2020

- (o) *“That Cork County Council shall enforce the right of way at Hibernian Way”.*

This motion was proposed by Cllr James Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Liam Madden.

Jim Moloney, SEE replied this laneway is in private ownership. *Cllr Madden felt this is an established right of way* Liz Donovan, MDO advised this is a matter for planning enforcement and will forward contact details to Cllr Kennedy.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Gearóid Murphy requested writing to the NTA regarding an update on increasing the frequency of the bus services to Grenagh and Bweeng.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Municipal District will take place on Friday, 7th February at 10.30 am at the Edel Quinn Hall, Kanturk.

Signed: Boni Myhres
CHAIRPERSON

Date: 7-2-20