

**Minutes of the January Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 9.00 a.m. Via MS Teams.**

**PRESENT:**

In the Chair: Cllr. Pat Hayes

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary P. Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development, Jim Moloney, Senior Executive Engineer, Liz Donovan MD Officer, Seamus De Faoite SEO Housing, Barry Ryan Executive Engineer, Jennifer Murphy, Staff Officer, Niamh Mullins Assistant Staff Officer and Anita Leader Meetings Administrator.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Minutes of December Meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 11.30 a.m. in the Hibernian Hotel Mallow were approved and signed on the proposal of Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, seconded by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

**2. SECTION 183 DISPOSAL NOTICE**

To Consider the granting of 2 No. wayleaves at Forrest View, Mallow, Co. Cork for watermain and foul sewer to Irish Water for the consideration of 1 Euro. On the proposal of Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded by Cllr. James Kennedy.

**3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) Part VIII Managers Report – Construction of a dwelling house on lands at 5A Glenview, Lyre, Banteer, Co. Cork. Presented by Seamus De Faoite SEO Housing CCC. On the proposal of John Paul O'Shea, Seconded by Cllr. Tony O'Shea. Cllr. Pat Hayes expressed his desire to be associated with the part 8 stating he is fully supportive of the development.

(b) Part VIII – Managers Report – Enhancement of public realm at Charleville Library including: Presentation given by Mary Hayes SEO

- Re – Landscaped plaza area “Bruce Place”, new pedestrian footpath at rear of library, connection between the Main Street through to an additional new entrance to town park, paving, seating, soft landscaping, drainage, memorial planting and urban trees, new art installation, lighting, new courtesy crossing with new road surface and all relevant construction site works to the public area. On the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. J.P. O'Shea.

**Full Report Circulated to members. Following the report the members made the following observations / made the following comments.**

**Cllr. I. Doyle** Thanked the SEO for the report and acknowledged the tremendous work done in the development of Charleville town Plaza. Stating it will be a huge addition to the public realm space within main street. He welcomed the proposal taking into account the submissions in particular the Suicide Awareness Group. Propose we proceed with the development taking into account all submissions.

**Cllr. J.P. O'Shea** welcomed the proposal and requested that consultation should continue with suicide awareness group. Through Part 8 concerns were raised and adaptations were made. Communication is very important with all interested parties.

All members were in agreement it will be a great addition, to an already vibrant town.

**Mary Hayes SEO** Thanked the members for their comments she assured the members that this is an inclusive space and engagement will continue with all interested parties. In terms of the part 8 process it will be brought before full council for approval late January early February. CCC is awaiting a formal response from TII. In terms of funding the works outlined are in excess of one Million an application has been made under the rural regeneration fund and is hopeful of a positive outcome. A strong application has been made but there is no guarantee.

#### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

(C) MD officers report circulated which included allocations was presented to members by Liz Donovan MD Officer. It was confirmed that Cork County Council COVID-19 Community Call Helpline is still operational asking members if they are aware of any individual in need of assistance to contact Cork County Council. Town Development Fund maintained at last year's level. Village Renewal Fund hugely successful in enhancing villages across the MD. GMA allocation remains the same as last year. Community Fund Scheme open with a closing date of February 19<sup>th</sup>. Asked members to promote this through social media etc. The following allocations for Outdoor Recreation funding were announced at the meeting.

Mount Hilary	20,000
Island Wood	20,000
Avondhu Blackwater Way	16,453
Old Butter Road Trail	20,000

The Town Development Fund in the following amounts were approved by members on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. J.P. O'Shea:

Mallow Pop 12459	Kanturk Pop 2350	Charleville Pop 3919	Newmarket Pop 976	Buttevant Pop 970	Reserve	Totals
57,000	19,000	22,000	17,000	16,000	8,000	139,000

Cork County Councils Village Enhancement Scheme was discussed, and it was noted ongoing discussion is continuing with community groups and Members are welcome to submit proposals to the Municipal District Office.

**The members made the following observations / made the following comments.**

All members thanked the MD officer for her comprehensive report and acknowledged the tremendous work done by staff during the pandemic.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** Welcomed the funding allocation which was detailed in the MD officers report. He Acknowledged the work done which will enable KMMD towns and villages to be ready post Covid.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** congratulated staff on Project ACT, the Christmas lights and the shop local campaigns all successful initiatives helping to high light the tremendous towns and villages across the whole MD resulting in increased business. He also queried if Newtown could be considered for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Cllr Doyle asked the SEO if she could follow up with Finbarr Jones in relation to funding received for the town park in Charleville to move the project forward. He also asked for an update on the pedestrian crossing in the town park.

**Cllr J. P. O' Shea** Welcomed the Outdoor Recreation projects getting approval. Due to the pandemic now in particular outdoor spaces are being utilized. Cllr. O'Shea asked if it was possible to reenergize the Covid 19 message. The helpline is operational, and Community Call Helpline is a service that is available to anyone that needs it. Local promotion by way of contacting Local Groups. Liz Donovan MD officer Response: Number of Covid Teams in particular areas have developed leaflets with local contacts. At a recent meeting reenergizing this was spoken about. The MD officer will bring it to Corporate Affairs attention for promotion.

Cllr O Shea Welcomed that Liscarroll has been approved under Town and Village Renewal Fund and under accelerated projects. As there is significant money available asked for an update plan, time frame for works and is Part 8 needed. L Donovan MD officer Response Part 8 is being Developed. Landscape Architect has been engaged to plan the approach Roads and areas around the town. Will revert to members possibly by March.

Jim Moloney SEE stated funding has been secured from 2020. Works have started along by the old walls. Work has been suspended due to Covid Restrictions. Once restrictions are lifted works will continue.

Has work started in Ballydesmond.

L Donovan MD officer Response: Works did commence on the second Phase of the footpaths to the community center. Contractors are off site due to level 5 restrictions.

Jim Moloney SEE responded work had commenced prior to Christmas on footpaths from Bobs Bar to the Community Centre. The contractor did return to site after Christmas and when lockdown restrictions were imposed secured the site before leaving. The situation is currently being reviewed with the CE to see if work can resume.

Cllr. O'Shea stated that there has been Submissions on Mallow Swimming Pool from 3 groups. These groups were unaware of any proposed development. The SEO said she will engage with the group that made the submissions.

Cllr. O'Shea queried if Any Sports Capital projects are being submitted? Mary Hayes SEO confirmed there is two applications being looked at. Davis College Running Track which is subject to planning and a skate park which is part of Mallow Town Park development.

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy** Public very appreciative of the work CCC has done for businesses. Welcomed the retention of funding. Town Development fund remains the same as last year. Asked if painting scheme will continue this year. L Donovan response: In the Town Development Fund there is an 8,000 Euro reserve. There is also substantial funds for individual towns. A portion of this could be allocated to the painting scheme in agreement with the town teams.

Welcomed the funding received for Island wood and asked for clarification of what the funding is for. L Donovan MD Officer Response: Funding was for a sensory path and walk improvement works.

Cllr. Murphy stated it is an underdeveloped amenity. Any funding to aid the development is very welcome. Application in for LIS which would be extremely beneficial as the road through the wood needs updating. Jim Moloney SEE responded that while the Island Wood is on the LIS scheme of applications no funding has been allocated as yet for 2021. Money is left over from 2020 he will check the priority list.

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** welcomed that the Town Development Fund and the GMA is maintained. He Welcomed the proposed development of Mallow Swimming Pool, Tipp O' Neill Park and Spa House. Cllr. Murphy queried if the part 8 in relation to Tipp O'Neill park will be out next month.

Mary Hayes SEO response Part 8 was delayed by a week so will be displayed next week.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy pointed out wider pool to enable extra capacity would be hugely beneficial.

He also said he was delighted to see the Sports Capital Projects that are being considered and welcomed the upgrade of the footpaths in Liscarroll and fully supported any upgrade to the facilities in the Island Wood.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** Great to see town hall being utilized at Christmas.

Cllr Madden sought an update on parklets. L Donovan Response: Parklets are being progressed by working with the individuals under the agreed scheme.

Sought an update on Burnfort.

Mary Hayes SEO Response: She welcomed the application and would encourage other villages to submit applications.

Update on the refreshing of the Disability Spaces in Mallow Town.

Jim Moloney SEE Response: He is engaging with Road lining contractor to see if he can carry out the work in the near future.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** welcomed the Town Development fund being maintained at 57,000. He queried work outstanding from last year in Bridewell Lane.

Mary Hayes SEO Response: A lot of work is ongoing in relation to Bridewell Lane to ensure it reflects the historic character of the laneway. A number of further initiatives to enhance the laneway are being considered. The esthetic of the laneway is very important as it will be a key laneway into the new Mallow Castle Playground when opened. Once proposal is further developed it will be brought before members.

Cllr. O'Shea thanked staff for the work carried out in Dromahane.

Mary Hayes SEO stated that Charleville Chamber have requested a sum of money from the Town Development Fund to assist with Car park signage and Bike Stands. Members approved the proposal.

**The Municipal District Officers report was approved on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

### **SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS ROADS REPORT**

(d) Due to Level 5 lockdown restrictions Jim Moloney SEE stated that operations are very restricted at the moment. Essential works only being carried out i.e. Pothole repairs, drainage works, street sweeping traffic light maintenance work and winter maintenance work. Gardeners have returned this week. However, grass cutting is not permitted.

Flood barriers remain partially in place in Mallow following flooding prior to Christmas. A decision has been made to leave the partially erected flood barriers to minimize staff mobilization in the event of a flood event. Due to the large number of Covid cases we need to be

mindful staff could be affected and this could have a knock on effect on already reduced services. Works that are ongoing at the moment are works permitted by the government which are NTA funded projects i.e. O' Brien Street Mallow, Shortcastle Junction, and St. Josephs Road. In relation to the pedestrian crossing in Newmarket. CCC is liaising with the contractor to see if he can return to site to carry out the works. Similarly, with respect to Ballydesmond discussions with the contractor are ongoing. At the N20 south of Annabella Roundabout on the Bridge at the Blackwater, works have been suspended and the footpath has been reopened. Works on the Boardwalk have been suspended. ARCC was a great success and since Christmas the trees have been removed which were erected in Villages and Towns. No information available to date in connection with level of grant funding from Department of transport to be allocated this year. Funding is expected for LIS however there has been no notification on the 2021 allocation to date. LIS scheme is run by Rural and Community Affairs and they insist that a project must be started and completed within the same year. Therefore, we need to be mindful to start LIS projects early in the year. SEE confirmed he is in consultation with the Road Design Team and planning section with regard to making applications under the Active Travel Scheme in terms of funding for 2021. No indication as of yet if County Council footpath grant will be available in 2021. The contract for N72 Spa Works was due to start in early 2021 this will now be delayed due to Covid. TII are in the process of appointing a contractor. M20 public consultation was extended and concluded last Friday. Mallow relief roads scheme draft constraints report is being finalized at the moment. Ballymaquirke CPO documents have been finalized and are with Senior Council for review. Expected to be lodged with An Board Pleanala by the end of January. This could be subject to change due to Covid.

**Cllr J. P. O' Shea** Sought an update on the footpath replacement in Liscarroll Village. Jim Moloney SEE Response: Details are being finalized with the architects. Part 8 will be required for Canty's Corner proposing to make a section of road at Canty's Corner to the church one way exit and involving an alteration to the footpath. Hopeful this will be finalized in the next few weeks.

**Cllr Gearoid Murphy** raised his concerns in relation to the lack of a pedestrian crossing between College Wood Estate and Mallow Town. Jim Moloney SEE Response: He will look into this. There is a number of funding streams being looked at to fund pedestrian crossings.

**Cllr Pat Hayes** Looked for an update for the works at Spa Road. Jim Moloney SEE Response: Works were due to commence in the first quarter of 2021. TII currently appointing a contractor. Unlikely works will commence until March at the earliest he will update members when he has a date.

Cllr. Hayes sought an update on the Mallow Relief Road. Jim Moloney SEE Response: A draft constraints report is being finalized which will include the outcome from the public consultations.

**Cllr. I. Doyle** Complimented staff for maintaining essential services. Cllr Doyle sought an update on a pedestrian crossing funded through project ACT.

Jim Moloney SEE Response: Works are NTA funded and can proceed. CCC are in discussion with traffic light contractor. He is hopeful work can continue during level 5. There is an issue with supply of materials for traffic lights.

**Cllr T. O'Shea** showed his support to Cllr. Gearoid Murphy's proposal of a pedestrian crossing at College Wood Estate.

**Cllr L. Madden.** Looked for an update on Spa River Valley.

Jim Moloney SEE Response: Funding streams are being examined to carry out improvement works. Funding hasn't been secured. He will update members when he knows more on this. Cllr. Madden asked if L5542 could be resurfaced. Jim Moloney SEE will follow up with Cllr. Madden on this.

Cllr Madden welcomed the consideration of a Bus Stop at Newtownpothouse. The Bus Stop is subject to NTA approval. The Bus stop at the hospital is out on the road could this be changed to allow the bus to pull in off the road safely. Response: SEE will follow up and revert.

#### 4. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

- (a) ***"To seek an update on plans to redevelop the old Town Hall in Mallow."***

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy [14/12/2020].

**The motion was proposed by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.**

Mary Hayes SEO responded as follows: Design proposals are still ongoing. Delays resulted from a need to have safe fire access route from the old town hall Mallow. This has reached a successful conclusion. CCC anticipates publishing Part 8 in the first quarter of 2021. A structural assessment was carried out on the property. Cllr. Murphy queried if anything unexpected was discovered as a result of the assessment. The SEO is not aware of any adverse findings.

- (b) ***" That Cork County Council investigate the possibility of moving the Dogs Heads in the spa into Tipp O Neill Park incorporating it into the new plans for Tipp O Neill Park."***

Cllr. Pat Hayes [08/01/2020].

**The motion was proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded by Cllr. James Kennedy.**

Cllr. Hayes also highlighted the difficulty large trucks are experiencing in turning. Jim Moloney SEE agreed it is a tight junction and said he will look at a swept path analysis in conjunction with the design team. He said Muddy Hill isn't conducive to heavy large vehicles in the area. He agreed with the SEO that from a heritage point of view moving the dogs head would be difficult. The SEE confirmed that works that are due to go ahead with the pedestrian crossing will incorporate the Dogs Head.

Mary Hayes SEO Response: Moving the Dogs Heads is a huge endeavor from a heritage point of view. Huge cost implications also. Even if permission to move the structure was granted. She does not feel it's feasible to move them.

*(c) "That Cork County Council remove the Listed status from what was once the Central Hotel in Mallow. Also an update on the current status of the building. Is it deemed a dangerous building?"*

Cllr. Pat Hayes [08/01/2021].

**The motion was proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded by Cllr. James Kennedy.**

Mary Hayes SEO Response : Cork County Council is currently engaged in the County Development Plan Review, a process which provides an opportunity to discuss the full range of matters relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, in a coordinated manner, including structures within the Record of Protected Structures. County at large matters will be discussed at Development Committee and Full Council level and local matters will be discussed at Municipal District Level meetings – it is considered the matter under consideration can be addressed in the context of said CDP Review process. In the meantime any queries regarding the heritage and conservation value a specific property should be directed to Council's Heritage Unit and the relevant Senior Planner – in this instance the Senior Planner for Mallow-Kanturk MD which is Tom Watt. A survey was carried out last year and safety measures were carried out.

L. Donovan stated that engineers from both sides have been in discussion to put together a work programme for the way forward which has proved difficult.

*(d) "That Cork County Council in conjunction with Irish Water would resurface pedestrian crossing in front of Super Valu on N20 in Charleville."*

Cllr. Ian Doyle [04/01/2021]

**The motion was proposed by Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.**

Jim Moloney SEE Response: The Roads office is aware of the issue and has been liaising with water services who have received verbal approval from Irish water to repair the crossing. Irish water are now engaging a contractor to carry out the works. Works will include defective surfaces in the area therefore substantial work will be carried out and hopefully completed by the end of January.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr. Hayes raised the issue of Potholes on the Ball Alley Road. The SEE has noted the issue.
- Cllr. T. O'Shea raised his concerns in relation to Public Lighting in Glantane. 14 new lights installed last November 7 are unlit. The SEE will follow up and revert.



**6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT**

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 9 a.m. Via MS Teams.

Signed: *Fat Majes*  
CHAIRPERSON

Date: *5/2/2021*