

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 2nd November, 2020,
at 10.30 a.m., at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.**

I Lathair: Cathaoirleach Michael Hegarty presided.
Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Collins, Twomey, McCarthy, Quaide, Ahern.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.
Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O’ Connell, (Youghal Office).

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 5th October, 2020.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October, 2020, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes:

- 2.1 Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of Motion 5.1.15 raised by Cllr. Quaide regarding the Midleton Country Market and asked if it could be confirmed that Cllr. McCarthy had written to the Country Markets Association and not the Department of Agriculture.
- 2.2 Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Motion 5.1.7 regarding resurfacing works in Sweetfield Estate and asked if it would be more economical to resurface the 400 metre length of road rather than the constant infilling of potholes. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if this could be looked at in the budget in early 2021.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Progress Report on the East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme 2020 Progress Report to the Members:

Funding Grant Category	Project Number	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and or Townland Name	Length of Work (m)	% Completed
	-	R	-	Regional Road Surface Dressing	4,200*	100%
	-	L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	22,500*	100%
Restoration Maintenance Subtotal =					26,700	
Restoration Improvement	1	LP	L-3601-53	East Cork – L-3601 Walshtown	1,600	100%
Restoration	2	LP	L-3679-0	East Cork – L3679	600	100%

Improvement				Cliff Road Ballycotton		
Restoration Improvement	3	LP	L-3642-25, L-3642-28	East Cork – L3642 Ballyvoon to Ballynookery	1,000	Drainage only in 2020, surfacing deferred to 2021
Restoration Improvement	4	LS	L-7690-0, L7691-0	East Cork – L77691/L7690 Glengarrif More, Dundullerick West and Ballynaskeha	2,150	100%
Restoration Improvement	5	LP	L-3628-0	East Cork – Whiterock from N25 to Thades Cross	1,500	90%
Restoration Improvement	6	LS	L-3629-0, L7657-0	East Cork – L3629 Bawnard to Rathcoursey to East Ferry	4,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	7	LP	L3602-16	East Cork – L3601 (Part) at Broderick's X	600	100%
Restoration Improvement	8	LT	L-9528-0, L95282-0	East Cork – L9528 Store Street/Greens Quay	150	Contract Awarded
Restoration Improvement	9	R	R-633-31, R-633-67	East Cork – R633 Cropaun to Gortavadda	2,300	100%
Restoration Improvement	10	LS	L-7814-0	East Cork – L7814 Ardglass towards Gurteen Phase 2	350	100%
Restoration Improvement	11	LS	L-7825-0, L78251-0 (part)	East Cork – L7825 Kilcounty X to Ballyre X	1,200	100%
Restoration Improvement	12	LS	L-7839-0, L-7840-0	East Cork – L7840 Drishane More	1,500	100%
Restoration Improvement	13	LS	L-7811-0	East Cork – L7881 Rooskagh Shanagarry	1,700	100%
Restoration Improvement	14	LS	L7806-0, L-7806-31	East Cork – L7806 Lyre to Breedra Road	1,000	100%
Restoration Improvement	15	LP	L-3675	East Cork – L3675 Ballynamona Raod	1,050	Preparation Works Completed
Restoration Improvement	16	LS	L-7876	East Cork – L7876 Monagoul, Ballymacoda	800	Ongoing
Restoration Improvement	17	LS	L-9804	East Cork – L9408 Distillery Walk Road	100	Contract Awarded
	RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL* =				21,600	
	TOTAL ROADS PROGRAMME =				48,300	

*Note: Revised Restoration Maintenance Programme necessary as a consequence of COVID-19 impact/weather events in August. A number of roads not completed as planned in 2020 will be included in 2021 Programme.

*Note: Additional Restoration Improvement Projects 15, 16 & 17 added to programme and being funded by reallocation of funding of Roads Programme Works not proceeding in 2020.

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The Members welcomed this report.

3.2 Progress Report on NTA COVID Project ACT Interventions.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following NTA Covid ACT Project Report on Youghal and Midleton Town to the Members.

As advised at the September Municipal District Meeting, on foot of a countywide application for funding to the NTA under the Project Act funding initiative, East Cork Municipal District has been successful in winning approval for a number of COVID interventions in our two towns, Midleton & Youghal. The table below sets out the up to date position on the status of the implementation of the interventions and budgeted allocations from the NTA. A total budget of €220,000 has been allocated.

The interventions represent a significant investment in improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities in high footfall locations and, importantly, will also yield traffic calming benefits by locally narrowing the carriageway and/or incorporating ramps where appropriate.

Municipal District	Location	Description	Estimated Project Cost	Status
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention A – Main Street (R907), Midleton, Co. Cork – Temporary relocation of the bus stop from outside Midleton Library to a location approximately 200m to the southeast on Main Street opposite the junction with Distillery Lane	€20,000	Completed
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention B – New controlled pedestrian crossing (zebra) to provide connectivity to bus stops	€25,000	Completed
East Cork	Midleton Town	Intervention C – New signaled ramped pedestrian crossing on Youghal Road, Midleton (adjacent to St. Coleman’s) widening of footpath between St. Coleman’s crossing toward the Rock.	€46,900	Section 38 completed. Works substantially completed
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention D – New controlled	€25,000	Section 38

		ramped pedestrian crossing (zebra) at Credit Union		completed. Contract awarded.
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention E – New controlled ramped pedestrian crossing (zebra) between Fire Station and Mall Lane	€29,000	Section 38 completed. Contract awarded.
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention F – Upgrade of existing controlled pedestrian crossing at Garda Station	€20,000	In construction.
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention G – Upgrade of existing controlled pedestrian crossing at Strand Church	€20,000	Works substantially completed (awaiting power connection from utility supplier).
East Cork	Youghal Town	Intervention H – Provision of Bollards	€15,000	Procurement Stage

3.3 Progress Report on East Cork Footpath Programme 2020.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following Progress Report on the East Cork Footpath Programme 2020.

Status	Location	Type of Works	Approx Length (m)	Status
1	Ballinacurra Hill (to Grotto)	Replace and widen footpath	25	Completed
2	Ballinacurra to Castleredmond Estate	Localised Repairs	-	Contractor Appointed
3	Ballinacurra Upper Road	Localised Repairs	-	Contractor Appointed
4	Ballinacurra Main Street	Localised Repairs	-	Contractor Appointed
5	Castlemartyr – Mogeely Road	Localised Repairs	50	Contractor Appointed
6	St. Coleman's Terrace, Cloyne	Localised Repairs	-	Proposed
7	Kennel Road, Knockgriffen, Midleton	Replace Existing	165	Completed
8	Midleton Park Hotel	Localised Repairs	-	Proposed
9	Broderick Street, Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	Completed
10	Drury's Avenue, Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	Completed

11	St. Mary's Road, Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	Contractor Appointed
12	Elsinore Heights, Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	Contractor Appointed
13	R626 Elsinore to Elm Grove, Midleton	Replace Existing	80	Completed
14	L-7725 Junction with Cork Road, Midleton (Oatencake)	Replace and Widen	10	Proposed
15	Entrance to industrial estate on Dwyer's Road, Midleton	New Footpath	15	Proposed
16	McSweeney Terrace (outside GAA), Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	Proposed
17	Outside Hospital and Garda Station, Midleton	Localised Repairs	-	Completed
18	Upper Cork Hill, Youghal	Replace Existing	150	Contractor Appointed
19	Bun Scoil, Youghal	Localised Repairs	-	In Construction
20	Catherine Street, Youghal – corner of Meat Shambles Lane	Localised Repairs	-	Completed
21	Strand Road, Youghal	Replace Existing	15	Proposed
22	Bottom of Golf Links Road, Youghal	Replace Existing	25	Proposed
23	Raheen Crescent, Youghal	Replace Existing	45	Contractor Appointed
24	Dermot Hurley Estate, Youghal	Localised Repairs	-	Proposed
25	Wavecrest, Whitegate	Replace Existing	8	Proposed
-	Footpath near Cloyne National School	Replace Existing	30	Completed
-	Catherine Street, Youghal – corner of Meat Shambles Lane to Doctors Office	Replace Existing	30	Completed
-	Repairs to footpaths Main Street, Youghal	Localised Repairs	-	Completed
-	Repairs to footpath, Greencloyne by roundabout	Replace Existing	8	Completed

Cllr. Linehan Foley welcomed the report and thanked the Engineers for their work.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a section of footpath at Marina Terrace, Upper Aghada and at Mrs. O' Neill's, Ladysbridge.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the contractor who was awarded the works for 2020 has also being carrying out works for the NTA. The

Engineer informed the Members that these works have been inspected and listed for the 2021 Footpath Programme.

Cllr. Twomey thanked the Engineer for his report and asked if there was any possibility on the provision of a footpath from Ballinacurra to Castleredmond Estate. The Engineer informed the Members that there is not sufficient room on this road for the provision of a footpath.

3.4 Municipal District Officer's Report for November 2020.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, circulated the following Municipal District Officer's Report for November 2020 to the Members.

General Municipal Allocation 2020 (Community Fund Grants).

At their meeting held on the 3rd of June, 2020, the Members considered 108 applications and approved grants totalling €241,300 to community, arts and heritage and sporting groups throughout the Municipal District.

2020 Amenity Fund.

A total of €110,425 was allocated to the Amenity Fund for 2020 and a total of €16,100 has been claimed to date.

2020 Community Contracts Fund.

A total of €55,875 was allocated to the Community Contracts Fund for 2020 and a total of €13,275.50 has been claimed to date.

2020 Capital Fund.

A total of €75,000 was allocated to the Capital Fund for 2020 and nothing claimed to date.

Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

The contract for vegetation clearance for the Midleton Youghal Greenway is now being finalised. Topographical survey of the route is ongoing and will continue over the coming months. Tenders for a Landscape Architecture and Interpretive Planning brief have been sought and are currently being evaluated and a brief for the engagement of Engineering consultancy services is now in preparation.

Midleton Town Centre Improved Access & Enhancement Project, Phase 2.

Members will be aware of the ongoing work being undertaken to finalise the design and tender documentation for this complex project. Whilst it was expected to go to tender in March, this did not happen as there were additional amendments required to the tender documentation to incorporate the recommendations of a pre-construction Stage 2 Road Safety and other Accessibility Audits.

It is imperative that the tender documentation issued is as comprehensive and complete as possible to enable contractors to submit tenders prices and to mitigate the risk of additional cost and delays arising during the construction phase of the works.

It is envisaged that tenders for the construction Contract will be advertised shortly and assuming that there are no issues with the tender process, the appointment of a Contractor will occur in Q1 of 2021.

There is a 15 month construction period allowed for the works.

St. Mary's Collegiate Church – Youghal.

The Voices of St. Mary's.
Fully completed and handed over to Cork County Council.

Phase 2 of the Youghal Eco Boardwalk.

This 1.2km extension of the Boardwalk is almost completed.

Front Strand Public Convenience & Lifeguard Facility.

Construction due to start by end of 2020. To be completed Q3 2021.

Youghal Lighthouse Project

An Architect is currently preparing designs for Phase 2 of the works which involves the construction of a viewing area on the seaward side of the building to facilitate proceeding with the Part 8 planning procedure.

Youghal RRDF Application (Courthouse) – and Public Realm.

Grant of €281,250 approved. Design Team has been appointed. Going out to Tender shortly.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme,(2018). – Cloyne.

Litton Fountain.
This project for the repair and refurbishment of the historic Litton Fountain and for enhancement of the surrounding public realm is essentially completed.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, (2018). – Youghal.

Market Square Dock.
This project provides for new, quality, natural stone paving, revised parking facilities and the installation of Moby Dick Sculpture at Market Square Dock.

This Project is now completed with the unveiling of the Moby Dick Sculpture, Artist Matthew Thomson, by The Mayor of Cork County, Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, on the 12th August, 2020.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, (2019).

In late 2019 the Council was notified that it had been successful in its 2019 Town & Village Renewal application for East Cork for the installation of a series of 8 space 'bike racks' in designated car parking locations throughout the towns and villages of East Cork. The proposal will promote cycling throughout East Cork, and aid the transition at a local level to a low-carbon economy.

The inclusion of these bike racks will further enhance the reputation of East Cork as an outdoor haven for cycling enthusiasts, following the hosting in East Cork of the international first full Ironman competition in the region on 23rd June, 2019.

Approximately €50,000 will be spent on this project.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

Accelerated Measures in Response to Covid-19.

This is a new strand of the Scheme for 2020, focussed on delivering immediate interventions that can be delivered in the short-term to assist towns and villages in adapting to Covid-19. It will target towns and villages with a population of under 10,000. The Council was successful and received a grant of €38,000 for a joint Cork County Council, Youghal Tidy Towns and Tesco Youghal proposal to develop a community garden at the Old Bridewell Gaol, Mill Road, Youghal. The project will consist of a gated community garden including an urban orchard, raised beds, seating and courtyard.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020.

1. Main Strand.

This will operate on the same basis as has been delivered in recent years, albeit with a particular focus on projects delivering an economic dividend and enabling towns and villages to respond to Covid-19 challenges. The Department is committed to ensuring that towns and villages most in need of support and for towns and villages which have not previously been funded under the Scheme will benefit under the Scheme in 2020.

Glenbower Wood.

An application for funding to facilitate the replacement of 3 no. footbridges in Glenbower Wood, Killeagh, has been submitted. This ancient woodland is an amenity which has attracted many thousands of visitors and numbers will increase significantly with the development of the MY (Middleton-Youghal) Greenway, which passes through Killeagh Village.

Accelerated Measure Round 3.

Castlemartyr.

A grant of €25,000 has been approved for the development of a linear walkway from Castlemartyr village along the Ladysbridge road to the entrance to Castlemartyr Resort.

Accelerated Measure Round 3 – Large Towns.
Midleton.

A grant of €36,000 has been approved for the installation of a pedestrian bridge in the Baby's Walk Park and the creation of three access points connecting three public parks (Roxboro Park, Baby's Walk Park and Midleton Lodge Park) in the town centre, improving permeability and interconnectivity of these public amenities. This was originally an initiative proposed under Project ACT (Activating County Towns), 2020, suggested by the Project ACT Town Team for Midleton.

Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM).

On the 19th of May, 2020, Cork County Council received a grant of €394,500 for Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructural Development across County Cork. There are thirteen (13) projects included in the Scheme which cover twenty one (21) separate piers. This grant represents 75% of overall project cost and Cork County Council will fund the remaining 25% (€131,500).

Three projects are located in the East Cork Municipal District as follows:-

Youghal Harbour – Nealon's Quay, Market Dock and Green's Quay.
Project Description.

Safety Improvement Works – (1) Essential Safety Measures to include handrails, toerails, replacing ladders, mooring rings, mooring bollards, storm weather gate (2) upgrade existing steps and carry out remedial works to pier wall and redeck slipway.

Estimated Cost €80,000 – Grant €60,000 – Match Funding €20,000.

Ballycotton Pier.
Project Description.

Fishermen Improvement Works: (1) Provide additional berthage at the deepest section of the pier by infilling steps (2) Fit 1 No. new navigation light at harbour entrance to improve safety of navigation (3) Install new fenders at head of main pier to prevent damage to the concrete piles supporting the main pier.

Estimated Cost €30,000 – Grant €22,500 – Match Funding €7,500.

Knockadoon Pier & Slip.
Project Description.

New concrete deck on upper section of slipway. Provide section of vertical toerails on both sides of slipway. New section at Beach and Breakwater - replace 2 No. ladders at head of

Breakwater. New surface water drain with gully adjacent to gabions. Install standardised Health & Safety (warning) signage.
Cost €18,000 – Grant €13,500 – Match Funding €4,500.

The Council continues to support Youghal Socio-Economic Development Group, Yew Wood Venues (Promotion of the Arts), Youghal Clock Gate Tower (Tourism), and Midleton Lodge and Baby's Walk Public Parks Project.

PROJECT ACT (Activating County Towns), 2020.

The Project ACT Town Team for Midleton put forward three proposals:

- The installation of two wheelchair accessible picnic benches, one in Baby's Walk Park and one in Midleton Lodge Park. Funding of €700.00 was approved and benches have been installed.
- The installation of 8 sets of seating and planters combined at various locations throughout the town and in two public parks. Funding of €35,528.00 was approved.
- The creation of 3 entrances and the installation of a pedestrian bridge to connect three town centre public parks and significantly increase accessibility and permeability of these attractive public open space amenities.

A grant of €36,000 has been approved under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2020, Accelerated Measures Round 3 – Large Towns.

The Project ACT Town Team for Youghal put forward two proposals:

- Targeted marketing campaign to bring visitors to the town centre, €18,772.00.
- Streetscape Painting Scheme, €20,000.00.

This Report was noted.

1.5 Project ARCC.

Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, gave the following report to the Members on Operation ARCC:

OPERATION ARCC.

Operation ARCC is the extension of Project ACT for the Christmas season, which is set to commence in mid-November, 2020, across our county towns, villages and environs. The tone of the campaign is seasonal, designed to capture a sense of hope, and to showcase the variety of businesses within County Cork available to consumers.

It has at its core the following aims –

- To support business trading through difficult times.
- To promote the importance of shopping local and staying local.
- To animate the towns visually, aesthetically and in ways which lend themselves to supporting hope, activity and a positive outlook for our citizens.
- To highlight the direct and indirect supports undertaken and provided by Cork County Council.

For each of these aims, a series of actions is in development at county level, with individual activities planned by each of the MDs particular to the towns.

Operation ARCC will comprise design, lighting, signage, logo, and brand features which will be common to and standard for all areas of the county at a high level. In addition, some initiatives and activities will be uniform across the county, including but not limited to the lighting of towns, Christmas trees, County Hall and other public spaces at the same time on the same day, the initiatives to be rolled out from the office of the County Mayor, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS, MESSAGING AND MEDIA.

Proposed Taglines are under consideration and will be confirmed for universal use including the following-

- Discover the Sparkle on Your Doorstep.
- Love A Local Christmas.
- The Magic of Local
- Christmas Cheer for Cork County.

All MDOs are expected to provide a continuous flow of information, promotion opportunities, images, etc., to the Communications Section for dissemination through the various media platforms.

1. COUNTY MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CALL.

Recognising that Christmas will be different this year for children, and that schools are set to remain open throughout the next lockdown, it has been decided that the office of the County Mayor will engage with children, schools and parents in particular.

Primary Schools.

The County Mayor will launch a call inviting all schools in the county to design a Christmas card which she will use for Christmas 2020. Ten will be selected, printed and sent from the

Mayor's Office this year. The winning student's class will get a Zoom call with Santa, and small gifts will "magically" appear outside the classroom door.

Secondary Schools.

The County Mayor will also offer a library window in each town for decoration by transition (or other) year students.

There will be a media campaign around the Mayor's initiatives with PR opportunities around the launch and the winners.

Mayor's Initiatives – Taglines.

- Discover the Sparkle on Your Doorstep.
- Love A Local Christmas.
- The Magic of Local.
- Christmas Cheer for Cork County.

2. SIGNAGE.

- Signage on approach to towns, with a simple design and message.
- Subtle encouragement to keep shopping locally, rather than from abroad.
- Each sign can be tailored to the town, and will be lit (possibly by battery operated lights set by a timer).

3. BUSINESS SUPPORT.

PR for companies supported by LEO.

- Identify 3 companies supported by LEO who are trading online.
- Profile those businesses in local media, to drive sales.
- Mention supports from LEO/CCC during interviews.

Cork County Council Operation ARCC Marketplace.

- In the event that traditional retail is closed, create a portal to showcase local businesses trading online.
- Companies can be invited to submit their business website, which can be collated to a central "Marketplace".
- Care needs to be taken to ensure listing is not an endorsement, but instead a forum by which local businesses can showcase their wares during the crisis.

Promotion of online sales by Cork County businesses.

- Highlight popularity of trading online vouchers to show uptake in options locally.
- Mayor to encourage Cork people to look close to home, and support businesses.
- Promote diversity of consumer offering, and highlight businesses doing their best.
- Creative radio and newspaper campaign promoting initiative to drive local engagement.

Supporting Trade / Footfall locally.

- Highlight areas with heating outdoors and newly installed awnings.
- Show vibrancy of outdoor markets, keeping business local.
- Pop-up shop opportunities.

4. LIGHTING.

Add a Little Sparkle.

- County Council offices to be lit for the month of December, to add festive cheer.
- Similar to the "Greening" initiative for St. Patrick's Day.
- MDs to participate, and link back to overall campaign.
- Purchase projectors and select universal colour scheme.

Light Up With Your Town.

- Select a night where all county towns and villages turn on their Christmas lights.
- Encourage businesses and homeowners to all turn on their house lights at the same time, just for a few minutes.
- Promote a moment of solidarity, all in this together, while remaining distant.

6. COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING.

Sli na Croi, Am Nollag.

- Encourage Tidy Towns committees to decorate Sli na Croí walks with festive messages of hope.
- Set the challenge of creating the most innovative designs for people to follow.
- Maybe create a "Santa's Elves" theme to highlight magic of Christmas for children.
- Bring colour to the community, at a time where traditionally there is none.
- Select a prominent tree in some towns for people to attach ribbons to decorate.

Engage with Older People.

- Invite people to recount their tales of A Real Cork Christmas – engage with Age Friendly Alliance, and citizens, build a communications campaign to be incorporated into the overall communications plan.

Arts / Culture Groups.

- Facilitate activity / events within public spaces / parks, and involvement with the school initiatives under the County Mayor's Christmas Call.

The above is to be further discussed and refined, resulting in a plan for the implementation of Operation ARCC.

Cllr. Hegarty welcomed the report.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that this is a great initiative for all local businesses which are in need of support in the present climate.

4. Business Prescribed by Statute.

4.1 East Cork Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2021.

The East Cork Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan was presented to the Members for their consideration.

Following a lengthy discussion the Members decided not to adopt the Draft Plan and to defer the matter to the full Budget Meeting in December.

5. Notices of Motion:

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th October, 2020.

“Regulated traffic regulations, to relieve congestion, in Castlemartyr town, with consideration given, to a bye-pass road, to ease the traffic flow”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a non technical summary report was circulated to the Members on the proposed N25 relief road and stated that a pre-feasibility study is being conducted by Cork County Council Roads Design Team and TII. The Engineer agreed to re-circulate the report.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th October, 2020.

“Progress report on the provision of bus-shelters for Whitegate Village, Convent Cross, Middleton, and if they have been approved to facilitate the Winter months of 2020”.

Cllrs. Twomey and McCarthy supported this Motion. Cllr. Twomey stated that there is not sufficient public transport provided for Whitegate Village.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that it was not possible to include this Convent Cross on Phase 1 of the current work programme. Phase 2 which will commence later this year is focused on the north and west of the county. Therefore, the stop referenced will be kept under consideration for inclusion on subsequent phases.

The Engineer informed the Members that a bus shelter for Whitegate will also be kept under consideration for inclusion on subsequent phases.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that that this Motion be forwarded to the NTA. All Members were in agreement with this proposal.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 13th October, 2020.

“From Tourist Funding, Cork County Council make major capital available to bring about improvements to the recreational grounds, by way of seating, floral plantation etc., to accommodate the many tourists and natives, frequenting the ever popular “Sweet Youghal Bay”, from adjoining strands, from Red Barn”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this Motion.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 13th October, 2020.

“That this Council will write to the GoBé Company requesting that they would consider extending their connect service to East Cork to help fill the public transport deficit that has been present in East Cork for years and with no real commitment from Bus Éireann”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, McCarthy and Hegarty supported this Motion.

Cllr. Twomey requested that a letter be forwarded to GoBé asking the company to look at this Motion once the COVID pandemic is over. The Members fully agreed with this request.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 23rd October, 2020.

“Pothole repairs to the road to Ballycrouneen beach, specifically needed from the crossroads to the beach, and to the junction at Hyde’s Park to include pothole repair in the Estate also”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, agreed to investigate this Motion.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 23rd October, 2020.

“Can the Church Road Cloyne be listed for resurfacing in next year’s programme”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this road is a strong candidate for next year’s road programme.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th October, 2020.

“That ECMD ask Cork County Council to carry out a Study and Plan for the future of Youghal Claycastle Beach and Pilmore Beach , regarding erosion”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a survey was conducted in 2001 by Malachy Walsh & Partners on erosion at Claycastle.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley requested that the report be circulated to the Members and this was agreed.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th October, 2020.

“That ECMD, apply for funding ASAP for resurfacing of Green’s Quay and that it be reopened to the public”.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if works could continue on from the works being carried out presently at Aldi.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this Motion.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that an outstanding issue regarding the Green’s Quay area had recently been resolved and stated that Cork County Council are presently looking at the costing of these works. The Senior Executive Officer stated that he will revert to Cllr. Linehan Foley on the matter.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 20th October, 2020.

“Asking ECMD apply for funding for the continuation of flood wall by pier head and phase three of same wall at Buttimer’s Dock, Youghal, bearing in mind the great success phase one and two are”.

All Members supported this Motion.

5.1.10 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 27th October, 2020.

“The public footpaths that are obstructed by barriers at Ballinacurra, Midleton (outside Bennett’s) removed as pedestrians are being forced to walk on the road”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the Executive Engineer will inspect same and provide a report under the Derelict Sites Act to the MDO.

Cllrs. Hegarty, McCarthy and Twomey supported this Motion.

5.1.11 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 27th October, 2020.

“Severe flooding at the junction of R626 and L3610”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this junction is logged for routine drainage works, the Engineer will investigate same in the meantime.

5.1.12 Cllr. Ann-Marie Ahern, received on 27th October, 2020.

“Cleaning of the Monument outside the Courthouse in Midleton for the centenary of Clonmult Ambush”.

Cllrs. McCarthy, Twomey, Hegarty and Linehan Foley supported this Motion.

Cllr. McCarthy informed the Members that the Midleton – Ballinacurra Heritage Group have made an application for funding for the cleaning of this monument to The Commemorative Committee and should have a response on same by the end of this week.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th October, 2020.

“That Council cut back overgrowth and make good to surface of lane way to Whitebay beach a much used and much loved amenity in East Cork”.

Mr. Seán O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that an outdoor recreation application for funding in the amount of €20,000 has been made and if successful the works will take place in early 2021.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the cutting back of hedges has not taken place this year due to COVID – 19 but will be carried out in January next.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th October, 2020.

“Seeking an update on the report on Drury’s Lane as a follow up to my previous motion requesting increased safety measures (incl footpaths, lighting, signage, road marking)”.

Cllrs. Collins & Hegarty seconded this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he has examined a number of draft measures here with the Traffic Road Safety Officer and stated that a programme of works for Drury’s Lane will be considered for 2021. The Engineer informed the Members that he will update them on same at the start of 2021.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 27th October, 2020.

“Can Council investigate the turnoff to Ros na Coille estate on the old Youghal Road, where there appears to be a safety issue with drivers who wish to turn right when approaching from the town end”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a section of the Youghal Road has been resurfaced in recent years with a 60kph speed zone in place. The Engineer stated that there is adequate lighting and a good line of sight at this location and stated it is up to drivers to slow down and give plenty of time before turning into Ros na

Coille. The Engineer informed the Members that there will be an extension of the footpath at this location once the local GAA development takes place, in the meantime the Engineer stated that there is no other measure that the Road Authority can make at this location.

5.1.16 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 28th October, 2020.

“That the Municipal Council would write to the Dept. of Health urging face-masks to be made mandatory in Farmers' Markets to ensure they can remain safely open as essential retailers throughout the COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, that the Municipal Council would, if it were possible within its remit, make face-masks mandatory in the Midleton Farmers' Market for the duration of the COVID-19 restrictions for as long as this rule applies to indoor retailers”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that it is a matter for the Government to advise when and where face masks should be worn and proposed the Motion be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration. All Members were in full agreement with this proposal.

5.1.17 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 28th October, 2020.

“That the installation of bike-stands in prominent parts of Midleton Main St., such as near the library, be pursued in recognition of the needs of cyclists and the increasing emphasis on active travel in our transport plans”.

Cllrs. Collins, Twomey, Ahern, McCarthy and Linehan Foley supported this Motion.

‘Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that Youghal be included for the installation of bike stands.

The Municipal District Officer advised that a number of bike racks would be provided throughout the East Cork Municipal District as a project under the Village Renewal Scheme 2019. Having regard to population criteria (<10,000 population) Midleton was not included in the project. However between the Fair Green Car Park and Connolly Street, where Phase 1 of the Midleton Town Centre Improved Access and Enhancement Project has been carried out, there are 10 bike racks already provided and Phase 2 of this Project may increase this number. In addition the planned Ballinacurra to Midleton Cycleway, if approved, will also incorporate the provision of additional bike racks.

5.1.18 Cllr. Liam Quaide, received on 28th October, 2020.

“That resurfacing works in Broomfield village be prioritised”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a contractor will be in situ by the end of this month and stated that 50% of the Spine Road is to be resurfaced with cushion style ramps to be replaced by 2 round top ramps and four table top ramps are to be included also. The Engineer also informed the Members that a statutory procedure is needed for the provision of crossings.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th October, 2020.

“Road from Ladysbridge Village to Loughane Cross and onto Ballymaloe Cross, road repairs and appropriate chevron signs to be erected”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Collins and McCarthy supported this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the issue with signage has been logged and he will investigate if any further signage is needed for this location. The Engineer stated that he will investigate road repairs at this location as an interim measure.

5.1.20 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th October, 2020.

“Reader feedback signs to be erected on the approach to Ballymacoda Village and Ladysbridge Village”.

Cllr. Ahern seconded this Motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the funding mechanism that applies for the provision of Reader Feedback Signage is that it is open to the community within the village to apply for the signage and fund 50% of the cost of same.

5.1.21 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 28th October, 2020.

“Update on land acquisition at Cork Road, Killeagh, (old Eircom Facility), for footpath realignment”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that Vodafone Ireland have a light planning application submitted for this location and stated that the Planning Authority have sought further information and are currently awaiting a response on same. The Engineer informed the Members that the request for further information is available publically on the Planning Enquiry system

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that he had received a ‘thank you’ letter from Fr. Tim Hazelwood, thanking Cork County Council and the Members for their support for the construction of the new public car park adjoining the Church in Killeagh.

7. Votes of Congratulations:

7.1 Cllr. McCarthy proposed a vote of congratulations to the Municipal District Officer on the recent marriage of his daughter.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.