

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 18th November 2019 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Seamus McGrath (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Marcia D’Alton, Aidan Lombard, Liam O’Connor, Ben Dalton O’Sullivan, Audrey Buckley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer, Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer, Alan O’Callaghan, Clerical Officer, Ken O’Riordian, Senior Executive Engineer, John Slattery, Senior Engineer.

1: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. D’Alton and seconded by Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting and the Draft Budget meeting held on 21st October 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Lombard

- Cllr Lombard wished to outline his displeasure at the allocation received by the Carrigaline MD for Coastal Maintenance. Cllr Lombard noted that coastal area of the Carrigaline has increased significantly from the previous area while the allocation amount (€20k) remains unchanged. Cllr Lombard advised that when he brought the matter up at Full Council he was directed back to the MD meeting where the issue was already raised. Cllr Lombard asked that both the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are written to express members’ dissatisfaction at the allocation.

Cllr D’Alton supported Cllr Lombard in this request.

Cllr D’Alton

- Update on issues concerning Crosshaven Wood (ongoing since July)
- Still waiting on a representative of Bus Eireann to come before members.
- Information regarding installation of Electrical Charging points in the county and in particular Passage West.
- Update on proposed advance warning signs at Coolmore.
- Update on Bus Shelter Programme.
- Any update on missing pump on Glen Road (Irish Water).

Cllr O’Connor

- Update sought on proposed tracker for logging issues raised at MD meetings

In response Nicola Radley advised the following:

- Budget has now been adopted by full council and cannot be changed at this point. After MD Draft Budgetary meeting the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance were informed that the Carrigaline MD did not adopt the proposed budget and the issues raised by members were passed onto point.

It was agreed that the correspondence from members regarding the rejection of the Draft Budget again be sent on to the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive as a way of noting the member's displeasure.

- A new tracker system is going to be trialled by the Carrigaline MD for recording issues raised at MD meetings. While this is primarily a tool for staff to use, a read only version may be made available to meetings at the MD meeting going forward.

In response Madeleine Healy advised the following:

- The plan at Coolmore was to wait for the results of the Speed Survey there. These will be available soon and moving locations will be considered then. Generally signs stay in place for approx 3 months.
- Regarding the missing water pump, Irish Water will be contacted again for an update.

In response Noelle Desmond advised the following:

- Members to send proposed locations to MDO who will pass onto NTA when they appear before MD.
- Still no response from Bus Eireann regarding a representative attending a MD meeting. Will send further correspondence.
- Michael Lynch in Planning Dept to be contacted regarding Crosshaven and update will be passed onto members.

2. Update on Work on the Cork Road & Ballinrea Road (incl Ashgrove Roundabout) - Pedestrian and Cycle Facility Improvement Works, Carrigaline.

Ken O'Riordan and John Slattery from the Regional and Local Roads Design Office gave members an update on the planned works and presented updated designs to members.

Ken O'Riordan advised the following regarding the plans.

- Improved design since plans last presented to members.
- Plans will link in with the new Educational Campus being constructed.
- The Ashgrove Roundabout will have more lanes and a controlled crossing.
- Works will be 1 km in length, twice the length of original plan.
- 5 controlled crossings on the route.
- Dedicated cycle lane to new Educational Campus.
- Hope works will progress quickly as no land acquisitions required.
- Councillors won't be given copies of maps today but will be given an opportunity to make online submissions in January. Plans will also be available online from January.
- Hopeful that construction will take place next year.

John Slattery advised that a funding application had been made and that a large part of the funding has already been provided by Development Contributions.

3. Election of Member to the Rural Water Committee.

Ben Dalton O'Sullivan was proposed by Marcia D'Alton and seconded by Seamus McGrath.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan accepted the position.

3: Municipal District Officers Report.

Noelle Desmond gave a brief run through of the report which was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members thanked the MDO for the report and made the following points:

- Can there be more flexibility regarding the payment of the Festival lights Grant as new lights aren't always needed?
- Can the Festival Light grant be used for the hiring of lights?

Members agreed to allow greater flexibility in the Festival Light Grant

Nicola Radley advised that greater flexibility can be given but the hiring of lights would be outside the remit of the scheme and not allowed.

4: To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

Cllr Lombard

1. That we ask Bus Eireann to revisit the stops for the New Airport bus route through Ballygarvan. Particularly that a stop be put in Five Mile Bridge, between Ballygarvan and Five Mile and between Ballae and Ballygarvan.

Cllr Lombard noted that the new route is very welcome but that having only one stop on a 14 km stretch of the route makes no sense. Especially not having a stop at Five Mile Bridge which has been identified as a key village within the MD. This is a great opportunity to link Carrigaline and Kinsale and more stops should be made available on the route.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion and also noted that any steps necessary should be taken to provide a bus stop at Five Mile.

Cllr McGrath also supported the motion and made the point that a solution needs to be found.

It was agreed to contact Bus Eireann to raise the issue. The issue is also to be raised on the proposed meeting between members and a representative of Bus Eireann.

Cllr Buckley

1. When planning is agreed and the developer digs up the road for services, can the council verify the works to redo the part of the road they have dug up is acceptable. We have areas of road that have sunken or tar is loose months after the contractor has replaced the tar and has left.

Madeleine Healy in response advised that the contractor is responsible until permanent reinstatement is signed off by Cork County Council.

If there is a specific concern regarding a reinstatement the details can be passed onto the area office.

Cllr Dalton supported the motion and also raised concerns regarding permanent reinstatement works where issue develop after works have been signed off. This is particularly in regard to works by Irish Water.

Madeleine Healy advised that it is the same contract regarding Irish Water reinstatements as it is with any contractor. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Water regarding a long term repair fund related to reinstatement works.

2. With O'Flynn's resubmitting plans for 40 apartments at the Drake's Point/Brightwater site, we are asking that the footpath on the Churchbay road will be completed. Soon over 400 houses will be completed and still no footpath to the village. The health and safety of the local residents and children needs to be a priority with the added traffic and bus on the Churchbay road.

Cllr Buckley advised that the footpath is badly needed now and cannot wait until the development is completed.

Madeleine Healy responded that it can be looked at and will come down to resources and budget for 2020.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and asked if anyway the footpath can be funded and completed now with the money claimed back afterwards from the contractors Development Contribution.

Madeleine Healy responded that such a mechanism may be possible but would depend on the planning conditions applied.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and asked if all issues other than funding, such as land owner issues have been resolved.

Madeleine Healy responded that all the main issues had been resolved but once plans are drawn up for the foot path other issues may arise.

Cllr McGrath

1. To seek a report from the Engineer regarding any planned improvements to the R613, between Coolmore Cross and Carrigaline, in light of the new 225 bus service using this road.

Cllr McGrath thanked Madeleine Healy for her response which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr McGrath asked can verges be cut and signage improved on the route. Also enquired regarding discussions between Bus Eireann and the area office regarding this stretch of road?

Madeleine Healy responded that there have been discussions with Bus Eireann regarding this route and that all that can be done is basic maintenance as the road is too narrow for anything else.

2. This Committee requests that the IDA and Irish Water actively engage to examine how proposed development works, subject to planning, by the IDA on a site adjacent to Coolmore Cross, may help to progress a sewage connection for properties along the R613.

Cllr McGrath asked members for agreement to contact the IDA and Irish Water to ask that sewage connections are included as part of any works at this location.

Cllr D'Alton supported the motion and noted the residents in this area have suffered a lot through numerous construction works in the area. Cllr D'Alton suggested that the MD make a submission through the planning process asking that sewage connection in the area is made a condition of any planning approval.

Members agreed that as an MD a letter would be written to Irish Water and the IDA seeking engagement in facilitating a sewerage connection as outlined.

It was also agreed to make a submission as a MD into the Planning Authority requesting a sewage connection is made a condition of any approval.

3. The Outdoor exercise equipment on the Carrigaline to Crosshaven Greenway by Kilnagleary has been a superb addition. To request that the Council seek to enhance the area surrounding this facility. Consideration could be given to providing some seating and lighting as well as landscaping works.

Cllr McGrath noted that the equipment has been a great addition to the walkway but would like to see some further enhancements to the surrounding area.

Cllr Buckley also supported the motion and also asked about the possibility of extending the solar lights on the walkway.

Cllr O'Connor also welcome the addition of the outdoor equipment and agreed that further enhancement of the area is needed.

Noelle Desmond advised in response that there are plans being finalised to upgrade, signage, seating and landscaping in the area.

Noelle advised that currently there is no budget for an extension of the solar lights.

Cllr Buckley asked if there was any budget available for repair works to the Crosshaven Railway Wall which runs parallel to the path.

Noelle Desmond advised that she will check and revert back to members.

Cllr O'Connor

1. "That Cork County Council directorate establishes a regeneration and development working group which will discuss how to enhance the economic capacity of Carrigaline Town Centre which has seen many businesses close in recent years and has multiple vacant premises."

Cllr O'Connor made the following points regarding the motion:

- There are numerous vacant premises on Main Street, including many in a state of dereliction.
- Severe lack of parking which is affecting traders in the town.
- There is very poor footfall through the Main Street, again affecting traders.
- A Plan is needed for economic regeneration of the Main Street.

- Plan needed now. Town cannot afford to wait for the implementation of the County Development Plan.
- Similar plans have been developed in other towns and would like to see it happen in Carrigaline.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and shared his concerns regarding the issues raised by Cllr O'Connor and asked that the Planning Policy Dept come before members to discuss the business mix within Carrigaline.

Cllr D'Alton supported the motion and noted that while there are closures, there are also lots of success stories that need to be talked up and promoted more. Cllr D'Alton requested that all towns within the MD need help in increasing footfall.

Cllr Lombard supported the motion and made the point that while it is positive that road improvement and upgrade works will be starting in the town, it would be important for the council to engage with businesses and possibly organise a meeting with them to keep them up to date. This was arranged in Bandon and was very successful in getting buy and support from the business community there.

In response Noelle Desmond advised that the upcoming Carrigaline TPREP (Transportation & Public Realm Enhancement) will offer huge opportunities for public regeneration in Carrigaline. TPREP should be driven by the business community and will be open for public consultation.

Nicola Radley advised that TPREP will come before members any plans are finalised. TPREP will look at the business mix and economic health of Carrigaline.

Cllr McGrath noted that he had recently met with the Carrigaline Business Association and they are looking to become a much stronger voice in the community and this should help drive economic activity in Carrigaline.

2. That Cork County Council Regional and Local Design Office, who are managing the Carrigaline western relief road, liaise with Councilors in the Carrigaline MD before the plans for landscaping and fixed furniture along the route are finalised.

Cllr O'Connor thanked John Slattery for his response which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr O'Connor welcomed the fact that members will have the opportunity to input into the plans and noted that he would like to see tree planting, benches and bins on the route as ideally this would become part of the Slí na Slainte walking routes around the town.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion.

It was agreed to again reiterate back to John Slattery that members are anxious to to have input into these plans going forward.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan

1. That this Municipal District would ask Bus Eireann to include a bus stop for the new 225 bus at an appropriate location to serve; Five Mile Bridge & Lower Road Ballygarvan."

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan was satisfied that this motion was covered with Cllr Lombard's first motion.

2. That the following update is provided to members on works due to commence at Five Mile:

The status and estimated commencement date of the following:

- Re-painting of road markings
- Power washing of Kerbs.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan asked if there was any update on timelines as the community group in the area are eager for work to progress.

In response Madeleine Healy advised that the request had been previously passed onto the Bandon/Kinsale MD who still has responsibility for such works in that area until year end. Madeleine noted that now would not be the time of year to carry out such works. Madeleine advised that once the area is fully in the remit of the Carrigaline MD in the New Year, a meeting can be arranged with the local community and the requested works arranged.

Cllr D'Alton

1. That the Municipal District Committee would receive a report detailing how the Town Approaches fund has been used in the Carrigaline MD (and formerly in the Ballincollig-Carrigaline MD) since its introduction, including any special projects enabled by this fund.

Cllr D'Alton thanked Madeleine Healy for her reported which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr D'Alton asked does the fund make a significant difference to towns. What specifically did it pay for?

In response Madeleine advised that the fund was largely used on grass verges on the approaches to towns. Money was also spent on projects in conjunction with local community groups. As the fund is distributed through lots of different expenditure codes it would be hard to quantify exactly where it all was spent.

Madeleine Healy also advised that she will hopefully have an update on the Gateway Project for Monkstown at the December MD meeting

2. That the Municipal District Committee would be briefed on the County Council's partnership in the EU-funded Cutler project which has a specific subject focus of Camden Fort Meagher.

Cllr D'Alton noted the report circulated to members prior to the meeting but felt that it not specifically answer exactly what is Cork County Councils involvement in the project, the specific benefits to Camden and what the total cost of the project will be.

In response Nicola Radley advised that the information in the report is all that is available currently. A member of the project team will be invited to address members at an upcoming Municipal District meeting.

3. That additional street lighting would be provided at the entrance to Passage West on the R610 at the Harbour Heights/Aldi junction.

Cllr D'Alton advised the meeting that street lighting is badly needed at this location as the junction is very busy and extremely dark. There is a pedestrian crossing at the junction but it is extremely to see pedestrians due to the lack of lighting.

Cllr McGrath supported the motion and asked that the installation of lights be put forward for consideration.

In response Madeleine Healy that a temporary solution can be looked at in the location while work is waiting to start on the proposed new roundabout there.

5. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr D'Alton

1. Carrigaline Educate Together Film
2. Cronins Pub Crosshaven. Michelin Guide 2020

6. Any Other Business

Madeleine Healy gave members on update on the proposed Pedestrian Crossings on the Ballae Road and in Passage West.

Both came through the planning stage under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act and can now be proceeded with.

Madeleine Healy also advised that the proposed One Way System in Crosshaven is due to go through the process and there will be an update and report available to members in January.

Cllr Buckley

- Update on provision of a Public Toilet in Myrtleville. Cllr Buckley advised that a potentially suitable property was recently identified.
- Update on drainage issues at Weavers Point.
- Is it possible to request bags of salt for Myrtleville and Fountainstown residents to collect?

Noelle Desmond advised that the property in question was referred to the Property Section and stressed that it was very early days in the project.

Cllr Buckley advised that the property owner had recently passed away in the United States and Noelle Desmond noted that this may slow down the process as the property will be in probate.

Madeleine Healy advised that there has been no progression yet regarding drainage issues at Weavers Point. The matter needs further negotiations involving land owners and the Property Section.

Madeleine advised that bags of salt are not left out in this manner. Grit will be left in the car park at Fountainstown which can be collected.

Any specific issues related to treating roads can be relayed to the Area Office.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan

- Update on installation of Bus Stop on city side of Kilmoney Road.

Madeleine Healy advised that the Bus Stop Pole was due to be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr McGrath

- Can we write to City Council regarding the lack of lighting at Hilltown Junction on the N28?
- Can the line markings at the junction near Bank of Ireland in Carrigaline be redone?

Noelle Desmond advised that we can write to City Council regarding Hilltown Junction.

Madeleine Healy advised that the line marking on that particular junction will be completed by year end.

Cllr Lombard

- Can the R611 be included Winter Salting Programme. Part of old Bandon/Kinsale MD so unsure if it is included or not.

Madeleine Healy advised that salting has started and the routes are being reviewed. Will check if R611 is included on the Programme and revert back.

Cllr O'Connor

- Can the disabled parking statements be reinstalled at Church Hill?
- Update on Line painting and installation of yellow box in Carrigaline Community Car Park?
- Hillview Estate. Brought up at last MD meeting and issue still outstanding?

Cllr D'Alton

- Clarification sought on what stage the Greenway extension at Glenbrook is at? Has a consultant been appointed to look at routes?
- Capping of wall at Passage West Cemetery not started yet.

Noelle Desmond advised that the Greenway team will be contacted for an update on the proposed extension in Glenbrook.

Madeleine Healy advised that she is waiting for a contractor to come back with quotes for the capping of the cemetery. It will not be completed this year though. Hopefully completed early in the New Year.

It was decided by members that the next Municipal District meeting will take place in the Floor 6 Extension meeting room on 16th December 2019 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting:

Signed: _____

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Date: _____

