

## **CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District, held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2 County Hall, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 at 14:00.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Seamus McGrath (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Marcia D’Alton, Cllr. Aidan Lombard, Cllr. Liam O’Connor, Cllr. Audrey Buckley and Cllr. Ben D’Alton O’Sullivan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Madeline Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer; Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer; Sophie Ryan, Assistant Staff Officer.

### **1. MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. D’Alton and seconded by Cllr. O’ Connor the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, having being circulated, were confirmed and signed by Cllr. McGrath pending the following amendments proposed by Cllr. D’Alton

1. That it be noted on Cllr. McGrath’s 1<sup>st</sup> notice of motion that considerable work has already gone into working towards getting a pedestrian crossing for Shanbally crossing
2. Under AOB that the “R610 from Pembroke Roundabout to Meteor” be changed to “R610 from Pembroke Roundabout to Marmullane Park”

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### **2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **(i) Update on Section 38 process – Crosshaven One-Way System**

Updating the members on the Section 38 process in relation to the one way system in Crosshaven, Madeline Healy informed the MD that there were 3 submissions made under the public consultation. She is confident that the requests highlighted can be addressed.

Currently in the process of putting together a report and revised drawings. If the DOS is happy with these they will be issued to the elected members.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley enquired about planning for parking spaces for the RNLI on Coveney Pier. Currently using 4 on-street parking spaces. As it was part of the original plan for Coveney pier can this be checked out to see if it is possible to relocate the parking places? MH advised that there is no issue in checking this out but it will not interfere with the plans for the one way system.

**Action:** Madeline to issue revised report and drawings to be circulated to members as soon as possible.

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#### **(ii) Carrigaline Municipal District Funding Allocations 2020**

The MDO report circulated to members incorporates details of the 2020 Funding Allocations proposals in respect of the TDF, GMA and VES.

The community fund takes up the vast majority of the General Municipal Allocation 2020. Applications closed on Friday and there were a significant number submitted.

It is proposed that a Member's Discretionary Fund be set up that will allow certain applications that do not fall under what is acceptable for the community fund but still deserve funding. The total amount available for the MD is €3600 with a maximum of €300 per application. The applications would be agreed at the MD meeting.

The fund was agreed by all members. Noelle Desmond highlighted that if the maximum allocation per application was applied, that would result in 2 applications per Councillor per year. Cllr. McGrath stated that the MD should agree a 'rule of thumb' to ensure a fair share for everyone.

**Action:** Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan requested that Noelle Desmond send an email to members detailing the type of things that could qualify for the fund.

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The Town Development Fund allocation for 2020 is €120k. Spend needs to be prioritised. Communities should be considering festival lighting and funding for St Patricks Day Festivals.

Cllr. O' Connor enquired as to the moneys left over in the TDF. He asked if there is a list of projects where the funding could be allocated such as the pontoon. Noelle Desmond replied that there is no defined list but that there are several ideas and elected members are welcome to contribute ideas. Feasibility work will need to be done on all proposals. The fund has a focus on economic and town development.

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There was an under spend on the painting scheme last year, however there is still an intention to allocate €20k and to put a greater emphasis on promoting it in communities.

Cllr. O'Connor raised the point that a couple of people who wished to apply for the scheme last year in Carrigaline were not eligible as they were not on the main street.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond to send on a breakdown of the spend on paint and streetscape scheme for members at the request of Cllr. D'Alton.

**Action:** Cllr. McGrath stated that the paint scheme will need to be added to next month's agenda to be discussed in more detail and to see how the scheme can be improved.

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Village Enhancement Fund – there have been queries about the ability to split the allocation between different villages. ND and team are recommending that in 2020 the VES should be allocated to Crosshaven, with agreement on the allocation to other locations to be discussed in greater detail at a later date.

Cllr. D'Alton referred to a motion she put forward in June 2017 asking that Monkstown and Passage West be considered separately for funding to allow both to stand to benefit from fund. Noelle

Desmond replied that if that was agreed previously there is no reason why that agreement cannot continue.

Cllr. D'Alton O'Sullivan asked whether the recipient(s) of the Village Enhancement Scheme will be agreed for the next, for example, 5 year period, or if it will be decided year-on-year. Noelle Desmond responded that this is up to the members, and that the immediate need is for the 2020 allocation to be decided. Members can bring forward suggestions as appropriate. Cllr. McGrath stated that it would be best if a decision were made on the matter today if it were agreeable to all members.

Cllr D'Alton agreed that members should have a model for feedback on where the VES funds are being spent and set up a mechanism that allows members input into how it is being spent to ensure maximum benefits. Nicola Radley asked whether it would be sufficient to include it as a standing item in the MDO Report in future and Cllr. D'Alton agreed that it would be.

Cllr. McGrath supports the idea of assigning the 2020 fund to Crosshaven. It is a major anniversary year for the village with the Cork 300 celebrations, with lots of projects planned for the town for the year and plenty of ideas for spending. Cllr. Lombard added his support but added that relatively substantial work for other villages such as Ballinhassig needs to follow on, stating that some villages need more basic improvements before they can enhance. Noelle Desmond reiterated that communities will be engaged with in relation to proposals.

Cllr. McGrath asked if all were agreed on allocating the 2020 VES to Crosshaven. All MD members were in agreement.

**Action:** Feedback on how VES funds are being spent to be included in MDO report into the future.

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Town and Village Renewal Scheme: A contractor has been appointed to install the running track however they require particular ground temperatures of around 12 degrees Celsius to install the surfacing. This may result in the completion of the running track slipping into Q2 instead of Q1 depending on weather.

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With regard to the public toilet for Carrigaline, the aim is to progress this towards the end of Q1/start Q2.

Cllr. McGrath asked for more specific details for the development of the public toilet in Carrigaline, particularly more details on the timeline, and enquired as to what was causing the delay.

Madeline Healy responded and informed the MD that civil works are required relocate the toilet. The suppliers have raised the possibility of installing a bigger, more family friendly toilet to be considered for installation. This decision has financial implications for budget and long-term maintenance. The decision to install this more modern unit is nearly there, with just a few details to be ironed out. MH is hopeful that the project will not roll into Q2.

Cllr. O'Connor asked if funding for the public toilet was coming from the Town Development Fund. If so, he queried the amount. Noelle Desmond responded that it is as there is no other obvious funding source for works such as this and that costs would be outlined to members once finalised.

Cllr. D'Alton asked if the spend for the balance of the TDF will be discussed by members. ND responded that she will come back to members for TDF suggestions.

Cllr. O'Connor also enquired whether there is the potential to install a drinking fountain for users of the running track as the toilet is being installed. Madeline Healy raised some questions around the practicalities of maintaining and installing a public drinking water supply and that it would need to be investigated in more detail. Cllr. O'Connor highlighted that they are in place all over the country. Noelle Desmond advised that as well as installation, maintenance regimes including swabbing and testing must be considered and that the Carrigaline MD would have a clearer idea of the cost of this once pilot / trial drinking water fountains in other locations were operational.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond to come back to members when final cost of public toilet is known.

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Cllr. D'Alton queried a table sent to members via email giving an overview of the 2019 TDF spend; in particular the Public Realm and Infrastructure spend. Noted that the amount spend is significant and asked for greater detail on the spend.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond to send an email to members with a breakdown of spend.

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### **3. CORRESPONDANCE**

In relation to the Pride of Place applications, all nominations are to be returned to Aileen Walsh by Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

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### **4. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

No issues to report

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### **5. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER REPORT**

Covered in discussion under item 2(ii)

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### **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Cllr. O'Connor**

- (i) "That Cork County Council take in charge the main road that runs through the Forest Hill Housing estate, Carrigaline. This main road is part of the Cork County Council plan for

the establishment of a ring road around the town of Carrigaline and it divides the residential estate of Forest Hill, with 70 houses on one side, and the majority on the opposite. At present, there are no pedestrian push button crossings on this thoroughfare road to allow residents to cross safely. This needs to be addressed, and subsequently traffic calming measures such as the installation of raised platforms to slow speeding traffic need to be introduced. The nearby Castle Heights housing estate development is under construction and its completion will add to the current volume of traffic, in addition to the bus service currently running through Forest Hill. Currently, Forest Hill estate has not been taken in charge by Cork County Council, however I am putting forward the motion that the Council take the road section in charge so that pedestrian push button crossings can be installed and that extra traffic calming measures can be added to ensure a safe passage for residents, children and motorists.”

Cllr. O’ Connor thanked John Slattery for the response to his NOM. He highlighted the ongoing issue of the lack of access onto the road for individual dwellings. He highlighted that the response does not address his query, only speaking about taking the estate in charge rather than the road into the estate. He proposed resubmitting the motion to see if the road can be taken in charge for improvement works.

Cllr. Lombard seconded the motion, and stated that it has to be considered as part of the bigger picture for Carrigaline. He advised that a relief road through a housing estate is very flawed and he supports a partial taking in charge, advising that it be dealt with in a timely manner.

Cllr. McGrath also supported the motion and added that it has become a bigger issue in the last few weeks with the closure of the Ferney Rd. This is a spine road through the estate where traffic calming is badly needed as speed is a huge issue. Cllr. McGrath highlighted a precedent in place from Mt Oval estate where the road was taken in charge before the estate was. There is need to bring safety to the fore. Need to go back to road design and planning.

Cllr. Buckley also supported the motion.

All agreed that the issue should go back to the road design office concerning the taking in charge of the road.

**Action:** Motion to go back to the road design office for response.

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#### **Cllr. D’Alton**

- (i) That Cork County Council would install an outdoor gym in Marmullane Park, Passage West.

Cllr. D’Alton highlighted that the park is extremely popular and is never empty. There is a significant green space that she has approached GoPlay in relation to the type of equipment that may be appropriate for the location. She highlighted that there is no public gym in Passage West cited the outdoor gym in Harty’s Quay as a good example. Cllr D’Alton added that the MD should recognise the value of such an installation and that the cost is low compared to the value that could be delivered. She would like to see alternative funding considered.

Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and agreed that the park had not been fully maximised.

Cllr. Buckley also supported the motion, citing the success of a similar installation near the RCYC around 3 years ago which has great usage levels.

Noelle Desmond agreed that it is an ideal facility but advised that a number of funding applications have already been made for this site and have been rejected. This decision has been appealed but there has been no response to date. The expected cost is around €30k.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond to report back to the members when a response is received.

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- (ii) That Cork County Council would install a safe crossing facility and/or traffic calming at the Fr. Collins Centre, Passage West. Although no longer used as a school, the Fr. Collins Centre functions as a busy community centre hosting activities attended by several hundred children each week .

Cllr. D'Alton cited the need for a safe crossing due to drivers coming downhill quickly towards the centre. Centre uses and residents in Rokenham have no footpath and have to cross the road here and there is a requirement for something to be done.

Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and added that it is a wide section of road that is difficult to cross. He stated that a fully controlled crossing may not be required but that something similar could be implemented.

Madeline Healy responded that it can be added to the list for consideration on the Safety Improvement Scheme for 2021. There is a big backlog for 2020 but it may be the case that some of these cannot go ahead so it could potentially be bumped up to 2020 but this is unlikely.

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- (iii) That to increase safety outside Knocknahanagh National School, Minane Bridge, Cork County Council would 1) put comprehensive staged road markings on the L3210 similar to those on the R611 serving Sonas, Carrigaline to alert oncoming drivers of the presence of a school and 2) consider the introduction of a periodic speed limit with **associated signage**.

There is no footpath at this location and it is desired locally that staged road markings be put in place on the approaches to the school, as these have a visual effect and acts as a forceful reminder for drivers to slow down. They are well used by other councils.

Cllr. Lombard seconded the motion and added that any line markings would be an improvement on what is there as there are currently no markings.

Cllr. D'Alton O'Sullivan also supported the motion and added that there is a big issue of visibility here. He also asked if there was any update on the footpath for Minane Bridge. He noted that this is of particular concern for children with sensory issues.

Cllr. McGrath added his support and said that interim works are welcome but that they do take time.

Madeleine Healy responded that the road markings will be done but due to the time of year it will take a while, and that they will be done along the lines of what Cllr. D'Alton has suggested. In response to the query on the periodic speed limit signs, Madeline Healy responded that the next speed limit review is not due to be conducted until 2022. She also added that there are few periodic speed limit zones in the county and that that they are not located within 50kph zones so it would not work for Minane Bridge. Madeline Healy noted that the speed limit would definitely not be considered until 2022. She would hope that a speed survey be done sooner rather than later.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond & Nicola Radley are to provide an update at next month's meeting on the Minane Bridge Footpath

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#### **Cllr. D'Alton O'Sullivan**

- (i) That Cork County Council would arrange tree cutting, hedge cutting and maintenance, as appropriate, at Killingley cemetery (old section) to allow the local tidy village work to do 'clean up' works there.

Cllr. D'Alton O'Sullivan noted the history of the cemetery and that the tidy towns group are keen to get some work done.

MH responded that she hopes to get the work done as soon as possible to get it done before the end of the month in order to comply with the bird-nesting season.

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- (ii) That the area engineer would take a look at lower Kilmoney road, Carrigaline and install speed limit signs and arrange painting of a road marking 'SLOW', in order to combat speeding on the road. Also to consider: new 50kph speed signs.

Cllr. D'Alton O'Sullivan highlighted the speeding issues and residents concerns for the area.

Madeline Healy asked if Cllr. D'Alton O'Sullivan had any specific areas in mind and he replied that the area around 'Woodview' should be considered. She responded that they can take a look at the road markings.

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- (iii) That this Municipal District would call on Bus Eireann and the NTA to implement a bus route to service Bishops court Nursing Home.

**All agreed**

**Action:** That the Municipal District will write to Bus Eireann and the NTA in relation to this

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## 7. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Nothing to Report

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## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **Cllr. Liam O' Connor**

Cllr. O'Connor sought an update on the Public Realm plan and the TPREP for Carrigaline, and expressed the view that both teams should be working in unison.

ND advised that MD staff have met with both teams and undertook to request an update to members.

Highlighted issue of potholes in Owenabue car park and the need for line painting before the summer time.

Madeline Healy agreed that the car park needs to be addressed and that in the short term that there will be temporary works and lining carried out.

On the topic of lining, Cllr. McGrath asked about lining at the bank junction. MH responded that the weather is delaying these works.

Cllr. O'Connor highlighted that the Ashgrove plans were due in February and there has still been no update.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond to request T-PREP/Public Realm team to brief the members.

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### **Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

Cllr. Buckley asked about the potential for a 'Welcome to County Cork' sign on Carrs Hill. Madeleine Healy responded that if such signs were to go in they would have to go in a number of locations, i.e. not just Carrigaline MD and that is a wider organisational decision.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the €144k contribution from O' Flynn's for Brightwater down to the village in Crosshaven.

Noelle Desmond is to update members once information is received from Planning.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the report for the Point Rd. (Irish Water)

Noelle Desmond responded that MDs are meeting with the County Engineers department to find a solution to this.

Cllr. Buckley also added that there are 3 large builds ongoing on the Point Rd. with large trucks travelling on it.

Madeline Healy stated that construction plans form part of planning permissions.

Cllr. Buckley sought an update on Bus Shelters

No further information available at present.

Noelle Desmond responded that the NTA deal with requests for new routes and that we will try and get someone to attend a Carrigaline MD meeting. Cllr. O' Connor highlighted that the MD submitted a 'wishlist' for shelters before Christmas and they had not yet received a reply.

Noelle Desmond advised that the shelters 'wishlist' has been furnished to the Traffic and Transportation section.



MH advised that in 2019 the shelter in Ringaskiddy and opposite Cogan's Garage in Carrigaline have were funded but there hasn't been an update on anything else yet. For the Carrigaline shelter, issues were coming back relating to footfall and people hurting themselves in bad weather standing on the green space outside of the shelter.

**Action:** Noelle Desmond to get an update from Cormac O'Suillibhean on the bus shelter request list.

Cllr. Buckley said that the community would be keen to see more solar lights on the Carrigaline to Crosshaven Walk. ND & MH to consider this.

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**Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

Cllr. D'Alton sought an update on the capping of the cemetery wall at Passage West and highlighted a broken lamp pole going up towards Passage West Graveyard at Maulbaun and asked who she should notify.

MH replied that there will be an overall review of cemeteries and that this will form part of an overall review. Madeline Healy will notify the relevant body about the broken pole.

Cllr. D'Alton highlighted a bus stop pole that has fallen outside Marmalane Park. A second one has fallen outside the school.

Madeline Healy will follow up with Bus Eireann.

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**Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

Cllr. McGrath stated that he was not happy with the response to the Ballinrea road improvement scheme. He stated that there is a tight timeline and that he is concerned that schools will have to open without the infrastructure in place. All members agreed that a special meeting is needed with the roads and design office within the next two weeks to be held in advance of the March meeting.

**Action:** A special meeting of the MD is to be set up with the roads and design office in the next two weeks.

Cllr. McGrath stated that the Eastern Carrigaline Junction presents an easy win for improving traffic in the town. He also asked for an update on the eastern corridor.

In regard to the Point Rd in Crosshaven, there is a lot of erosion and the road is subsiding. The residents are extremely concerned with the condition of the road.

Madeline Healy responded that that they will look on the Point Road but that it is a coastal issue.

Cllr. McGrath proposed the installation of a bicycle rack at the library in Carrigaline.

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Madeline Healy highlighted that proposals are being taken for the town approaches budget. She will be sending guidelines to members outlining what is usually included. The aim is to expand in the areas of pedestrian health and to keep town approaches tidy.

Cllr. Buckley asked if this will include the wall coming into Crosshaven and it was confirmed that it does.

Cllr. D'Alton asked if the town approaches budget includes spraying. She also asked that this not be done again as spraying has been extensive in the past and it is an issue for the tidy towns groups. Cllr. D'Alton also added that there is a conversation to be had around spraying to limit it more to address the community concerns and change how we manage this as a council.

Madeline Healy agreed that she would like to see it limited to edges and kerbs. She also stated that they are acting on request to present the tidiest edges and prevent grass from overhanging the kerb.

Members are to speak with Madeline Healy in relation to individual areas and works needed.

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**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

Signed:   
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Date: 07/05/2020