

CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Meeting: 21/9/2020



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District.

Meeting Location: Floor 16, County Hall on Monday 21st of September 2020 at 14:00.

Present: Cllr. Aidan Lombard (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Liam O'Connor, Cllr. Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Audrey Buckley, Cllr. Marcia D'Alton, and Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan.

In Attendance: Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer; Noelle Desmond, Municipal District Officer; Sophie Ryan, Assistant Staff Officer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Marcia D'Alton the minutes of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting held on July 20th 2020, having being circulated, were confirmed and signed by Cllr. Aidan Lombard.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. McGrath asked had there been any correspondence back from the HSE regarding the lighting of All Saints Cemetery. Noelle Desmond informed Cllr. McGrath that the HSE have no problem with lighting being installed and they are liaising with the City Council on the matter. Cllr. McGrath also raised the issue of the running track surface in Carrigaline to which Noelle replied that there is currently a delay in the supply of the final surface and that a completion date is not yet defined.

Cllr. McGrath asked Madeleine Healy if the signs on the road from the Ballinrea Waterworks to the cross been installed yet to which Madeleine replied that they had not yet but installed but that she hopes they will be up this week or next. Cllr. McGrath asked had there been any progress on the crossing at Shanbally. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that it has not been progressed as it is a big resource commitment, but it will be borne in mind.

Cllr. D'Alton gave an update on Harbour Heights.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

- (i) Taking in Charge: Atlantic View, Myrtleville

Members agreed to defer this item until the October Meeting of Carrigaline MD

4. Disposal of Property

Members agreed to delay the disposal of Lands at Maulbawn, Passage West until the October meeting of the Carrigaline MD

5. Municipal District Officers Report

Noelle Desmond stated the over the past few months a lot of work had been completed including that related to Project ACT. She stated that outstanding works will be prioritised and completed as resources allow. The 2020 Shop Front Improvement and Residential Painting scheme was fully

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subscribed and thanked the Elected Members and Staff who were active on the ground promoting the scheme.

Noelle advised members that there had been a delay in appointing consultants for the Crosshaven Village Feasibility/Assessment Report but that she hoped that the consultant would be appointed by the end of the week commencing Sept 21st.

Under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measure in Response to Covid-19, Crosshaven and Passage West have both been awarded €25,000 each. Both are positive, good news stories for the district and follow through on projects/proposals identified by the communities through Project ACT.

With regards to the Crosshaven Village Enhancement Scheme, meetings have taken place between the Council and the Community Association and it has been decided what areas in Crosshaven will benefit from this scheme.

Passage West has secured €10,000 in funding to develop an age-friendly network within the town over the next two years. The first meeting is due to take place before the end of September and then the usual process is for a walkability study to be carried out in the town.

Noelle also noted that a brief is almost complete for the Ringaskiddy Public Realm Plan. Members will continue to be updated as this progresses.

Cllr. Liam O'Connor asked is there any update on the lining in the Owenabue car park and signage for the new section at the rear. Madeleine informed Cllr. O'Connor that she was meeting with the lining contractor in the morning and that the signage would be installed in due course.

Cllr O'Connor asked would it be possible to see what the district has applied for under the URDF to which Noelle responded that she would send on this information to members.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath complimented the Council for the art gallery in Carrigaline and noted that another vacant unit should be looked at for a permanent solution as the engagement and feedback has been very positive.

He also asked about the possibility of installing a cover over the hard surfaced area in the Carrigaline Community Park as suggested during the Project ACT meetings. Nicola Radley stated that this had been applied for under the Town & Village Scheme and she hoped to hear back within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Cllr. McGrath also sought an update on the installation of bike racks in Carrigaline. Noelle responded by informing Cllr. McGrath that new bike racks have been delivered and will be installed when resources allow. Other works to be done depend on resources and funding available.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked for an update on the cleaning of the tunnel in the cut and cover. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she has contacted the probation services in relation to carrying out these works as community service and awaits a response. Noelle Desmond added that a proposal for the cut and cover has gone to an artistic coordinator, with the hope of securing a local artist and providing a mentoring forum.

Cllr. D'Alton also noted that some of the old bins had been taken away but that the new bins had not arrived in Passage as of yet. Madeleine noted that she will follow up.

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Cllr. Audrey Buckley complimented everyone on the Carrigaline art gallery and the fantastic engagement and feedback it has received. Like Cllr. McGrath she agreed that a more permanent solution should be looked at and asked what it would take to acquire a vacant site. Noelle informed Cllr. Buckley that this is dependent on the building owner and every building has its own limitations/challenges.

Cllr. Aidan Lombard asked if it would be possible to create a list for the next couple of years of the Villages to benefit from the Village Enhancement Scheme. He stated that it would give both the villages and the council more time to plan how to use the funds efficiently. He said that he would be recommending Ballinhassig for next year's scheme. Nicola Radley said that this can be listed as an agenda item but that the level of funding could not be guaranteed.

6. Motions

Cllr. Liam O'Connor

- (i) ***"That Cork County Council assess and implement a lighting solution for the Skatepark in Carrigaline so that the community, which includes all ages, can benefit at a time that suits them during the winter months."***

Cllr. O'Connor disagreed with the response he received and stated that the skatepark is a widely used amenity and is the busiest sporting facility in Carrigaline and lighting the area would further enhance its potential. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and noted that the skatepark has been a great success and lighting it would be welcomed. He added that CCTV must be looked at for such a busy amenity. Noelle informed members that the Council has already considered the installation of lighting but that there are other issues at hand including cost and health & safety concerns. Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan asked could a more detailed report detailing costs and health & safety concerns be provided.

Action required: Detailed report to be drafted by Carrigaline MD

- (ii) ***"That Carrigaline MD initiate a plan to identify a site for a multipurpose sports complex for Carrigaline and develop a project plan/Task force for its construction."***

Cllr. O'Connor noted that a town with a population of around 20,000 requires a multi sports complex. Many clubs in the area rely on renting halls and this is not feasible for them, one such club is Carrigaline Basketball Club. The complex could be used for other events such as plays, music events etc. Cllr. O'Connor believes that if the Council work with initiatives such as SECAD and other community associations this complex is achievable. Cllr. Lombard fully supports the motion. Cllr. McGrath also supports and says that an area needs to be earmarked for such a complex. His only concern is with a multipurpose complex who runs it. Cllr. D'Alton also supports the motion and mentioned the possibility of zoning so that an area can be identified. Nicola Radley advised that a sub-group can be set up and members will be contacted accordingly.

Action required: Sub-group to be established to review. Members to be invited to participate.



- (iii) ***“That Cork County Council initiate a plan to widen the section of greenway from Carrigaline to Crosshaven using funding from the €360 million per year fund for cycling and pedestrian projects. This fund is to be used to promote cycling and pedestrian safety.”***

Madeleine Healy informed Cllr. O’Connor that funding had been secured under the recently announced Active Ireland measures to widen a section of the shared surface footpath on the R612 Crosshaven Road. Cllr. O’Connor asked how best to proceed to secure funding to get the whole greenway widened. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion and noted that the greenway should be widened where feasible and that signage should be improved. Cllr. Buckley supported the motion and noted that she would love to see further enhancements to the greenway.

Madeleine noted that it was her understanding that the original signage was removed as it was contradictory and that extra signage had not been looked at. Madeleine advised that surfacing works would take place but that no widening other than on the R612 Crosshaven Road. She also noted that signage can be looked at along the greenway. Cllr. O’Connor asked if a plan be put in place to do a few kilometres of widening a year to which Madeleine replied that widening the greenway would result in the loss of many trees. Cllr. McGrath said that it would be worthwhile looking at this at preliminary stage.

Action required: Widening proposals to be kept in mind in anticipation of any appropriate funding sources that might arise.

Cllr. Buckley

- (i) ***“I would ask Carrigaline MD to install a Columbaria at St. Patricks cemetery, Crosshaven with capacity for 2 urns and an area for individual name plate per slot.”***

Cllr. Buckley said she has been contacted on a number of occasions on the possibility of installing a Columbaria at St. Patricks Cemetery in Crosshaven. Both Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan support the motion. Nicola Radley said that they will look at cemeteries nationally and see what works and what does not work and will revert back to members.

Action required: Review of options to be undertaken by Carrigaline MD

- (ii) ***“Carrigaline MD area (and other locations around the county), Covid19 information posters and indeed tourist information kiosks, bus stations etc. have black sprayed paint of Black Life Matters (BLM) material. What can we do as a council to address the many defaced Covid19 posters/information”.***

Cllr. Buckley raised the issue of Covid-19 signage and bus stops being defaced and asked what could be done about this.

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Action required: Madeleine requested that Cllr. Buckley send on locations and images and that these would be examined for response.

- (iii) *“I would ask that the Carrigaline MD office to ask the questions that need answering for the Crosshaven area re. The diversion of part of the Cruchain Woods, 71m of a right of way diverted in front of 10 houses at Drakes Point. 'Why a safe long establish right of way through Crucahin Woods , planning has given the builder the right to divert 71m of this beautiful safe walk through a housing estate. This safe right of way is in keeping what Cork County Council are promoting on our pollinator and biodiversity plan , so why would the council give planning permission to divert .”*

Cllr. Buckley stated that she was not happy with the response that was circulated and raised questions as to how this was allowed to happen in the first place. She noted that there was no need to move the woodland corridor out through a housing estate and stated that should not have happened and should not happen again. Cllr. D’Alton echoed Cllr. Buckley’s point and stated that walkways like these should be protected at all costs. Cllr. McGrath also asked why this decision was made to alter such an established walkway. Nicola Radley stated the response is as circulated.

Cllr. McGrath

- (i) *“To request that a deputation from the SECAD 'My Town' initiative make a brief presentation to the Municipal District at the October meeting on the two major objectives from the final Plan.”*

Cllr. McGrath advised the My Town My Plan group had worked hard on a plan for Carrigaline and stated that it would be appropriate for the group to be given the opportunity to present their work to the members and the Council officials at the October MD meeting. All members agreed that a deputation would be facilitated at the October MD meeting.

Action required: Invitation to issue to group in advance of October meeting.

- (ii) *“To seek a written update on the provision of a footpath between the Gleann Orga development and the Village of Ballinhassig. Also, clarification in relation to the purpose of the special contributions.”*

Cllr. McGrath thanked Director of Planning, Michael Lynch for the report and stated that residents in the area had hoped that this would have been in place long ago. Cllr. McGrath also noted that he would be slow to suggest bollards as a temporary solution but that alternative options may need to be explored. Cllr. Lombard seconded the motion. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan also supported the motion.

- (iii) *“That the Council instigate the formal Bye laws to govern the new parking regime for Carrigaline.”*

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Cllr. McGrath expressed the view that parking bye laws should be formalised as soon as possible as compliance will reduce without enforcement. Cllr. McGrath also noted that residential parking may need to be looked at when drafting formal bye laws. Cllr. Lombard seconded the motion. Cllr. Lombard asked would it be possible to get information on how many fines were issued by the traffic warden. Noelle stated that this information can be passed on to members and that a technical survey of the locations had been arranged with a view to progressing the formal process. Cllr. D'Alton stated that she was not against formal bye laws but questioned the need for them if things are working as they are.

Action required: Carrigaline MD to advance preparation of parking bye-laws

Cllr. D'Alton

- (i) ***“That Cork County Council would make the connection between Carrigaline and the Crosshaven greenway safer for both pedestrians and cyclists by replacing the narrow footpath on the northern side of the R612 between the Carrigaline GAA Club and the Kilnagleary Bridge with a wider shared use path.”***

Cllr. Dalton welcome Madeline’s response and asked how wide the path would be. Madeleine replied that the path would be a minimum of 1.8m wide. Cllr. McGrath asked would it be possible to install bollards on the bend by the bridge. Madeleine said that this could be looked into.

- (ii) ***“That the entire length of the footpath along the outside of the former Kearney’s Bus Yard, Glenbrook, Passage West would be replaced.”***

Cllr. Dalton welcomed the response and asked if the works were to run the entire length of path. Madeleine replied that it was the entirety of the section outside Kearney’s.

- (iii) ***“Tree roots along the water side of the Crosshaven greenway have significantly lifted the tarmac surface of the shared use path. How can the Cork County Council address this before the problem becomes further exacerbated as the trees grow bigger?”***

Cllr. D'Alton welcomed Madeleine’s response and asked if trees or their roots needed to be removed. Madeleine said that this would have to be assessed as there are many factors which need to be looked at.

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan

- (i) ***“To thank the engineer and area office for installing SLOW roadmarkings at Lower Goggins Hill and to ask the engineer to install similar markings at Briar Hill.”***

Madeleine advised that this could be looked at in the future.

- (ii) ***“To ask the engineer to consider installing appropriate lighting at the skate park in Carrigaline, at the request of regular users of the facility.”***

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The discussion in relation to this motion was dealt with earlier in the meeting, under a motion by Cllr. O' Connor.

7. Votes of Congratulations.

- (i) Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked to congratulate Passage West GAA on their victory in Seandún Junior A Football Final.
- (ii) Cllr. D'Alton also asked to congratulate Betty Brosnan for receiving the Association of Irish Musical Societies Adjudicator's Special Award. This was for her ongoing massive support to the Carrigaline Musical Society.
- (iii) Cllr. McGrath asked to congratulate Marie McCarthy on her victory in National Brown Bread Baking Championship.
- (iv) Cllr. Buckley asked to congratulate Crosshaven U14 Hurlers on their Divisional League victory.

8. Any Other Business.

Madeleine Healy stated that the pedestrian crossing in Ballygarvan would not be going ahead. It needs the wider footpaths which are part of the wider Ballygarvan scheme and will go ahead in conjunction with this scheme.

The realignment of the junction at Mulbaun Passage West will go ahead in place of the pedestrian crossing at Ballygarvan. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan expressed his disappointment at the decision not to go ahead with the Ballygarvan pedestrian crossing. Cllr. Lombard also expressed his disappointment at the decision and noted that the Bandon/Kinsale MD had spent €17,000 on planning and designs already. Cllr. D'Alton said that she understood Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan and Cllr. Lombard's disappointment but also welcomed the Mulbaun junction works.

Cllr. McGrath asked would it be possible to have the Mulbaun junction designs sent to members. Madeleine said that this would be possible and that the designs are complex and the work may need to be carried out over two years.

Action required: Mulbaun junction designs to be circulated to members in due course

Cllr. O'Connor

- (i) Noted that residents on Strand Road are concerned about speeding and asked about the possibility about installing signage. Madeleine said that there had been a speed survey carried out before and that signs can be looked at.
- (ii) Cllr. O'Connor also informed Madeleine that a speed sign from Ringaskiddy to Coolmore was broken to which Madeleine replied that she was aware of this and that it would be looked into.
- (iii) Cllr. O'Connor also asked could members be given an update on the proposed litter management plan for the municipal district.

Cllr. Buckley

- (i) Asked would it be possible to employ a contractor to look after the maintenance of St. Patrick's cemetery as she has received a number of complaints about the upkeep of the

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cemetery. Cllr. McGrath echoed this point and said as a council we need to better on cemeteries as the public are vexed about the condition of certain cemeteries. He asked about the possibility of a floating caretaker. Madeleine informed both councillors that the resources were not there to employ a contractor for the maintenance of cemeteries.

- (ii) Cllr. Buckley asked Madeleine when the bollards outside Centra would be installed to which Madeleine replied that the Gardaí had been spoken to and they would be installed as soon as resources allowed.
- (iii) Cllr. Buckley also asked would it be possible for members to receive communications before roadworks etc are to take place as to reduce the disruption caused. Madeleine said that forward communication is not always practical as contractors may change plans due to weather or other external factors.

Cllr. D'Alton

- (i) Cllr. D'Alton asked if speed surveys be progressed now that traffic levels had reverted to normal again. Madeleine said that they had not looked at speed surveys as of yet.
- (ii) Cllr D'Alton noted that works proposed at the Harbour Heights roundabout are to go ahead and asked if funding could be redirected and prevent duplication. Cllr D'Alton asked instead if lighting on the Beach Road could be considered to which Madeleine said Public Lighting can look into this but she wasn't sure how easy it is to defer funding.
- (iii) Cllr. D'Alton raised concerns about the Old Section of Barnaheley Cemetery. She noted that when it is cleared the excess is often left in corners of the cemetery where there are people buried. Madeleine said that they can meet and discuss this issue.
- (iv) Cllr. D'Alton asked that the Dock Offices in Passage West be placed on the derelict sites register.
- (v) Cllr. D'Alton asked could the broken plaza in Shanbally be looked at to which Madeleine replied that is her understanding that this plaza is private.
- (vi) Cllr. D'Alton noted that there is a broken lifebuoy in the Bosun Car park. Madeleine said this can be looked at.
- (vii) Cllr D'Alton asked if seaweed cleared from beaches has a secondary use. Madeleine responded that she believes it is taken by a local farmer.

Cllr. McGrath

- (i) Cllr McGrath noted that cemeteries need to be managed better, that it is clear the public are vexed and a better approach is necessary.
- (ii) Cllr. McGrath asked about public lighting from the Grotto to Coolmore Cross to which Madeleine replied that Coolmore was on the Public Lighting Programme.
- (iii) Cllr. McGrath asked that the embankment at Mulbaun be maintained as it has become overgrown. Madeleine advised that she would take a look.

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- (iv) Cllr. McGrath raised issues being faced by residents at Hillview Estate and said that it is unacceptable and needs to be dealt with urgently. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that this issue had been passed onto the legal department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: 
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Date: 19/10/20

