



CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Meeting: 16/11/2020

Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District, held on Floor 16, County Hall on Monday 16th November 2020 at 14:00.

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

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

Apologies: Madeleine Healy

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Marcia D’Alton the minutes of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting held on October 19th, 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by Cllr. Lombard.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan requested the report on the lighting of the skate park. Vincent Florish, Executive Engineer gave an update on this and informed members that he had looked at other local authorities and what they had done in relation to skate parks. He said that flood lighting would be required. This would cost between €80,000 - €100,000. A Part VIII, Environmental Assessment and Road Safety Audit would all be required. Cllr. Liam O’Connor asked has any other local authority lighting in a skate park. Vincent informed Cllr. O’Connor that there had been one lit by a local authority in Dublin, but it had been turned off due to maintenance and safety issues.

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the toilet in the community park and the right turn at the entrance to the Owenabue Car Park. These items were noted for referral to the Area Engineers Office.

Cllr. D’Alton stated that the issue in Barnaheley Cemetery had not yet been dealt with and also noted that the signage on the island in Monkstown had not yet been installed and asked for an update. These items were noted for referral to the Area Engineers Office.

3. Taking in Charge – The Orchards, Crosshaven

The Taking in Charge was proposed by Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Buckley.

4. Correspondence

Noelle noted that there had been no further correspondence from the ESB regarding planned outages but that this will be followed up.

Members were informed that an approach has been made to the Council from a local business person to seek use of the old water tower in Passage West for conversion to a coffee dock. This will require a planning application.

5. MDO Report

Noelle noted that there had not been any significant change to TDF spending since the last meeting and recommended that if agreed by members €3,000 would be assigned to Operation ARCC Christmas initiatives in Carrigaline and Passage West. All members agreed. Noelle advised that an approach from a group in Passage West planning on holding a Christmas market in Father O'Flynn Park had been made and the Owenabue Arts Collective were interested in doing something similar in Carrigaline.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton said she was conscious about the need to engage with voluntary groups who have been working over the years without any financial support. Nicola Radley advised that the Council is happy to engage with groups, but she noted that best case scenario would be for groups to engage amongst themselves and come with a proposal that could be looked at next year. Cllr. McGrath noted that groups such as the Owenabue Arts Collective should be supported. He also welcomed the water tower plans. Both Cllr. O'Connor and Cllr. Lombard also added their support.

Members were informed that Christmas lighting had been installed and that more will be installed in the coming weeks. There are more items to be added to the centre block in Passage West and also in Father O'Flynn Park. Carrigaline Tidy Towns are being financially supported by the Council to light the tidy towns hut in the parklet. There are also some Christmas initiatives and markets being worked on. Noelle also informed members that Christmas trees had been installed where there might not have been any in previous years. This is in light of the challenges faced by communities in 2020 and will not necessarily be sustained in subsequent years. All members said the provision of trees was welcomed by residents in those areas.

Noelle informed members that the Crosshaven Village assessment report was due for completion by the end of the month and that she would be in contact then. There will be a delay in installing items funded under Accelerated Measures fund due to issues getting materials from suppliers etc. It has been agreed that Village Enhancement Scheme funding for 2021 to be allocated to Ballinhassig.

Vincent Florish gave an update on the Carrigaline running track and the delays associated with it. The delay is due to the fact the proposed surface has a lifespan of 4 weeks before it needs to be laid and due to weather and lockdown concerns this would not be possible at the moment. Cllr. McGrath noted that it is disappointing there has been a delay but noted that it is an understandable one. He raised the issue of water logging on the path and asked would the proposed surface be able to deal with this and also asked would there be a possibility of low-level lighting. Cllr. O'Connor asked if it would be possible to install ducting on the lower section. Vincent informed Cllr. McGrath that the surface is porous and will be able to absorb any water and that it will be monitored. With regards to lighting Vincent said it could be looked at, such as is on the greenway. With regards to ducting no more groundworks are to take place and there is currently no funding available.

Noelle informed members that a consultant is soon to be appointed for the public realm works in Ringaskiddy. Cllr. D'Alton asked if the consultants fees would be coming from the €1m, Noelle responded that the €1m is to cover the works on the ground.

Noelle Desmond noted that the initial meeting for Passage West Age Friendly Town has taken place.

Cllr. D'Alton asked when the bike repair stations will be installed, Vincent replied that they will be installed by area office staff but didn't have a date.

Cllr. McGrath asked that we liaise with the Carrigaline Community Association with regards to the bandstand as the idea came from there originally. Cllr. McGrath noted that bicycle stands were needed nearer the community centre and the library. Cllr. D'Alton supported this. Noelle responded that bicycle stands closer to the community centre can be looked at and that she has been in contact with the library section to look at the library stands there. Cllr. D'Alton asked when the stands would be installed in Passage West, Noelle informed Cllr. D'Alton that she did not have a date for this as of yet. Nicola Radley added that a final Project ACT meeting would be scheduled in the coming weeks.

6. Members Discretionary Fund

Members to have their applications in by next month. Cllr. D'Alton asked could the funding be carried into 2021. Nicola informed Cllr. D'Alton that funding would not be carried forward. Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan proposed and Cllr. Lombard seconded Ballinhassig Community Alerts application.

7. Village Enhancement Scheme

Members agreed that funding is to be allocated to Ballinhassig for 2021. A meeting will be scheduled in early 2021.

8. Operation ARCC

Nicola Radley stated that most of this had been covered in the MDO Report but that it had been really well received locally and that there was more on the way. Cllr. D'Alton thanked the council for the lighting and that it has been really helpful.

9. Motions

Cllr. Audrey Buckley:

1. *"With children walking more to school, we would like to meet with an engineer on site by Templebreedy Church. Children have a zebra crossing from the upper road to cross safely to Colaiste Muire, whereas primary going children have to walk approx. 50m onto the road to get to the footpath on the other side. We need to look at a way we can make this a safe passage for children."*

It was noted that a brief for this work has been sent to consultants from the Area Engineering Office.

Action required: Members to be kept updated on progress.

2. *"We would like an engineer to meet us on site at the road above Bunnyconellans in Myrtleville. With so much traffic on the road, we would like to see a traffic light 'Stop & Go' on an area of this road. It is really dangerous and with residents parking on this road you find cars are reversing back up the road to allow a car coming the opposite way to pass safely."*

The road coming up from Bunnyconellans gets backed up especially in summer months and causes long localised delays. Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Lombard supported the motion. Both stated that they were not prescribing the solution but just asking that it be looked at.

Action required: To be referred to Area Roads Engineering team

Cllr. Liam O'Connor

1. *"That this MD request from the Planning Department that a Framework Plan is created for the development of the lands at Carrigaline, zoned CL-T-01, which includes the old pottery site CL-RA-01 in the 2017 Ballincollig-Carrigaline MD Local area plan. Given the importance of this area for development, the overall approach taken in this plan should provide a cohesive framework within which proposals for the development of individual sections can be co-ordinated."*

Cllr. O'Connor thanked members and officials for meeting with Michael Lynch and noted that it was a worthwhile meeting. He welcomed a more detailed plan for the area in the CDP. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion and noted that T01 zoning needed to be looked at. Cllr. Lombard also thanked members and officials for meeting with planning.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. *"Following my motion at full council to request a report on how we can implement beach wheelchairs across the county. I am calling on Carrigaline Municipal District to conduct a feasibility report on Fountainstown beach and or Myrtleville Beach to see if it is suitable for a beach wheelchair."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan noted that a beach wheelchair would be a fantastic addition to Myrtleville Beach. Cllr. D'Alton seconded the motion stating that the wheelchair would be of huge value. She noted that there could be some logistical issues such as identifying a group to look after the wheelchair. Cllr. Buckley added her support to the motion and noted that in Europe lifeguard stations look after the wheelchairs. Councillors McGrath, Lombard and O'Connor all added their support.

Action required: Myrtleville and Fountainstown Beaches to be examined in terms of feasibility.

2. *"That Cork County Council would arrange to have all gullies and drains cleaned throughout Ballygarvan Village, particularly in the estates and in the area from the entrance Of the Gleann Rua housing estate, myrtle hill, school road and out to The GAA club. That cork county council would inform members when this work will be carried out."*

Cllr. Lombard believes that there is a bigger problem with the pipe network in Ballygarvan. When it floods water is directed in Gleann Rua housing estate. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan agreed and noted that the houses were only a few inches from flooding recently. He stated that he can't see a solution without some exploratory works being carried out.

Action required: The matter is to be referred to the Area Roads office for review.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

1. *"That the Municipal District would write to Bus Éireann requesting that missing bus stop poles would be replaced at:
(a) Marmullane Park, Passage West
(b) St. Peter's School, Passage West
(c) Lucia Place, Passage West."*

Cllr. D'Alton noted that despite contacting Bus Éireann numerous times still nothing has been done. Not all bus drivers stop without a pole. There are 2 poles missing and one pole is missing a head. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion.

Action required: The MD is to write to Bus Éireann on the issues raised.

2. *"That the Municipal District would consider marking out a bus stopping bay on Lucia Place, Passage West where currently the bus often has no room to pull in. As part of this, it will be necessary to put double yellow lines between the southern end of Lucia Place and the turnoff to Canning Place."*

There is a huge demand for parking due to the number of apartments however residents now can't get the bus from here as the bus has nowhere to pull in. Cllr. D'Alton has been in contact with the Gardaí and they have suggested moving the bus stop to an area of yellow hatching at the end of the terrace, however double yellow lines would be needed to stop people parking on the corner. Cllr. McGrath supports the motion but is concerned about the loss of parking. He asked would it be best served to pass this onto to transportation. Cllr. D'Alton said she would like to get the views of the area engineer first.

Action required: The matter is to be referred to the Area Roads office for review.

3. *"That Cork County Council would engage with An Garda Síochána in actively discouraging parking on footpaths in such a way as impedes the passage of pedestrians, buggies and wheelchairs."*

Cllr D'Alton said she would like to see a concerted effort to encourage people not to park on footpaths. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supports the motion and noted that this is a problem in every town and village and stated that a campaign could be rolled out through the mayors' office. Everyone in agreement that this is a good idea.

Action required: The MD is to arrange a public awareness drive.

10. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. D'Alton asked to congratulate Roisin Manning for Setting a New Irish Record on the Concept2 Indoor Rower, her category was Women 12 & Under - 10,000 metres. Her time was 52 minutes 44.1 seconds.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr. D'Alton noted that there is a lot of tree debris on the N28 on the Ringaskiddy side of Shanbally. Noelle noted that this will be passed onto the area office. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan raised the issue of hedge cutting and cars not being able to see around the corner. Cllr. Lombard noted that the Bandon Kinsale Municipal District had begun conversations with this landowner, and he was amenable, and he does not believe this is a difficult fix. Cllr. Buckley asked that the MD asks landowners to cut back trees and hedges prior to nesting season and also asked are landowners covering council costs for picking up falling trees. Cllr. Buckley asked is there an update on solar lighting on the Crosshaven Greenway and also on the teenage amenity park. Vincent Florish informed Cllr. Buckley that they are currently looking at designs and costings for the park.

Cllr. McGrath passed on the thanks of the Carrigaline Business Association for the councils work on Christmas lights in the town this year. Cllr. McGrath also raised the issue of security in the Carrigaline playground and noted that it is not acceptable to have the area closed for a full weekend after an incident in the past few weeks. Cllr. McGrath also thanked officials for facilitating a meeting with SECAD My Town, he asked could the Civic and Cultural Centre and Active travel initiative be kept under review going forward.

Cllr. O'Connor asked for an update on bye laws for shop fronts in Carrigaline. Cllr. Lombard thanked everyone who was involved in turning on the Christmas lights he said it was a fantastic achievement. Cllr Buckley said that they had been gathering information on local stall holders hoping to take part in the Christmas fayre in Crosshaven for two Sundays. Nicola Radley informed Cllr. Buckley that this would down to the committee organising but that they would need to be mindful of ongoing public health advice. Cllr. D'Alton asked if TDF is not fully spent could this be carried forward to 2021. Noelle and Nicola replied that this could be looked at in December and a practical approach taken.



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