



CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Meeting: 19/10/2020

Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District, held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall on Monday 19th of October 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: 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. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Marcia D'Alton the minutes of the proceedings of the ordinary meeting held on September 21st, 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by Cllr. Lombard.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. O'Connor asked was there a possible start date for the setup of a sub-group for the plans of a sports complex in Carrigaline. Noelle informed Cllr. O'Connor that they are actively looking for a possible site and will revert with a date in due course once this has been established.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

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

Cllr. Lombard advised that the TIC proposal tabled does not represent the wishes of the residents. Members agreed and rejected the taking in charge.

4. Disposal of Property

The disposal of lands at Maulbawn Passage West was proposed by Cllr. Marcia D'Alton and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

5. Municipal District Officers Report

Noelle Desmond gave an update on TDF expenditure. She noted that match funding would be required and that there are outstanding Project ACT allocations amounting to roughly €20,000. Additional supports to town for Christmas are being finalised. Noelle Desmond talked through options for the remaining TDF fund all members agreed that options should be explored for the remaining funding. Noelle stated that there are a few minor items outstanding regarding Project ACT but they will be completed as soon as possible.

With regards to the Crosshaven Village Assessment Report Noelle said that the contractor hopes to meet with community associations this week. With regards to the Ringaskiddy Community Centre they are awaiting on decision on a planning application and that a detailed design and procurement would run parallel with the planning application. Noelle also gave an update on the Town & Village Renewal Schemes accelerated measures in Crosshaven, Carrigaline & Passage West.

Noelle updated members on the Carrigaline Community Park Running Track which has unfortunately been delayed. Confirmation of the completion date is awaited.

A drawing from architects has been agreed for Ringaskiddy Public Realm and a brief is currently being prepared for consultants. Noelle also informed members that the initial meeting of the Passage West Age Friendly Town was due to take place in the coming weeks.

Cllr. McGrath fully supports TDF spend and said that it's important to create atmosphere in the towns and to support traders. Cllr. McGrath welcomed the funding for the bandstand and asked for a possible timeline. Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the bollards for the entrance to the Owenabue car park and also on update on the public toilet. He also asked is the delay of the running track due to issues with sourcing materials from the UK. Noelle informed Cllr. McGrath that the bandstand timeline is March 2021 but hopes it could be done sooner. With regards to the running track Noelle informed Cllr. McGrath that they are currently looking at alternatives in Ireland but that there is also still a contract with original supplier. Madeleine said that she is currently waiting the lining contractor to finish lining the area adjacent to the parklet before making a decision on the bollards. She will need to contact the Gardaí in relation to the bollards, if they are happy with them then she has no problem with them. The civil works are carried out for the public toilet and that she is waiting on refurbishment works to be carried out and that main stumbling block will be connectivity issues.

Cllr. D'Alton echoes Cllr. McGraths sentiment with regards to TDF and asked was there any thoughts as to what would be done in relation to Christmas projects etc. Cllr. D'Alton also enquired about the timeline for the installation of the canopy in Passage West. Noelle informed Cllr. D'Alton that they are currently exploring the possibility of purchasing some new decorations including projectors for Christmas time. The idea of Pop up markets in association with Owenabue Arts Collective and Passage West Creates are also being examined. The aim is that the Passage West canopy should be installed in November, however this depends on supplier availability.

Cllr. Buckley stated that they will be erecting their trees in Crosshaven and live streaming the turning on of the lights online. She asked were the council looking at initiatives to encourage people to shop local etc. Nicola Radley informed Cllr. Buckley that they will be working through the Mayor's office to market towns through different PR initiatives. There should be an initiative ready in early/mid-November. Nicola also stated that they would be more than happy to engage with Business Associations and Chambers of Commerce etc.

6. Village Enhancement Scheme.

Cllr. Lombard stated that he believes that the scheme for the next few years should be mapped out to give people more time and to plan accordingly. He also stated that he believes Ballinhassig would benefit greatly for the scheme as there are particular problems with pedestrian connectivity in the area. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan seconded this and Cllr. D'Alton also agreed. Cllr. Buckley added in relation to Crosshaven that it is amazing what a substantial amount of money can achieve.

7. To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

Cllr. Liam O'Connor

"That Carrigaline MD write to the Planning Office seeking an update on the status of the development of the old pottery site in Carrigaline. It is important to ascertain if a Master Concept Plan for this site exists and, if so, could it be made available to members. If no such plan exists, Carrigaline MD requests that a plan for this site be drafted as soon as possible. Works on the adjacent Western relief road will begin over the coming months, opening this site for development. The current Local

Area Plan for Carrigaline has identified this site as a designated regeneration area which has potential to promote town centre living, contain a range of residential types as part of a mixed-use development and as a suitable location for large scale standalone retailers. In addition, the site could provide for town centre working, including a range of office accommodation to support town centre services and facilities, ensuring a vibrant town centre during the day."

Cllr. O'Connor thanked Michael Lynch for the response but stated that neither the Public Realm Plan nor TPREP consider the Old Pottery site, he would like to see a masterplan for the area. He asked about the possibility of the retailer who bought the site to possibly gift some of the land for possibility of a green area or an Arts & Heritage site. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion and raised his concerns about applications coming in without an overall approach for the site in place. Cllr. McGrath also raised his concerns about the current wording of the Local Area Plan. Cllr. Lombard proposed a Microsoft Teams meeting between members and Michael Lynch to discuss the matter further.

Action Required: Microsoft Teams meeting between Michael Lynch and members.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

- (i) *"To seek an update on much needed works at Ballinrea Cross and to request additional traffic calming measures on the L2473 Ballinrea South."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked John Slattery for the response. He stated that he would like to see the works happen sooner rather than later as they are badly needed. Cllr. McGrath supported this motion and noted his concern at the timeline of the project. He stated that it needs to move to a Part VIII process as soon as possible and should be kept on the agenda. Cllr. Lombard also added his support to the motion.

Action Required: Keep on meeting agenda.

- (ii) *"To request the following 4 roads be considered for the next resurfacing program:
L-96132-1 (Lane up from Adamstown at Five Mile junction)
L-6296-0 (Rearour, Ballinhassig)
L-6486-0 (Ballea, Carrigaline).
L-64851-0 (Ballea, Carrigaline).
In the meantime, could I request that the area office arrange for significant pothole filling on the roads, or if possible, send a velocity patcher to the locations."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked that these 4 roads be considered for the 2021 resurfacing programme but in the meantime asked could the potholes be filled. Madeleine informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that the roads will be examined for 2021's programme and maintenance will be carried before the end of the year if possible.

Action Required: Review roads for 2021 programme.

- (iii) *"That this Municipal District would seek a detailed report from the Councils Broadband Officer on the rollout of high-speed broadband right across the Carrigaline Municipal District. We are asking for this report in recognition of the difficulties faced by many households in the Municipal District in accessing high speed broadband."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Dan O'Sullivan for the response and welcomed the Q1 2021 timeline. However he said that it is an ongoing issue especially in the rural areas with people trying to

work from home. Cllr. Lombard supported the motion and added that it was important to note that the Carrigaline MD was one of the first areas in the country to get connected. Cllr. McGrath asked would it be possible to write to the ESB to ask them to only carry out essential works as to limit the disruption caused to people working from home. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan agree.

Action Required: Write to ESB.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

- (i) *"With the amount traffic on the road from Brightwater to Drakes Point - The residents want the speed ramps at Drakes Point that were taken out to be reinstated."*

Cllr. Buckley asked would it be possible to write to O'Flynn's to ask them to reinstate the ramps. Madeleine Healy informed Cllr. Buckley that Cork County Council did not remove the ramps and that they were only temporary as part of the contractor Construction Traffic Management Plan. Madeleine also noted that there is a statutory process that needs to be followed and that she will circulate these steps to members. Cllr. Buckley said that the confusion was that residents believed that these temporary ramps were the same as permanent ones. Madeleine said she was 90% certain this was not the case but she would need to check.

Action Required: Circulate statutory steps to members and check contractors Construction Traffic Management Plan.

- (ii) *"Derelict Sites in and around Crosshaven Bays. I have been contacted many times regarding the many derelict properties in and around Crosshaven bays. I am asking for any updates on a full report regarding the derelict list and how many CPO's have gone forward to remove them from the derelict list? Why is it OK for families to live in some instances 20+ years next to a site that is not been maintain to a health and safety standard."*

Cllr. Buckley gave her thanks for the derelict sites report. She asked would it be possible for the locals to compile a list of sites which they believe are derelict and forward it to Cork County Council for Investigation. Cllr. Buckley added that she believes only 6 sites is a low figure and said that residents have been living next to derelict properties for 20/30 years and this isn't fair. Noelle stated that there is a legal definition of what a derelict site is and the number on the register is often very different from what is reported. With regards to CPO Noelle noted that the Council will CPO something that they need. Cllr. Buckley asked what happens if the owner of a property can't be found. Noelle answered by saying that this depends on a number of factors. Nicola Radley informed Cllr. Buckley of the vacant properties register which is available on yourcouncil.ie which is available to the public and elected members and that housing investigate properties on this register.

- (iii) *"Would ask that the main access to Crosshaven Village footpath outside The Oar going towards Powers Corner be included on the 2021 Footpath scheme for our area. As well as the resurfacing of the Churchbay road, with the recent burst water main the road is nearly un-drivable. We would like the Churchbay Road also put into the 2021 road surface program."*

Cllr. Buckley thanked Madeleine for her response.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

- (i) *“To request the Engineer to examine the Kilmoney Road for traffic calming measures and to consider improving pedestrian safety along the stretch of narrow footpath either by widening the footpath or providing protection.”*

Cllr. McGrath raised his concerns about the standard of the footpath given the large volumes of pedestrians who use it. He believes the footpath is sub-standard. He asked would it be possible for some speed activation signage to be installed in the area. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan supported the motion adding that it is a bad stretch of road. Cllr. Lombard noted his support and added that he believed a scheme should be put in place for this stretch of road. Madeleine stated that she has no problem looking at signage for the area.

Action Required: Look at possibility of installing signage.

- (ii) *“To request that the speed limit on the local road L2470 (Raffeen Hill/Hilltown) be reduced as soon as possible.”*

Cllr. McGrath stated that he would be proposing a speed limit reduction on the road. He asked would it be possible to contact the roads directorate for clarification on a start date for the speed limit review. Cllr. D’Alton supported the motion and stated that anything to slow traffic in the area would be appreciated. She add that residents often become trapped in their homes as a result of traffic. Madeleine said that she does not have a start date but that roads could be contacted for clarification.

Action Required: Contact roads for clarification on start date.

- (iii) *“That the Engineer would consider how best to deter HGV’s (with exception of buses) from using the local roads from Shanbally Village to Coolmore Cross and Church Road to Coolmore.”*

Cllr. McGrath asked that erection for signage to deter HGV’s from using these roads be investigated. He also asked would it be possible to liaise with factories in the area to encourage their HGV’s to use the main N28 road. Madeleine said she totally understands the concerns of residents and that she has no problem with erecting signage or with contacting the factories again.

Action Required: Erect signage to deter HGV’s from using the roads.

8. Votes of Congratulations

- Adam Murphy, Passage West, Silver Medal and European Judo Championship
- Good Fish Company, medal at 2020 Herring awards and having products stocked in Aldi.

9. Any Other Business

Madeleine gave an update on the Councils plans for a new compound on a site off the Kilnagleary Road. They were based in the Janeville estate but as part of the plans the developer

has to build a new compound. They hope to go to Part VIII before the November meeting but there is some planning issues which need to be ironed out prior to this.

Cllr. Buckley asked has anyone looked at the teenager social inclusion park in Crosshaven to which Noelle replied that this had not been done yet

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton raised the issue of signage for the island in Monkstown, she stated that unless signage is installed to provide clarity to the junction there will be a bad accident occur. Cllr. D'Alton also brought to Madeleine's attention two benches on Gobby Beach which are not accessible to those with disabilities and asked could a concrete pad be put on one of them to make it more accessible. Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she would look into the signage issue but regards to the benches she doesn't see this being done before the end of the year.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked would it be possible to receive a report on the lighting of the skatepark in Carrigaline for the November meeting. Noelle said that this can be done.

Cllr. Liam O'Connor asked could anything be done about the poor condition of the surface of the playground in Herons Wood. He also asked is there any update on the footpath linking Forrest Hill to Rose Hill and asked could a temporary solution such as bollards be installed. Madeleine informed Cllr. O'Connor that the playground in Herons Wood was not owned by the Council. Madeleine said that a draft layout can be circulated to members but is not sure there is much that can be done as a temporary solution.

Cllr. Buckley asked is it ok for them to go ahead with the anti dog fouling stencils. Madeleine said she has no problem with this.

Cllr. McGrath asked what the extent of the resurfacing works on the Upper Kilmoney Road would be, Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that it would be the whole road which is to be resurfaced and that the contractor hoped to start after the bank holiday weekend. She added that the crossing may need to be moved due to a conflict of location with the bus shelter. Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the crossing at Carrigaline GAA. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that they are waiting on a date from the contractor but are hopeful of a quick turnaround.

Cllr. Lombard mentioned a green area in Roberts Cove which would be ideal for a car park. Madeleine said that this can be looked at next year if budget allows.

All members agreed on 9.30am on November 9th 2020 for the annual budget meeting.



Cathaoirleach



Date