



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 16th May 2022 at 14:30

Present: Cllr. Marcia D'Alton (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan (Leas Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Audrey Buckley, Cllr. Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Jack White and Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

In Attendance: Alan Cogan, S/Senior Executive Engineer; Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer, Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer, John Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Design Office and Michal Dymet, Executive Engineer, Roads Design Office.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr. Audrey Buckley seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath

2. Matters Arising

Members spoke on issues regarding Spike. They would like to convey strongly to Senior Management that they should consider a different approach, and not put legal and company structure type issues in the way of genuine engagement/discussions on issues raised by members of the public to Elected Members, in relation to what is perceived to be a public utility. Members stated that continuous oversight is needed by Elected Members.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Cllr. Marcia Dalton that a notice of motion be sent to Full Council asking for a report to be issued on the mechanisms and structures of Spike Island – to be issued to Elected Members and outlined in full.

Nicola Radley SEO stated that whilst she notes the concerns of the Elected Members, the mechanisms in place will remain the same. Cork County Council is the shareholder of the company. Robust corporate governance is in place, and the company reports to Cork County Council on an annual basis. She pointed out that Elected Members can contact the Board directly with their queries.

3. Correspondence

EV Charging Points:

Carol Conway briefed Members on the response issued from Mr. Pdraig Barrett, DOS, Roads & Transportation as follows:

Government are currently developing a strategy for the rollout of EV charging throughout the country. In anticipation of same Cork County Council is currently looking at how this rollout can be accommodated in Cork County and has set about identifying optimum locations for charge points in our main towns and villages. The government plan provides funding of up to 75% per charge point and is capped at €5,000, and currently local authorities are not obliged to provide EV charge points. It is anticipated that Local authorities may have to develop a plan for the rollout of EV charging in conjunction/cooperation with a utility company as the grant conditions require information on pricing,



maintenance, billing, and customer support. It would be premature to engage with any providers at this stage pending the receipt and assessment of government proposals.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath thanked Mr. Barrett for the response and said that they will wait on the National Strategy. Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked if there was any way the Members could get the locations of these EV charging points. Cllr Audrey Buckley asked if spikes for scooters and electric bikes could be incorporated into these EV stations. Carol Conway informed Members that she will keep them updated.

Gleann Órga Estate:

The taking in charge of the Gleann Órga Estate, Ballinhassig and specifically a written update from the Enforcement Section.

Please note that we do not have a taking in charge application in respect of this estate. However, the Estates Section, Planning & Development Department recently sent the developer Cork County Council's Public Lighting Section's taking in charge (TIC) requirements, to which we await a response. A warning letter issued recently to the developer requesting a submission proposal for compliance with condition number 3 of planning reference no 07/13055.

Condition No.3: In order to meet the requirements of Cork County Council's Recreation and Amenity Policy the following shall be provided on site to the satisfaction of the Council.

- *Two neighbourhood play areas. The final details and locations of same shall be submitted to and shall be agreed with Cork County Council prior to the commencement of development. Play areas and all open spaces shall be completed to the Council's satisfaction prior to the first occupation of any of the dwellings.*

Reason: In the interests of orderly development.

The Estates Section is not satisfied with the response received to the Warning Letter and have written once again to the developer allowing a further 4 weeks for the developer to address the Planning & Development Department's concerns in relation to their failure to comply with the requirements of this particular condition.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath noted the response and told Members it was an ongoing matter and may need to revert again in the future.

ESB Networks:

Carol Conway informed Members that ESB were looking for exact locations and details of lines referred to in previous letter issued from CCC in relation to the risk posed to birds in flight by the overhead power lines crossing the Ringabella Special Protection Unit.



Cllr. Marcia Dalton noted the response.

4. Part 8 - R611 Cork road Pedestrian Crossing & Active Travel Link to CETB Site

Consideration of Chief Executive's Report – Presentation by Regional & Local Roads Design Office

John Slattery Senior Engineer from the Roads Design Office introduced Michal Dymet Executive Engineer who gave a detailed presentation to members:

The R611 Cork Road, traverses the shared green space of the Carrig Na Curra Estate and goes through a small, overgrown and unused privately owned land and up to the rear gates of the Educational Campus, where it is proposed to construct a new pedestrian/cycle path linking the R611 regional road with the Carrigaline Educational Campus.

The R611 Cork Road Crossing & Active Travel Link to CETB Site is considered under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulation 2001 as amended.

Cork County Council erected notices on site and in the public press detailing the proposal. The Part 8 commenced on Friday 25th February 2022 and subject to securing the approval of Elected Members, Cork County Council proposes to progress the construction of this infrastructure project in 2022.

Members raised the following points:

- That the lights would work in conjunction with the lights on either side so whilst pedestrians would be safe, motorists would not be unreasonably delayed.
- The proximity of the 3 sets of control crossing needs to be fleshed out, that the three crossings would be linked to ensure delay for vehicular traffic was avoided.
- Concerns over traffic going through Carrig na Curra to get access to the link
- Members requested for the pedestrian lighting be functional 24 hours
- Inner lane at the Shannon Park Roundabout to Janville needs to be made a bus only lane - the NNRDO confirmed that they are currently finalising a submission to TII to see if this issue can be reviewed

Members thanked John Slattery and Michal Dymet for their time and presentation.

5. Presentation by Frances McCarthy Service Delivery Manager (Cork & Tralee), and Aled Williams Senior Operations Manager (South) of Bus Éireann

Aled Williams, Senior Operations Manager South of Bus Éireann informed Members that Bus Éireann will be recruiting extra bus drivers. He told Members that the pandemic has been very difficult operationally for them to fulfil their full timetable. Bus Éireann is to recruit more bus drivers to fulfil their full timetable. Mr. Williams told Members that car licence holders are being recruited and trained from scratch which is a good for the local job market in Cork.



Mr. Williams said that Bus Éireann are in regular contact with National Transport Authority with regards punctuality reviews on all routes across the city and stated that morning and evening peaks have shifted due to working from home since the pandemic.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath said that some reliability issues have been raised about buses failing to turn up and buses being late and appreciate the working environment with Covid and how it is difficult to maintain service levels.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley raised concerns over anti-social behaviour on buses which Mr. Williams replied that Bus Éireann have employed the use of private security contractor for around three years and will attend to any vehicle that are experiencing issues. Mr. Williams also stated that they engage with trade unions and driver representatives so they can anticipate any potential where anti-social behaviour may take place and deploy resources when necessary.

Cllr. Jack White spoke on the Real Time Ireland App and how buses being delayed or cancelled the app doesn't reflect these. Mr. Williams informed Members that this app is operated by the NTA and if buses are cancelled internally in the centralised control centre the cancellations are notified on the Real Time Passenger Information System and this information should be uploaded to the app.

Frances McCarthy informed Members that Bus Poles/Bus Shelters are the responsibility of the National Transport Authority Travel Agent Department and a project has commenced which will extend out to the suburb areas. Ms. McCarthy also told Members that the provision of bus shelters must be approved by the NTA and Local Authority Engineer.

6. Breithniúcháin ar Tuairiscí agus Moltaí / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Disposal of Land at Monkstown

Cllr. D'Alton asked about the loss of trees and how they would be replaced, Alan replied that this would be dealt with at the planning stage. She asked that it could be noted now as being a relevant consideration for the planning stage as the trees form the backdrop of the park and they are highly regarded and replacing them would be important.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley proposed and seconded by Cllr. Jack White

7. Municipal District Officers Report

Carol read through the contents of her report and invited members questions of queries.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley asked MDO about the new Crosshaven playground bike stands and thanked MDO for the additional 8 parking spaces in Fountainstown and asked if all traders will get a key for the barrier to get in.

Cllr Jack White raised concern about the duction of generators for air and noise pollution and Carol Conway informed Members that there is an expense to that, and more formal permitting and conditions will be looked at.



Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked when power washing will commence and was informed that it would start very soon

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan asked for once off allocation of €600 to be paid to Waterfall, Ballinora Community Association who have not benefited from any enhancement scheme. He said that he would get specific details in relation to how the €600 would be spent so that the Elected Members may make a considered decision on the matter.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath asked if Shanbally should be included in the Painting Scheme and Carol Conway will update Cllr. McGrath on this.

8. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:/To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *Any updates on bye laws please for traders. How will it work in conjunction with the Carrigaline MD office. I have been asked will traders need to register to obtain a spot in the new area at Fountainstown carpark.*

Cllr. Buckley said that she had 4 new traders contact her looking for spots and acknowledged that bye laws need to be put in place for traders to put manners on it. She said Myrtleville will be very busy for the summer and asked for clarity on the situation. Nicola Radley informed Members that there is an upcoming meeting with Director of Service and Municipal District Officers and will update Members after.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. *"That the engineer would update me on the 2022 plans for Warner's Cross."*

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan said he was disappointed that Warner's Cross didn't get any funding under Phase 2 of the low-cost safety grant scheme and hopes the area office will keep it on their agenda.

2. *"That speed calming measures would be installed on the Kinsale approach to Five Mile Bridge. The area adjacent to the new footpath is 60km and quite often this is not being observed. Additional signage / road markings would be beneficial."*

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan said that half of the footpath is under Bandon/Kinsale MD and other half is Carrigaline MD and asked if the Carrigaline MD half could be added to the public Lighting list. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said that Bandon/Kinsale MD did cut back the ditches and asked if slow marking in 60km zone can be provided along with additional speed signage.

3. *"That an update be provided on the possibility of a gravel path at Liscleary cemetery"*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response



Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *That the Council would put interim safety measures in place for pedestrians, such as speed ramps, on the stretch between the Forest Hill roundabout and Rosehill while the permanent footpath is awaited.*

Cllr. McGrath said safety is paramount and advised this is a busy walking route. Cllr. McGrath said that the footpath is a long way off with planning process and design to go through and asked that speed ramps be put in while waiting.

2. *To request that the MD initiate the process to put Columbarium walls in suitable cemeteries within the MD area, such as the largest cemetery - St. John's Ballinrea.*

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the response.

3. *That the MD would consider identifying suitable locations for public garden allotments.*

Cllr. McGrath noted the reply and acknowledged that cost was a factor. Cllr. McGrath said that more people are trying to produce locally and unfortunately not everyone is in a position or have the facilities. Cllr. McGrath has asked that it be kept on the agenda to support the idea of allotments.

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

1. *Can the MD provide directional signage to guide day trippers and tourists around the Camden Fort - Graball looped walk, through Kelly's cross on the Camden Rd to the Point Rd and back to Camden Fort Meaghar.*

Cllr. Murtagh welcomed the response and asked for the full loop be provided with signage for local businesses etc.

2. *Provide a recycling collection point, similar to "Gobby the fish" in Roberts cove, for plastic bottles, in Ballinhassig GAA grounds as well as Myrtleville and Fountainstown beaches.*

Cllr. Murtagh asked for Ballinhassig GAA grounds be provided with plastic bottle banks and asked for the MD to support and come on board. Nicola Radley informed Members that community grants can part spend their grant if they wish on the above which would be a valid project.

3. *Look into the Eu's "Atlantic Area Program" funding stream which is coming online shortly and provide updates on it with a view to seeking project funding for the repair/regeneration of the riparian zone along the Minane river valley with the creation of an amenity walk connecting Fountainstown and Minane Bridge or for funding for the refurbishment of the Poul Gorm swimming amenity including a safe and aesthetically suitable pathway from the Coast road down to Poul Gorm.*



Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response and said the funding stream can be used for rest points and blue ways and said it is extremely important and worth investigating. He would like the MD to pursue this funding.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton

1. *“That because of the benefits green spaces bring to large housing developments, this Municipal District would bring a motion to full Council requesting clarification of
 - a. Measures taken through planning conditions to protect green spaces prior to taking in charge
 - b. The legal status of green spaces subsequent to taking in charge
 - c. Impediments, if any, to the taking in charge of a green space
 - d. The maintenance of green spaces both before and after taking in charge.”*

Cllr. Dalton received support from other Members to refer this notice of motion to Full Council.

2. *“That the double yellow lines recently painted along the Sandquay in Monkstown would be removed. The Sandquay and its slipways are the only points of public access to the water in this part of Cork Harbour and it behoves Cork County Council to build on this amenity rather than to preclude its use.”*

Cllr. Dalton spoke on how access to water is from Sandquay and it will not function without parking. She queried the extent of the double yellow lines. Alan Cogan advised that double yellows will be provided to the north of crossing only for a short distance but will speak with the contractors.

3. *“That Cork County Council would clarify the timeline for repair of the pontoon in Passage West and mechanisms of security and access to the pontoon for the coming boating season.”*

Cllr. Dalton thanked Carol Conway for the helpful response and said that Port of Cork have advised that the pontoon is likely to be damaged due to the ongoing failure of Cork County Council to repair it. She also raised issues on the access and asked Carol Conway to convey these issues to the Harbour Master.

9. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. Jack White asked for a vote of congratulations to be passed for the organisers and participants of Tour De South Coast in Tracton.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked for a vote of congratulations to be passed to John Driscoll former Deputy Principal of Star of the Sea who was elected president of the Irish National Teachers Organisation.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan spoke on the amount of dumping by Lios Cross, at the back of the airport and asked for CCTV to be installed or no dumping signage. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan also asked



that the road sweeper do both sides of the main street in Ringaskiddy and by the traffic lights at the Port of Cork before the first Cruise Ship lands on the 4th June.

Cllr. Jack White said that former Councillor Liam O'Connor asked for a large rock to name Cherry Blossom Road wants to know when this will become available as would like it up before the Tidy Towns.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley wanted to know when the contractors for the road markings will be in Crosshaven and wanted to know if someone could look at the wheelchair/age friendly signage.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath spoke on how control crossing hasn't been activated poles are installed but no activation has requested that the Director of Roads engage with ESB management regarding this. Cllr. McGrath also asked if there was potential for lighting in the skate park in Carrigaline and spoke on how the Crosshaven/Carrigaline greenway needed more lighting and solar lighting isn't effective enough and requested that alternative lighting be looked at.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton complemented the playground in Passage West and spoke on the crash barrier that runs from Gobby car park to Paddys Point. It was badly damaged in two places as a result of two separate car accidents. There is an extensive length of damage where it is badly twisted closer to Gobby and in along, one of the supporting uprights was lifted out of the ground from the second accident.