



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 17th of October 2022 at 14:00

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

In Attendance: Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer; Alan Cogan, S/Senior Executive Engineer; Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer; Michal Dymet, Executive Engineer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr. D’Alton asked that Septembers minutes be amended to show that she asked that her comments be passed on to Traffic & Transportation and also that when discussing maintenance that it was not the Municipal Districts or Area Offices fault and that the budgets etc are not sufficient.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Marcia D’Alton.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. D’Alton asked was correspondence sent to the Head of Finance regarding maintenance budgets etc and if responses were received from the IDA, Bus Éireann or the Port of Cork. Cllr. D’Alton asked if the speed changes from the speed review been agreed with TII and how are representations made to TII> Cllr. McGrath asked had there been any correspondence from Irish Water as there is still visible sewage in the Owenabue River. He asked for an update on a meeting with the Urban Design team also. Cllr. Murtagh asked for an update regarding Camden and the Graball Road. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan asked for an update on the flashing speed signage at Coolatooder.

Carol informed members that all correspondence has been sent and that no replies have been received. Irish Water have been invited to the meeting and that an Urban Design team meeting will be taking place shortly.

Alan informed Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan that it will be 3-4 weeks for the sign at Coolatooder and informed Cllr. Murtagh that the Graball Road was advertised for tender last week. Alan informed Cllr. D’Alton that he will follow up and revert regarding speed limit changes. Cllr. McGrath added that he raised the issue with the Director of Roads and asked that the MD follows up.

3. Correspondence

None.

4. Part 8 CE report for Bowens Cross

Michal Dymet presented the report to the members and invited any questions or queries.



Cllr. Murtagh thanked Michal for the report but added that he still feels there is a high risk with a staggered junction and asked is there any design feature to warn motorists that they are approaching a junction. He acknowledged TII stating that the junction would reduce possible collisions by up to 60%. Michal responded adding that this will be looked at during detailed design.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Michal for the report and welcomed what he referred to as a very important and much needed scheme. Cllr. White seconded this adding that it is great to see progress on the scheme.

Cllr. D'Alton concurred with other members and asked would you still be turning right coming from Ballygarvan crossing the 2 lanes of traffic. Michal responded that you would be crossing the lanes of traffic but that there would be a buffer zone for turning. He also added that the steepness from Ballygarvan will be reduced, and that the visibility will be increased from 27 metres to 90 metres.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan broadly welcomed the scheme adding that there are some slight concerns from residents. He welcomed the reduction to 60 km/h. He asked would it be possible to lower the gateway to 50 km/h and make an official bus stop at point C on the maps. Michal responded that he would make note of the bus stop request and that speed limits were a reserved function that could be looked at during detailed design.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan proposed the scheme and Cllr. Jack White seconded.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked do we need to wait for the 5-year review to change speed limits. Alan Cogan added that speed limits were a reserved function and that there would be significant improvements in the junction. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked that the MD would write to the director of roads and ask for clarity on the speed limit review, all members were in agreement.

5. Municipal District Officer Report

Carol went through her report adding that an in committee would be needed to discuss Christmas lights and that a revised Part 8 would be needed for the Ringaskiddy Public Realm Scheme.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Carol for the report adding that there is a lot of work being done in the MD especially with regards to inclusion.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on casual trading bye laws and casual trading at Fountainstown. Carol informed Cllr. Buckley that this is being looked at a countywide basis and that she would revert when she has an update.

Cllr. White thanked Carol for the report and gave his compliments on the recent civic reception for Jim Murphy. He asked if the twinning group in Carrigaline has been contacted regarding the twinning with Newport News. Carol informed Cllr. White they had been contacted.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Carol for the work with Minane Bridge. He added that he is worried about the timeline for the Ringaskiddy Public Realm Scheme and asked could a meeting be organised with the



community representatives in Ringaskiddy. He also asked could a structure be put in place for organising in committee meetings as it is often not easy to get free for these meetings. Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that it would be better to wait for a timeline before organising a meeting with the community in Ringaskiddy. Cllr. White agreed about structure for meetings.

Cllr. D'Alton added that the in committees are positive. She asked for an update on the bicycle repair units. Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that there is a delay with the bicycle repair unit's equipment.

Cllr. Murtagh thanked Carol for a very positive report and agreed with Cllr. Buckley regarding casual trading at Fountainstown.

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

Cllr. Jack White

1. *"The opening of Pottery Road, Carrigaline is very welcome. Over the coming weeks, could we as an MD request updates on usage figures, impact of it's opening on other traffic movements in the town & updates on how its actual use may change modelling done for TPREP?"*

Cllr. White notes the response from John Slattery adding that it is important to kept updated and that he believes the data will be positive. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that the road has had a tremendous impact already and that it has exceeded expectations and thanked all involved.

Both Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported the motion.

Cllr. Murtagh added that there is a lot of mud on Mill Road coming from the local sites and asked can this be looked into. Alan Cogan informed Cllr. Murtagh that he had been in contact regarding the mud.

2. *That the MD would investigate the possibility of installing intermittent barriers on the walkway between the Sail Garden & the entrance to LuLu Carpark, Carrigaline, to make pedestrians & cyclists using the facility feel safer from passing HGV's & traffic.*

Cllr. White added that this motion came after significant local representation from residents with unpleasant experiences as they did not feel safe. He noted that the response from Alan, adding that barriers may not be required but they are desired. Cllr. D'Alton seconded the motion adding that barriers would be welcomed and that they are needed. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that it is not a pleasant experience and would welcome a rollout of barriers. Cllr. Murtagh supported the motion adding that the cycle route in the area was inadequate.

Alan added that it is very subjective and that it would be a case where do you stop when it comes to barriers. There isn't funding available and that the NTA would need to be involved. Cllr. White added



that he understood the subjectiveness and asked could the NTA be contacted. Alan said he would contact the NTA and revert.

3. *“Coastal erosion - Fountainstown. The earth / cliff face underneath the road from Greenacres to the Ferry Point, Fountainstown, is being badly eroded. Some old reinforced concrete has fallen already. It is important that an effort is made to stabilise the area before it gets worse.”*

Cllr. White stated that this motion came from concerned residents in Fountainstown and that he would circulate photos after the meeting. He welcomed the part of the response with regards to possible funding and asked could we engage and seek possible funding streams. Cllr. Buckley supported the motion. Cllr. Murtagh added that this had been raised at Southern Committee and credited Cllr. Buckley on raising the Point Road on numerous occasions, adding that engagement is needed regarding funding.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *“I would like for Carrigaline MD to look at our local public slipways in the Carrigaline MD area. Many are in disrepair and are dangerous. We need to look at funding before someone has a serious accident.”*

Cllr. Buckley noted the response adding that it is not of benefit and that Myrtleville slipway is in very poor condition. She asked where would funding for this come from. Cllr. D’Alton seconded the motion adding that she had a similar motion previously. She added her frustration that maintenance budgets are mainly used on slipways with economic returns. The improvements to the Monkstown slip would a major improvement. Cllr. D’Alton added that slipways have more to offer than just financial benefits.

Cllr. White also supported the motion and agreed with Cllr. D’Alton’s sentiments and agreed that safety was more important than economic return. He added that more businesses would open near slipways if they were better maintained. Cllr. Murtagh agreed with the other members adding that the funding should come from central government and that a national policy is needed. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan also supported the motion. Cllr. D’Alton asked Alan how much a patch job would cost. Alan responded that he would look at the figures and revert. Both Nicola and Carol added that they would relay the members comments.

2. *“Have we at the Carrigaline MD received any update on installing a Columbaria in the Carrigaline MD area?”*

Cllr. Buckley noted the response received. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion adding that it is important that these are rolled out and that there needs to be more available. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan also supported the motion.



3. *“Can we invite Bus Éireann’s new regional operations manager, (since Martin Walsh retired in June) to our next Carrigaline MD meeting. We still have many issues that have not been addressed since we meet with BE last year.”*

Cllr. Buckley added that she had been in contact with Aled Williams from Bus Éireann with her frustrations. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion adding that Bus Éireann are not as good as they used to be with responses and that they should be reinvited to the meeting so members can express their dissatisfaction. Cllr. White and Cllr. Murtagh also supported the motion.

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

1. *“That the MD would look at extending the footpath and putting in traffic calming measures at an accident black spot at the sweeping bend on the R611, Kilmoney Rd Lower across from Lower Clevedon.”*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response received. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and was pleased to see an application was made and added that anything done here would help and that it should be prioritised for speed signage. Cllr. White and Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan also supported the motion.

2. *“Look to engage with and support Community centres in the MD in order to create shared indoor spaces, corners or sensory walls, for local families of children with Autism.”*

Cllr. Murtagh added that there have been some fantastic ASD initiatives recently and we are blessed with these facilities. Cllr. McGrath second the motion adding that the recent masquerade ball for the Rainbow Club was a great occasion, and that society is moving in the right direction. Cllr. White supported the motion adding that community playgroups and playschools would benefit greatly. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan supported the sentiment of the motion also.

3. *“Look at traffic calming measures/ LED traffic sign on Glen Rd towards Tracton GAA on the sweeping bend at the Charity Rd junction that continues to upper Fountainstown.”*

Cllr. Murtagh added that this is a very dangerous junction and asked could funding be looked at for improvements. Cllr. White supported the motion adding that unfamiliarity leads to danger here.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *“To seek an update on my previous request for traffic calming on School Road, Shanbally.”*

Cllr. McGrath asked was there a funding stream suitable that Alan could look to progress and application for as there is a need due to the large volume of traffic heading to and from the factories. Cllr. Buckley supported the motion. Alan added that he would contact Cormac Ó’Súilleabháin regarding the possibility of the Safe Routes to School programme.

2. *“That the Municipal District would write to Irish Water regarding the number of outages to the water supply in the Upper Passage West and Monkstown area and request an update on the obvious need to upgrade the Mains pipe.”*



Cllr. McGrath stated that there has been a number of outages and that people are frustrated and asked to write to Irish Water to replace the mains pipe. Cllr. White seconded the motion adding that this was a serious issue and that Irish Water need to attend a meeting for members to highlight their concerns and the adverse effects these outages are having on businesses. Cllr. D’Alton concurred with Cllr. White regarding meeting Irish Water in person and acknowledged the ground workers for their work. Cllr. Murtagh concurred with other members adding that Irish Water need to improve their communication. Cllr. McGrath agreed with meeting Irish Water in person, and he also acknowledged the fantastic work the ground crews do.

3. *“To request that a Safety Improvement Scheme be undertaken at the Fivemilebridge junction.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that everyone is familiar with this very busy and unique junction. He welcomed the response adding that it badly needs a scheme and a re-design. Cllr. Buckley seconded the motion and Cllr. Murtagh also supported the motion. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan also supported the motion adding that the line markings did help. He also paid tribute to the community group in the area that was founded during Covid.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton

1. *“That because many of the footpaths in the Carrigaline Industrial Park are without dropped kerbs, Cork County Council would undertake an accessibility audit in the industrial park with the aim of making it safely commutable for pedestrians of all ages and abilities.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that this had been brought up by several constituents that it was easier to walk on the road the whole way down. It needs to be looked at for wheelchair users and people pushing prams etc. Alan added that it is only the main road through under our remit and that he has not received any complaints but can look at. Cllr. White seconded the motion that constituents have raised concerns. Cllr. Murtagh suggested that it could be done while the yard for Kilnagleary is being installed. Cllr. D’Alton added that this could be a practical suggestion.

7. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. White asked to congratulate Carrigaline Community School on their recent 40th anniversary.

Cllr. D’Alton asked to congratulate Tom Durcan on receiving the Irish Butchers Guild award.

Cllr. Murtagh asked to congratulate Ballinhassig Junior B on winning the championship, Tracton GAA on reaching the county final and Crosshaven FC on their history book launch.

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan asked to congratulate the Ballygarvan U12 girls’ team on winning the county championship.

8. Any Other Business



Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the removal of the rotting boat at Hugh Coveney Pier. She also asked for an update on the continuation of the footpath on Churchbay Road and added that one of the telescopes at Weavers Point was vandalised.

Cllr. McGrath thanked the area office for clearing flooding especially at Mount Rivers estate but added that there is concerns locally regarding sewage and surface water. He asked was there any update on the crossing on the upper Kilmoney road and asked for the installation of additional signage. He asked that the directional signage for Pottery Road be installed and that the possibility of a raised table at Carrigaline soccer club be explored.

Cllr. D'Alton asked that the bollards outside the Shamrock be replaced. She asked that the gravel on Church Hill after the recent heavy rain be cleared. She raised the issue that the same focus on dereliction wasn't give to Shanbally as was given to Ringaskiddy. She asked that a crash barrier on Raffeen Hill above the tidal river be installed. She said there has been a request for a bus stop at Ballinhassig for the West Cork connects route which needs a designated stop and asked had Alan been contacted about this. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported Cllr. D'Alton regarding the bus stop adding that fare reductions are influencing private operators.

Cllr. White supported Cllr. McGrath regarding the Kilmoney road and Cllr. D'Alton regarding the Ballinhassig bus stop. He raised the issue of speeding on Church Road adding that the speed van parks here at inappropriate times and asked to write to get the times varied. He said he been contacted by residents between the GAA club and Kerry Bio regarding speeding. He raised the issue of HGV's in the Ringaskiddy area causing safety concerns.

Cllr. Murtagh raised the importance of getting the flooding at Mount Rivers right.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan raised the issue of a broken pipe at Kirby's corner. He also added that dog owners are concerned about fireworks and asked can we contact communications.

Alan is happy with the Mount Rivers. He will get signage for Kilmoney Road and has spoken regarding the Pottery Road signage. He added that he can look at a raised table at the soccer club but that the level of parking there was disgraceful. He will organize the sweeper to clear the gravel and the bollards outside the shamrock are not a problem. He asked for the location of the crash barrier to be sent on. He will talk regarding the bus stop. He will talk to the guards regarding the speed van. Regarding the speeding near the GAA club this is an issue for the Gardaí. He said HGV's can't be stopped but will ask the companies to look at it. He will look at Kirby's corner. Carol added that the onus is on the Port of Cork to remove the boat. Nicola added that a costing will be needed for the vandalised telescope.