



**MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK
HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON 4TH JULY 2022.**

Members Present: Cllrs. Patrick Gerard Murphy, Danny Collins, Joe Carroll, Declan Hurley, Karen Coakley, Caroline Cronin, Paul Hayes, Ross O'Connell, Deirdre Kelly

In Attendance: Ruth O Brie, S.E.E. Bantry
John Aherne S.E.E. Skibbereen
Mac Dara O-Hici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C
Jackie Mansfield, M.D.O. M.D.W.C
Claire Levis, A.S.O Meeting Administrator

Cllr P.G Murphy presided.

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Members thanked Cllr Gerard Patrick Murphy complimented him on his role as Mayor for 2021-2022.

Cllr Danny Collins proposed Cllr Declan Hurley, and this was seconded by Cllr Joe O'Carroll

2. ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr Patrick Gerard Murphy nominated Cllr Joe O'Carroll, and this was seconded by Cllr Danny Collins.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 10th June 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Declan Hurley

Seconded by Cllr Karen Coakley

Resolved

"That the minutes of the MDWC meeting held on the 10th June 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach as amended"

- b) Minutes of the Municipal District Special meeting on Allocation of the GMA, TDF and Village Enhancement Scheme(as Circulated) of the 17th June 2022

Proposed by Cllr Gerard Patrick Murphy
Seconded by Cllr Karen Coakley

Resolved

“That the minutes of the Municipal District Special meeting on Allocation of the GMA, TDF and Village Enhancement Scheme on the 17th June 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach as amended”

- c) Matters arising from minutes dated 10th June 2022.

In response to a report on wastewater in Togher Village the S.E.O stated that he had spoken to the council’s planning department who had said that there was a requirement to have a management company set up and the council could interact with such a company.

The S.E.O responded to a request for an update on Union Hall playground, he informed the meeting that he was waiting on a response from the trustees who own the site in relation to the formalising a lease from the trustees to the council.

In response to an issue in Glengarriff regarding sewerage the S.E.E Bantry said she follow up with Irish water.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

a) Cllr. D. Kelly

“ In the new County Development Plan land previously referred to as DY-R-05 and located just off Castle Street in Dunmanway, has been dezoned. Is it now possible to discuss the possibility of repurposing this land as a car park for the residents of Castle Street to park their cars.”

Cllr D Kelly outlined her reasons for repurposing this land including reason of antisocial behaviour, damaging of parked cars and danger for pedestrians who walk there currently.

This was seconded by Cllr Joe Carroll.

In response to this the S.E.O. stated that parking was for all and not just residents however that he believed the council would be open to it however funding would have to be found, he also said that the council was investigating other parking sites in the town centre.

b) Cllr. C. Cronin

“That Cork County Council give permission to allow “Memorial Walls” on already existing boundary walls in graveyards & cemetery’s around West Cork, allowing plaques to be erected in remembrance of those who have been cremated. The plaques would be of a certain size, with the details and perhaps a photo of the person. With many of our graveyards at full capacity, I feel this could be a helpful solution, especially as cremation has become more popular in recent years.”

Cllr C. Cronin explained the need for this as space in graveyards is an issue and more and more people are using crematoriums.

This was seconded by Cllr Danny Collins.

The S.E.O. explained to the meeting that for new burial grounds columbaria would be included and for some current graveyards they would be added if it was possible. Not all burial grounds would be suitable for memorial plaques especially more historical burial grounds. The council would look to the existing burial grounds and identify where there may be suitable walls and a scheme would be developed suggesting rules to apply.

5. TUAIRISCI & COMHFHREAGRAS/REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Draft B Speed Limit Bye Laws in the review process for Regional & Local Roads

Members were updated on the suggestions and changes for Bantry area.

Proposed by Cllr Gerard Patrick Murphy

Seconded by Cllr Caroline Collins.

Draft B Speed Limit Bye Laws in the review process for Regional & Local Roads

Members were updated on the suggestions and changes for Skibbereen area

Proposed by Cllr Paul Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Joe Carroll

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / AON GNÓ EILE

In response to an issue whereby Sat Nav is sending large vehicles down the L89124 Ruth O’ Brien said she would inform the relevant people.

Members mentioned housing land in Durras which is overgrown and spreading across the path making it dangerous for pedestrians the S.E.E. Bantry stated that she would contact the housing section.

In response to a query from Clonakilty Access group regarding street furniture on the footpaths, the S.E.O. stated that he met with the traffic warden regarding these issues previously and explained the legislation to the group.

Members asked for details on hiring the Stage for events. The S.E.O. informed the meeting that the stage was for hire and the larger stage required a deposit and a fee. This fee was needed as the stage needed to be erected and taken down by council workers and normally out of hours. There was a possibility of the fees being waived however this is on a case by case basis.

In reply to a request to resume in person meetings the S.E.O informed the meeting that this was possible if all agreed however blended meetings were not a possibility as yet.

In response to a query regarding Leap Playground the SEO clarified that the council was engaging with the community council who owned the land to set up a lease of the site to the council to allow works to be done when funding became available.

In response to getting signage at Ahakista Pier and on the coast road Goleen The S.E.E. Bantry said she would investigate.

A request was made to remove Toe head from the Wild Atlantic way as the roads are too small. The S.E.O. stated that perhaps we could write to Failte Ireland and put a sign up stating the road is unsuitable for heavy vehicles.

Members discussed the progress of the toilets in Ballineen. The S.E.O. described the brief that was given to the designers who were contracted to design the facility. The brief was based on the funding that was set aside for these toilets.

Brief for designers:-

1. Demolish the existing building
2. Construct a smaller facility within not more than 30% of the existing building footprint which will facilitate one user and which (a) meets current building regulation requirements, (b) will be low maintenance, (c) will be robust enough to operate as a public facility without on-site supervision and (d) will have a high level of energy efficiency.

Cork County Council is seeking to award a contract for someone who will :-

1. Carry out what surveys they require to develop the site
2. Design the new building, including fixtures and fittings therein – the designer will prepare a preliminary design for Cork County Council approval and will make alterations as required by Cork County Council
3. Prepare and apply for a Fire Certificate for the new building
4. Prepare and make a Disability Access Certificate for the new building
5. Prepare drawings and documentation to enable Cork County Council to seek planning approval for the new building
6. Make any alterations to the design that are required following the planning process
7. Prepare a tender document to seek tenders for a contractor to build the new building (including demolition of the existing building)
8. Be the Assigned certifier for the new building project
9. Be the PSDP for the new building

The members were not satisfied the with the brief and asked for a new one to be sent to the designers the SEO told the meeting that he would seek an estimate of how much extra funding would be required for a larger facility and asked the members to seek the thoughts of the wider community in relation to the facility.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH _____ **DATE** _____