



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK COUNTY COUNCIL  
held on MS Teams at 11.00am on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

**In attendance:** Mac Dara O H-Ici, SEO. M.D.W.C.  
Jacqueline Mansfield MDO M.D.W.C  
John Ahern S.E.E Skibbereen  
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E. Bantry  
Colm O'Donoghue, A/Meeting Administrator M.D.W.C.

Cllr. PG. Murphy presided.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

***Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley***

***Seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes***

**Resolved:**

"That the minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

**MATTERS ARISING**

Kilbeg Pier, Union hall; Disappointment expressed by members at the closure of the old section of Kilbeg Pier. Meeting was advised that Cork County Council have followed the recommendations provided by expert marine engineering company and are acted on their advice to restrict access to the pier. Meeting was advised that the local community have been advised of the proposal and a local meeting was held and locals will be advised on arrangements once contract is in place.



## 2. **STATUTORY BUSINESS /GNO REACHTUIL**

### **Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001**

In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

#### High Street, Schull

(a) The disposal of land comprising of residential garden at High Street, Schull, Co. Cork, area of 0.0107 hectares/0.0265 acres, formerly parochial lands and acquired by Cork County Council in 1973, to dispose to Vaya Barrett O'Mahony for consideration of 1,500 including costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. R. O'Connell seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

#### Cappaboy Beg, Kealkil

(b) The disposal of land at Cappaboy Beg, Kealkil, acquired from James F. Mc Carthy to dispose to Estate of John Kelleher, area of c.0.15 acres for consideration of €1.

On the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

#### Toughbawn, Drinagh

(c) The grant of Wayleave at Toughbawn, Drinagh, Co Cork for septic tank, acquired from – record not available. Property acquired by Cork County Council in 1970, to dispose to Margaret O'Driscoll and John O'Driscoll for the consideration of €1.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. K. Coakley, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

#### 8 St. Fachtna's Terrace, Skibbereen

(d) The disposal of land at rear of No 8, Saint Fachtna's Terrace, Skibbereen, Co Cork, area of measuring 55 square metres (0.00558 hectares or 0.0138 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK19732) acquired from Unknown – in ownership of Urban District Council Skibbereen since 1997 now Cork County Council, to dispose to Szabolcs Hornyak and Szilvia Bozoki for consideration of €500 plus discharge of the Councils Reasonable Legal Costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Coakley seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION/ FOGRA RUN**

### ***Cllr. D. Collins proposed, Cllr.D. Hurley seconded***

“On receiving two reports of broken sewer pipes on public roads the N71 and R572 leading from 2 properties, one a public house and residence eircode P75HV06 and the other a residence eircode P75YX58, I am calling on either Irish Water or Cork County Council to restore these pipes as its causing a backup of sewer to both properties as these properties have got camera evidence to prove that the damage is done on the public roads that are named above”.

### **Report from Ruth O’Brien S.E.E.**

Ruth O' Brien agreed to contact Water Services about these issues.

### ***Cllr. D. Collins proposed, Cllr. D Hurley seconded***

“I am looking for an update on the local improvement scheme similar to the one I received a number of years back on the roads naming just the town land , length, number of users and where they stand in the scheme for each area throughout West Cork”.

### **Report from Ruth O’Brien S.E.E.**

Ruth O' Brien agreed to circulate the list of the Local Improvement Schemes for West Cork but confirmed that the list is not in the order of submission date. She also highlighted the criteria for selection of roads, as outlined by the DRCD:

#### **1. “SELECTION AND PRIORITISATION OF PROJECTS**

The responsibility for determining the eligibility of road projects and for selecting priority road projects to be completed within each county is a matter for each individual Local Authority. To ensure a consistent and uniform approach by all Local Authorities:

- Projects most requiring attention in the county as a whole should be prioritised.
- In no circumstances should allocations be divided among elected representatives or between electoral areas on the basis of the number of elected representatives in those areas.
- The selection of applications should not be based solely on the date the applications were received i.e. a first come, first served basis.

In prioritising projects, the Local Authority should have regard, inter alia, to the following:

- The Local Authority’s funding allocation for the year;
- The number of applications on hand
- The length of time an application is on hand;
- The condition of the road;
- The number of parcels of land served &The number of occupied houses served;
- The length of the road and extent of work required;
- The estimated cost of completing the works associated with each application;
- Special circumstances such as hardship cases, or access for elderly or disabled occupants.

**THE APPLICABLE WEIGHTING IS A MATTER FOR EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY.”**

***Cllr. K. Coakley proposed, Cllr. J. Carroll seconded***

“I call upon this MD to employ more outdoor staff in particular for the summer months to assist with the extra seasonal workload”.

MacDara O’Hici advised the meeting that the appropriate time to raise the need for additional outdoor staff and the proposed funding of same is at a full council meeting when annual budgets are prepared. The provision of funding for additional outdoor staff using GMA and TDF funding is not advised as may lead to reduced funding for other services for which the GMA and TDF are intended but the decision in relation to the GMA is for the members to make.

A request came from the members that the Roads Directorate provide a breakdown of present outdoor staff. The meeting was advised to raise this with the roads department when they present at the Divisional meeting.

***Cllr. D. Hurley proposed, Cllr. D. Collins seconded***

“That this council give an update on the upgrading of the wastewater treatment plant and the installation of a water treatment system at Togher Village near Dunmanway”

MacDara O’Hici advised the meeting that the Planning Department will be contacted for an update on this matter and where the bond stands.

## **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) N71 Bantry - Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Section 38 Drawings - Glengarriff Road

Report from Ruth O’Brien S.E.E. (for information only)

Members supported the proposed installation of a puffin pedestrian crossing on the Glengarriff Road.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Coakley requested updates on the playground in Leap, The Town Hall in Skibbereen, Baltimore Community Council and the pathway in the Skibbereen Community School.

MacDara O'Hici responded;

- Leap Playground; some equipment is to be removed however as ccc does not own the premises a lease agreement will have to be in place before funds are provided for future work.
- Town Hall; Completion date not finalised. Painting of the building to commence once exterior work is completed.
- Baltimore Community Council; Meetings have been held. Skibbereen area engineers have carried a lot of work to date.
- S.C.C. pathway; further discussions required but it may be possible.

Cllr. Collins raised the issue of the strand at Kilkilleen. In response MacDara O'Hici advised that visitors to the strand must behave appropriately to the conditions just like any other beach. The structures on the beach are not piers or harbours infrastructure.

Cllr. Hayes on the Civic Amenity Site in Dunmanway. Site does not offer full range of recycling such as aerosols, batteries, bulbs etc.

Inchydoney Beach; the provision of beach wheelchairs. Two wheelchairs have been purchased by the local GAA club. The booking can be handled by the hotel but storage is a problem.

MacDara O'Hici responded;

- Dunmanway CAS, this matter is one for the Environment Directorate who have responded previously
- Beach wheelchairs; the installation of a temporary structure would not be allowed on council owned land and may require planning.

Cllr. O'Connell asked for an update on the reinstatement of the pontoon in Barleycove. MacDara O'Hici advised the meeting that the pontoon cannot be reinstated until C.C.C. are certain that it is safe to do so. Consultants are exploring other options to try to future proof the facility. Weather, tide surrounding flora and fauna are major factors to be considered. Update will be circulated to members as soon as available.

Cllr. Hurley raised several issues; The yellow box junction at Chapel Street, No. 10 public street light, school signs and School warning lights and the junction of L8610-6 and L4630.

John Ahern to provide an update on issues mentioned.

Dunmanway Swimming Pool; members acknowledged the work of the staff and feedback is positive. MacDara advised that opening hours have been extended to seven days a week and additional lessons to offered to clear back log. This will include a summer camp but any person who cannot be facilitated will get a full refund.

Cllr. Cronin raised the issue on the reliability of Google Maps data provided to users. Ruth O' Brien to exam the issue.

Jacqueline Mansfield presented an update on the West Cork Islands Capital Works 2022 projects to the meeting.

Cllr. Hurley proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Carroll on the passing of his sister Ettie.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**CATHAOIRLEACH** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_