

**CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**  
**Meeting: 16/01/2023**



Minutes of Proceeding of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 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, Madeleine Healy; S/Senior Engineer, Alan Cogan S/Senior Executive Engineer, Carol Conway Municipal District Officer, Michal Dymet; Executive Engineer, Karina Cremin; Senior Executive Officer, Richard Fenton; Executive Architect, Ruth Henry, Senior Architect; Ian Broe Clerical Officer, Aisling O’Sullivan; Staff Officer,

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Cllr D’Alton asked that the November minutes be amended to show that under her motion

*“That the Area Office would provide a detailed report on the use of budgetary code G02 on the Operation & Maintenance of Piers & Harbours during the past 12 months.”*

That the area office had not provided a response to the motion, rather it received a general response from Loraine Lynch, Finance. However, the purpose of the motion was to understand what works the currently allocated small budget actually enabled on the ground. At her request, the Area Engineer agreed to give that detail. He also agreed to give her detail of how much a patch job on a slipway would cost, for illustrative purposes.

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

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Correspondence**

None

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

- (i) Proposed Part VII at Lower Road, Crosshaven – Consideration of CEO Report

Karina Cremin went through the Part VII stating that there had been 44 submissions and 1 observation and that there were a number of common themes such as parking/traffic on the upper road, pedestrian connectivity, fire station access etc. There were 7 amendments which Richard Fenton went through.

Cllr. Murtagh added that there had to be a balance between the need for housing and safety of school going children in the area and that there had been hug concessions made and that he would be happy to propose the scheme with amendments such as an access barrier and roadside access for the properties and that front of the scheme.



There was no seconder to this proposal and Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked was it the members wish to proceed to full council without recommendation, members were in unanimous agreement to call a special meeting to discuss further.

- (ii) Part VII for new Council compound at Kilnagleary

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Audrey Buckley

#### **5. Municipal District Officers Report**

Cllr. D'Alton asked could the urban forestry money be used to replace the poisoned trees in Parkview.

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

##### **Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. *"Can we please look at reverting the speed limit of 30mph back to 50mph, coming into Crosshaven Village. I am receiving a lot of complaints, especially that once you get into the village the other roads to The Point Churchbay etc are 50mph."*

Cllr. Buckley noted the response and asked was there no movement until the next review in 2026. Both Nicola and Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that this was adopted by the members and that the next review will be in 2026. Cllr. Murtagh added that there are anomalies with signage around the village, Madeleine added that anomalies will be looked and rectified.

Cllr. D'Alton asked was it necessary to advertise going back to 50km/h from 30km/h on leaving Monkstown. Madeleine added that there is a legal requirement to advertise a change in speed limit.

2. *"Can I get an update on the raised table crossing that was agreed previously, between Barnes Lane and parking lot by RCYC."*

Cllr. Buckley noted the response received.

##### **Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. *"That this Municipal District would write to the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána seeking a significant improvement in the number of Gardai stationed in the Carrigaline Municipal District area. Additionally, to request better opening hours in the Garda Stations to make them far more accessible for the general public."*

Cllr. McGrath stated that he is not criticising the Gardaí as they are doing their best with limited resources but that there needs to be a visible Garda presence in Carrigaline and throughout the MD and asked could we write to the commissioner to convey same. Cllr. White seconded the motion welcoming the response received is glad to see everyone is on the same page. He also added that Carrigaline is still a safe and vibrant town to live and work.

Cllr. Murtagh also supported the motion adding that a physical visible garda presence is needed. Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan also supported the motion.



2. *"To request that Station Road Carrigaline be assessed with a view to providing additional public lighting."*

Cllr. McGrath appreciated the response received adding that it is a blackspot.

3. *"To request that the Engineer consider Ardmore Estate for footpath upgrade works in 2023."*

Cllr. McGrath acknowledged the response received adding that the footpath is distressed.

**Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh**

1. *"Can I have an update on a previous motion I had about, installing a safety barrier or bollards on the 90-degree bend on the R611 on the lower Kilmoney Rd across from lower Clevedon."*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response received.

2. *"Can the MD confirm that the next section of road on the R612 at drakes pool, is on the programme of works for resurfacing in 2023."*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response received.

3. *"That the MD provide an update on the progress of the "Crosshaven Project ", considering the safety issues have been highlighted in the wake of recent part 8 planning submissions locally."*

Nicola informed Cllr. Murtagh that there would be an update prior to the next meeting, and this would be the finished document.

**Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. *"I would like to formally request that Forest Road, Carrigaline be included in the RI budget this year. Also - Significant drainage works are required on the Meadstown length of the road. I'm asking that the road be also included in the Drainage works program."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan appreciated the response received.

2. *"To request that the road from Lios X to Bowens X (Upper Ballygarvan) be included in the RI program. Sections of this road are currently in very poor condition. Drainage works are also required in parts."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan appreciated the response received.

3. *That this Municipal District would host a Civic Reception for Carrigaline Tidy Towns to acknowledge their award of a Gold Medal and their immense contribution to the excellent work they carry out in Carrigaline town.*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan commended all the work being done by the Carrigaline Tidy Towns. Cllr. White seconded the motion and commended the huge achievements by Carrigaline Tidy Towns. Cllr. Buckley commended the work done by all Tidy Towns Groups, Cllr. D'Alton supported this and asked



that we voice our appreciation for all groups. Carol Conway suggested that a TDF allocation be made for a civic reception and that a vote of congratulations is sent to all Tidy Town groups. All members were in agreement.

**Cllr. Jack White**

1. *“That this Municipal District recognise the shortage of crèche / early childcare places for young families in Carrigaline at present, and that we highlight it as a consideration for planning policy as we look to the town's future development.”*

Cllr. White added that he had a number of representations on this motion and that there are long waiting lists for these facilities and that many operate on a sibling first basis. Cllr, Murtagh supported the motion adding that a creche should be operational before the completion of an estate. Cllr. Buckley added that this is an unfortunate situation and that there is an empty creche in Crosshaven for the last 19 years. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that there was an acute need for places and that early delivery is needed. Cllr. D’Alton added that an agreement with an operator should be in place during the planning process. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan suggested a meeting with the PPU with all members in agreement.

2. *“That this MD would request a report on air quality in Carrigaline town following the installation of the air quality monitor.”*

Cllr. White acknowledged the efforts of Cllr. McGrath previously on this matter. He added that the burning of fossil fuels and traffic are causing air quality issues and details are needed. Cllr. Murtagh seconded the motion adding that that this should be an entire MD report and not just Carrigaline as there is no monitor in the south harbour. Cllr. McGrath thanked Cllr. White for the acknowledgment and that Louis Duffy recently addressed the issue adding that the data is quite limited at the moment.

Cllr. D’Alton added that there are currently only PM 10 nodes analysing and that it may be prudent to wait until the PM2.5 monitors are installed to get more accurate data.

Cllr. White took Cllr. D’Alton’s point adding that it might be best to ask for the data that has been collected to date and when the new monitor will be installed.

3. *“That this MD request a meeting with An Garda Síochána to request a more visible policing presence in Carrigaline town centre. And to also seek an update from Cork Council around the usage of public CCTV in the town centre.”*

Cllr. McGrath stated that he is not criticising the Gardaí as they are doing their best with limited resources but that there needs to be a visible Garda presence in Carrigaline and throughout the MD and asked could we write to the commissioner to convey same. Cllr. White seconded the motion welcoming the response received is glad to see everyone is on the same page. He also added that Carrigaline is still a safe and vibrant town to live and work.

**7. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. White asked to congratulate the organisers of the Carrigaline IFA dinner dance.



Cllr. Murtagh asked to congratulate Emily O'Regan from Colaiste Muire for her 3rd Junior Individual (Social and Behavioural Sciences) in the BT Young Scientist.

Cllr. Murtagh passed his condolences for Martin Prout of Shamrocks GAA.

Cllr. D'Alton asked to congratulate:

Aoife Kissane from Coláiste Muire, Crosshaven for winning the junior category of the ISTA national photographic competition.

BT Young Scientist - Coláiste Muire: 14 students who made it through to the finals of the BT, including Karen Cotter from TY who came Highly Commended in the Intermediate Individual Social & Behavioural Category and Emily O'Regan who won third place in the Junior Individual Social & Behavioural Category category. Also, to Ms Bridget Lehane who was awarded the Horizon Educator of Excellence for 2023 (that latter probably deserves its own cert).

BT Young Scientist – Gaelcholáiste Carrig Uí Leighin: Gráinne Cronin, Alex Neff, and Dylan Ó Muirí who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Intermediate Group Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences category.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Murtagh noted that the road is breaking away at Myrtleville Hill, the road outside Butlers Pub has been left in a bad state after recent works and that the road between Ballyfeard and Carrigaline needs to be salted as it is quite icy.

Cllr. White asked for an update on the line markings and widening at the Lulu car park and also an update on when the Castleheights road would be open.

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on dereliction. He supported Cllr. White regarding the Castleheights road. He asked had we heard anything from the ISPCA regarding the swans nesting. He also asked could we write to environment and ask about the level of monitoring of waste being transferred by Greenvally along Forest Road.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on vacant sites and local improvement schemes. She also added that the

Cllr. D'Alton asked for an update on the crash barrier at Raffeen. She also added that the signs making people aware of speed on the R610 entrance to Monkstown has been knocked down and is not working and a gateway project needs to be implemented. Cllr. D'Alton asked for details on what can be done with our piers and harbours budget.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked had Warners Cross been put forward for a low-cost safety scheme and was there any update on lighting for the Fivemile footpath.

Alan informed Cllr. Murtagh that he will look at the roads mentioned and that it was Irish Water works in Minane and that he would contact them. He added that he has contacted the developer regarding Mill Road and that the Ballyfeard to Carrigaline Road would be salted locally.

Alan informed Cllr. White that the Lulu car park is on the list, he is meeting the Castleheights developer to develop a snag list. He informed Cllr. McGrath that he has received numerous calls regarding Forest Hill. The danger has been removed from Cogans Corner. Carol undertook to write

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to environment regarding Forest Road and that she will be bring an update regarding dereliction to the next meeting.

Alan informed Cllr. Buckley that he has no further information regarding local improvement schemes.

He informed Cllr. D'Alton that he is aware of the issue on the R610 and hopes to have the contractor there next week. He added that he will look into the crash barrier at Raffeen and will revert regarding piers and harbours spend.

Alan informed Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan that Warners Cross has been put forward for a low-cost safety improvement scheme and that he will talk to him regarding Fivemile.

Madeleine informed Cllr. D'Alton that she would liaise with traffic and transportation and get their views regarding an overall gateway proposal.