

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the March Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 1st April 2022 at 10.30a.m. Via MS Teams.

PRESENT:

In the chair: Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Councillors: Pat Hayes, Liam Madden, Gerard Murphy, Tony O'Shea, Ian Doyle, John Paul O'Shea, Bernard Moynihan, James Kennedy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary P. Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development, Matthew Farrell, Municipal District Officer, Andreana Sheehan Sub Senior Executive Engineer, John O'Dell EE, Sharon Creig, Mallow Chamber, Anita Leader, Meetings Administrator.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / DEIMHNIÚ IONTUAIRISCÍL

- a) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the March Monthly meeting of Kanturk/ Mallow Municipal District held on Friday 4th March 2022 at 10.30 a.m. Via MS Teams.
Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

2. PART 8 MANAGER'S REPORTS

Section 179 (3) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended):

a) Part 8 – Charleville Court & Market House-

The Proposed development and upgrade of Charleville Courthouse comprises of: - Change of Use of Court and Market House (Protected Structure RPS No. 00013) to Office (Digital Working Hub). Demolition of later infill extension to centre rear and relocation of public toilets to an alternative site. Conservation repair of existing building fabric, alternations to existing layout and the construction of a new integrated two storey extension to the rear of the building, including lift. Provision of a landscaped public realm area to Main Street/Broad Street and all associated site works.

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

The members welcomed the Part 8. Cllr. John Paul O'Shea queried one line in the part 8 which states that there is a central heating system. He queried this and requested if it is air to water system this should be amended before sending to Full Council. Cllr. O'Shea stated the importance of being mindful of our carbon footprint.

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL

- a) **Section 183** To consider the Disposal of land 0.0049 hectares/0.0121 acres at Beenamweel, Bweeng, Mallow, Co. Cork to Mr. Patrick Mulcahy for the consideration of €1.00
Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

4. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS

- a) **Matthew Farrell MDO Municipal District Officers Report.**
Full Report circulated.

The MDO sought members approval for the following.

Community Grant Repurpose:

2021 Amenity Grant CFS308605787 - Freemount Community Development Association grant allocation of €1,500 for renovation works at ladies' toilets in the hall, to be repurposed to fixing a leak in the hall roof and attend to minor electrical issues.

Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

The MDO pointed out an error on the MD Report. Should read Newmarket not Kanturk TDF.

Newmarket TDF:

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| Christmas Lights – Improvements contribution | €2,000.00 |
| Newmarket Town Park – Footpath improvements | €3,000.00 |
| Cork County Council Town Car Park – Improvements | €2,500.00 |
| Christchurch – Footpath works | €1,500.00 |

Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

The extension of current pay parking measures in Mallow town be extended to Friday 6th May, the date of the next KMMD meeting.

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Following the MDO report the members made the following observations / raised the following queries.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea as Chair of the Social Inclusion Community and Rural Development SPC. Stated that as funds are being allocated from the TDF. he wanted it recorded that approval has been granted to install information boards in every playground to assist those with communication difficulties. There is a cost of between 700 and 800 Euro per Playground. The playground budget isn't enough to fund the project so it is proposed the boards will be funded through each TDF allocation.

Cllr. O'Shea sought an update on Derelict Sites and wants a detailed meeting discussing the exact location of each property identified in the MD Report.

In terms of Clar 2021 Cllr. O'Shea queried the current progress on the sensory garden in Knocknagree.

Sought an update on Rockchapel Cemetery. Expressed his frustration on the length of time this is taking. No new graves available in Rockchapel Cemetery.

An update was sought in relation to the National Town and Village renewal fund for Liscarroll

Has a contractor been appointed for Liscarroll. Who is the contractor? When will work commence.

An update was sought in relation to the National Town and Village renewal fund for Kanturk. Castle walkway to Jacko's cross who is carrying out this work and when will work commence. Cllr. O'Shea sought an update on Part 8's for Dromina and Kilbrin.

Response: Matthew Farrell MDO noted Cllr. O'Shea's comments with regard to the communication boards. He said he had not received any communication regarding this. The MDO said he will bring the matter before members for discussion when he has full details of what is involved. In relation to Derelict Sites the MDO said he hopes to have an "in committee" meeting during the month of April. No further update on Clar 2021 sensory garden in Knocknagree. This project is being progressed by the local Community, they have been in contact with the MD office looking for advice. The MDO hopes to have an update on the coming weeks. Rockchapel Part10 application. The process for a Part 10. Different to Part 8. It is a direct application to an board pleanala. More details of a technical nature is required. We are committed to progress the project. Recourses are a challenge across the MD. We hope work will commence the end of April. Kanturk castle work to commence mid-April. Dromina and Kilbrin works continuing with regard to purchasing the land. Kilbrin is at a more advanced stage but both advancing. Further update shortly.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan: Sought an update on Kanturk Castle walkway is this work to commence immediately. Cllr. Moynihan said he was of the understanding that the delay with Rockchapel Cemetary is in relation to an environmental report and queried Is this still the case. Cllr. Moynihan agreed with Cllr. O'Shea a detailed report and a meeting discussing individual properties is needed to tackle dereliction.

Response: The MDO responded to the queries raised by Cllr. Moynihan in his reply to Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

Cllr. Ian Doyle: Fully supports the installation of the communication boards in the playgrounds and would like to see this being done as soon as possible. Cllr. Doyle stated he is also a member of the Social Inclusion Community and Rural Development SPC and would be happy to second Cllr. O'Shea's proposal if necessary. Welcome a detailed report on the status of the derelict sites. Cllr. Doyle sought an update on the Streetscape in Charleville. Did every applicant receive funding.

Response: One applicant completing works. All other successful applicants are at various stages to draw down funds.

Cllr. Pat Hayes: Queried if Cork County Council could incentivise landlords to rent out vacant buildings. Cllr. Hayes queried if the sightlines can be improved in the parking spaces at the Castle playground carpark in Mallow. In relation to Tipp O'Neill Park Bus Parking is there a location identified for buses. Cllr. Hayes suggested the location of the old gas works site as a possible location to facilitate buses. Several businesses have contacted him in relation to the current roadworks ongoing in Mallow. Requested through perhaps Cork Chamber more warnings regarding diversions and road closures.

Response: The MDO stated the Vacant buildings register is a separate register maintained by the Planning Directorate. The MDO stated he would be happy to convey Cllr. Hayes recommendation on encouraging landlords to let vacant buildings to the planning department. Updates are issuing

on a weekly basis in relation to road works. The MDO said he will see if there is anything further that can be done. Any social media results must be issued through the communications department. Mary Hayes SEO stated that in relation to the couch parking this was looked at before. It was proposed that it should be located near Tipp O'Neill Park, The Tourist Office and Spa House. This can be revisited. Cllr. Hayes stated that parking is already limited in the Spa and doesn't want buses taking up valuable parking spaces for businesses in the area.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea: When works are complete Mallow will be a tourist attraction and agrees providing an appropriate location for buses is paramount. Cllr. O'Shea voiced his support for the information boards and agrees a meeting is in order to discuss derelict sites.

Cllr. Liam Madden: Agreed more detail is required on derelict sites. Tipp O'Neill Park disability access is an issue what is proposed to do to resolve access. Parking in Bowling Green is very hard to obtain due to all day parking. Elderly needing to access services in the vicinity are unable to secure parking for doctors' surgery's and other services. Sought an update on the canopies and the tender for the coffee provider at the Castle in Mallow.

Response: The MDO stated this is an ongoing issue of parking in Bowling Green Car Park. In committee meeting to be held during the month of April to discuss parking in its entirety. The MDO said he is waiting on a response in relation to the location of the Canopies. Some issues of a technical nature must be clarified before he can give any further information on the possible location. Update will issue shortly on this. In relation to coffee vendor for the castle a caretaker vendor will provide a service into April and beyond until such time as a permanent vendor can be secured.

Cllr. James Kennedy: welcomed the extension of the free parking in Mallow. Cllr. Kennedy queried what is the current regime for ticketing in the town and agreed that spaces are limited due to all day parking in Bowling Green. Agreed that a detailed meeting needs to be held in relation to derelict sites.

Response: The MDO stated that the traffic wardens are giving people every opportunity before issuing tickets. Discretion is allowed when it comes to overstaying. For safety violations i.e dangerous parking, blocking entrances or parking in an area prohibited tickets are being issued as normal.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy: In relation to the Castle Playground queried if the opening hours could be extended in the winter period during school holidays i.e. Mid Term etc. Cllr. Murphy agreed with Cllr. Hayes in relation to the poor visibility of the parking studs currently in place instead of lines in the car park at the castle playground. Tipp O'Neill Park lack of a ramp is this a cost issue or a design issue due to the gradient. Cllr. Murphy Highlighted the lack of a footpath all the way around resulting in people having to cut through the service station. Has this been looked into? How much would a footpath cost. The Riverwalk at Castlepark advertised or sale. Castlepark is in the process of being taken in charge would it be possible to separate the Riverwalk from the rest of the estate and take it in charge immediately. Cllr. Murphy conveyed his congratulations to the Civil Defence, Buttevant Community Council and the local people of Buttevant for the welcome shown the Ukrainian refugees recently housed in the convent building. Not solely CCC responsibility but any update on housing these people in a more permanent setting.

Response: Mary Hayes SEO stated that she will circulate winter opening hours to the members and if members wish to discuss an extension on these times at that stage she is happy to facilitate. The SEO stated she will look into the visibility of the studs used as parking liners and will see what can be done. She stated there is a technical and cost issue in relation to Tipp O’Neill Park maybe look at active travel measures to fund works in the area.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy: Thanked the MDO for coming to Newmarket to meet the chairman of the Community Development Association and the local area engineer to progress the TDF. Co Operation between the MDO and the Town Partnership and AE is beneficial to the town. Thanked the SEO for visiting Newmarket to witness the outstanding refurbishment work done on the old protestant church in Newmarket. This will be a huge asset to the local community a site for holding cultural events. Cllr. Murphy echoed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy’s comments on the people of Buttevant’s response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Newmarket community has submitted a suggested premise to accommodate refugees. We as a Local Authority need to get the message across that any help given to Ukrainian families will not impact on the existing social housing lists. Cllr. Murphy stated that the information boards are a great idea. An opportunity to discuss funding with the CE when it is brought before members at full council. This will amount to a substantial amount of money taking all playgrounds in every town and village into account.

Response: The Community Council in Newmarket should be commended for the work they do. Great Credit is due in relation on refurbishing work done on the Protestant Church. Community hub meeting held recently was a valuable exercise to identify what has been done and what needs to be done.

b) Senior Executive Engineer Roads Report.

Andreana Sheehan S/SEE gave her report to members. The main points of the report were.

Road resurfacing projects.

Charleville Area have been grading and are due to finish today.

Mallow Area – Have just finished grading the Dromahane to Glantane road.

Grading has now commenced in Lyre.

Newmarket are preparing for Grading, carrying out drainage on the proposed roads

Annabella Roundabout “We have received a proposal to sponsor Annabella Roundabout from McDonalds Restaurant. They propose to completely revise the landscaping and planting arrangements and to fully maintain the new planting arrangement. It includes some evergreen / deciduous shrubs and pollinator friendly flowers. They propose to have small discreet advertising for McDonalds on the roundabout. We propose to proceed with this proposal”

Proposed Loading Bay Strand Street Kanturk:

A proposal to install a new Loading Bay on Strand Street, Kanturk.

It has been discussed with the Local Garda and we have a letter of support for the proposal

I had several calls from the Vets and doctors saying they need somewhere to load and unload work vehicles. It will also benefit all businesses in the area.

Footpaths:

Footpath programme to the value of €147,187. The actual extent of works to be undertaken is subject to available funds based on tendered costs and resources.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

CIS Scheme-- to the value of €459,669. This is subject to Communities going ahead with these roads. Communities will be contacted in the next few weeks and should communities pull out, other roads waiting for this scheme will be offered.

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

Dennis O'Regan SEE for KMMD will take up his post on the 19th of April.

Following the S/SEE report the members made the following observations / raised the following queries.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy: sought update on the Pedestrian Crossing at Rivervalley. Are lights due to be installed at this crossing. A mini Roundabout at the Mouse Trap at Lacknalooha was suggested by Cllr. Murphy previously any update on this. Queried the possibility of a tabletop ramp across from the church of the resurrection in Mallow. ESB pole in the footpath from the boardwalk to the town park. Are there plans to remove this pole.

Response: The Town Engineer John O'Dell responded. Lights are not to be installed at the crossing in Rivervalley. He also confirmed that the Design Office are still looking at the possibility of a roundabout at Lacknalooha. A tabletop ramp at the Church of the Resurrection cannot be accommodated but other traffic calming measures can be considered in this area. The S/SEE said that she will look into the ESB pole on the footpath into the park and revert to members

Cllr. Gerard Murphy: Commended Andreana Sheehan SSEE on acting SEE her role. Queried the status of lights at Clonfert Bridge in Newmarket. Speed is intermittent in the vicinity of the GAA pitch and proves problematic when events are on. This is the reason that the speed survey didn't show there is a speed problem in the area.

Response: The Sub SEE stated she will follow up with the area engineer and revert.

Cllr. Pat Hayes: Welcomed the roundabout proposal by Mc Donald's and the road works at Dromina an Glantane. Queried if the traffic lights at the end of the town could be change to on demand. When lights are off there isn't any traffic congestion in Mallow.

Response: The Sub SEE said she will see what can be done, new lights are due to be installed at the bridge this should improve traffic flow.

Cllr. Ian Doyle: queried if there was a start and completion date for the park road in Charleville. Queried if the traffic survey in Milltown side of Milford village can be progressed to stop speed.

Response: The Sub SEE said she will revert to members.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea: Sought an update on the cleanup at the back of the Housing Estate in Beecher Street. Queried if the plans Mc Donalds have for the roundabout could be shared with the members.

Response: The Sub SEE will look into the above suggestions and revert.

Cllr. James Kennedy: Brought to the attention of the meeting that the manholes located outside Apache Pizza have become loose. Cllr. Kennedy following works that were carried out the issue was resolved for a period of about 3 weeks however the issue has returned.

Response: The Town Engineer John O'Dell EE said he would look into this

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

- a) Cllr. Liam Madden 22/03/2022 “Register of Graveyards the need to seek higher remuneration for this job to see how this can be achieved and maybe if it could be combined with other duties. The importance of this post going forward for our national records.”

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Response: The MDO stated that the pay is 392.50 twice yearly. Registrars pay is established countrywide. Acknowledged the importance of the role.

- b) Cllr. Liam Madden 22/03/2022 “The recent illegal entry and occupation of sites the need to have policy on this if none exists already. This has caused endue concern for people in Communities throughout Municipal District.)

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Response: The MDO stated there are two issues here illegal occupancy and entry. CCC are required to follow legislation in line with best practice.

- c) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/03/2022 “That Cork County Council would look at putting extra litter bins in Town Park, Plaza and outside Church during summer months”.

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

Response: The MDO stated that no additional bins are permitted. The review on bins is ongoing. As the bin in question in the Town Plaza in Mallow was in place and was removed this is permitted and will be installed in a matter of weeks.

- d) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/03/2022 “That Cork County Council would write to HSE re weekend ambulance cover for Charleville and surrounding area. That when a 999 call comes in the Fire Service should be automatically be notified as well.”

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Response: The MDO stated he will write to the Department of Health. Cllr. Pat Hayes said he will raise the matter at the next health committee meeting.

- e) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/03/2022 “Update on grass cutting of our grave yards in our area.”

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Response: The equipment has been sourced for Charleville area.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Cllr. Gearoid Murphy:** Queried if it is possible to hold in person meetings going forward. Councillor Murphy stated that seeing as public health guidelines no longer

require 2 metre distancing. Why could the Boardroom in Annabella not be used. Cllr. Kennedy and Cllr. Madden supported the suggestion stating how important in person meetings are. Cllr. Gerard Murphy stated how important it is as public representatives to set a good example. National guidelines are to hold hybrid meetings and these facilities are not available in Mallow.

Response: The MDO and SEO both said that blending meetings are what is recommended and County Hall is the only venue that can facilitate this.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 6th May at 10.30 a.m. 2022– Venue to be confirmed.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____