

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the February Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 4th February 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, Michael Cotter, Senior Executive Engineer, Matthew Farrell, Municipal District Officer, Andreana Sheehan Executive Engineer, Donal O'Carroll Executive Engineer, Anita Leader, Meetings Administrator.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / DEIMHNIÚ IONTUAIRISCÍL

- a) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the January Monthly meeting of Kanturk/ Mallow Municipal District held on Friday 7th January 2022 at 10.30 a.m. Via MS Teams.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

2. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL

- a) To consider the Disposal of land at Grenagh North, Co. Cork to Mr. P.J. Buckley for the consideration of €10,000.
Cllr. Liam Madden queried the intended purpose of the land disposal. Cllr. Madden requested further information on the Disposal as to why this land is not used for housing. Cllr. Madden requested that this disposal is postponed until the next meeting.

- b) To consider the lease of Building at Kilshannig Church, Newberry, Mallow, Co. Cork to Noel Finnegan & Lisa Lucey (Kilshannig Community Hub) for 2 years for the consideration of €1.00.

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

It was agreed by the chair and the members that item Number 4 i), j) and k) would be dealt with next at the request of Cllr. Ian Doyle.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

- i) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 28/01/2022** "That Cork County Council would give an update on bridge repair at Sorrel, Ballyhea.

RESPONSE: An inspection of the bridge has been carried out and a Preliminary Report

prepared in relation to interventions at Sorrell Bridge. The detailed design of the bridge repairs will continue in 2022. Timeline for works will be dependent on detailed design works, Environmental Assessment and funding.

- j) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 28/01/2022** “That Cork County Council would get an update on estates in Kanturk Mallow MD on taking in charge status.

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O’Shea.

RESPONSE: Michael Lynch, Director of Service, Planning & Development.

As agreed at CPG on the 1st of February 2022, arrangements are being made to update Elected Members on the taking in charge of estates on a countrywide basis at Development Committee in February 2022 and each municipal district at a more detailed level thereafter. In the meantime, a list of taking in charge applications in respect of estates within Kanturk mallow MD including current status circulated to members.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy fully supported the motion and queried what officials will be present at Development Committee.

RESPONSE: Matthew Farrell MDO responded by stating he will clarify and revert.

Cllr. John Paul O’Shea expressed his disappointment at only 2 estates on the list at 1a Which means Irish water has signed off. Awaiting legal department sign off before finalizing statutory Taking in charge procedure. He requested a stipulation be put on this today that progress needs to happen. Some applications were made back as far as 2005/06.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan supported the motion stating more action is needed.

- k) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 28/01/2022** “That Cork County Council would consider topping trees around Newtownshandrum new graveyard.”

RESPONSE Donal O’Carroll Executive Engineer, Roads Operations, Charleville, Co. Cork. Having reviewed the trees at the Newtownshandrum New Graveyard an arborist will be required to assess the trees bordering the cemetery and works that may be required, including if they require to be topped.

3. 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 Fund Scheme repurposing:

For members consideration The CYMS Community Hall Newmarket 2018 Capital Grant CF-2588286 for €10,000 be repurposed as an Amenity Grant as per the request of the CYMS Community Hall committee.

Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

Town Development Fund

Charleville Town Park Canopy Platform €8,217.40.

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Tony O’Shea.

Charleville Planning Advertisement Court House €507.38

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

Charleville Planning Application Advertisement – Court House – Public Toilets

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O’Shea.

Buttevant Irish Walled Town Subscription €2,500.00.

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

The MDO proposed the extension of current pay parking measures in Mallow town be Extended to Friday 4th March, the date of the next KMMD meeting.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Tony O’Shea. Supported by the members.

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

Cllr. J.P O’Shea

Stated he was of the understanding that an in dept discussion on derelict sites was to take place. He requested the following information.

Where are the 19 Sites. Seven identified for review what is the purpose of the review.

RESPONSE: Matthew Farrell MDO replied by stating that currently there are 19 properties on the Derelict Sites Register. At the January meeting this number was 21. Two were identified for removal. The review process is ongoing across the MD. In addition to the review process renewed efforts are being made to access potential derelict sites across the MD focusing initially on the 5 key towns. The MDO reminded members the Derelict Sites legislation is time consuming and there are a number of stages in the assessment of a property before it goes to the register. The MDO stated it is KMMD’s preference to deal with these properties and the issues identified through engagement with the owners without them progressing onto the register. The first step once the buildings have been identified is Assessment of the current conditions and the reason they have come to the local authorities Attention and establish ownership. This can cause issues. Engage with owner to try and resolve the issues. The MDO also went through in great detail the stages that must be followed in accordance with the Derelict Sites Legislation. Highlighting the protracted process involved.

How many applications received for the Charleville Enhancement Scheme? Has the €64,000 been exceeded?

RESPONSE: 20 successful applicants. €64,000 made available. Acknowledged the shortage of labour. KMMD are working with applicants that are experiencing difficulties in securing workers. Some have completed the works and drawn down the funds. A more detailed update will follow in the coming weeks.

Has the part 10 application been submitted for Rockchapel Cemetery? He expressed concern in relation to the lack of progress.

RESPONSE: The MDO stated he was of the understanding that the Part 10 for Rockchapel Cemetery was not submitted. He will seek a further update for the members on when the application will be submitted. He will convey Cllr. O’Shea’s request for urgency on submitting the application.

Cllr. I. Doyle: Sought an Update on the lights in the town park and the pedestrian crossing from the car park to the Park in Charleville.

RESPONSE: The MDO said he will seek an update on these and revert.

Cllr. P. Hayes: Asked once a property is added to the derelict site register how long will the property remain on the list and asked what the next stage in the process is.

RESPONSE: Dealt with under Cllr. J.P O'Shea's query.

Cllr. J. Kennedy: Sought an update on the canopies for Mallow has a definite plan for locations been reached. Has an agreement been reached in relation to Market Square.

RESPONSE: Market Square is not going to be a location for the canopies. KMMD is actively working on securing a location.

Sought an update on the Central Hotel.

RESPONSE: It is now a matter for the landowner and the contractor to progress.

Asked if the gradient was a factor at the lack of wheelchair access at the Saint Joseph's Road end in Tipp O'Neill Park.

RESPONSE: The MDO stated it is his understanding the gradient is an issue. He will seek clarification and revert.

Cllr. Kennedy brought it to the attention of officials that there is an area of the boardwalk that has a slight dip and is dark he queried if extra lighting can be installed and what can be done in relation to the dip.

RESPONSE: Referred for response.

Cllr. B. Moynihan: Sought an update on buildings located at Strand street, Kanturk. One of which was the location of the old library. Queried if CCC can move on a compulsory purchase order on these buildings. These buildings are in a prominent location in the town and are unsightly.

RESPONSE: Actively working on this and engaging with the landowners when there is an update he will inform the members.

Cllr. Liam Madden: Sought an update on a regular Service for refreshments at Mallow Castle.

RESPONSE: Towards the end of the summer the tender process should be complete. It is hoped an interim provider will operate until such time as the tender process is complete.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy: Queried if it would be possible to include Liscarroll in the painting scheme as part of the tender.

RESPONSE: The tender package in place are entirely based around public realm works. Securing funds from the Village Enhancement scheme may be more appropriate.

Can CCTV be installed in the New Playground to deter any sort of unwanted behavior.

RESPONSE: Mary Hayes SEO stated monitored cameras are in place at the playground. Important to address any issues and perhaps a meeting with stakeholders to discuss would be

in order.

Cllr. Murphy asked if it would be possible to install covert CCTV in order to capture Dog Fouling offences stating this method has proved to be successful in capturing illegal dumping and fly tipping.

RESPONSE: Raise the issue and query with Environment Directorate. The use of CCTV is a complicated issue a lot of considerations need to be addressed before it is used. The MDO said he would hope to have a response on this before the next KMMD meeting.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy: Sought clarification if a building or site must be on the Derelict Site register before it can move to compulsory purchase order stage. A problem with title could be rectified and feels that a fast track to CPO would be welcomed.

RESPONSE: The MDO stated that under the 1990 Derelict Sites legislation a property must be on the Derelict Sites register before it can be considered for CPO. As per legislation Local Authority's needs to be able to demonstrate all requirements have been met or not.

Mary Hayes SEO stated that if members wanted to discuss a particular property on a case by case basis contact either herself or Matt to discuss and try to work through some of the issues.

Cllr. Murphy asked if people experiencing difficulties obtaining painters could still be considered for the painting scheme under the Town Development Fund.

RESPONSE: Scheme is closed since the 31st December. This deadline was set by the department therefore, CCC has no discretion on the matter. We will continue to work with people that are fearful they cannot comply with the requirements of the application.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea: Sought an update on the vacant buildings in Bridewell Lane.

RESPONSE: The MDO stated contact has been made with the housing Directorate. No response received to date.

Mary Hayes SEO clarified the situation in relation to both Part VIII's mentioned in the MDO Report i.e. The former courthouse in Charleville and the public toilets. They are on display for a period of six weeks. Both projects are conditional based on a successful Rural Regeneration Application.

b) Michael Cotter Senior Executive Engineer Roads Report.

Michael Cotter SEE provided updates on matters raised previously at the start of his presentation.

Senior Executive Engineer Roads Report Feb 2022

Road resurfacing projects.

- Doing prep works for 2022 projects
- Due to start overlay works in Charleville Area 14th February, Mallow Area by 21st March and Newmarket in May.
- Dromahane Village blacktop overlay is being carried out at present. This is part of the 2022 RI Programme

General Maintenance

- General drainage on local and regional roads
- Pothole patching
- Street cleaning and leaf collection

Footpath Programme

- Footpath replacement works have started on the footpath in Kanturk Square in front of the new library under the 2021 NTA funding. (Library due to open in the coming weeks and work will be completed before opening)

Active Travel projects.

- The pedestrian crossing at Greenane is now fully completed and powered up.
- Removal/relocation of car park entrance and wall in Charleville to facilitate provision of a pedestrian crossing to link with the town park will be recommenced on 7th February.
- Recent funding announced for KMMD is just to complete projects planned in 2021. However, some of these may take significant lead in time in 2022 so shovel ready projects may be considered as substitutes.

NTA projects:

- St Joseph's Road Mallow – Contractor due to install the tabletop crossing in the first two weeks of February and road markings will be laid down and traffic lights will be turned on.

Climate Action:

2021 programme completed

Low Cost safety Schemes:

- Pedestrian Crossing Greenane Kanturk – Works were completed on the zebra crossing,
- Keale Bridge – The revised alignment has been set out on the ground and is satisfactory so the works can now be planned. To achieve the improved exit sightlines for the junction will require a combination of the re-alignment of the main road away from the junction and the setting back of a portion of the Bridge railing/wall on the nearside.
- Boola jcn. – one side completed (Donoghmore side). Awaiting the removal of bales on other side and will set back the ditch on that side will be undertaken then.

The boardwalk in Mallow is now in use by the Public and Resurfacing of the road over Mallow Bridge is scheduled for the last week in February. The junction at the Ballydaheen side will be omitted at the moment as Irish Water intend laying a sewer through there from the Ballydaheen side towards the road by the Church.

An Bord Pleanála's decision on Proposed roundabout and associated works at the N72/R579 Ballymaquirk Junction is deferred until 11th March.

Public Lighting Programme 2021 – Updates provided on individual schemes.

Public Lighting Programme 2022 – Circulate with minutes and presented to members today.

A new assistant engineer Ed Coleman has been appointed to the Mallow Area to allow Andreana Sheehan to assume the Kanturk-Mallow Area Engineers role pending the appointment of a replacement for Jim Moloney. Hence, Michael Cotter will be stepping back from the Area to his original posting henceforth.

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

Cllr. Gerard Murphy: Sought clarification on the Traffic lights at Clonfert Bridge, Newmarket. Cllr. Murphy wanted to emphasise the size of the HGV's using the road. It is very dangerous.

RESPONSE: M. Cotter SEE said that the Road design Office were not keen on erecting traffic lights in a rural location and were looking at other traffic calming measures. He said that no traffic accidents were recorded in the area.

Cllr. Pat Hayes: Queried if Traffic Calming Measures Between Baltidaniel School and Springfort Hall could be considered.

RESPONSE: Andreana Sheehan Executive Engineer stated that CCC are aware of the situation currently and are looking for funding possibly under the NTA. Speed detector signs were installed there but may be losing their effectiveness.

Cllr. Liam Madden: Sought an update on the Section 8 in Grenagh, the Taxi rank in Mallow and Lighting in Ballyclough. Cllr. Madden queried if it was possible to install a pedestrian crossing from River Valley to Hazelbrook.

RESPONSE: Andreana Sheehan Executive Engineer confirmed that the Grenagh Part 8 is out for public consultation. Closing Date for submissions is 18th February.

M Cotter SEE stated that the taxi rank Infront of the Central Hotel will be extended once the hoarding is moved. Additional lighting in Ballyclough is considered warranted but is currently below the budget allocation threshold, on the list as it is necessary to light ramps installed in 2021 first, on road safety grounds. Michael Cotter explained that there is a longer-term plan to connect the housing estates

to the right in Ballyvinitter through a pathway down the back of the developments crossing the Spa Glen sideroad, but that in the short term traffic volumes are low and it shouldn't be an issue for people to cross the road and use the infrastructure currently being installed.

Cllr. James Kennedy: Sought confirmation on the owners of the Manholes on Bridewell Lane. Residents have had to endure sleep disruption for 6 months. Can a solution be expedited? Cllr. Kennedy queried if the speed ramps which can be bolted to the ground would be more cost effective. Sought an update on Footpath for Sandfield tce. and Blackwater Drive. Beecher Street traffic calming and pedestrian crossing.

RESPONSE: M Cotter SEE confirmed British Telecom (Multichannel ducting) own the manholes. Not an easy fix, as these substantial covers may need full replacement. Area engineer to follow up. Bolt down ramps are less expensive but they are very sharp only suitable for very slow traffic, in cul-de-sacs and the like. Preference of CCC to use the traditional ramps. Acknowledges Beecher Street is very wide and hopes to install a pedestrian crossing in due

course, pending the results of a study to be carried out by Traffic & transportation on the stretch of road between the N20 Beecher St. Roundabout and Chadwicks. Not aware of a plan for Sandfield Tce, Blackwater Drive he will bring it to the attention of the area engineer and request it is considered for the footpath programme for 2022.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy: queried if the road alignment by the boardwalk to put 3 traffic lanes in is dependent on Irish water completing work in the area.

RESPONSE: M Cotter SEE stated that re-lining is not dependant on Irish Water therefore as soon as resurfacing is complete the road lining of the three lanes will be completed.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

- a. **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/01/2022** "That Cork Co Council Would Clean up their grounds at the back of Beecher street houses."

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

RESPONSE: Have a look and see what can be done.

Cllr O' Shea said it is more then a litter pick approx. three quarters of an acre and possibly lay out in grass would be an option. M Cotter SEE felt that if this is the extent of work sought in the area, it would have to come under the remit of Municipal Districts for funding. MDO Matthew Farrell said he will assess the site along with roads and see what the best course of action is.

- b. **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/01/2022** "That Cork Co Council would take in charge Thompson's lane"

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

RESPONSE: M Cotter SEE stated that the road is of very poor standard. Usually CCC only take roads in charge that are of a certain standard. There is work involved in establishing the ownership of the lane and if the owner can be asked to bring it up to a certain standard before we take it in charge, then it could be considered. The SEE said the Area Engineer will look into it.

- c. **Cllr. Liam Madden 26/01/2022** "Bowling Green Carpark the issue of bins in Car Park overflowing portraying bad image to public and tourists and also trees beside path near Funeral Home leaves constant problem."

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

Cllr. Kennedy supported the motion and asked if it would be possible to install a bin along the River Walk.

Cllr. Hayes fully supported the motion but would not be in favour of removing the trees in the carpark.

RESPONSE: the SEE said that there are currently two Bins in the carpark. Bins are emptied Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. He explained that unauthorised dumping is a problem with domestic waste being disposed of through the public bins. Willing to increase frequency of emptying the bins to possibly every day during the week.

- d. **Cllr. Liam Madden 26/01/2022** "Westbrook this area shortly upgrade of Sewerage System parking in here major issue some spaces could be created when work is being done as some

green area will be affected during these works. I am asking Council to look at this option in conjunction with contractor.

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

RESPONSE: The SEE said it would be an issue that should be raised at the housing SPC.

- e. **Cllr. Liam Madden 26/01/2022** " Re Carhookeal has any taught being put in re resolving traffic issues up at schools, it might be ideal time to examine same."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden.

RESPONSE: The SEE said he was of the understanding that the motion was in relation to the junction. Having listened to Cllr. Madden it is evident that it is in relation to a bigger picture. He will ask the Area Engineer to keep it in mind when planning's in the area are applied for that an opportunity to incorporate a new section of road into any new developments be utilised.

- f. **Cllr. James Kennedy 27/01/2022** "That this Council, shall ensure that the 'Little Man In The Fountain', shall be stored in a suitable place until a permanent new location is agreed."

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried if the "Little Man in the Fountain" will return to Tipp O'Neill Park.

RESPONSE: The MDO stated that it is currently safely stored in Newberry Depot. No decision is made as yet where the statue will be relocated. Mary Hayes SEO confirmed it will not be returning to Tipp O'Neill Park. A new water feature will be installed there as part of the plans for there. Maybe its original location of the Main Street would be an option. Possible options to incorporate it into the public Realm. Very interested in exploring with the members possible locations taking into consideration the history of Mallow.

- g. **Cllr. James Kennedy 27/01/2022** "That this Council, shall give priority to the installation of a ramp, at the bottom end of Water's Place Mallow."

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

RESPONSE: The SEE said there are already three ramps in this estate and feels this should be adequate.

- h. **Cllr. James Kennedy 27/01/2022** "That this Council, shall outline for the river re: watersports, and the progress that has been made re: the erection of Ward Boardwalks for fisherwomen and fishermen."

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

RESPONSE: The MDO stated planning has been sought and approved for the development of angling stands in the town park and lower Castlepark. The tenders have been sought and envisaged will commence late quarter one / early quarter two. Mary Hayes SEO confirmed what is provided for is an upgrade of the slipway.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Cllr. Liam Madden** Queried what format KMMD meetings will take going forward. **Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** stated that seeing as public Health guidelines in relation to social distancing have been removed he cannot see any obstacle in holding in person meetings. **RESPONSE:** The MDO stated that blended meetings are approved for February. No information is available beyond February. When the MDO receives direction in relation to the format of future meetings he will share it with the members.
- b. **Cllr. Liam Madden:** Queried the date and time of the meeting to discuss pay parking in Mallow Town. **RESPONSE:** The MDO stated he has received a number of additional information requests from the members which will take time to respond to. He will revert ASAP.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 4th March at 10.30 a.m. 2022 – Venue to be confirmed.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____