

## CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the March Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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, Donal O'Carroll Executive Engineer, Billy Dennehy Executive Engineer, Sharon Creig, Mallow Chamber, Anita Leader, Meetings Administrator.

### **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / DEIMHNIÚ IONTUAIRISCÍL**

- a) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the February Monthly meeting of Kanturk/ Mallow Municipal District held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10.30 a.m. Via MS Teams.

**Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle**

### **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.

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

### **3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS**

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

#### Community Grant Scheme for 2022:

The KMMD CGS allocation for 2022 is €284,400. 126 applications received, of which 116 were deemed eligible for support. The MDO sought members approval for the allocation of an additional €15,000 from unspent CGS monies from previous unused CGS allocations, to bring this year's allocation to €295,400.00.

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.**

### **The MDO sought members approval for the following.**

The 2022 CGS Allocations Proposals as circulated.

**Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

**Community Fund Scheme repurposing:**

Banteer Community Sportsfield CGS allocation CFS302309546 of €6,000 for the provision of walkway upgrades and extensions be repurposed for the purchase of equipment for the new museum.

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

**Villager Enhancement Fund 2022**

The total allocation for the VEF 2022 is €68,750. Allocations for the KMMD 2022 Village Enhancement Fund for 2022 as follows:

<i>Liscaroll T&amp;V</i>	
<i>Contingency</i>	<b>€30,750.00</b>
<i>Castlemagner</i>	<b>€11,000.00</b>
<i>Kilcorney</i>	<b>€13,000.00</b>
<i>Freemount</i>	<b>€14,000.00</b>
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**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.**

Mallow TDF: St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Traffic Management Costs €1500.00

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O’Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.**

**KMMD 2022 Painting Scheme**

To open the KMMD 2022 Painting Scheme for our 5 main towns, the application form and scheme details as provided. The 2022 Painting Scheme will be open for applications from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, with a closing date of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Successful applicants will be required to have works completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The following monies from the TDF allocations are proposed to fund this scheme for 2022:

Mallow	€20,000
Newmarket	€5,000
Charleville	€5,000
Kanturk	€5,000
Buttevant	€5,000

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O’Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.**

The extension of current pay parking measures in Mallow town be extended to Friday 1<sup>th</sup> April, 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. Gearoid Murphy pointed out again his potential conflict of interest in relation to Mallow St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee of which he is the chair and a member of Mallow Tidy*

*Towns, both are voluntary positions no personal financial interest. He will however abstain from any vote or speaking on those specific allocations.*

**The members all welcomed the allocations in the MD officers report, the painting Scheme and the extension of the free parking in Mallow Town.**

Mary Hayes MDO stated a focus will go towards Bridge Street in Mallow and Newmarket Main Street and the Kerry Road. The aim is to tackle dereliction.

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy:** queried if there are any plans to roll out a painting scheme for villages. Welcomed the extension on free parking in Mallow and sought an update on works in Liscarroll Public Realm works.

**Response:** The MDO stated a painting scheme is not currently in place for villages. The Focus of the painting schemes is on the main towns. He acknowledged the interest that is there in relation to extending the scheme. No funding allocated for villages presently.

**Cllr. James Kennedy:** stated he is on the committee for the St. Patrick's Day parade and wanted it noted.

**Cllr. Liam Madden:** Sought an update on the Canopies. Cllr. Madden also sought an update on the vendor for tea coffee at Mallow Castle. Cllr. Madden said what is the delay with the tender process huge absence in the area. Vital services are provided to enhance footfall.

**Response:** The MDO said he is working on the location of the canopies. No definitive location yet. Update on the next week or so. While the Tender process is completed a temporary service will be provided at weekends and bank holidays and certain events. A lot of vendors work on a 6-month schedule. Therefore, it is difficult to secure vendors.

Mary Hayes SEO stated that it was hard to get a vendor that would provide a continuity of Service at the castle to have a permanent presence. The challenge of the market is people have committed to other locations. The risk is if we go to tender, we will be too late. We are looking for a permanent presence and this is proving to be a real challenge.

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy:** Acknowledged the benefit the grants are to the hard working communities. He stated that members need to be mindful of this when funding is being allocated to the MD's. Tidy Towns and Community Associations are very hard working and wanted to acknowledge the huge input the community employment scheme participants have in assisting these groups. Cllr. Murphy also welcomed that participants can now continue this scheme beyond the age of 60.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes:** stated he is also on the St. Patrick's Day committee. Cllr. Hayes requested if an extension could be given to applicants if they are having trouble securing tradesmen. Queried If applicants made a late application last year are these still valid.

**Response:** The MDO advised as was the case last year the availability of contractors was an issue the MD office works with people as best as we can. The advice for applicants is to submit the applications by the 29<sup>th</sup> April. A new application will be required for this year.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea:** Boherbue GAA 3<sup>rd</sup> year making an application no successful on this occasion.

**Response:** Boherbue GAA been supported for 3 years consecutively therefore not considered this year.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle:** Declared he is the chair of Charleville Tidy Towns this is a voluntary position.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea:** Update on his request to write to the housing section at the previous meeting in relation to properties in Bridewell Lane that are for sale.

**Response:** The MDO said contact was made with housing he will request an update.

**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 are at present grading.

L5452 Knockenglass Freemount wetmix done

L1047 Hogans Cross Kilbrin wetmix done

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

Mallow Area due to start Grading works on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

**Footpaths:**

Replacement of the footpath has taken replaced outside the new Library in Kanturk.

Replacement of the footpaths in Russell Place in Dromahane completed.

**Section 38: Grenagh:**

Advertised and received 2 submissions of which most of the issues have been addressed.

Revise map showing update. We are going to proceed to Construction. Agreement from Cllr needed to proceed.

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

**Section 38: Kiskeam:**

Proposed pedestrian crossing. Will be advertised next week

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

**Ballymacquirke:**

Approval has been given by An Board Pleanála for the construction of an offline roundabout and the realignment of approx. 650m of the N72 and 350m of the R579.

RI Grants: €5,267,081 up – almost €400,000 on last year

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.**

RM – Grants: €1,624,786 up almost €65,000 on last year.

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

**Drainage Programme**

The S/SEE stated that due to rising costs of fuel and materials there is a strong possibility some of these works may not be carried out. CCC is committed to carry out as much work as it can while staying in budget.

**Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.**

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

**Gearoid Murphy:** Requested this information could be circulated a week in advance of the meeting. When are the pedestrian lights being installed at Ballyvinitier. Requested if a pedestrian crossing could be considered at Rivervalley. Active Travel funding was announced recently he queried the possibility of a footpath at Iron Mines Road funded under this scheme and a footpath from Grenagh to the National School. Wanted to highlight the issues with traffic in Mallow Town.

**Response:** In relation to circulating the information the SSEE noted the Cllrs. Comments she stated that this is a 3 year programme which was circulated to members previously. The SSEE is unsure if the pedestrian crossing is controlled or not she will check it and revert. She will speak with the area engineer to discuss Rivervalley. Noted in relation to Iron Mines and will keep in mind. Two options were put forward in relation to Grenagh / Rathduff to the NTA they were both refused. She will submit again. Acknowledged the traffic congestion this was due to the delay in the works at the Spa and problem with the lights at the bridge. CCC is mindful of traffic congestion.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes:** Drainage is key to maintaining the condition of the roads and will prove cost effective. Asked if two trees out the Navigation Road opposite the filling station could be dealt with they are leaning out onto the road. Cllr. Hayes believes this to be Council property.

**Response:** Will follow up on the trees.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle:** Sought an update on the following: Pedestrian crossing at Park Road in Charleville. At Glen Bridge a need to follow the footpath to park gate. Traffic Calming measure on the Milford side of Miltown. Flagged Bus Stop in Charleville is unworkable. A better location is by the GAA grounds.

**Response:** Donal O' Carroll EE waiting on the ESB to connect. Chasing this at the moment. Will keep members updated. He will look at the footpath at Glen Bridge and look for funding. In relation to Milford included on NTA application for funding. Hopeful this will be done. Speed survey done in the area. Comments on location of Bus Stop noted and will forward to Jonathan Cahill.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea:** Sought an update on the pedestrian crossing at College Wood. When will the lights and markings be done.

**Response:** SSEE update in the coming weeks.

**Cllr. James Kennedy:** Queried if the worst of the traffic congestion is over in Mallow Town.

**Response:**

**Cllr. Liam Madden:** Sought an update on the footpath programme. While road closures are in

place better signage would be great to stop people entering the Cul De Sac which adds to the congestion. Suggested a greater presence by the guards at peak times. Sought an update on Bus Shelters for Mallow. He stated that a bus stop should include a shelter in all instances.

**Response:** Hope to have the footpath programme at the next meeting next meeting. Will speak with Jonathan Cahill in relation to Bus Stops.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea:** Agreed with Cllr. Doyle in relation to location of the Bus Stop.

#### **4. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**On the agreement of the Chair and the members. Notice of motions were dealt with in the following order.**

- c) **Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 21/02/2022** "That members would support my call to expend some of the 2022 Kanturk/Mallow Village Enhancement Fund in carrying out traffic calming measures, footpath repairs and village enhancement works in the village of Freemount"

**Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

**Response:** Works to be carried out later this year under Village Enhancement Fund.

- d) **Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 21/02/2022** "That members support my call to replenish existing footpath outside Edel Quinn Hall, Kanturk out Inchwell Road and out in place appropriate measures to prevent parking on this footpath into the future".

**Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

**Response:** The SSEE said she will keep in mind for future funding.

- e) **Cllr. Liam Madden 23/02/2022** "The need for Zebra Crossing for safety of all Montessori School Churchtown to National School and also Housing Estate involved here."

**Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden.**

**Response:** The SSEE stated she will investigate options in the short term maybe improve markings.

- f) **Cllr. Liam Madden 23/02/2022** "Picnic areas on approach to Mallow the need to upgrade these more regular maintenances this is hugely important to visitors first impressions count."

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

**Response:** SSEE stated she will see what can be done i.e. changing picnic tables.

- g) **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 25/0/2022** "That Cork Co Council would remove the stone that's jutting out from st James church, back to the boundary wall, because of it damaging cars"

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea.**

**Response:** SSEE said she will look into it and see what can be done. If it is listed we could be restrictions in the short term a bollard will be put in place.

- h) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 25/02/2022** "That Cork County Council would look at pedestrian crossing at the Broghil end of Turretts in Charleville to assist safe crossing of road"  
**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle.**  
**Response:** Donal O'Carroll EE agrees it is needed NTA funding has been applied for. In the short term improved line markings and more bollards could be an option.
- i) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 25/02/2022** "That Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures on Old Cork Road in or around Mannix College"  
**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle.**  
**Response:** Donal O'Carroll EE will look for traffic speed counts in the area. Subject to funding perhaps a ramp in the area.
- j) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 25/02/2022** "That Cork County Council would give update on Graveyard maintenance in Charleville, Kanturk area for 2022"  
**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle.**  
**Response:** Donal EE seasonal operative from March to October requested hope to be up and running in the next few weeks.
- a) **Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 18/02/2022** "To seek an update on the development of the Town Hall Mallow"  
**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.**  
**Response:** Mary Hayes SEE planning was approved working through detail design at the moment. Budget is uncertain waiting sign off from management. As soon as she has an update she will update members.
- b) **Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 18/02/2022** "That the Municipal District will liaise with the owner of the old Convent building in Buttevant and attempt to have this prominent building in the town redeveloped."  
**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.**  
**Response:** The MDO stated that this is a private property therefore it wouldn't be for the MD to get involved.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Cllr. James Kennedy:** Implement the parking by-laws in the general vicinity of the Navigation Road and to ask the Traffic Wardens to visit the area as regularly as possible.  
**Response:** Conducting business on the side of the road is an issue for the guards. Beyond the speed limit is outside parking regulations for Mallow.
- b) **Cllr. Liam Madden:** Queried land for sale near the castle in Mallow. Along by the river. Requested clarification on this land i.e ownership etc.  
**Response:** The MDO will seek clarification. No information available to date. He will revert with a reply.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 1st April at 10.30 a.m. 2022– Venue to be confirmed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

Date: \_\_\_\_\_