

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District held via MS Teams on 2<sup>ND</sup> December 2022 at 10.30a.m.**

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**I Lathair:** Cllr James Kennedy presided.  
Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gerard Murphy, Cllr Tony O'Shea,  
Cllr John Paul O'Shea, Cllr Ian Doyle, Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Cllr Bernard Moynihan.

**Leathscéal:** Cllr Pat Hayes.

**Ag Freastal:** Mr Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer,  
Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Mr Kevin Curran, Head of Local Enterprise Office,  
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,  
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,  
Mr Donal O'Carroll, Executive Engineer,  
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,  
Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2022.**

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr John Paul O'Shea and seconded by Cllr Gerard Murphy.
- b) Confirmation of the Minutes of Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting held on 11th November 2022 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. John Paul O'Shea and seconded by Cllr Ian Doyle.

**2. Matter Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

**3. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL**

- a) CE Part 8 Report for the Proposed Change of use of Theatre building / facilities to North Cork Local Enterprise Office (LEO) offices, New Street, Mallow, Co. Cork.

**Endorsed by the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District Members.**

- b) Section 183 To consider the disposal of land 0.012 hectares/0.0252 acres at Main Street, Charleville, Co. Cork for the consideration of €1.00. from Patrick Scanlan to Patrick Scanlan for the consideration of €1.00.

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.**

#### **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

##### **4.1 Municipal District Officers Report.**

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report December 2022 to the Members.

The MDO sought members approval for the following:

Repurposing – Amenity Grant 2020 CFS174611562 - Grant allocation: €17,000 – Kanturk Community Group.

Request to repurpose grant to include Auditing of Accounts for 2022.

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

**Following the MDO Report, the members made the following comments.**

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** sought an update on the recruitment of a School Warden for Charleville. Cllr Doyle requested a pedestrian crossing or flashing lights to aid the school warden. There are approximately 600 children crossing in addition to this there is the everyday traffic. Sought an update on the 5.2 million RDF funding which was granted. Cllr. Doyle pointed out the importance of securing the lease for the courthouse in Charleville.

**Response:** The MDO stated that the interviews were held however the candidate didn’t attend therefore the position is being advertised again. The MDO agreed to an in-committee meeting in January to discuss RDF funding and the courthouse.

**Cllr. John Paul O’Shea** Following on from Cllr. Doyle’s queries in relation to the rural regeneration project queried the relocation of the snooker club and men’s shed. Cllr. O’Shea welcomed the huge investment received by Lisacarrroll through the Town and Village Renewal Fund. Cllr O’Shea pointed out that the gateways and approaches into village which were

included on the part 8 were not completed due to lack of funding. He asked if this could be investigated and the project completed during 2023.

**Response:** The MDO said once the in-committee meeting is held in January plans can be put in place for the relocation of the men's shed and snooker club. In relation to Liscarroll the MDO said she will have to check what funding is available to finish the project.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** Complimented staff on the Christmas lights in Mallow. Cllr Madden said it is important to hold in committee meetings to discuss funding for all aspects of the lights going forward. Queried the footpath which was to extend to the cross in Liscarroll. The footpath towards the castle has a buildout and is too wide proving difficult for lorries and asked if this could be looked at. Sought an update on the capital projects for the Castle, town park to include budget figures. Update on the refreshment vendors for Mallow Castle. Update on the location of the canopies, Mallow Arts have ideas about the location of the second canopies and asked if the MDO would liaise. Queried the Active Travel measures and asked if Carmichael Lane is included.

**Response:** The MDO said an In committee meeting will take place in January to discuss the Christmas Lights and finances. She will look at the tender for the coffee making facilities for the Castle Playground and see if this can be progressed. The location of the canopies one is to be installed out the Navigation road. Progress has stopped due to adverse weather conditions. The MDO said she is aware of the preferred location suggested by Mallow Arts for the second canopy. She has forwarded this to the town engineer, she is awaiting confirmation if this is a viable location. The MDO said she will seek clarification in relation to Carmichael Lane and revert.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** Thanked the MDO for her report. He supported Cllr John Paul O'Shea in relation to finishing the Liscarroll pathways. Asked for an outline of works to be carried out under the NTA funding of €90,000 announced.

**Response:** The MDO will seek clarification in relation to the NTA funding and revert.

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** Apologized for joining the meeting late. He raised his concerns in relation to the Part 8 and in particular taking a large part of the Town Hall and changing from theatre use to office space. He would not support forwarding to full council without further information. Cllr. Murphy pointed out a number of the lights at Spa House on the tree are not working and asked if these could be attended to. Sought an update on the Urban Regeneration and Development fund of €4.7 million announced over a year and a half ago.

**Response:** Mr Sean O’Callaghan Senior Executive Officer clarified the part 8 is not for the Town Hall Building but the vacant theatre building on New Street in Mallow. He asked if this changed Cllr. Murphy’s position in relation to the Part 8. Cllr. Murphy said he is happy for the part 8 to proceed to full council. Cllr. Murphy asked if this will replace the plans for LEO offices in the top story of the Town Hall. Mr Sean O’Callaghan said Mr Kevin Curran was present at the meeting when the agenda item was discussed to answer any questions which may arise. He will forward his query to Kevin for a response.

The MDO stated that the priority was on the erection of the Christmas lights which was a considerable task. She is aware all bulbs are not operational and has reported the issue she will follow up.

**Cllr. James Kennedy** Congratulated Cork County Council on the success of the switching on of the lights in Mallow Town.

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy** Thanked the MDO for her comprehensive report. Cllr Murphy stated attention needs to be given to Kanturk, Newmarket and Charleville going forward in relation to Christmas lights. Comparison needs to be made between money spend in Mallow and the smaller towns across the Municipal District.

#### **4.2 Senior Executive Engineer’s Report presented by Dennis O’Regan SEE as follows.**

##### **1. Routine Works Completed across the MD include:**

- Pothole Repairs across the MD using the Rosco/Velocity patcher and associated TTM
- Street Cleaning in Town’s and Villages
- Road Sweeping in Towns and Villages
- Gulley cleaning and jetting works in Towns and Villages

- Bin Collection and Litter Picking across the MD
- Grass Cutting in open spaces and cemeteries
- Verge Cutting and cutting of junctions on Regional Roads
- Verge cutting and cutting at Junctions on National Roads
- Erection of speed limit signage across the MD
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection of litter
- Playground Repairs
- Maintenance of Cemeteries
- Provision of TTM for the erection of Christmas Lights in Mallow Town

## **2. Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:**

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts
- Erection of Flood Defences

## **3. Planned Drainage Works and associated TTM:**

- Installation of new gulleys on RI, RM, CIS & LIS Schemes in the Newmarket area
- Edge Drainage on the following list of roads:
- L6954 Commons, Rathduff
- Clyda Rovers, Mourneabbey
- L5025 Toorard
- R578 Charleville area
- L5499 – Cooleens
- R522 – Charleville area
- L1320 – Egmont Churchtown
- L1036 Kanturk Newmarket
- L5179 Kanturk Newmarket
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- L5181 Kanturk Newmarket

## **3. Surface Dressing Works and associated TTM:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> seal on LIS and CIS Schemes in the Newmarket area

### **Overlay Works and Associated TTM**

- Kiskeam North, Kiskeam CIS Scheme
- Island Wood LIS Scheme

### **Footpath Repair Works**

- Coolnagour Estate, Milford – 45 linear metres
- Avenue Demense, Newmarket
- High Street, Newmarket

### **Low Cost Safety Works**

- Keale Bridge

### **Climate Action Works**

- Installation of new storm drainage on the R620 Dromahane/Nazareth Road
- Liscarroll

### **Bridge Maintenance**

- Clearing debris around Bridges in Glantane

### **Notification**

Two number speed surveys have been carried out in the village of Grenagh. The first survey was completed on the L2768 on the Main Street Grenagh over a 7 day period. Zero percent speed violation was detected with an average speed of 26kmph Eastbound and 29kmph Westbound in a 50kmph speed limit zone.

The second survey was completed on the L2768 from Lowes Cross to the Church over a 7 day period. Only 4 % speed violation was detected with an average speed of 36kmph in a 50kmph speed zone.

Based on these results, our recommendation not to proceed with the speed ramps in the village remains unchanged. However, as there is ample opportunity to install active travel measures in the village, our office has applied to the NTA to deliver these interventions. I am confident that these measures will ensure pedestrian connectivity is improved within the village.

**Following the SEE report the members raised the following queries made the following comments.**

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy** Requested the installation of an Age friendly parking space in Percival Street Kanturk across from the Health Store. Cllr. Murphy also stated a Rural Bus Service coming to Newmarket during the week which parks at the back of Supervalu. The Community Development Association installed a bus shelter many years ago but is still maintaining it. He asked if it is possible to put in the makings for a space for the bus to pull in. This would provide access to services to elderly people without walking too far.

**Response:** Following consultation with the area engineer further investigations need to be carried out to see if there is adequate space to install the age friendly parking space, if there is space it will be installed at this location. A site inspection will be carried out and revert on the matter. The SEE said he will assess the location of the bus stop in the Supervalu car park and if it is feasible road markings will be installed.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** Traffic calming measures from the bridge to Dano's Supermarket. Will speed indicator signs still be installed in Grenagh if ramps are not. Canon Sheehan Place school traffic is an issue. Sought an update on Bathview. Queried the 2nd Bus Shelter in Buttevant. People should be encouraged to use buses. Without bus shelters people won't use them. Cllr Madden would like to see all future applications for bus stops to include shelters. Lights are not working out by the golf club in Mallow asked if this could be investigated.

**Response:** The SEE stated this is a 50 kph zone. Speeding is a breach of the road traffic act. Which is a matter for the guards. CCC will organize a speed survey, based on the findings i.e. if there is speeding in the area this will be relayed to the guards. If there is something that CCC can do as a Roads Authority suitable measures for the location will be looked at. In

relation to Grenagh the result from the speed survey did not identify speed violation NTA funding to include Active Travel measures giving priority to pedestrians. Driver feed back signs are not funded through the NTA. The town engineer is to liase with the school in relation to parking of buses at Cannon Sheehan place. The town engineer will revert in relation to the trees in Bathview. The Bus Shelters are managed by the Traffic and Transportation Section they are aware of the members concerns. Following this meeting the SEE said he will reiterate the request for bus shelter to the section. The SEE will follow up and revert on the lights at the Golf Club.

**Cllr. Bernard Moynihan** Thanked all roads staff for the tremendous level of work across the MD. Cllr. Moynihan on the issue of speeding in Boherbue village. Ramps at the two schools are needed. Cllr. Moynihan stated this is a public safety issue that needs to be addressed.

**Response:** Funding is allocated to Boherbue within the design an aspect of traffic calming is being considered. He will investigate to see if a traffic survey has been completed if not he will organize a speed survey, based on the facts if speeding is an issue he will report to the guards. If there is measures the roads office can provide that are suitable for the location, he will carry out these works, provided there is a funding stream available.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** Cllr Doyle said that his notice of motion is relevant to the following serious issue of ESB connections. Cllr Doyle raised concern about the Timeline for the pedestrian crossing on the Park Road in Charleville, Pedestrian crossing at ALDI junction at the N20. Flashing light coming in from Smyth's Road in Charleville. The speed indicator light isn't working. The area engineer has recently reported it will be the new year before any of these issues are resolved. Cllr. Doyle stated this is unacceptable and very dangerous. He requested we write to the ESB expressing the dissatisfaction and seek an explanation for the delay in connectivity. Footpath coming into Charleville pedestrian crossing sign urgently required. Sought an update on the Bus Stop in Charleville. Cllr. Doyle commended staff on the upkeep of the graveyards.

**Response** In relation to the three locations of concern highlighted the SEE said the pedestrian crossing in Park Road is waiting for ESB connection everything from Cork County Council has been done. He does not have a timeline but will keep contacting the ESB for updates. At the Aldi junction the lights were turned off following a complaint from the public of a shock. The



ESB did not consult CCC before doing so. The flashing light on Smyth's Road the contractor cannot get to it before Christmas. CCC have contacted another contractor who will get to the location before Christmas. In relation to the footpath is a gap of in connectivity maybe the NTA could fund through Active travel measures he will discuss with the AE and see what the best resolution is. No update on the Bus Stop he will contact the Traffic and Transportation section and revert with an update.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan Senior Executive officer stated it would be appropriate for this Municipal District to write to the ESB on this matter.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** Thanked the roads staff for all the work carried out. As a result of the speed survey for Grenagh he asked for an outline of proposed works for main street. Sought an update on Traffic calming measures for Twopothouse, Bweeng and Ballycough. Asked what can be done in relation to Speed in Clonmore. Sought an update on his previous suggestion of stopping HGV's from driving through the town.

**Response** The SEE said what was proposed for Grenagh was to engage a designer. In Clonmore he will speak with the Town Engineer and revert. A ramp has been approved for Ballyclough. A speed survey has been carried out. Newtwopothouse other measures are being looked at as a result of significant ramps and noise concern's and the request to remove the ramps at this location. Following concerns raised previously in relation to HGV's on Main Street contact has been made with the design office to see if there is something that can be done at the junction at the national road. Road markings or buildouts to force HGV's to use the National Route.

**Cllr. James Kennedy** Ball Alley, Jim O'Keeffe's Laneway under the arch a bulb is not working. Cllr Kennedy asked if this could be fixed. Queried the feasibility of installing bolt down speed ramps in housing estates to alleviate speed. Cllr. Kennedy stated these are cheaper than the traditional ramps and could prove very effective. Cllr. Kennedy queried when a new ramp is being installed is a speed survey required in every instance.

**Response:** The SEE will report the broken light to the public lighting department. The SEE asked for a list of the housing estates that are the cause for concern, he will then see what measures would be suitable for these locations. In response to the query on Speed surveys

for every ramp installed the SEE said the only way to determine if speed is an issue is to carry out a speed survey.

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** queried if the lights have been synchronized at Mallow Bridge. Sought an update on a previous suggestion he made in relation to a mini roundabout at Lacknalooha. Cllr Murphy sought an update on his previous suggestion of a raised table at Rivervalley. When are the speed surveys due to be carried out in Grenagh. How much violation must there be to recommend the installation of ramps. Cllr Murphy expressed his concerns in relation to NTA funding was applied for previously and the request was declined.

**Response:** The SEE said the synchronization is not complete due to two loops on the bridge not working. The contractor must return to site which should happen next week. In relation to Beecher Street an application is being lodged for the entire Street from the National Route up to the junction and possibly to main street tightening the carriageway and introducing Cycle lanes. An application will be made to the NTA in the new year for an outline design to look at the entire area. Funding is available to look at a design for Rivervalley a raised table has not been committed to. What has been committed to is looking at a design and seeing what design can be put in place to improve crossing at this location. Two speed surveys were carried out in the village of Grenagh. Based on the findings that speed is not an issue. Speed ramps are not warranted in this location. An application to the NTA for active travel measures at this location has been made. For design fees to look at the village in its entirety to see what can be delivered under this funding stream. All surveys are looked at on a case by case basis. The SEE stated the concerns in relation to funding not allocated through NTA is outside the SEE's control. The SEE said as a roads authority the responsibility is to carry out surveys and prepare applications. The NTA decide what schemes are funded.

## **5. Notices of Motion.**

- a) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 21/11/2022 "That the L5207 road near Lyre be considered for the next resurfacing programme.

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

**Response SEE** The approved 3-year roads program (2022 – 2024) does not include the L5207 road near Lyre. This road will be considered for the next Kanturk Mallow 3 year roads program. However, in the interim our office will continue to inspect this

public road and repair isolated defects.

- b) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 21/11/2022 "That speed control measures be considered for Cecilstown village."

**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.**

**Response SEE** Our office will organise speed surveys to be carried out in the village of Cecilstown and violations will be relayed to the gardai, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act. Our office will include the village of Cecilstown in NTA applications for any eligible active travel schemes that can be identified.

- c) Cllr. Ian Doyle 25/11/2022 "That Cork County Council would give update on progress with ESB a pedestrian crossing on Park Road Charleville lights at ALDI and indicator sign on Smith's Road Charleville."

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle.**

**Response SEE** Our office in Charleville have completed the necessary applications and we are awaiting connections from the ESB. Due to public safety the lights at Aldi were disconnected by the ESB and at present, our contractor has advised that they are waiting on a connection from the ESB. Driver feedback signage on Smiths Road will be repaired by a substitute maintenance contractor in the coming days.

- d) Cllr. Ian Doyle 25/11/2022 "That Cork County Council would give update on traffic calming measures for Newtown Village from Milford side and a timeline for same."

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle.**

**Response SEE** MHL Consulting engineers were appointed as designers for the villages of Newtown and Freemount. Topographical surveys have been completed and a design is being prepared at present. I hope to be in receipt of a preliminary design next week and proceed to Section 38 early in Jan/February 2023.

- e) Cllr. Ian Doyle 25/11/2022 "Further to previous motion that Cork County Council would look at trimming trees in Newtown New Graveyard on western side."

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle.**

**Response SEE** Our Charleville office will ensure tree maintenance is carried out at this location as soon as ground conditions improve.

- f) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 26/11/2022 "That Cork County Council initiate the removal of utility pole at the pedestrian crossing in Percival Street, Kanturk which is affecting the view of the pedestrian crossing lights".

**Response SEE** Our Newmarket office will complete a cost benefit analysis to determine the best approach to resolve the obstructed sightline at this given location with sources of funding available.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr Ian Doyle asked if Active Travel funding granted for the Railway Road. Road conditions are in poor repair. A new nursing home is due to open on an already traffic heavy route. Cllr Doyle asked if the money allocated towards walkways and cycle lanes could be repurposed and used to resurface the road and improve the footpaths.

**Response SEE** The NTA will have to sanction the change of use of the allocated funds. If they will sanction it they will proceed with the work.

- b) Cllr James Kennedy requested a letter of congratulations be sent to Mallow Field Club on the launch of their 40<sup>th</sup> Journal last night.

- c) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea asked if the derelict sites report would be available for January. Cllr. O'Shea said if it isn't available for January, he would like to have it for February. An update on the derelict sites report and an update on the progress the property activation unit are making in the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District area.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10.30 a.m. – Blended Meeting.

**This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.**