



CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Meeting: 15/04/2024

Minutes proceeding of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 15th of April 2023 at 2:00pm.

Present: Cllr. Audrey Buckley (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Jack White (Leas Cathaoirleach). Cllr. Marcia D'Alton, Cllr Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan, Cllr. Una McCarthy.

In Attendance: Denise Kidney, Municipal District Officer; Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer; Sarah McSweeney, Staff Officer, Kate Magner, Staff Officer; Dylan O'Connell, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on March 19th, 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Jack White.

2. Matters arising

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the defective Eir chamber by the Carrigaline Court Hotel, he would like to know if there was any contact with Eir. Another chamber in Hillcrest estate has been referred to the MD office. If there is any option to push Eir on this, it would be appreciated. Madeline Healy said that Cork County Council has tried to make contact and she will forward any update.

Cllr. D'Alton asked the MD Officer for an update on the signage at the entrance to the greenways.

She requested updates from Ms. Healy for updates on:

Janeville following discussion with the design engineer.

The NRDO's design on the N28/R610 junction after their engineer had contacted the RSA for an accident update on junction.

The crash barrier at Haulbowline

Asked Ms. Kidney for funding for the repair or replacement of the bridge at Monkstown Park after Storm Babet

Pothole filling at Warrenscourt, Ringaskiddy

Sign for Lucia Place asking drivers to give way to buses.

She requested a response from Roads Administrative Unit to her March motion "That when advertising a temporary road closure, Cork County Council would aim to achieve more than the absolute minimum prescribed public consultation period of three days."



Cllr. White highlighted the ongoing state of disrepair of Owenabue Car Park and update for the solution to this.

Cllr. McCarthy asked for an update on the signage at Maulbaun with 30km/h and 50 km/h on either side of the road.

Ms. Kidney responded that she has looked at updates needed for the greenway signage. She has been in contact with the greenway team and is waiting on their response. This may be included in their funding.

Regarding the bridge at Monkstown Park. This was not on Finance's list of requests for Storm Babet. Ms. Kidney is waiting on a response from Finance about the previous MDO's request for €50,000.

Cllr. D'Alton also asked about other demolition works done on a wall at the end of Raffeen village and a fence on the R610 side. These had to be pulled out to prevent flooding, similar to the bridge at Monkstown. These need to be repaired.

Ms. Kidney will include these on a follow-up email to Finance.

Janeville: Madeline Healy Reported. She has spoken with the STU and the Road Design section. They put options together, these were sent to Bus Eireann who are happy to proceed with the preferred option. She will be having further discussions with NNRDO about producing a revised layout based on consultation.

Junction between R610 and N28, engineer has been out of the office. Will follow up with them.

Haulbowline is a private matter. This has been passed onto the relevant maintenance issues there for the Department of Defence This is out of Cork County Council's control.

Ringaskiddy – no update

Lucia Place – no update

Road Closure procedure and consultation period. She will forward the response received.

Signage on Maulbaun – no update

Cllr. McCarthy also asked about a wall in Rockenham, and a footpath raised at the March meeting.

Ms. Healy responded that these are included on a list of works.

Cllr. McGrath

Regarding the Eir chambers, would it be appropriate to ask the Director of Roads to make contact with Eir as the utility company due to the issues and lack of response. Cllr. Buckley agreed.

Mr. Murphy responded that this would be escalated.

3. Correspondence

Ms. Kidney has received correspondence from the Maritime college. They have provisionally booked one of their lecture theatres for the May MD meeting for Monday 20th May. Checked with councillors that they are happy to confirm.



No response has been received from Irish Water about the odour at Shanbally. She will escalate this.

An audit has been requested for the beach wheelchair. She will inform the councillors when a date for this is set.

No response received from Ringaskiddy Industries.

Cllr. D'Alton met with Irish Water at the Shanbally plant a week ago. They committed to fixing the issue and responded. Ms. Kidney asked for a copy of this update from Irish Water.

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

(i) Pride of Place Nomination Form

Ms Kidney reminded the councillors about the Pride of Place nomination forms and that the closing date is 18/04/2024. Forms can be sent to Ms. Kidney. She will check whether the local authority makes the request on behalf of the town and revert.

(ii) Fort Camden Meagher – Verbal Update

Sarah McSweeney gave an update on Fort Camden Meagher and raised the following points:

- The reopening works are now substantively complete.
- Repairs to the car park have been carried out by the Carrigaline Area Engineers office.
- Volunteers are back onsite, and they are working on a number of areas to prepare for the reopening, e.g., painting, grounds maintenance, and work on exhibition rooms.
- Regarding exhibition rooms, a new model room has been set up, the naval room is being updated, a new British history room exhibition will be open this season.
- The preferred operator for the café site has been selected. Details will be announced when contracts are completed.
- No update on the funding stream applications. Waiting on decisions.
- Social media A new Facebook page for Fort Camden Meagher has been set up and online engagement is strong. Competitions are being run on Facebook and Instagram for annual family passes. A local radio campaign will be rolled out the week before the reopening with the schedule to be finalised for an additional radio campaign during the season. The reopening of the fort will take place on Saturday 27th April. The fort will be open both the Saturday and Sunday of this weekend, and will then be open Wednesday to Sunday, and bank holiday Mondays after that.
- Saturday 27th April will have family activities and special music performances on the day.

Cllr. White asked about the levels of staffing for tour guides and full-time managerial appointment. Mr. Murphy said HR are in the process of scheduling interviews for the manager's role (target is mid-May). Maurice Murphy also said that the new recruitment campaign was successful, seven people were panelled which should address the posts required. Volunteers will remain an integral part.



Cllr. Buckley asked if a pathway down the walk has been secured and fenced in to stop kids accessing the Fort. Maurice Murphy said that security has been upgraded, there is 24/7 monitoring of the site, and access points are being looked at and secured.

Cllr. McGrath said well done to Sarah and the team and complimented a recent television segment about Fort Camden Meagher. Cllr. Buckley agreed.

(iii) Taking in charge of Pembroke Wood, Passage West, Co Cork

Cllr. D'Alton proposed this, and it was seconded by Cllr. McGrath.

(iv) Taking in charge of Atlantic View, Myrtleville, Co Cork

Cllr. D'Alton proposed this, and it was seconded by Cllr. McGrath.

5. DIÚSCAIRT TALÚN

Disposal of Property

Fógra Alt 183 / Section 183 Notice

(i) S183 - Exchange of lands at Strawhall, Monkstown. Co. Cork

Maurice Murphy explained that this is a full council matter. The purpose of this disposal is to progress the greenway. The elected members of the Carrigaline MD would like more time to review the documentation related to this. Cllr. D'Alton has concerns about this S.183, she will raise these offline and asked if this can be deferred. The chair agreed to this.

6. Municipal District Officers Report

Denise Kidney read through her report and invited questions from the members.

Allocation of funding for the capital, community contracts, and amenity grants.

Cllr. Buckley proposed and seconded by Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan.

Cllr. D'Alton asked if the heritage funding would be subject to public consultation, and if a consultant has been appointed. Mr. Murphy said that there will not be public consultation, but there will be engagement with all stakeholders to explore options, and this would feed into other projects happening in the area. It is currently being prepared to go to tender.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said it is great to see so much money going into the community, over €180,000 to community groups. Cllr. White, Cllr. McCarthy, Cllr. Buckley, and Cllr. McGrath echoed these sentiments.



7. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoid a mhead:/ To consider the following Notices if

Motion in the name of:

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. "That this Municipal District do a feasibility report into our local amenity slipways and dam; where are they located & who is responsible for their upkeep?"

Cllr. Buckley would like to know when the report will be done.

Maurice Murphy said that the maintenance of slipways is an issue across the county. Regarding the items raised in this MD, it will be examined what can be done in the short-term. In the long-term, engagement with Bord Fáilte etc. has a long way to go. We will look to make budgetary provisions for 2025.

Cllr. D'Alton strongly supports the motion. She would welcome budgetary provision for this next year in the MD. She as if there will be a new budgetary element for the repair of slipways, and if the mapping of points of access to the water is part of the exercise being done at present.

Maurice Murphy said that the budgetary piece is being looked at on a countywide basis. Regarding ownership, this has been highlighted as a challenge in the Bord Fáilte exercise. There is no consistency across the MDs in relation to ownership. Some are the responsibility of Cork County Council, others of the Port of Cork. It has been recognised as a priority with a lot of complexities to it.
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Councillor D'Alton would like to know when the consultation on the Bord Fáilte report will be.

Maurice Murphy does not know as this is being led by external consultants. Consultation will be wide across all stakeholders. He will revert with a timeline when he can.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. D'Alton.

2. "That the chapel steps in Crosshaven gets funding to resurface the old concrete, the steps and broken hand railings. And to follow up on the reported broken light with ESB last year, halfway up the steps."

Cllr. Buckley thanked Denise Kidney for her response. Denise Kidney will follow up when she received the report, she will follow up with costing and what can be done. She will follow up with Cllr. Buckley on which light is broken and will report this.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. D'Alton.

3. "That we get an update on the proposed walkway, safe access from the school to the village in Minane Village."

Cllr. Buckley noted that an application has been submitted for planning permission by the local Community.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. D'Alton.



Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. " To seek an update about resurfacing work at the Owenabue Carpark. "

Cllr. McGrath urged as much speed as possible for these repairs.

Cllr. White seconded this motion.

Cllr. White, Cllr. McCarthy, Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan, Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. D'Alton support this motion.

2. "To seek an update on previous requests to have the uncontrolled Crossing at the Fr. Collins Centre, Passage West, upgraded to a full Crossing. "

Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeline Healy for her response and asked that she continue to progress this if future funding opportunities become available.

Cllr. D'Alton seconded this motion.

3. " This MD requests that an application be made by Cork County Council for the provision of community CCTV in Carrigaline under the fund announced by the Department of Justice. "

Cllr. McGrath referenced the recent GARDA SÍOCHÁNA (RECORDING DEVICES) ACT 2023, but acknowledged further work is needed. He said that CCTV is needed for Carrigaline town.

Cllr. White seconded the motion and asked that, as an MD, the members write to the Department of Justice to expedite the code of practice.

Maurice Murphy said the Code of Practice is currently being drafted by the City and County Manager Association and we are waiting on guidance for this as a sector. He will seek information on the expected timeline for the members.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. "Following vehicle speed concerns at the following location, I am requesting that SLOW road markings be put on the section of road between Ballinrea Cross and the Waterworks. Similarly, calling for repeater speed signage to be replaced there. The polls have been put up, they are awaiting the signage."

Cllr. McGrath seconded this motion.

Madeline Healy said the road from the Waterworks to Shannon Park within this motion has been reduced from 60km/h to a 50km/h. Surface works are to be done this year; standard 'SLOW' road markings can be included with these. Repeated signage could be considered if residents feel this would be effective.

2. "Requesting the Regional and Local Roads design office / Area office to examine the possibility of a crossing for pedestrians between the Marian Hall car park, Ballinhassig and the new recreational green."

Cllr. McCarthy seconded the motion. Cllr. McGrath supports this motion.

3. "Calling for the installation of a form of speed calming measure approaching the Castleheights roundabout from the Minane Bridge approach."



Cllr. D’Alton O’Sullivan thanked Madeline Healy for her response.

Cllr. McGrath supports this motion.

Cllr. Una McCarthy

1. “That a road audit be carried out on the junction where the Eastern Relief Road meets the R612 Crosshaven Road. This junction is extremely dangerous for cars who are approaching from the Eastern Relief Road turning right onto the R612.”

Cllr. McCarthy asked that the junction be made safer, giving the example the junction of Monastery Road and Rochestown Road. She welcomes Madeline Healy’s response for consultation with the NNRDO and the STU to see if there are funds available for low-cost safety measures.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. White.

Cllr. D’Alton supports this motion. She’s asked that if this junction is being looked at, that the small industrial unit (with Catalyst gym and pet shop) junction also be included with this.

2. “That this Council would consider possible measures by which speed could be effectively reduced on the R611, specifically after the roundabout by the Castle Heights / Wheatfields housing estates.”

Cllr. McCarthy acknowledges this is a 50km/h zone and has footpaths, but the speed is frightening, and sightlines are not good when exiting the Gortnaglasha estate. Something needs to be done as there is extensive speed approaching the roundabout at Castle Heights.

3. “Seeking a report on a proposed programme for cleaning the sea lettuce on the beach in Robers Cove, detailing:”

- (1) What is the plan for the removal of sea lettuce?
- (2) When will it commence?
- (3) How often will it be removed?

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Denise Kidney for her response.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton

1. “That the Sustainable Travel Unit would identify the purpose of the €150,000 2024 allocation from the NTA for active travel measures on Carrigaline’s Main Street and provide a timeline for and mechanism of delivery of the Main Street plans identified in CTPREP”.

Cllr. D’Alton was grateful for the response. This motion was seconded by Cllr. McGrath.



2. “That this Municipal District would ask TII to provide an update on the active travel measures currently being planned to compliment delivery of the M28. A significant €800,000 was allocated to these measures by TII for 2024.”

Cllr. D’Alton asked if the conversation with TII has advanced in relation to the how sustainable travel has progressed along the rest of the M28, e.g., Carr’s Hill. At the time of the proposal, TII was given a remit towards greenways on larger roads.

Denise Kidney will ask Aoife Mahony (RDO). Cllr D’Alton will draft her motion more concisely to assist.

Maurice Murphy suggested that this be raised at the Ringaskiddy public realm meeting scheduled for 24th April.

3. “That this Municipal District would ask the IDA of their plans for the maintenance of the Martello Tower at Ringaskiddy such that it does not fall into further disrepair. This Martello Tower is listed on the Record of Protected Structures, identified by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and a key player in the Lower Harbour Napoleonic fortifications.”

Cllr. D’Alton said this is a key part of Napoleonic fortifications in the harbour and a protected structure. Ivy is starting to grow back on the walls, the moat is looking a bit sad, and critically the door welded into the tower has been opened. There is access into the tower, and it is extremely dangerous inside with the open well. It is imperative that the IDA seal this door up, or at least seal up the well. They have a legal obligation to secure the site.

Cllr. Buckley seconded this motion.

Denise Kidney will contact the IDA about this.

8. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. McGrath would like to congratulate Mark O’Mahony, a soccer player from Carrigaline United, for making his Premiership debut with Brighton & Hove Albion. He will email the details to Denise Kidney.

9. Any other Business

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan raised the following issues:

1. Road from Shanbally Village to Raffeen Village. A resident has contacted him regarding road markings to highlight the speeding issues.
2. There is a visibility issue at the back of Raffeen Village, on the approach from this road as you turn right onto the Monkstown Road. There is an overgrown hedge on council-owned land.

Madeline Healy said she will put Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan’s requests on a list.

Cllr. D’Alton mentioned the following issues:



1. 4 large potholes and compromised road surface on Curragh Hill, between Raffeen and Shanbally.
2. The road surface of Toureen carpark on the R610 by Passage is disintegrating.
3. The back road to Novartis (Barnahely end) is filthy, presumably from M28 works.
4. When will the speed sign go up in Monkstown?
5. Requested an update on the NTA and possible meeting.
6. That derelict sites be included in next month's meeting agenda.
7. There's a greenfield overgrown site on the way into Passage West from the city side. Could the area office make contact with the owner? The site is located between Harbour Heights and Harbour Wood, opposite Aldi.
8. She was thankful for road surfacing that was carried out.

Madeline Healy said that under the Derelict Sites mechanism, she will ask the owner to tidy this up and they will be given a timeline. Cllr. D'Alton will send Denise Kidney the location and owner's details. Denise Kidney will arrange a meeting this month between the councillors, Noelle and Deirdre to discuss the Carrigaline derelict site register. This will be included in the MDO report.

Denise said that Sarah Graham sent the NTA a letter, no response received yet.

Madeleine Healy will deal with the potholes on Curragh Hill. She will follow up on the road surface at Toureen carpark. She will look at the back road to Novartis. She hopes the Monkstown sign will be up next week. All signs currently in place are working, they are recording current speed data. After the Monkstown sign is in place for at least a month, all sign readouts will be switched on. Before/after data will later be compared to determine if the signs have a positive impact on speed.

Cllr. White mentioned the following issues:

1. Can the MD write to National Broadband Ireland about broadband connectivity issues in 3 locations in Carrigaline: Mill Farm, part of Janeville, and part of Castle Heights?
2. Can the MD seek an update from senior management on the status of the Crosshaven Framework Plan and seek a meeting with the SMT to discuss the plan?
3. There are a number of broken streetlights outside Aldi in Passage for 12 – 13 weeks. Can the MD write to the contractor or ESB to expedite the repair of these?

Cllr D'Alton stated that these lights have not been taken in charge. Madeleine Healy has assurances from the builder that these will be fixed, and she will follow up with them.

Denise Kidney will confirm the exact locations affected with Cllr. White and draft a letter to National Broadband Ireland.

Denise Kidney will check on the Crosshaven Framework Plan and a possible meeting and revert.

Cllr. McCarthy mentioned the following issues:

1. Can the cracked and broken footpaths in Beachcourt be looked at? She will forward the photos and email.
2. Residents have contacted her about providing a streetlight in Upper Pembroke by Avondale. Can the MD or another department look into this?



Madeline Healy asked for Cllr. McCarthy to send her information about the footpaths and said that the public lighting programme is how to deal with the streetlight request. Requests are made to the Area Office who liaise with the public lighting team to include items on the programme. She will include Cllr. D'Alton's previous lighting request is on the 2024 programme if it has not been included on a previous programme. It will be budget dependent.

Cllr. McGrath mentioned the following issues:

1. Ballea Road, Carrigaline. Request for formal traffic calming west of the roundabout with Mill Road and Ballea Road. Residents have been in contact about the need for slowing/calming measures. It is a 50km/h zone.
2. Could loading bays be examined in Carrigaline town from a consistency point of view, i.e., signage, markings, poles? There is a need to make this absolutely clear that these are loading bays.
3. Bowen's Cross is in a bad condition again. Can interim repairs be looked at?
4. Outside Shanbally school, can we look at improved markings along the road outside the school?

Madeline Healy said she will look at the issue with loading bays and she asked for clarity on the markings from Cllr. McGrath.

Madeleine Healy will look at what is possible on Ballea Road. Bowen's Cross will be dealt with again in the short-term. Weather and general wear and tear are factors. Cllr. McGrath will provide further detail on what is needed to improve the markings at Shanbally school for children's crossing at the entrance.

Cllr. Buckley mentioned the following issues:

1. There was poor communication around closure of the R612. Bus Éireann signs were for closure on 16th rather than 15th April. Better communication to councillors about road closures would be beneficial.
2. She wished to confirm Graball Phase 2 for skimming. Are we looking at June?
3. She referred to her earlier email about the two poles on the lower road in Crosshaven. Is this the same company as the ESB boxes they we're dealing with? She will send another email.

Madeleine Healy said that the road closing was in writing and official. She does not know how the Bus Éireann communications mistake happened.

Madeline Healy said that there is no budget for Phase 2 of Graball. She will see what is possible within the confines of the normal maintenance budget.

Madeleine Healy confirmed that the chambers are EIR, but the poles are ESB.

Denise Kidney confirmed that the May 2024 Carrigaline MD meeting will take place at the Maritime College. The members voted that this meeting will be for statutory business only. Details will be circulated.