

# **MINUTES OF COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT CARRIG HOUSE, COBH.**

**Present:** Cllrs. S. O'Callaghan, C. Rasmussen, S. Sheppard, A. O'Connor, A. Barry & S. O'Connor.

**Officials:** Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

Apologies were received from Mr. S. O'Callaghan, S.E.O. for his inability to attend.

## **1.0 Presentation on Waterrock LIHAF**

Michael Purdon and Donal Cronin of Cork County Council gave the members an update on the progress to date on the Waterrock LIHAF. The proposed completion date for the link road and associated works is the end of February 2024. The development will consist of 1,400 housing units over a 10 year period and would also include an upgrade to the Waterrock road. Cllr. O'Connor queried the affect of the proposal on the local communities of Midleton and Carrigtwohill. Cllr. Barry stated that the proposed development would have little impact on Midleton but would severely impact Carrigtwohill. It was his understanding that the road would not open onto the Waterrock road until at least 600 units had been completed. However all this had been agreed when the upgrade of the N25 was still going ahead, this upgrade had now been postponed indefinitely, he was seriously concerned about the connectivity from the west into Carrigtwohill, particularly the impact closing the railway crossing would have on the area and the impact of the additional traffic on the Carrigane Road. Cllr. Barry asked what was the timeline for the upgrade.

Donald Cronin agreed with the members that when the Part 8 for this development was being processed, the upgrade of the N25 was being discussed, the upgrade of the Waterrock road would be subject to the usual procedures i.e a tender process etc. and would also require some land acquisition. Access to the link road would only be facilitated following the upgrade. Cllr. S. O'Callaghan queried the timeline for the land acquisition, and commented that 525 units, equalled at least 525 cars, which would severely impact the local roads. Michael Purdon replied that the land acquisition should be completed by the end of the year and that 525 houses could be built before the new junction onto the Waterrock road would be required.

Cllr. Barry raised the difficulties faced by the residents south of the railway crossing if the crossing is closed off. These residents cannot access Midleton at the moment and will be using the Carrigane Road which is not being upgraded and can hardly cope with the level of traffic currently. If the completed development was predicated on the N25 upgrade proceeding, then unsustainable development such as this cannot go ahead in the absence of the upgrade. Donal Cronin replied that the UAE was meant to be developed around the railway line and will include new stations at

Ballynoe and Waterrock eventually, also the upgrade of the N25 was only in abeyance and will re-emerge when the funding is available. In the meantime the junction with the Waterrock road will remain closed until its upgrade has been completed.

Cllr. A. O'Connor queried if the recent flooding in the area had changed plans and whether there were any future plans to alleviate future flooding. Donal Cronin replied that the OPW had responsibility for the Flood Relief Schemes and a site specific flood risk assessment had been carried out. The members thanked the officials for their presentation, who then withdrew.

## **2.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024.**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, the minutes were adopted.

## **3.0 Matters Arising.**

### **Annesgrove & Carrigane Road:**

G. O'Hora confirmed the additional signage had been erected.

### **Belvelly/Ticknock Hill:**

G. O'Hora stated the speed survey had been carried out.

### **Ballard Hill:**

G. O'Hora stated that Cork County Council carried out road drainage works on the Ballard Hill Road and the road would be resurfaced later this year as part of its 2024 roads programme. G. O'Hora stated Cork County Council had filled the pothole at the top of Ballard Hill.

**Glencree:** G. O'Hora stated that the road works had been completed.

### **Carrigaloe:**

G. O'Hora stated that he had discussed the location with the operators of Cobh Connect who would now apply to the NTA to include this location in their licence.

### **Cluain Ard, Cobh:**

G. O'Hora stated that he was meeting the road contractor in relation to new lining near the supermarket and the details agreed this week.

### **Coom:**

G. O'Hora replied that repair works would be carried out on the drain.

### **Ardnageeha:**

G. O'Hora stated that the drainage works had been completed and the site cleared, the location was listed on the RI programme for resurfacing in 2024.

**Old Church Cemetery:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that he had been in contact with the undertakers to remove the shuttering and if they didn’t remove it, then council staff would. The majority of the soil had also been removed, however a certain amount of spoil was required to remain on site to repair graves, as needed.

**Ballyleary Road:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that drainage works had been carried out and resurfacing would take place in the next few weeks.

**Ticknock:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that the contractors were now back on site and would remain until the works were fully completed. G. O’Hora stated that he had met the engineer on site and that the temporary bollards at the top of Ticknock were under review and would be monitored for a further 2 months. He also stated that the ramps outside the school were under review. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that at the last meeting he understood that the members would be invited to any meeting with the engineers and this had not happened. He wanted the evidence to show that the bollards installed were needed at this location as traffic congestion was a problem. There were also no signs to indicate the ramps and this had been raised previously and not addressed, he was aware of 2 cases where severe damage had been done to vehicles. G. O’Hora responded stating that he would arrange a site meeting with the scheme project engineer over the next week and invite councillors to attend.

**Top of the Hill:**

G. O’Hora stated that he had met Irish Water engineers onsite and requested an immediate repair.

**Assumption Place:**

G. O’Hora stated that the drain were blocked and cleaned by Cork County Council. G. O’Hora had met Cllr. Sean O’Connor on site in relation to increasing the parking and would need to source funding to carry out works there later in the year. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that any increase in parking spaces would have to be agreed with all of the residents. Cllr. O’Connor stated that the residents association were in favour of increasing the number of parking bays.

**Drain Cleaning Teams/Road Repairs:**

G. O’Hora stated that he had contacted engineers in other Municipal Districts to enquire about whether they had the dedicated drainage teams as described by Cllr. Rasmussen at the previous months meeting. He stated that no additional staff were deployed in dedicated drainage teams, that staff were deployed in a manner similar to that which operated in the Cobh Municipal District. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the drain near Hardware House was supposed to have been cleaned out, but it had not.

He also queried if anyone checked on whether the filling of potholes had actually been carried out. Cllr. Rasmussen stressed that members had agreed to make additional funds available to the engineering staff if required, but had not been approached. G. O’Hora responded saying that a drainage programme was in place and staff were working on clearing the drains throughout the district and potholes were repaired swiftly, however

the velocity patcher could not be deployed in urban areas and the weather had been particularly bad, all of which impacted on the works being carried out. A programme was in place and works would continue to be carried out in accordance with it. Cllr. Sheppard expressed her frustration at the state of the roads, particularly following works carried out by Irish Water. She said that reinstatements carried out by Irish Water were not satisfactory and while the members only met once a month, social media was extremely active and making life very difficult for the members.

**Barryscourt Junction, Carrigtwohill:**

G. O’Hora confirmed that a survey had been conducted and new bollards delivered, which will be put up over the next few weeks. He is also due to meet with the road lining contractor. G. O’Hora stated that he would arrange a site meeting with Councillors over the next week at the road junction to discuss proposed safety measures.

**Carrigane Road:**

G. O’Hora stated that the capacity of the drain was incapable of taking the volume of water during extreme weather and remedial action was required, in the meantime the area would be monitored.

**Coolbeg Estate:**

G. O’Hora stated that the repairs to the wall will be listed and put on a programme as the estate had now been handed over. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that he had raised this issue as one for concern before the estate had been handed over.

**Pottery Road:**

G. O’Hora stated that Cork County Council had carried out some mitigating works and further drainage works would be carried out.

**Coolamber:**

G. O’Hora stated that a survey would be carried out in the next few weeks.

**High Road:**

G. O’Hora stated that some works had been carried out.

**Glenanaar Place:**

G. O’Hora stated that repairs had been carried out.

**Laundry Hill:**

G. O’Hora stated that the pothole had been repaired.

**Leeview Estate:**

G. O’Hora stated that the pothole had been repaired.

**Aherns Place:**

G. O’Hora stated that he had met with the contractor and the works would be carried out shortly.

**Mount Crozier:**

G. O’Hora stated he had spoken to the contractor and the broken bollard would be replaced.

**Fota Road:**

G. O’Hora stated that the main issue with cleaning the Fota Road was that it was a very busy regional road, however the clean up would be carried out on either the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Promenade:**

G. O’Hora stated that an email had been sent to all the Councillors before Christmas outlining the days staff would be working. Cllr. Rasmussen responded stating he was aware that the Promenade was due to be closed on New Year's Day this year, but requested that it remain open going forward.

**Rubbish:**

G. O’Hora stated that a number of staff had been working over the Christmas period and were emptying bins.

**Donegal Hill:**

G. O’Hora stated that a road safety survey had been conducted at this location and new signs will be put up. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the wall had been hit again recently.

**Pottery Road/Belvelly:**

G. O’Hora stated that the rubbish had been removed.

**Tattans Pub to Glen Road:**

G. O’Hora stated that repairs to the road would be carried out in conjunction with the works on the Celtic Interconnector and the road would be resurfaced at a future date.

**Dawsons Junction to Buck Learys Cross:**

G. O’Hora stated that the road had been repaired, an upgrade was planned for Buck Learys Cross, however this would require land acquisition on the southern side of the junction and negotiations were currently taking place with the landowner. Cllr. O’Callaghan asked if the northern side junction road would still be functional prior to the acquisition of the extra land. G. O’Hora responded that it would be resurfaced and usable before the land acquisition.

**Bunker Hill to Rushbrooke:**

G. O’Hora stated that the clearing of the leaves had been listed.

**Russell Heights:**

G. O’Hora stated that the signs had been put up.

**Cluain Ard:**

G. O’Hora stated that as Cluain Ard was not yet in the charge of the Council, repairs to the public lighting was a matter for the developer.

**Norwood/Newtown Road:**

G. O’Hora stated that the damage to the wall had been raised with the contractor and he would carry out any repairs.

**Bicycle Rail, Cobh:**

G. O’Hora stated that he have reviewed the request for a bicycle rail and his main concern was one of health and safety. He stated that he was of the opinion that it would lead to people trying to cycle down it, instead of using it for the intended purpose. Cllr. Sheppard replied that it was working in the City and suggested that the engineering staff contact the City Council.

**The Mall, Cobh:**

Cllr. S. O’Connor asked if any response had been received from Coastal Management. P. Lynch replied that Coastal Management had previously expressed the opinion that there was no danger of immediate collapse and would continue to monitor the cliffside.

**Ballywilliam:**

Cllr. S. O’Connor stated that a section of the road had completely subsided.

**Kilquane/Whitechurch Cemetery:**

Cllr. O’Callaghan sought clarification on the current position. P. Lynch stated that archaeological remains had been found in the area earmarked for the extension of the graveyard at Kilquane following an AIA carried out previously on behalf of Knockraha Community Association. As a result the extension as proposed could not now go ahead. Quotes for an Archaeological Impact Assessment for Whitechurch had been received and this would now be progressed.

**Pedestrian Crossings:**

Cllr. A. O’Connor asked for an update on the query he raised about the provision of zebra crossings. G. O’Hora to seek update from the road design office.

**Ballytrasna:**

Cllr. A. O’Connor requested an update on the issue of parking by trucks on the footpath at Ballytrasna, he had previously written to the Gardai. G. O’Hora replied that the bollards which had been put in had been demolished by trucks parking on the footpath, placing more bollards at this location would not work. He would continue to work on a solution, however enforcement of parking restrictions needed to be pursued by the Gardai.

**Carrigtwohill:**

Cllr. A. Barry raised the issue of signage and protections for pedestrians using the junction near the Community Centre, the double yellow lines needed to be extended. G. O’Hora to meet Cllr. Barry on site.

**4.0 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence.**

P. Lynch stated that a letter from Cobh Tidy Towns had been circulated to the members.

Cllr. Rasmussen asked if the trees would also be trimmed on the Fota Road and on Ballard Hill. G. O’Hora replied that the landowners had been written to, however he would contact them again. G. O’Hora asked if members would forward areas of particular concern to him as the season for hedgecutting was finishing at the end of this month. Cllr. A. Barry stated that there was a dead elm tree at the derelict cottage near Lisaniskey.

## **5.0 Disposal of Land at Carrignafoy:**

Transfer of land to Gas Networks Ireland for the consideration of €1,000.00, plus legal costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. O’Connor, the disposal was approved.

## **6.0 Part 8 - Development of Cobh E-Centre, Library Building, Casement Square, Cobh.**

The development of the Cobh E-Centre was approved by the Members of Cobh Municipal District. Cllr. C. Rasmussen asked when the development due to start. P. Lynch replied that he would seek clarification on same.

## **7.0 Tuairiscí ó Oifigh / Officer's Reports.**

### **1. Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024:**

G. O’Hora presented the proposed Cobh MD 2024 RM programme for the members approval and stated that this is the surface dressing programme which is due to start in April, prework is currently being carried out. The programme is subject to funding approval.

### **2. Speed Survey:**

R. O’Sullivan presented the members with the results of the speed survey carried out at various locations around Cobh. The results for the Ticknock area showed that the average speed was 68Kmh which was in excess of the posted limit. Kirkwood Villas and Wolfe Tone Street showed speeds within the limits, at 49km/hr and 42km/hr respectively. Rinn Ronain had speeds of 66km/hr and Carrignafoy speeds of 53km/hr. He suggested placing a new driver feedback sign at Rinn Ronain and another one at Belvelly and additional signage at Carrignafoy. R. O’Sullivan will also meet with the Gardai to discuss the results of the survey and the roads design office regarding Ticknock. The rest of the planned surveys will be carried out over the next 4 weeks.

Cllr. Rasmussen requested an update on the Low Cost Accident Scheme for the High Road. G. O’Hora replied that it was included in the programme for this year and he would have an update on the allocation of funding for the next

meeting. Cllr. O’Callaghan remarked that a previous speed survey at Priory Court had returned lower than average speeds while the equipment was in place. Cllr. A. Barry asked if the Carrigane Road was included in the areas left to be surveyed.

## **8.0 Tuairisc ó Oifigeach Ceantair Bardasacha / Municipal District Officer's Report.**

P. Lynch gave the members the updated figures for the amounts claimed to date under the various grants administered by the Municipal District. He said the amounts outstanding from previous years grant application were currently being checked and he would circulate this figure as soon as possible. He reminded members that this portal for receipt of this years application was now open. He was hoping that the cashless option for pay parking would be in place by St. Patricks weekend, if not it would be the end of March.

**Village Enhancement Scheme:** This years nominated village was Knockraha, he has contacted the village council and is awaiting a response and a proposed list of projects to be funded under the scheme.

**Change Of Remit & Extension Of Time– Capital Grant – Little Island Community Association** – on the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, it was agreed that Little Island Community Association could change the remit of original Capital Application 2022 from repairs to roof of Little Island Sports complex to the movement of 2 boilers to the extension, and conversion to female dressing rooms.

### **Meetings:**

1. The new Age Friendly Co-Ordinator wished to meet the members and brief them on the programme – it was agreed that this would take place prior to the March Meeting.
2. Carrignafoy Leisure Company – it was agreed that a meeting between the Board and the members would take place in Committee before the March meeting.

**Carrig House Parking:** P. Lynch informed the members that the owner of Carrig House was introducing pay parking for the car park at Carrig House. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the landlord should be contacted to carry out necessary works to the drain at the entrance and cut back the hedging before imposing any charges.

**Litter Warden:** Cllr. Rasmussen enquired whether the vacant post for a litter/traffic warden had been advertised. P. Lynch to follow up.

**Paint Scheme** – Cllr. S. O’Connor enquired whether funding would be made available this year for a paint scheme. P. Lynch stated he would be happy to support the scheme if it had sufficient interest. A similar scheme in 2023 for heritage signage hadn’t had a huge response, however this was a matter for the



members to decide. Cllr. S. Sheppard stated that it had worked in the past and suggested it be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr. Rasmussen proposed meeting in committee to discuss the terms and criteria.

Cllr. S. O'Callaghan asked for clarification on how many years in a row groups may apply for funding. P. Lynch stated a limit of 3 years was in place for all organisations except Residents Associations.

**9.0 Suspension of Standing Orders:** Cllr. A. Barry called for a suspension of standing orders to discuss the impact of the Celtic Connector on locals. His proposal was seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor. Cllr. Barry stated that the Interconnector was great for the country but making life miserable for the locals, a diversion was proposed and put in place by Eirgrid which added between 15 and 20 kilometres to journeys, however not even the contractors were using it. Instead large volumes of traffic, including HGV's were using the Longstown Road, which had only been resurfaced 2 years ago and was now being destroyed. The contractors should be contacted immediately and told to stop using local roads for HGV's. Cllr. S. O'Callaghan stated that these roads were incapable of taking such traffic, as a result there were a lot of disgruntled residents. Cllr. A. O'Connor stated he supported Cllr. Barry, and that road closures were overlapping causing greater inconvenience to local residents. G. O'Hora replied that he would forward members concerns to the scheme contractor and confirmed that these issues were regularly brought to the attention of the contractors at monthly meetings. He would contact Eirgrid for an update on imminent road closures and circulate to the members. He advised the members that the public should sign up for the text alert service and consult the website operated by the contractors to get the latest information on road closures, which also included a contact number for the liaison officer. He also brought attention to the Community Fund which had all successful projects to be funded listed.

Cllr. A. O'Connor enquired as to whether the vehicles could be prohibited. Cllr. Barry stated that PR people were great at their jobs, but nothing happened on the ground.

It was agreed by the members that a letter should be sent directly to Eirgrid.

## **10.0 Fograí Rún / Notices of Motion.**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed to deal with motions 9.1 and 9.2 together and 9.3 and 9.6.

### **9.1 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**

'That Cobh MD gets clarification on why the emergency route in place when FOTA Rd R624 is closed is not being put into place.'

Cllr. Sheppard stated that following a recent road accident, there was chaos again on the Fota Road, with delays each way of over 2 hours. She queried why the Council had arranged an alternative route when it was not being used, the garda on duty on the day did not seem to be aware of the route.

Cllr. Rasmussen asked was the road inspected regularly and by whom. He stated that a process had to be in place to activate the route when needed and all of the emergency services needed to be aware of what that was. The trees needed to be cut back in places along the road.

R. O'Sullivan stated that the emergency route was for emergency vehicles only, not for use by the general public. The route was inspected twice yearly by Cork County Council. The decision to activate the route lies with the Gardai, who should contact Fota Hotel to open the gates, Cork County Council assist if diversions are needed. He will contact the Gardai and emergency services to arrange a meeting to ensure the procedure is understood by everyone.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to write to the Gardai to make sure the process is understood by all.

**9.2 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

‘That this council would clarify the arrangements for the use of the emergency access road through Fota estate exiting onto the R624 if needed in the event of the only access road into Cobh being closed’.

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was carried.

**9.3 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**

‘That Cobh MD would look at Ballyleary as a matter of urgency in regards the condition of the road and the Boreens as they are in very poor condition’.

Cllr. Sheppard stated that the roads were in a deplorable condition, HGV's had knocked over poles and signs. Is there anyway to stop these large vehicles using the boreens. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that objections had been raised at the planning stage regarding the unsuitability of these roads for the developments proposed and were ignored by planners. The exit onto the Tay road is very dangerous and totally incapable of taking traffic from 400 more houses. Could the corner be widened, by CPO if necessary. R. O'Sullivan replied that he would check the conditions associated with the planning permission, to see if construction traffic was prohibited on these roads, he will inspect the road and liaise with the contractors. He remarked that the CPO process was not speedy option.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the above motion was carried.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry, seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, it was agreed to take motions 9.4 and 9.10 together.

**9.4 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:**

‘Since the opening of the new school campus in Carrigtwohill the volume of traffic passing through Cul Ard housing estate has increased enormously, this will increase further when the final section of road opens. Can measures be installed to slow down the traffic speed through this area’.

Cllr. A. Barry stated he had objected all along to a through road being routed through a housing estate. He stated that enforcement was going to be an issue when the new 30km zones for urban areas were implemented, the issues now occurring should have been foreseen and addressed at the planning stage.

Cllr. A. O'Connor stated that the area was becoming more urban. G. O'Hara replied that since the schools had opened and the new traffic lights were installed, it would take time for the traffic to level out. The traffic was being monitored and remedial measures may be needed. The signalised junction had been designed to alleviate traffic congestion. The intention was to extend the cycleways within the Cul Ard estate. Cllr. Barry stated that the schools area may be a priority but the entire area was functioning as a northern relief road.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry, seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, the motion was carried.

**9.5 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:**

‘The success of the new active travel scheme in Glounthaune has been well documented, however the costs associated with the maintenance of same need to be discussed and funding sourced as it cannot fall back on the local tidy towns group’.

Cllr. A. Barry stated that the Glounthaune Tidy Towns group had costed the maintenance of a portion of the greenway running through Glounthaune at €5,0000 annually. He questioned why local groups or the local Cork County Council offices should be expected to foot this bill going forward. The planting was excessively ‘fancy’. Cllr. Rasmussen stated that this was only the beginning as similar planting schemes were planned for the length of the proposed greenway, all the way to Waterford. Cllr. A. O'Connor stated that the infrastructure was wonderful and very welcome but came at a cost. He stated a

grassy strip seeded with wild flowers would have been much cheaper to plant and maintain and would have provided better outcomes for wildlife. P. Lynch stated that the maintenance cost of the greenway would be funded by the Municipal District Budget and efforts were being made to resolve the issues.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was carried.

**9.6 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

‘That this Municipal would look at redesigning the junction from the narrow breen at the bottom of Ballyleary Hill onto the Tay road in an effort to make the whole road safer to all users’.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was carried.

**9.7 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

‘That this Municipal would look at making some minor rounded build outs on the footpaths at Harbour Row , where the yellow lines are before the full resurfacing of the road takes place in an effort to make traffic flow easier’.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that before the resurfacing takes place consideration should be given to improving traffic flow on Harbour Row by making it difficult to park but would still allow cars to pull in. Cars are constantly parking on double yellow lines. R. O’Sullivan replied that works were due to start on 26<sup>th</sup> February and that any proposed measures would be difficult to implement at this stage. HE would examine highlighting pub-in bays with road lining (yellow box or similar).

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. O’Connor, the motion was carried.

**9.8 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**

‘That Cobh Municipal District would write to Irish Water to request that Carrig Na bhFear be seriously considered for works to be undertaken as a matter of urgency on waste water treatment plant for the village’.

Cllr. Sheppard stated Irish Water was holding the village of Carrignavar to ransom by delaying the improvement works required to facilitate growth, can those necessary works be moved up the list? Cllr. A. O’Connor and Cllr. S. O’Callaghan fully supported the motion.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, it was agreed to forward the above motion to full Council.

**9.9 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Alan O'Connor:**

'That measures be taken to increase road safety on the road through the section of L-2970-38 between the dry bridge and Johnstown Estate, N. of Ashbourne House at Glounthaune'.

Cllr. A. O'Connor stated that this road was rapidly becoming an urban road and was very busy with buses and trucks accessing Glounthaune. G. O'Hora responded by stated the road was in effect a connector road, with a lot of housing on a narrow road, he would examine some traffic calming measures for the road.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the motion was carried.

**9.10 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Alan O'Connor:**

'That measures be taken to increase road safety on the L-7643-0 road in Carrigtwohill (i.e. which travels through Cúl Árd estate).'

On the proposal of Cllr. A. O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, the motion was carried.

**9.11 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan:**

'That funding from Cobh Municipal District be allocated towards extending footpaths in close proximity to Rathpeacon National School'.

Cllr. S. O'Callaghan stated that Rathpeacon school was right on the boundary of the City Council area and was very busy, the footpaths needed to be extended to provide safe access to the school for pupils. Cllr. S. Sheppard stated the safety of children should be a priority. G. O'Hora replied that the possibility of constructing further footpaths outside the school had been examined, together with a full signalised crossing. He has included the scheme as a low cost safety scheme for 2024 and was awaiting decision on funding. The school had not applied to be considered for the Safe School programme and would now have to wait for the scheme to reopen to new applicants.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was carried.

**9.12 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sheila O’Callaghan and Cllr. A. Barry:**

‘That Cobh Municipal District would make contact with the National Transport Authority regarding the installation of a Bus Shelter in Knockraha Village’.

Cllr. S. O’Callaghan stated that the provision of a bus shelter was imperative to support the use of the bus as a sustainable transport alternative, there was plenty of space for the provision of same. Cllr. Barry added that given the prevailing weather condition, a bus shelter was a necessity. G. O’Hora replied that the NTA provide funding for bus shelters and a programme of works is in place. He had highlighted the need for a shelter with the NTA and would contact the traffic and transport section for an update.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, the motion was carried.

**9.13 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sheila O’Callaghan:**

‘That Cobh MD would consider permitting a memorial garden for deceased loved ones at the Carrigrennan Amenity Walk at Little Island.’

Cllr. S. O’Callaghan requested the support of the members for a memorial garden at Carrigrennan. The Little Island Community Association were seeking permission for the provision of a garden. The members expressed support for the idea in general terms but felt more information regarding the location and drawings of what was being proposed should be provided. Cllr. A. Barry queried if any names of deceased persons were to be included in the proposal. P. Lynch stated he had no objection in principle, subject to the provision of more details and clarity on the funding and design but pointed out to the members that Cork County Council do not own the site in question, but held it under a lease arrangement from Irish Water.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the motion was carried.

**10.0 Aon Ghnó**

**Cllr. C. Rasmussen:**

**Litter Plan:**

Cllr. C. Rasmussen queried when the next review of the Litter Plan was due. P. Lynch replied that the matter would be placed on the Agenda as a future meeting and that he would provide a timeline at the March meeting..

**Pothole:**

Large potholes had opened up around a manhole cover near the entrance to the Old Mortuary, dangerous, needs urgent attention. Engineer to examine.

**Wall at Ferry/Lake Road:**

Bulging wall on the road on the left side coming into Cobh about 150 metres after the ferry, also bulging wall on Lake road just where the road narrows, can these be looked at. Engineer to examine.

**Town Centre/Park Road:**

Gathering of muck/earth on road near the flower beds in town centre needs to be cleaned also gathering of muck/earth on park road where the footpath and road meets needs to be cleaned. Engineer to examine.

**Whitepoint:**

Lighting at Whitepoint still not on, also extra lighting sought for far end towards the Black Point side as it is very dark over there and the light was never replaced after the yacht was forced out of the water after the bad storm a few years ago. Engineer confirmed new lighting was installed as part of Cork County Council's 2023 public lighting programme and was awaiting the ESB to turn on the lights.

**Lynchs Quay:**

Lynchs Quay road is very poor and needs work, also section there near footpath which needs to be cleaned of all muck and dirt gathering due to low level of the road. Engineer to examine.

**East Hill:**

Foot path outside the Anchor Bar and on path opposite is very bad and broken up , other parts of East Hill needs repairs also. Engineer to examine.

**Ballywilliam:**

Section of footpath on corner just past the graveyard as you turn to Ballywilliam is very bad. Engineer to examine.

**Cross River Ferry:**

Near ferry there are 3 or 4 trenches stretching across the width of the road which needs repair. Engineer to examine.

**Carrignafoy:**

Double yellow Lines or box on road outside the entrance to the soccer pitch on Carrignafoy road needs to be done to stop cars blocking the entrance for ambulances etc. Lines need to be redone up near the Gael Scoil as they are all nearly gone. Engineer to examine.

**Hilltop Park/Hillcourt:**

Stop signs need to be put in at Hilltop Park and the entrance to Hillcourt area as well as other road markings. Engineer to examine.

**Glenanaar:**

At the top of Glenanaar just as you come up the hill before you turn the corner opposite the club house by the first house double yellow lines need painting as cars park right on the corner on match day and traffic gets blocked on the corner. Engineer to examine.

**St. Patricks Square:**

At the entrance to St Patricks square double yellow lines are needed, cars are parking and blocking the narrow entrance, obstructing ambulances and fire brigades. Engineer to examine. Engineer to examine.

**Walterstown:**

The issue with the drain in Walterstown is still not sorted and the path is broken as a result will forward the exact post code. Engineer to examine.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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