

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on 3rd November 2023 at 10.30 a.m.

I Lathair: Cllr Ian Doyle presided.

Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gerard Murphy, Cllr Tony O'Shea, Cllr Ian Doyle,

Cllr John Paul O'Shea, Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Cllr Bernard Moynihan,

Cllr Pat Hayes, Cllr James Kennedy.

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Ag Freastal: Mr Aidan Creagh, Senior Executive Officer,

Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,

Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,

Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 5th October 2023.

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 2023, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr John Paul O'Shea, and seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. Statutory Business

- a) SECTION 183 - DISPOSAL NOTICE Disposal of land at Quartertown, Mallow, Co. Cork. Area of land measuring c. 1.67 hectares/4.134 acres as per the attached map.

In CCC ownership since 2008. Dispose to Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (MAFM) for the consideration of: €500,000.00

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

4. Notices of Motion. (Discussed in the following order)

d) Cllr. Liam Madden 18/10/2023

"Mallow Disability Action Group recently held a meeting with Irish Wheelchair Association and St Joseph's Foundation where they outlined issues affecting their daily lives in Mallow which I attended. I am asking this Council to engage with this group to see presentation and also to do audit of town to see what improvements can be implemented."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Cllr. Ian Doyle fully supports the motion, he stated that it is not specific to Mallow. Saint

Joseph's foundation is a disability organization based in Charleville who have carried out studies in the past.

Response from the SEE as follows:

Cork County Council does not have any objection to meeting with Mallow Disability Action Group to discuss all issues affecting their daily lives in Mallow. I can confirm that our Mallow office has completed an audit of the Town and identified all substandard footpaths and gaps in connectivity for all users. We continue to install dropped kerbs where necessary, repair defected footpaths with annual budgets and apply to the NTA for delivery of connectivity improvement projects for all users.

Notice of Motion a) and f) taken together.

- a) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 7/10/2023 "That Cork Co Council would liaise with the residents of Canon Sheehan place and look at alternatives with the volume of the traffic going through the estate."

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

- f) Cllr. Liam Madden 18/10/2023 "The need to engage with residents of Canon Sheehan Place re school traffic and options available."

Response from SEE as follows:

A traffic assessment will be completed at this location and the impact of Canon Sheehan place being a connector road for regional routes in Mallow Town will be assessed accordingly. Cork County Council have no objection to liaising with residents of Canon Sheehan. On receipt of contact details at our Mallow office, a site meeting will be arranged with residents. Also, our Mallow office will arrange a meeting with the school to raise awareness of disruption caused.

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

b) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 7/10/2023 "That Cork Co Council would repair the wall that has been damaged at Clyda on the R639."

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

Response from SEE as follows:

Our Mallow office have inspected this location and added the necessary repair work to their list of masonry repairs in the Mallow area.

c) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 07/10/2023 "That Cork Co Council would erect a sign west of Lombardstown cross to alert traffic of the long-fields bridge road closed when flooded."

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

Response from SEE as follows:

Our Mallow office has sought approval from TII. While we do not have any objection in principle, we do require permission from TII for any signage to be installed on the N72. On receipt of a response from TII, our Mallow office will update members.

e) Cllr. Liam Madden 18/10/2023 "Paul Kane the founder father of Canadian Art born in Fair Street Mallow the need to remember same by maybe allotting a slot in Mallow Library with some of his books."

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

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO stated that she will link in with the appropriate people and investigate further the possibility of a plaque suggested by Cllr. Madden in Fair Street.

g) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 19/10/2023 "That an update be provided on plans drawings for traffic calming measures For Boherbue"

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

Response From SEE as follows:

An in Committee meeting is scheduled for the 3rd of November 2023, where preliminary design documents will be shared with elected members for review. On completion of final amendments to design drawings, the next phase, the planning process, will be progressed. In the interim an estimate costing was prepared by our consultant and our Newmarket office have applied for NTA funding to build the proposed scheme in 2024. I have no update on 2024 NTA funding being allocated to the Kanturk Mallow MD.

h) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 19/10/2023 "That an update be provided on council plans to deal with dangerous derelict Building at the top of strand street in

Kanturk”

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Seconded Cllr Gerard Murphy.

Cllr. Murphy suggested writing to the minister to impose a substantial yearly tax in the region of 10% on derelict properties. Cllr. John Paul O’Shea said this building is being discussed for a long time and needs to be moved onto CPO.

Response: The MDO said this building is going back on the derelict sites register. The Engineer’s report has been redone and is awaiting sign off. A Section 82 will be issued on it following that a Section 87 will be issued on the property.

Following this response Cllr. Moynihan queried what a Section 82 and 87 are Ms. Claire Barr MDO said it is putting back on the derelict sites register. Cllr Moynihan queried how far away is a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Mr. Aidan Creagh SEO stated that the entire site needed to be added to the derelict site register including the outbuildings and that is why we are reissuing Sections 82 and 87. Submissions can be made up to 30 days. This property is high on the list of priorities. An in-committee meeting will take place with the property activation unit to discuss Mallow and Kanturk is included on the list. Members will be informed when a date is finalized. In reply to how quickly a CPO can be actioned he said a decision must be made on what is going to be done with the property. How long this will take is dependent on the statutory process. A Section 15 notice must be issued this alerts the owner that the local authority intention to acquire the derelict site. The owner has 30 days to make a submission or objection. If an objection to a CPO is received it goes to An Board Pleanala for a decision. This is outside of the Councils control, but decisions are taking over 6 months. The property activation unit will work with the owner if possible or look for an alternative method under the derelict sites act to return the property back into use. He stated it is important the property is assessed and a viable use is made of the site.

i) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 20/10/2023 That an update be provided on transfer of old fire station in kanturk to Mens shed group.

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O’Shea.

Response MDO the lease is to issue today it could have issued yesterday. Once the men shed sign and return it should be finalized in the very near future.

- j) Cllr. Ian Doyle 24/10/2023 "That Cork County Council would give update on Traffic Plan for Charleville Main Street and timeline for it's implementation."

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

Response from the SEE as follows:

The response from the Cork National Roads I as follows: Cork National Roads office are progressing an overall design for the N20 main street in Charleville and will be in a position to present the developing proposals to elected members over the coming weeks. We will confirm the exact date in due course.

- k) Cllr. Ian Doyle 24/10/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures coming down Dromina Village towards bend at shop"

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

Response from the SEE as follows:

A speed survey will be arranged in Dromina village so that violations are identified. Until such time that data is available for review, a decision on the installation of traffic calming measures can't be confirmed. Any violations detected will be relayed to An Garda Siochana, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act. Our Charleville office will continue to update you throughout this process. Members should note that our budget does not include for delivery of traffic calming projects.

- l) Cllr. Ian Doyle 24/10/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at installing flashing signals facing Ballyhea National School from Ardpatrick side."

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

Response from the SEE as follows:

Our Charleville office will complete a site inspection and identify sources of funding that may be available as our annual budget does not include for the delivery of feedback signage at school approaches. We have encouraged schools in the past to fund the installation of feedback signage and Cork County Council assist in the future maintenance.

- m) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 26/10/2023 "That Cork County Council give a full briefing on what flood mitigation works were carried out on the Awbeg River over the last 10 years and if any future works are planned". Cllr. O'Shea said the Churchtown/ Ballyhea area has suffered from flooding in recent times. He sought clarity on who applies for funding from the OPW for Flood mitigation works.

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

Response from SEE as follows:

A full briefing will be shared with members once information on the mitigation works completed on the Awbeg River over the past 10 years is confirmed. Currently, I am liaising with various stakeholders and collating information on this Drainage District. I can confirm that our Charleville office have inspected eyes of bridges and culverts and the removal of loose debris is ongoing.

- n) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 26/10/2023 "That Cork County Council would provide an update on the status of the TIC of the "North Cork Bundle" of Estates"

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

Response from SEE as follows:

I am in receipt of an update from our Estates department, and I can confirm that work has already begun on the North Cork Frameworks bundle in Castlepark Estate Mallow and will continue into the other 6 estates in due course. These estates include Brookfield Estate Mallow, Cois Tobair Estate Dromahane, Cluin na Greinne Estate Dromahane, Ard na Gaoithe Estate Dromahane, Meadowside Dromina & The Gables Dromina.

- o) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 26/10/2023 "That Cork County Council would provide an update on the status of NTA funded projects for 2023 and projects in pipeline for 2024. "

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

Response from the SEE as follows:

I will issue this response to all members by email which will include all projects completed in 2023 and projects applied for in 2024. As soon as I am in receipt of 2024 approved projects, I will also share this information with members.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

5.1 Senior Executive Engineers Report.

Full Senior Executive Roads Report issued to members with the Agenda. Taking the report as read the members had the following comments / queries.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy sought an update on the pedestrian crossing at Spa Glen, Mallow. Cllr. Murphy queried if the resurfacing can be extended towards the road at Sandfield terrace.

Response : Mr. Dennis O'Regan SEE will follow up and revert. There currently is no funding available for Sandfield terrace. If funding becomes available at the end of the year this location will be considered.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea stated he has concerns in relation to Shine's cross on the Lisgriffin to Mallow Road. There were two serious accidents at this location recently the crossing coming from the Ballyclough side has poor sightlines due to a pier causing the obstruction. The bollards are also damaged as a result of the accidents and he requested them to be reinstated along with some improvement works to make the cross safer. Cllr. O'Shea queried if the speed reflector signs at Dano's turning up the link road can be returned to the original location.

Response: Mr. Dennis O'Regan SEE stated that it sounds like it could make an ideal low-cost safety Scheme. An inspection will be carried out at this location to come up with an optimal design and put the project forward for LCS scheme funding. He will arrange with the area engineer in order to reinstate the bollards. The SEE said he will speak with the area engineer and determine the best location, if it is the original location they will be reinstated. Cllr. O'Shea asked if a section of the road outside Molly Looneys Bar in Bweeng can be resurfaced.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea queried if following the speed survey which was carried out in Milford is this gone to the Non-National Roads office for a design.

Response: The SEE will seek an update from the area engineer and revert.

Cllr. Liam Madden queried if a reason had been found for the failure of the road surface on Beecher Street. Cllr. Madden queried when the lights will be operational in Lisgriffin and Ballyclough. Cllr. Madden raised concerns in relation to the size of the speed signs at St. Colemans Place in Buttevant. He requested the installation of larger signs. He queried a completion date for the works in Mourneabbey. Cllr Madden raised concerns in relation to the uncontrolled crossing at River Valley. He requested a similar crossing to what was installed at the golf club. He sought an update on the Bus Shelter programme, enhanced routes are being announced with no bus shelters.

Response SEE: The foundation is not the strongest they have gone down 500 – 600 Millimeters and it would appear there was insufficient stone they have now reinstated with stone and wearing posts in the hope this will improve the situation. The patches that are redone are being monitored. He will seek an update on the lights at Lisgriffin and Ballyclough and revert. In relation to the signs in St. Colemans he will speak with the area engineer and ensure there is sufficient signage and it is the standard size. In Mourneabbey the works will continue into 2024. Tree removal is completed, fencing work is ongoing funded through the low cost safety scheme. In relation to River Valley is included high on the priority list. Crossing points will be reviewed. The update previously received from the

traffic and transportation section is as follows .

“Funding for Phase 3 of the bust stop upgrade programme was confirmed by the NTA in July and we are currently in the process of procuring a contractor to deliver same regarding the individual locations referenced:

Grenagh/Rathduff This location is included under Phase 3.

Newtwopothouse Due to safety concerns this location will not be upgraded until the crossing of the N20 has been addressed.

Buttevant This matter has been discussed and clarified previously.”

Cllr. Ian Doyle said Railway road in Charleville and the footpaths from the graveyard to the train station both are in need of repair. Tarrants’s cross in Freemount lining on both sides and pothole repair is required.

Response SEE: has inspected the location. This location will be strongly considered for RI funding for 2024. He said he is also proposing an NTA scheme connecting the railway with local services in Charleville town which in turn will encourage sustainable active travel in the Charleville area. The SEE he will replay concerns in relation to Tarrants cross and see what can be done at this location. The possibility of funding through the low cost safety scheme will be explored.

5.2 Municipal District Officer Report.

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report and a supplementary report which was read at the meeting.

The MDO sought members approval for the following:

Castlemagner & Cecilstown Comm Tidy Towns-CFS486834312-Community Contract 2023

Grant Allocation - €1,500

Purpose-Develop a Biodiversity garden in the village green in Cecilstown

Extension of time to 31st December 2023.

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan , Seconded Cllr. Tony O’Shea.

Tullylease Community Council-CFS485671841-Community Contract 2023

Grant Allocations - €3,000

Purpose-Safe illuminated walk at Tullylease Community Field

Extension of time to 30th April, 2024.

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan , Seconded Cllr. Tony O’Shea.

Glantane Community Council-CFS400008430-Amenity Grant 2022

Grant Allocation-€1,500

Purpose-Set up a book exchange in the village

Extension of time to 31st December, 2023.

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan , Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.

Christmas Free Parking

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

The members wished to convey congratulations on a very successful Halloween haunted walk at Mallow Castle, The members welcomed the free parking for Christmas.

The members queried the following.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy welcomed the addition of the two new MALA signs and queried the Location. He thanked the executive for the update on the central hotel. He asked the executive to engage with the dereliction officer and stated the importance of leaving all options including a CPO on the table.

Response MDO: The Mallow signs will be located at Beecher Street and the Dromahane turn.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan queried if the footbridge in Ballydesmond and Freemount could be funded under active travel.

Response: The area engineer is keeping an eye on available funding schemes that come on stream.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea made the suggestion that Mallow Castle should have its own social media Pages.

Response: The MDO welcomed this very good suggestion and will investigate the possibility.

Cllr. Liam Madden raised concerns in relation to delays which may occur due to retaining some of the Central hotels exterior façade.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 1st December 2023 at 10.30a.m. – Blended Meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

