

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on Friday 05th January 2024 at 10.30 a.m.

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

Ag Freastal: Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr Aidan Creagh, Senior Executive Officer Municipal District & Rural Operations,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Mr Denis Beecher, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer
Ms Sharon O'Connell, Executive Planner
Ms Niamh Mullins, Meeting Administrator.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 01st December 2023

- a) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 01st December 2023 were unanimously adopted on the **proposal of Cllr John-Paul O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr Liam Madden**

Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders:

Cllr JP O' Shea requested a suspension of Standing Order for 12p.m to discuss the unavailability of an ATM machine in the Kanturk during the recent Christmas period.

- 3.** Presentation of Draft LECP Framework and Draft LECP Implementation Plan by Ms Sharon O'Connell Executive Planner, Economic Development.

Members welcomed this presentation and said that's there should now be a focus on its implementation.

4. Statutory Business

- a) Section 183 DISPOSAL NOTICE Disposal Situation: Disposal of House at Mountcorbett, Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork. Area: As outlined on File Plan CK49051. From Whom Acquired: Unknown – predates records in CCC ownership

since 1997. To Whom It Is Proposed to Dispose: Mr. Pawel Jazdyk for the Consideration of €78,000.

Proposed by: Cllr JP O' Shea

Seconded by: Cllr L Madden

- b)** Section 183 - Grant of wayleave at Brindle Hill, Charleville, Co. Cork. Area: Wayleave coloured yellow as per as per the attached map. From whom acquired: In CCC ownership since 1980. To whom it is proposed to Grant: Kph Construction & Development Limited for the consideration of €1.00.

Proposed by: Cllr L Madden

Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea

5. Notices of Motion.

- (a) Cllr. Ian Doyle 13/12/2023 "That Cork County Council would give update on progress with ring road for Charleville in conjunction with TII."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

The following is the most recent correspondence received from the Cork National Roads Office:

"Subject to ongoing funding availability, Cork County Council intends to continue to progress scope and feasibility assessments for a potential Charleville Relief Road during 2024. Cork County Council is currently awaiting details of the TII 2024 Grant Allocation."

Proposed by: Cllr I Doyle, Seconded by Cllr: JP O' Shea

- (b) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 24/11/2023 "That an examination be undertaken to establish what safety improvements could be carried out at John's bridge between Kanturk and Freemount"

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

A site inspection will be carried out at this location by our Charleville team whereby the existing junction layout will be assessed using current standards for given road speed. Any road safety issues will be identified as part of this assessment and if required, funding will be applied for delivery of improvement works under Low Cost Safety funding streams.

Proposed by: Cllr B Moynihan, Seconded by: Cllr I Doyle

- © Cllr. Tony O'Shea 16/12/2023 "That Cork Co Council would look at placing yellow Boxes on the road in front of the entrance's to Aldi and the fuel station."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

I can confirm that three number yellow boxes will be installed at this location in Q1 of 2024 (single entrance to Aldi, separate access and egress to fuel station

Proposed by: Cllr T O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr L Madden

- (d) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 16/12/2023 "That Cork Co Council would update members on the removal of HGV's from Mallows Main Street."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

The re-alignment of this junction which will assist in deterring HGV movements is subject to Planning Application Ref. No.20/4925 proceeding. The relevant condition is Condition No.38 which states 'All works to the N72 as shown in the application shall be completed by the applicant, at their own expense, prior to the opening of any additional units within the site'.

Also, the most recent correspondence from the Cork National Roads office regarding any future projects proposed for this location is as follows:

"The recently completed N72 Annabella to Lackanamona Pavement scheme did not include for a realignment of the N72/West End Street junction and there are currently no plans to realign this junction. Consideration could be given to the installation of additional signage and or road markings at the junction that highlights the need for HGVs in particular to use the N72 to bypass Mallow Town Centre. This would be subject to funding availability and the necessary approvals. It is worth noting that the proposed N72/N73 Mallow Relief Road is intended to provide a more sustainable alternative for HGV traffic bypassing Mallow Town Centre. Cork County Council awaits confirmation of TII funding availability to progress this scheme in 2024.

The only methodology to permanently remove HGV's from Main Street is the application of a weight / axle restriction which I'd expect would need to be adopted by members as a byelaw.

Proposed by: Cllr T O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr L Madden

- € Cllr. Tony O'Shea 16/12/2023 "That Cork Co Council would look at installing an extra ramp outside the GAA Grounds/ nursing home in Churchtown."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

In the first instance, as per our protocol for traffic calming requests, a speed survey will be completed by our Charleville team. When information is at hand regarding any breach of speed limit, our team will liaise with An Garda Síochána, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act. It should be noted that we do not have a budget for traffic calming measures and rely on NTA funding for delivery of any vertical and horizontal deflection measures. Our Charleville team will assess this location also with this in mind.

A speed ramp should be proposed as a final option measure on a trafficked road following all other traffic calming measures being considered for the given location. Road users will also form part of the assessment to ensure that noise pollution is not created for local residents.

Proposed by: Cllr T O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr L Madden

- (f) Cllr. Liam Madden 18/12/2023 "Re N20 present safety barriers being upgraded Quartertown and Mourneabbey also new ones being erected what is cost of same and who is funding same."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

The following is the most recent update from the Cork National Roads Office:

"The safety barrier upgrade works at Quartertown and Mourneabbey are part of a County wide TII funded National Road safety barrier upgrade contract. This contract is not complete as works on other National Roads elsewhere in the County are still under way and as such a final cost for the overall contract is yet to be finalized."

Proposed by: Cllr L. Madden, Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea

- (g) Cllr. Liam Madden 18/12/2023 "The re alignment of junction beyond Dairygold to change traffic flow and take a lot of heavy traffic off Main Street urgency of same."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

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Proposed by: Cllr L. Madden, Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea

- (h) Cllr. Liam Madden 18/12/2023 "The need for realignment of most of junctions from Quartertown to Rathduff that is ones coming on N20 who is responsible for same."

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

The most recent correspondence received from the Cork National Roads Office is as follows:

"The developing proposals for the TII funded M/N20 Project provides for a realignment of the N20 between Quartertown and Rathduff. A briefing to Elected Members took place on the 27th November 2023 regarding the current status of this project. There is currently no TII funding in place to carry out individual junction realignments along this section of the existing N20."

Proposed by: Cllr L. Madden, Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea

- (i) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 20/12/2023 "That an update be given regarding the derelict property in the centre of Boherbue Identified by the council and progress on the matter"

Response by Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer:

To date a Section 8(2) and Section 8(7) have issued on this premises and it is on the Derelict Sites Register. The Municipal District are now engaging with the town Regeneration Office regarding all vacant derelict properties on our register (including this one) and an action plan for each property will be put in place with

the aim of bringing the properties back into use. Further details of the action plan for specific properties will be given to Elected Member in committee by the Municipal District and Town Regeneration Officer in January.

Proposed by: Cllr B Moynihan, Seconded by: Cllr I Doyle

- (j) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 20/12/2023 "That Cork County Council cut back the overgrowth and large trees at Forge View Estate in Milford"

Proposed by: Cllr JP O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr I Doyle

- (k) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 20/12/2023 "That Cork County Council cut back the overgrowth and large trees at Beechwood Drive, Ballyhea"

Proposed by: Cllr JP O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr I Doyle

- (l) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 20/12/2023 "That Cork County Council erect "No Overtaking" signs on the R576 on either side of the R576/L10442-0 junction at Ballymacmouragh, Kanturk and renew lining in this location to prevent overtaking at this location".

Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan Executive Engineer:

An assessment has been completed by our Mallow team and as per guidelines within the Traffic Signs Manual, for this given location, a continuous solid centreline will be renewed and junction warning signage erected in 2024.

(The 'No Overtaking' sign is usually used in conjunction with roadworks and is typically not used on non-national roads where the same result can be achieved by use of a continuous solid centreline as per the Traffic Signs Manual. Junction Warning Signage and approach lining will be renewed here in 2024.)

Proposed by: Cllr JP O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr I Doyle

- (m) Cllr. Ian Doyle 22/12/2023 "That Cork County Council provide an update on the status of RDF funding allocated for Charleville Town."

Response by Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer:

The Department have contacted Cork County Council to confirm that it is now entering the verification and due diligence phase of all the successful Phase 2 applications. As part of this process, Cork County Council have been requested to complete a Verification Form for Charleville Town Centre Renewal Project. Completion of this form requires us to update both the costings and business case for the project. Work on this is underway with both the QS and Architects

currently working on revised up to date figures in line with building materials cost of today. We are also currently engaging with the local community group currently homed in the Courthouse to ensure what is provided meets their needs.

Proposed by: Cllr I Doyle, Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea

Motions n, o & p will be deferred to the February meeting of Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District as Cllr Hayes was not present on-line when these motions arose.

- (n) Cllr Pat Hayes 28/12/2023 "That Cork Co Co consider putting a pedestrian crossing at Taylor's Corner to cross over to the Main Street. It is almost impossible to cross the street safely at this junction."
- (o) Cllr Pat Hayes 28/12/2023 "That Cork Co Co would prune trees at O Sullivan's place Mallow and Goulds Hill Estate Mallow."
- (p) Cllr Pat Hayes 28/12/2023 "That Cork Co Co would look at placing speed calming measures from Dromore Drive to Forest View as there is a long straight road which road users are not adhering to the speed limit."

Following the earlier motion put forth by Cllr JP O'Shea there was now a suspension to the standing orders. He drew attention to a significant issue that had surfaced during the recent holiday season — a prolonged period of up to 10 days without access to cash in Kanturk. He noted that the town currently has only one ATM, situated at the AIB Bank, and a few shops offering cash withdrawal services. However, he expressed concern over the unavailability of the AIB ATM for an extended period, stating that this is unacceptable given the critical importance of cash access.

Cllr O'Shea urged AIB Bank to replace the malfunctioning ATM as a matter of immediate priority. He further proposed to pen a letter to AIB Bank, seeking a commitment to maintain a cash service in Kanturk and a replacement of the existing machine. His proposal was seconded by Cllr B Moynihan, who emphasised the necessity of having round-the-clock operational services.

Cllr Gerard Murphy lent his support to the proposal, stressing that cash remains a legal means of payment and that people require easy access to it. He opined that banks are increasingly failing to provide the services required, and he urged the

Central Government to support Credit Unions and Post Offices in offering additional services such as cash machines.

Cllr Doyle voiced his support for the proposal.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

4.1 Municipal District Officers Report presented by Claire Barr MDO as follows.

Members were presented with the Municipal District Officers Report prior to the meeting. Members were requested to approve the following:

Extension of Time:

Castlemagner & Cecilstown Community & Tidy Towns – CFS486834312 – Community Contract 2023

Grant Allocation: €1500

Purpose – Develop a biodiversity garden in the village green in Cecilstown.

Extension of Time: 31st March, 2024.

Proposed by: Cllr JP O’ Shea, Seconded by: Cllr I Doyle

One off Grant:

Kanturk and District Community Council have requested a one off grant to carry out the below urgent works: €2,780.75

Proposed by: Cllr Gerard Murphy, Seconded by: Cllr JP O’ Shea

KMMD 2024 Painting Scheme

Proposal to open the KMMD 2024 Painting Scheme for our 5 main towns, the application form and scheme details as provided. The 2024 Painting Scheme will be open for applications from Monday 1st February, with a closing date of the 1st March 2024. Successful applicants will be required to have works completed by the 30th October 2024. The following monies from the TDF allocations are proposed to fund this scheme for 2023 at a total cost of €40,000:

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

Proposed by: Cllr I Doyle, Seconded by: Cllr L Madden

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy paid compliments to the MD for the illuminated event held at Mallow Castle prior to Christmas, he said that it was very well received and recorded a

huge attendance. He asked if this could be extended for 2024. He also asked if there are plans or drawings available for the planned works at Burnfort Cemetery. He asked for updates on the following; 1. Provision of bins at Bowling Green, Fair Street & the Skatepark 2. Proposed development of Mallow Town Hall 3. Proposed development of Carrokeal Sports Grounds.

Cllr L Madden also praised the Christmas event at Mallow Castle, where he said the huge crowds gave great feedback. He welcomed the proposed Painting Scheme for 2024. He also welcomed works at Blackrock Park, Mallow. He welcomed the extension of the pathway in Grenagh and he supported Cllr Gearoid Murphy's request for an update on works at Burnfort Cemetery and at Carrokeal where he said local clubs had submitted an Expression of Interest. He asked if the issue of grass and concrete paths could be investigated at the Skatepark in Mallow.

He also asked if there are works remaining to be carried out at the green area at Bellvue next to Mallow Search & Rescue HQ.

Cllr I Doyle thanked the Municipal District for all their work on Christmas events across the district. He asked if the walkway at Charleville Town Pak could be investigated as there are large trees where roots are proving dangerous.

Cllr Gerard Murphy said that there has been a Sports & Leisure Committee formed for Island Wood in Newmarket where there is extensive work being considered and he said any support that could be provided by the Municipal District would be very welcome. He referred to recent funding announced by the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

Response:

The Municipal District Officer responded as follows:

She said that an extension of the Illuminated event at Mallow Castle will be considered for 2024.

Members will be sent details of works planned for Burnfort Cemetery.

She said that members will be updated in-committee regarding the provision of bins in Mallow Town.

An update will issue following the meeting on Mallow Town Hall development and Carrokeal Sports Ground.

All available funding streams will be considered for Island Wood, Newmarket.

The closure of the green area at Bellvue will be investigated and she will revert to members.

4.2 Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Dennis O'Regan SEE as follows.

Members were presented with the Senior Executive Engineers report prior to the meeting. Members raised the following issues in relation to the report:

Cllr JP O' Shea referred to the fact that there is another delay in a funding for National and Regional roads where he said that funding is normally announced before the Christmas break, he said that there is an urgency here now to continue the huge amount of work carried out in 2023.

Cllr L Madden referred to St James Avenue, Mallow and asked if the lighting of the avenue could be looked at as he said the lighting currently in place is not sufficient. He also asked if the re-lining the carpark could be looked at in 2024. He asked in relation to proposed works at on the N72 and asked if there are any details available of any road closure or planned detour. He referred to an announcement of the 18th December in relation to bus shelters by the NTA and asked if there are any details of the programme of works planned here. He said that there should be no bus stop provided without a two-sided shelter. He called for a meeting of members to be convened to discuss issues in North Cork. He also said that some of the information informing works may be in-accurate as he said in Buttevant as an example, a survey was carried out during the Covid pandemic, he said there is proper information required going forward. He asked for the support of his colleagues on this issue.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy referred to signage in Council operated carparks and asked if improved signage could be considered as he said it needs to be more visible to advise people of stay times. He also referred to the installation of a new speed ramp at St James Avenue, Mallow saying that it appears at a bad angle for vehicles to drive over. He raised the issue of a number of bad potholes particularly around Mallow Town and used Spa Glen and St Anthony's Park as examples.

Cllr T O' Shea asked if the Senior Executive Engineer could confirm if there is a Low-Cost Safety Scheme being considered for Kilmaclenin Cross.

Response:

The Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:

He advised members that there is a proposal to present the roads programme to members in February 2024.

He said that the lining of St James Avenue is with the contractor to complete works and he will refer the issue of insufficient lighting to the public light department.

He advised that the detour details for works at Annikisha should be announced on Tuesday following this meeting.

He referred the bus stop and shelters and said that this is managed by a different, but he will relay Cllr Maddens comments to the engineer responsible.

He said that signage at Council operated carparks will be looked at.

Referring to the issue of the speed ramp at St James Avenue, he said it will be investigated to ensure and it was constructed as per the design.

He noted the issue of potholes around Mallow Town and said that a road settlement issue at St Anthony's Park will be investigated.

He advised that safety issues at Kilmaclenin Cross will also looked at to identify any road issued and he said that any scheme will depend on the element of design and the funding stream available.

He will liaise with the MDO in relation to the cost of re-lining St James Avenue Carpark and funding available here also.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor T. O'Shea discussed the issue of recurring potholes and specifically mentioned Main St, Mallow, where a channel was dug across the street before Christmas, and issues at Spa Glen as well. He expressed concern that Uisce Eireann seems to approve temporary fixes, whereas proper reinstatement should be carried out.

Councillor JP O'Shea agreed that the reinstatement by Uisce Eireann is insufficient, ultimately leading to Cork County Council having to perform temporary repairs. He stated that, according to the Service Level Agreement (SLA), permanent reinstatement should be completed within 4 weeks. He emphasized the need for Cork County Council to take a firm stance against Uisce Eireann, as the current situation is unacceptable. Councillors Doyle and Madden voiced their support for Councillor O'Shea's comments.

The Senior Executive Engineer assured that inspections would be conducted in the mentioned areas and concerns would be addressed with Uisce Eireann through ongoing engagement. However, he clarified that Cork County Council has no authority over Uisce Eireann's repair process.

Councillor JP O'Shea questioned whether the Local Authority could impose charges if the SLA is not complied with. He proposed sending a letter to the Director of Service, Roads & Transportation to inquire about the possibility of imposing charges on Uisce Eireann for incomplete works. He also mentioned two water leaks in Glantane Village, stating that

inadequate repairs were conducted eight months ago. He reiterated his view that this situation is unacceptable.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 09th February 2024 @ 10.30a.m as a blended meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____

Signed: _____
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____