

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on Friday 01<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 10.30 a.m.**

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

**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 Niamh Mullins, Meeting Administrator.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were unanimously adopted on the **proposal of Cllr John-Paul O' Shea and seconded by Cllr Tony O' Shea.**

**Matter Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

**2. Section 183 - Disposal Notice**

Disposal Situation: Disposal of property at 3 Deerpark, Charleville, Co. Cork. Area: As outlined on File Plan CK158902F. From Whom Acquired: Property registered to Cork County Council since 1936. To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Mr. Ger Barron for the Consideration of €57,000 adopted on the **proposal of Cllr John-Paul O' Shea and seconded by Cllr Ian Doyle.**

**3. Notices of Motion.**

(a) **Cllr Gerard Murphy (13/02/2024) "That the Council provide an up-date on the Traffic Calming measures for Priory Park Newmarket"**

**Proposed by: Gerard Murphy, Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea**

Cllr Murphy proposed this motion and said that this has been of huge concern for a long time. This motion was seconded by Cllr JP O' Shea supported by Cllr I Doyle also.

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

A speed survey was completed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 at the frontage of number 1 Priory Park. 7 days of survey data was collated as part of this survey. Violations detected during the survey have been relayed to An Garda Siochana, enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, for their information and immediate attention.

My understanding, from speaking with the local area engineer, is that standard speed signage is in place at this given location and is also in good order and clearly visible to motorists. If funding was provided, potentially through Town and Village funding streams, measures such as gateway and driver feedback signage could be installed to effectively enhance notification of speed limits to drivers for the given location at critical transition zones. Also, our Newmarket office have identified active travel interventions at this location that meet criteria for NTA funding. Design is in progress and funding applied for in 2024. I await confirmation of 2024 NTA funding and project approval.

- (b) **Cllr Liam Madden (20/02/2024) "The need to get speed reduced from Bridge Street turn off to Bellvue Super Value R 619 the amount of Housing Estates exiting onto same huge number of residents and school children walking also plus Church School and Arches business premises."**

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

Cllr Madden proposed this motion to say that he has received many representation on this issue. He said that this road is used by a huge range of road users. He asked if funding measures could be considered here to possibly install a raised table.

Cllr T O Shea seconded this motion and agreed that this is a very busy road and suggested that the speed reflector sign is located too far out.

This motion was supported by Cllr E Kenny also.

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

Unfortunately, our annual budget allocation for road maintenance does not provide for Traffic Calming interventions. Our Mallow office will arrange for a site inspection and ensure that speed limit signage is in place and in good order, clearly visible to motorists. Also, a speed survey will be arranged at this location and violations detected as part of the survey will be relayed to An Garda Siochana, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act.

Our Mallow office have identified active travel interventions at this location that meet the criteria for NTA funding. An application for NTA funding to progress design and planning processes in 2024, has been included as part of the MD application. At present, I do not have confirmation of projects that are approved or not approved to proceed in 2024. However, given the scale of this project, and associated design, delivery would be referred to our Traffic and Transport unit.

- (c) **Cllr Liam Madden (20/02/2024) "Davis College area the need to reduce speed from Carhookeal side maybe extra ramp from that side and better lining on road surface."**

**Proposed by: Cllr L Madden, Seconded by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy**

Cllr Madden proposed this motion saying that this is primarily a residential area where there is excessive speed regularly particularly downhill. He asked for funding to be put in place for measures to be put in place to alleviate this speed. This motion was seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy and was supported by Cllr's E Kenny and T O' Shea also.

Cllr Madden acknowledged the response and said that there are now a number of areas in mallow which have been identified for Active Travel measures, he also asked if there is a timeline available when the walkway aligned with Park Road will be completed

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

Unfortunately, our annual budget allocation for road maintenance does not provide for Traffic Calming interventions. Our Mallow office will arrange for a site inspection and ensure that speed limit signage is in place and in good order, clearly visible to motorists. Also, a speed survey will be arranged at this location and violations detected as part of the survey will be relayed to An Garda Siochana, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act.

Our Mallow office have identified active travel interventions at this location that meets the criteria for NTA funding. An application for funding in 2024 has been included as part of the MD application. I do not have confirmation of projects that are approved or not approved to proceed in 2024. However, given the scale of this project, and associated design delivery would be referred to our Traffic and Transport unit.

- (d) **Cllr Liam Madden (25/01/2024) "Lights at Bridge coming down from town the delay in green arrow for turning right to Park resulting in traffic build back so no movement of through traffic."**

**Proposed by: Cllr L Madden, Seconded by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy**

Cllr Madden proposed this motion and said that cars turning right from Bridge Street on to Park Road are not getting enough time as the sequence does not appear to be right.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy who fully supported Cllr Maddens comments and added that he had also raised this issue on occasions in the past seeking a timeline and an update.

The motion was supported by Cllr's T O' Shea and E Kenny also.

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

As discussed previously, the long-term solution to ongoing congestion at this location is delivery of a relief road in Mallow. I am confident that, given sufficient funding, Cork County Council will deliver this intervention.

In the short term, given existing constraints with site layout on Bridge Street, queuing lengths and high levels of AADT, a trial is proposed to introduce a one phase movement at the junction, on Bridge Street. The primary aim here is to improve efficiency of the junction while working with existing and undesired conditions. Our Mallow office continue to work with a consulting engineering company on delivery of this trial, which I understand is near completion and will have to undergo a road safety audit prior to progressing same on site. Unfortunately, I do not have a timeframe for commencement and again same is subject to the required safety audit. Also, recently, I understand that alterations have been made to the existing signals at the junction, increasing the minimum cycle of the right turn onto Park Road. It is hoped that this will also improve conditions without negatively impacting other junctions.

- (e) **Cllr Ian Doyle (21/02/2024) "That Cork County Council would consider calling the Plaza in Charleville Eliza Lynch Plaza as currently we have no name and there is a significant historical connection to this."**

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

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion on behalf of Charleville Heritage Society and residents of Charleville and gave a brief history of Eliza Lynch and her connection to Charleville. He said the plaza in Charleville is located in a very prominent place and also referred to the fact that Charleville had been allocated RRDF Funding recently and if this could be incorporated. He said that this would bring huge cultural and economic benefits to Charleville.

Cllr's Gerard Murphy, JP O' Shea and Gearoid Murphy also supported the motion.

**Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer**

From a historical perspective, Eliza Lynch is indeed synonymous with the town of Charleville and from a Municipal District Office perspective, would be happy with that association in principle.

We will organise have the area mapped, and will refer it officially on to Heritage Office form any comments with the aim that the decision to name the area would then officially be signed off at the next MD meeting.

- (f) **Cllr Ian Doyle (21/02/2024) "That Cork County Council would give update on 2024 Graveyard maintenance programme in Kanturk Charleville areas."**

**Proposed by: Cllr I Doyle, Seconded by: Cllr Gerard Murphy**

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and expressed compliments to Cork County Council staff for maintenance carried out in graveyards across the district.

This motion was seconded by Cllr Gerard Murphy who also acknowledged the work carried out by voluntary groups in graveyards. He highlighted the fact

that Kanturk Graveyard is in need of re-surfacing and he asked if this could be looked at.

This motion was supported by Cllr JP O' Shea, and Cllr B Moyhihan also.

**Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer**

KMMD have 54 graveyards spread across the municipal district, There 38 graveyards in the Kanturk Charleville areas. To date I have carried out 17 inspections in the Kanturk Area and over the next 2 weeks will complete the Charleville area. I will issue a full report on each graveyard and the works that will need to be carried out using a traffic light system with red being urgent, orange to be done, and green requires no works.

- (g) **Cllr Ian Doyle (21/02/2024) "That Cork County Council would give update on traffic calming measures proposed on Western side of Newtown Village."**

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

This motion was proposed by Cllr I Doyle who acknowledged the response and said he looked forward to works progressing here.

This motion was seconded by Cllr JP O' Shea.

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

Based on submissions received during the Section 38 process, our Charleville office have requested that the consulting engineering company, MHL, consider concerns raised and redesign a section of the traffic calming project. I understand that a review of the design is in progress and it is hoped that close out of the section 38 process will be at next month's MD meeting.

- (h) **Cllr Gearoid Murphy (22/02/2024) "To seek an update on the development of a community sports facility at Carhookeal, Mallow."**

**Proposed by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Seconded by: Cllr L Madden**

Cllr Gearoid Murphy proposed this motion and said that plans had been published and grant funding applied for however there has been no progress to date. He said that the running track would be the first element of a much larger programme and he said it is important to keep moving on this project.

The motion was seconded by Cllr L Madden who said that this is located in a prime area and is a badly needed facility in Mallow as he said there are many clubs with no home facilities.

Cllr T O' Shea and Cllr E Kenny also supported this motion.

Cllr JP O' Shea expressed reservations here and pointed out that Mallow has access to URDF Funding and that Town & Village funding should be targeted towards smaller towns and villages in the district.

**Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer**

The Detailed design has been completed and planning permission has been received. The development and construction of the Athletic Track is dependant on the securing of necessary funding.

To date funding has been committed various sources, including Cork County Council internal resources, Sports Grants, philanthropic donation and local Athletic Clubs pledges. Unfortunately, this funding does not meet the expected costs to develop and as such Cork County Council has applied for a Town & Village Grant, in the amount of €500,000 for this project. If this grant is secured, it should allow Cork County Council to proceed to the next stage, namely the Procurement Process.

*The Senior Executive Officer advised members that funding of €700,000 had been secured to date and the cost of the running track would be €1.7m*

Cllr JP O' Shea highlighted that this is a very substantial amount of money,

- (i) **Cllr Gearoid Murphy (22/02/2024) "To seek a report on the recent announcement by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of €300,000 in funding for the Mallow Relief Road and what level of progress this allocation will allow Cork County Council to make on the design this year."**

**Proposed by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea**

Cllr Gearoid Murphy proposed this motion and stressed that this is a vital project for Mallow and said that lobbying needs to continue. He said that the Section 26 that was issued by the Minister for Transport to TII was the beginning of this issue with funding this project and he said that this appears to be political meddling in how TII funding is spent. He asked the executive if this can be brought to design stage in 2024 or is there another announcement expected.

Cllr T O' Shea seconding this motion expressed his full support and said that his understanding is that this funding is sufficient to bring the project to design stage.

Cllr E Kenny said that funding of €300,000 is not welcome and said that this is a significant set-back. He said that every day that this project is held up, drives up the cost.

Cllr JP O' Shea acknowledged that this is an improvement in 2023 funding, he said that it is important to stay positive on this project and asked if members could be briefed by the National Roads Office as to what stages this project is currently at.

Cllr L Madden queried if the €100,000 allocated in 2023 has been spent and asked for clarity here also. He agreed with Cllr JP O' Shea that members need to stay united on this issue.

*The Senior Executive Engineer responded to members to advise that he will forward their request to the National Roads Office for a briefing.*

Cllr Gearoid Murphy said that it appears that there is conflicting responses from Senior Officials and requested that a briefing take place before the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr L Madden asked that this issue also be raised at the next meeting of the Roads and Transportation SPC.

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

I refer to the statement issued on Monday afternoon last. *Statement read to Cllrs's.*

- (j) **Cllr Tony O' Shea (23/02/2024) "That Cork Co Council would look at some kind of safety measures and relining the road at Leaslands busy junction."**

**Proposed by: Cllr T O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy**

Cllr T O' Shea proposed this motion said that he had received a number of representations on this issue and asked what measures can be put in place here.

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

I understand from speaking with our Mallow office that re lining of the stop bars and lettering is due to be completed in the short term. Consideration will be given to additional measures with funding available.

- (k) **Cllr Tony O' Shea (23/02/2024) "That Cork Co Council would host a Municipal Reception acknowledging Thomas Davis Pipe Band being 100 years in existence this year 2024."**

**Proposed by: Cllr T O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy**

Cllr T O' Shea proposed this motion and pointed out that this is a huge milestone for Thomas Davis Pipe Band and should be acknowledged, he asked for the Municipal District support in organizing a date for this and asked if this could be done before June 2024.

**Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer**

The Municipal District Officer will organise the attendance of the representatives from the organisation in whose honor the reception is being arranged and if necessary, invitations will be issued.

It should be noted only 2 receptions are permitted per year.

- (l) **Cllr Tony O' Shea (23/02/2024) "That Cork Co Council would install a speed ramp sign where there is none at one side of a ramp in Lombardstown village."**

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

A site assessment will be completed at this given location and consideration will be given to design standards for the installation of speed ramps. At a minimum, signage will be erected on both approaches to the initial speed ramp. Often, if designed correctly, no further signage is required.

Cllr T O' Shea thanks the executive and said that these works have been completed.

- (m) **Cllr John-Paul O' Shea (23/02/2024) "That Cork County Council complete a speed survey for the village of Lismire and if speed is detected as an issue, a plan for traffic calming measures would be created for implementation."**

**Proposed by: Cllr JP O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr Gerard Murphy**

Cllr JP O' Shea proposing this motion said that Lismire is a very good community but this layout of the village proves to be a challenge at times. He asked if a survey could be carried out

This motion was seconded by Cllr Gerard Murphy

**Response by Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

Our Charleville office will arrange for a site inspection to ensure that signage in Lismire is to standard for the given location, well maintained and clearly visible to motorists.

Also, a speed survey will be arranged at this location and any violations detected will be relayed to An Garda Siochana, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, at our regular meetings.

Unfortunately, our annual road maintenance budget does not allow for traffic calming interventions. However, our Charleville office will seek to identify an active travel intervention that will meet the criteria required for funding approval in the future.

- (n) **Cllr Gearoid Murphy (23/02/2024) "That the Kanturk-Mallow Municipal District hold a Municipal Reception for DBM (Doneraile Buttevant Mallow) Community First Responders to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of their founding."**

**Proposed by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea**

Cllr Gearoid Murphy proposing this motion said that DBM Community First Responders are a great example of a community organization with a very prominent presence in North Cork. As advised by the Municipal District Officer to Motion k he said he disagrees with a limit of 2 Municipal receptions per year saying that is very restrictive in nature and asked if this is corporate policy. He



also pointed out that there had been none held for many years and also stressed the size of the district and asked for more flexibility here.

**Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer**

The Municipal District Officer will organise the attendance of the representatives from the organisation in whose honor the reception is being arranged and if necessary, invitations will be issued. She said the possibility of 2 receptions taking place at one event will be investigated also.

- (o) **Cllr Eoghan Kenny (26/02/2024) "That Cork County Council will upgrade the roads and footpaths of Canon Sheehan's Place Mallow, place stop signs and speed limit signs in the estate, collaborate with Davis College secondary school and bus companies regarding the route taken through Canon Sheehan's place (morning and evening) and look at the possible redevelopment's that can be made for the footpaths, in the whole area, for wheelchair use, using the engineers report that took place in 2021, and that this council will place an engraved stone in the centre of the estate depicting Canon Sheehan's Place."**

**Proposed by: Cllr E Kenny, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea**

Cllr E Kenny proposed this motion as outlined.

Cllr T O' Shea seconded this motion and advised that a meeting is being arranged with public representatives, residents and the principals of both schools in the area.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy and Cllr Liam Madden supported this motion also

**Response by: Mr Dennis O' Regan, Senior Executive Engineer**

Roads at Canon Sheehan place, Mallow will be considered for the next 3 year roads programme. Footpaths at Canon Sheehan Place will be considered for the future footpath programmes. In the interim, our Mallow office will arrange for inspections at this location and progress repair of any isolated defects creating a hazard to users.

Regarding redevelopment of the whole area for wheel chair users: Our Mallow office have identified feasible active travel interventions at this location that meet the criteria for NTA funding. An application for funding in 2024 has been included as part of the MD application. I do not have confirmation of projects that are approved or not approved to proceed in 2024. However, given the scale of this project, and associated design, delivery would be referred to our Traffic and Transport unit.

I was the engineer who met with the boy and his father in mallow to experience difficulties with connectivity from the user's perspective. Short term solutions to difficulties were also noted and I would like to use this forum to advise the public of how parking on footpaths and placing/storage of refuse bins on public footpaths create such difficulties for wheel chair users connecting from their homes to local services.

Regarding the Buses using Canon Sheehan Place as a connector route: Our Mallow office have liaised with Davis College to reach an optimum solution for

residents while also ensuring students commute to school safely. I understand that our Mallow office are now proposing to meet with Bus Eireann on this issue which is the next step required.

In addition, our Mallow Office are available to meet with residents on site to discuss concerns and investigate the possibility of removing the connector route for vehicles or introducing enforcement measures. However, such interventions will require input from emergency services.

Regarding speed limit and stop signage: Our Mallow office will arrange an inspection asap and ensure that sufficient signage is in place and as per standards to provide notification to road users.

Cllr Kenny acknowledged the response provided by the Executive and asked if there any time-frame available on the announcement of NTA funding. He also said that Bus Eireann is available to meet.

*The Senior Executive Engineer responded to advise that approval has been granted to design stage with NTA funding announcement to be presented at the April 2024 Municipal District meeting.*

- (p) **Cllr Eoghan Kenny (26/02/2024) "That Cork County Council officials will consider speaking with representatives from the Miscarriage Association of Ireland, regarding the placing of a 'Memorial Stone' in St Gobnait's Cemetery."**

**Proposed by: Cllr E Kenny, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea**

Cllr E Kenny proposed this motion and made reference to Dundalk, Co Louth where a memorial stone has been erected. He asked if the Municipal District office could liaise with the Miscarriage Association in this respect.

**Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer**

The MDO has no issue with engaging with Miscarriage Association of Ireland and subject to funding all requests can be explored.

#### **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:

##### Village Enhancement Fund 2024

*The total allocation for the VEF for 2024 is €68,750.*

##### *Proposed 5 Villages*

*Lombardstown*            **€13,750**

*Kiskeam*                    **€13,750**

*Freemount*                **€13,750**

*Mourneabbey*            **€13,750**

Rathcoole **€13,750**

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

Town Development Fund

<b>1. Christmas Lights -</b>	Mallow	<b>€15,000</b>
	Charleville	<b>€10,000</b>
	Kanturk	<b>€ 5,000</b>
	Newmarket	<b>€ 5,000</b>
	Buttevant	<b>€ 5,000</b>

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

**2. One off Grant to Mallow Civil Defence of €5,000 for the purchase of equipment.**

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

Community Fund

Community Contract, Amenity Funding and Capital Funding as presented in-Committee totaling **€293,230** \*Appendix 1

**Proposed by: Cllr Gerard Murphy, Seconded by: Cllr Gearoid Murphy**

Members raised the following issues in relation to the report

**Cllr Gearoid Murphy** welcomed the Village Enhancement Fund and asked what is the purpose of grants. He asked specifically with regard to Rathcoole.

He referred to the former Central Hotel site in Mallow and to the fact that signs have been put in place by Loftus Engineering Company, he looked for an update from the Municipal District office as he said the placement of these signs took many people by surprise. He made reference to a 2019 planning application which sets out certain conditions and the need for a commencement notice. He said that there needs to be further engagement with the owner and their intentions and a clear plan needs to be set out.

**Cllr T O' Shea** also welcomed the announcement of Village Enhancement Funding.

He agreed with Cllr Murphy's comments on the former Central Hotel and he said that public representatives should be informed of any works taking place.

He raised the issue of recent anti-social behavior at Shambles Lane, Mallow which is having an effect on businesses in the area and he also highlighted the fact that CCTV in the area has been vandalized. He asked what Cork County Council can do to support businesses here.

**Cllr L Madden** referred to the new gate installed at the Skate Park and welcomed this however he highlighted the grass area between the footpath and the skate park and the issue of mud transferring to the skate park surface, he asked if an alternative surface could be considered here. He said that negotiations need to continue between Cork County

Council and the owner of the former Central Hotel. Referring to reports of antisocial behavior at Shambles Lane, he said that businesses have met with An Garda Siochana and the issue needs to be addressed.

**Cllr I Doyle** referred to a drainage issue at Ballinakill Graveyard, Milford and asked if a pathway could be considered. He also referred to the fact that public lighting is not working in Charleville Town Park, he asked if this could be investigated also.

**Cllr JP O' Shea** asked for an update on Dromina Graveyard and asked if the purchase of land at Rockchapel Graveyard has been finalised.

**Response:**

**The Municipal District Officer** responded as follows:

She advised members that Village Enhancement Funding is primarily focused on requests by individual communities such as walkways. Rathcoole funding is directed towards signage.

**The Senior Executive Officer** responded with regard to the former Central Hotel; He said that Cork County Council Planning Department have been informed of the erection of the signage however he said that no works have taken place to date. He said that if works do begin then this will be an issue for Planning Enforcement. He confirmed that there has been no engagement with the owners and Cork County Council since the Pre-Planning meeting.

**The Municipal District Officer** responded;

The issue of the Skate Park surface will be referred to Engineers in Capital Projects.

Referring to anti-social behavior at Shambles Lane she said that this is primarily an issue for An Garda Siochana however she will link in with these business owners and also engage with CDYS to see if they can engage with any of the youths involved here.

She advised that the District Supervisor is currently dealing with the drainage issue at Ballinakill Graveyard.

Public Lighting at Charleville Town Park will be investigated.

She advised that the land purchase for Dromina Graveyard is complete and Rockchapel is near completion.

**Cllr B Moynihan** welcomed all the funding announcements and referred to the good rapport that has developed between the Municipal District Office and local communities. He asked if Village Enhancement Funding could be considered for a monument of remembrance stone for Monsignor Hugh O' Flaherty in Kiskeam.

**Cllr T O' Shea** returned to the issue of anti-social behavior at Shambles Lane and said that it appears that Garda intervention has not been enough and asked if the laneway could be closed

**The Municipal District Officer** responded to say that there is statutory process involved in the closure of a laneway and would require public consultation and advised she did not feel this would be possible as a number of the businesses use the laneway for parking. But confirmed that she would visit the area and local businesses and talk to the Superintendent in Mallow.

#### **4.2 Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Dennis O'Regan SEE:**

Members were presented with the Senior Executive Engineers report prior to the meeting. *Members were also presented with the 2024 Roads Programme \*Appendix 2*

**Proposed by: Cllr JP O' Shea, Seconded by: Cllr Gerard Murphy**

Members welcomed the report raised the following issues in relation to the report:

**Cllr T O' Shea** raised the issue of Kilmaclenín Cross and referred to the fact that there had been another road traffic collision there recently. He asked for an update on the Low Cost Safety scheme at Naad Village. He asked if there are any results available of a speed survey carried out at Glantane/Newberry. He also said that this is the final year of a three year programme and he raised the issue of the Laharn Cross/Gneevies to Bweeng Road which is very prone to hold water and asked if this could be investigated. He welcomed the roads programme which was presented for 2024.

**Cllr Gearoid Murphy** supported comments by his colleague Cllr T O' Shea on Kilmaclenín Cross and said that sight lines need to be improved.

**Cllr L Madden** referred to the drainage programme of €384,000 and referred to this amount of funding as small taking into consideration the amount of road network involved and he asked for an update on the implementation of drainage crews. He raised the bad repair of the Ballyellis to Ballinvoskig Road and asked that investigations take place here also.

In relation to Kilmaclenín Cross, he said that minor works could make a big difference in terms of safety and he made reference to a sign that was moved at Lisgriffin Cross and it made a huge difference to road users.

Cllr JP O' Shea and Cllr B Moynihan also welcomed the 2024 roads programme.

**Response:**

**The Senior Executive Engineer** responded as follows:

He advised members that Kilmaclenin Cross did not qualify for a Low Cost Safety Scheme given limited funding allocated to the MD. However, this scheme is added to the list of potential future low cost safety schemes and design teams are tasked with completion of design and planning. Schemes funded in 2024, as per Smiths Road and Ballhilloge will take priority.

In relation to Naad Village he said that design has been completed and funding for construction remains the constraint. Our Mallow team will continue to apply for funding for project delivery.

Regarding the speed survey at Glantane/Newberry, the Senior Executive Engineer informed members that he will follow up on an update with the team in Mallow. The Senior Executive Engineer requested members appreciation of the task at hand given that a significant list out speed surveys have been compiled following the high percentage of speeding concerns presented at previous meetings.

Regarding Laharn Cross/Gneevies to Bweeng road, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that an update will be requested from the Mallow team and shared with members, once information is available.

Regarding the Ballyellis to Ballinvoskig Road, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that an update will be requested from the Mallow team and shared with members, once information is available.

With regard to Drainage Crews, the Senior Executive Engineer referred to his previous responses and advised members that, he is confident that 1 number full time drainage crew can be assigned to each sub engineering area, once vacancies within the budgeted workforce plan are filled.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr I Doyle raised the new pedestrian safety measures being introduced in Charleville which have started and again stressed the importance of these works. He also referred to the allocation of €50,000 by TII for a feasibility study for a Relief Road in Charleville and in light of this Charleville Community Forum have requested a meeting with Cork County Council Area Engineer, TII and the NRA.

*The Senior Executive Engineer responded to say that this request will be relayed.*

Cllr T O' Shea expressed condolences to the family and colleagues of Sharon Doody, CDYS Mallow and a minutes silence was observed in her honor.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy and Cllr L Madden also expressed sympathy as did the Municipal District Officer who said Sharon had been a great support with events that had taken place at Mallow Castle in 2023 through her role in CDYS and said she is a great loss to the community of Mallow.

A letter of sympathy will issue on behalf of this committee.

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

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 05<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 10.30a.m as a blended meeting.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_