

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District (Blended) MS Teams
on 1st December 2023 at 10.30a.m.**

I Lathair: Presided Cllr Ian Doyle,
Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gerard Murphy, Cllr Tony O'Shea,
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,
Mr John O'Dell, Executive Engineer,
Ms Deirdre O'Shea Staff Officer,
Ms Anita Leader, Assistant Staff Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting.

- a) Confirmation and signing of minutes of the Draft Budget Meeting of the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District held on Friday the 3rd November 2023 at 10 a.m. were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr James Kennedy and seconded by Cllr John Paul O'Shea.
- b) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the monthly meeting of Kanturk-/Mallow Municipal District held on Friday the 3rd November 2023 at 10.30 a.m. were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Pat Hayes and seconded by Cllr Liam Madden.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL

SECTION 183 - DISPOSAL NOTICE Disposal of land Situation: Disposal of land at Freemount, Co. Cork. Area of land measuring c.0.0143 hectares/0.0353 acres as per the attached map. In CCC ownership since 2011. To whom it is proposed to Dispose: Caitriona Sheehy. For the consideration of €1,750.00.

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

4. Notice of Motion.

a) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 28/10/2023

"To seek an update on Cork County Council's engagement with the owners of the Central Hotel site in Mallow, and that the Council take the remaining steps to apply the 7% Derelict Sites levy on the building."

Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr James Kennedy.

- **Response:** Ms. Claire Barr MDO responded as follows "Owners of the property have had a pre planning meeting with Cork County Council Planning department in late October in relation to their plans for the property as provided for by Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Through the Section 247 discussion CCC has made engineering, conservation, architecture and planning guidance available to the owner's agent and it is now up to the owner/developer and their agent to respond appropriately having regard to the sensitive nature of the site. Cork County Council planning department are awaiting a response from the owners.

- In relation to levies, as the property has been entered onto the derelict sites register, Cork County Council will be applying the Derelict Site levy on this property in 2024.

A discussion took place re the development and suggested future uses. It was agreed than an "in committee" meeting with the property activation unit will take place in January. A further question was asked if an owner is engaging with the Council is the levy applied. Mr Aidan Creagh SEO stated that yes, any property valued, the 7% levy is calculated by the Municipal District and a letter is issued. Any property that does not pay will be referred to CCC internal legal department. It was queried if any levies were sent out for 2023. Ms. Claire Barr MDO said 7 levies were sent out with 3 follow up letters no payments received. Mr Aidan Creagh Seo confirmed the in committee meeting due to take place will be in relation to the 5

major towns across the MD not solely Mallow. Properties of concern in Villages may be discussed also.

j) Cllr. Liam Madden 22/11/2023

"Update on derelict properties Mallow served with notices and the next steps in this process."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr Gearoid Murphy.

It was agreed the following motion was responded to above.

b) Cllr. Gerard Murphy 30/10/2023

"That Cork Co Council Close off the 98.5 meters of road marked in yellow as a public road as the road it used to join is no longer there. The fact it is still listed as public road on Council Maps is causing problem for Planning Permission for Landowner. The planning in question is No. 23/4992."

Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr John Paul O'Shea.

Response: The MDO stated that Section 73 of the roads act would be actioned without delay.

Notice of Motion were dealt with In the following order.

d) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 11/11/2023

"To seek a report from the Fire, Ambulance and other emergency services on their routing and satellite navigation procedures for the new Hazel Glen, Hazel Hill and Clonmore estates in Ballyvinitter, Mallow."

Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Cllr. Murphy requested an amendment to the motion to include An Post.

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO said correspondence will issue as requested.

e) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 21/11/2023

"That Cork County Council would repair the fence that's in very bad repair between college wood estate and the lane way down to the sewer plant."

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

Response: SEE replied as follows our Mallow area office team have inspected this location and included repair works in their maintenance works program.

f) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 21/11/2023

"That Cork Co Council would repair the damaged embankment at the bottom of Nazareth hill just as you turn back for Dromore on your LHS."

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

Response: Mr. Dennis O'Regan Our Mallow office team will inspect this location and ensure that that any immediate works are carried out to ensure the locus is made safe. In the longer term, our Mallow area office will investigate road support works required, engage with relevant stakeholders, and identify a funding source for design and build.

g) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 21/11/2023

"That cork co council would update the members on where we are with a full-time drainage crew placed on our roads following on from a motion which I had at full council on Monday 13th November and following the director of roads response to the motion."

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea the motion was fully supported by all the members.

Response: Mr. Dennis O'Regan SEE stated that he fully agrees maintenance is of the utmost importance. On assessment of budget and resources he is confident from January there will be a full time crew in the three areas of Newmarket, Charleville and Mallow.

h) Cllr. Liam Madden 22/11/2023

"The need to improve safety in short term for passengers crossing from Beechers Street to Mallow Train Station proper crossing and also for walkers up to N20 by Mallow Primary Health Care Centre and up by Kielys Garage on N20."

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

Cllr. Murphy queried if a pedestrian crossing would be feasible ?

Response: All requests for pedestrian crossing upgrades on the National routes will

be referred to TII for assessment and consideration.

There is opportunity to connect the footpath at Kiely's Garage to the N20 and reallocate the uncontrolled crossing on the slip road centre. The crossing at the roundabout would have to be referred to the TII. Beecher street connectivity issues have been identified the area engineer is working with the NTA to deliver a scheme at this location to improve pedestrian facilities, This scheme would have to be funded by the NTA and the LCS scheme.

i) Cllr. Liam Madden 22/11/2023

"Update on improvement safety at crossing at bottom of River Valley/Spa Glen with flashing lights needed due to near incidents with residents lately emergency funding required here."

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

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy sought an update on signage which would improve safety in the short term and requested the installation of the signs before Christmas. Cllr. Murphy said the hill exasperates speed at River Valley and requested the installation of an additional ramp. He asked when the funding applications go in for low cost safety scheme and which government department is responsible for it.

Response SEE: I refer to my previous response's regarding active travel interventions at River Valley/Spa Glen. An application has been submitted to the NTA for funding in 2024 to deliver an active travel scheme at this location and will be a priority scheme for the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District, given the level of footfall and connectivity link to local services. Currently, no funding is available for any upgrade works at this location.

I note that advance signage is now in place advising motorists of the crossing point and vegetation has been cut back on all approaches to improve visibility of pedestrians crossing. Speed violations in the area have been reported to the gardai.

k) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 24/11/2023

"That we write to the HSE and the -Minister for Health to get an update on Completion Date Opening Date For new extension to Kanturk Community Hospital"

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

Cllr. O'Shea fully supported the motion and the head of the HSE and welcomed the increased occupancy the extension to the new hospital will provide. Cllr Gerard Murphy agreed it needs to open ASAP nursing homes are not suitable for everyone and a hospital is vital for the western Duhallow area. Cllr, Murphy stated that lack of Gp's is a huge issue and expressed concern that the doctor after hours service has been moved. Cllr. Moynihan asked if KMMMD can write to the Minister the head of HSE for south for south west and the CE.

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO agreed a letter will be sent

c) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan 08/11/2023

"That an update be provided on the upgrade of the water pipes in Boherbue village"

Proposed Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Response: In accordance with the Framework for the Future Delivery of Water Services, which was published in June 2022, Cork County Council signed a Master Co-Operation Agreement (MCA) with Uisce Éireann in May 2023. The MCA replaced the Service Level Agreement which has been in place since January 2014 to facilitate the provision of water services by Cork County Council to Uisce Éireann. The MCA provides for the transition of services, responsibility, and accountability for water services functions to Uisce Éireann in 2023. This transition is happening in stages across all local authorities this year and marks a key change to the role of local authorities in the provision of water services on behalf of Uisce Éireann.

In accordance with the MCA, Niall Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer of Uisce Éireann confirmed the Effective Date of 6th September 2023 with Cork County Council. This means that that Uisce Éireann became solely responsible for the delivery of networked water services in Cork County as well as the management and direction of all eligible water services staff in Cork County Council from 6th September 2023.

Councillors should direct water services related queries to Uisce Eireann at

localrepsupport@water.ie.

Members requested that a letter issue to Irish Water outlining the members concerns in relation to the delay. Ms Claire Barr MDO agreed to issue a strongly worded letter.

4.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report -to the Members in advance of the meeting it was therefore taken as read. The MDO sought members approval for the following:

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

CFS485640298-Burnfort Village Development Group-Community Contract 2023

Grant Allocation-€1,500

Original purpose – To regenerate & enhance Burnfort Village and its environs

New purpose – to use some of the grant allocation towards the purpose of Christmas lights

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

CFS484890897-Kanturk Tidy Towns-Community Contract 2023

Grant Allocation - €6,000

Original Purpose-purchase flowers, planters & hedger & landscape 2 sites

New purpose – repair of castle walls as part of their grant proposal as landscaping not possible

Proposed Cllr. JP O'Shea Seconded Cllr. Bernard Moynihan

Extension of Time:

CFS398762767-Ballyclough GAA-Amenity Fund Scheme 2022

Grant Allocation - €5,000

Grant purpose – Develop Astro Turf playing area and ball wall

Extension of time to 31st March, 2024 due to a delay in planning permission

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.

CFS400228692-Old Kilcorney Graveyard Committee-Amenity Grant 2022

Grant Allocation-€2,000

Grant purpose-repair to stone wall & erection of information board

Extension of time to 31st July, 2024-applying for further funding to complete project

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O' Shea Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy

Change of Grant Type:

CFS40109700-Castlemagner GAA-Amenity Grant 2022

Grant Allocation - €8,000

Purpose – Erect fencing & gates between GAA walkway and the public road

Request to change from Amenity Grant to Community Contract

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. J.P. O'Shea.

CFS483933706-Castlemagner GAA-Capital Grant 2023

Grant Allocation - €10,000

Purpose – Replace hedge with fence, new disabled carpark & associated works

Request to change from Capital Grant to Community Contract

Proposed Cllr. Tony, Seconded Cllr. J.P. O'Shea

Village Enhancement Fund request to whitewash the holy well and power wash allocation amount €4,200.

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

“Following the reconciliation of accounts I am now requesting approval on the following:

Charleville Christmas investment €26,346.60 plus installation approximately €20,000 and requesting an additional €30,000 for Charleville for lights at plaza for 2024.”

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

€8,000 for gate for in Mallow Castle from Carpark. €10,000 facilitate to new path way to front Terrace of Mallow Castle to provide universal access. Mallow lights erection and removal €30,000. (€15,000 Grant) Mallow Stag investment €16,549.65 for roundabout, composite base and star for Rotary Tree €4,500 and approval Stag for 2024 at Mallow Castle €16,549.65 and €10,000 for Mallow Castle Christmas Lights.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.

Buttevant Christmas Tree €18,880.50

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea., Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

Newmarket Christmas lights €10,000

Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

Kanturk Christmas lights erection €5,000.

Proposed Cllr. John Paul, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Clearing Annabella Roundabout €21,415.91

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Cllr. Tony O'Shea.

The members commended the MD officer and staff on all the work being done across the MD the Christmas lights switch on was a huge event and very successful.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy requested a drawing of the stag and queried if it easy to remove. He asked for confirmation that the stag is in compliance with sight lines and all other safety standards.

Response: The MDO stated it is See through, it is not a permanent fixture it is a Christmas decoration and will be removed at the end of the season. It is TII approved.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy sought an update on a previous motion to liaise with Mallow Tidy Towns to relocate several bins which were removed from Bowling Green. Fair Street and the Skate Park. Cllr, Murphy stated that the situation remains that you can walk from Ballyvinitter to the Main street in Mallow with not a single visible bin.

Response: The MDO stated that she has a report prepared that she was to present at an "in committee" meeting due to time constraints the meeting wasn't held. She will organise and update members accordingly.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan queried the delay with the men's shed handover of the building.

Response: The MDO said it is her understanding the contracts were issued she is unsure if they have been returned she will check with the Law Department and revert.

Cllr. Liam Madden stated a lot of money has been spent on the upgrade of Christmas Lights now that these have been invested in he looks forward to the money being spent elsewhere.

Cllr. Madden commented on how clear the sightlines are at the roundabout and the

importance of maintaining this. He asked if the rubbish sweeper could be extended out the Spa road. Grass around the skate park is causing mud to be brought into the skate park he asked if the surface around the skate park could be looked at.

Response: The MDO said she is in consultation with the area engineer to come up with the best topping for the roundabout. She said all comments in relation to health and safety and maintaining sightlines will be taken on board. She will speak with the Area Engineer in relation to the surface around the skate park and will revert. Mr. O'Regan SEE stated it won't be an issue expanding the area the street sweeper covers to include the Spa.

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

The report was issued to members in advance of the meeting and taken as read. The following queries were made.

Cllr. Ian Doyle thanked the SEE for all the works done in particular he said that he was delighted to see the Railway road come to fruition in 2023 these works were very much appreciated. It not only joins Charleville to the railway station but also the industrial park.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea said he raised previously an issue in relation to poor signage by Eireann road Eireann by Gould hills as you turn down at the bridge and in particular to HGV's reversing back into a Cul de Sac. Cllr. O'Shea sought an update on the bus shelter at the Park Road Mallow and queried if there was an update from TII in relation to the pedestrian crossing in Buttevant in the Main Street by Centra. Cllr. O'Shea raised concerns in relation to speed by the beet factory houses the speed limit was reduced with little effect he requested if a speed survey could be carried out at this location.

Response: The said he will inspect the signage and liaise with Eireann Road Eireann if that is what is requires. No update available on the Bus Shelter at Park Road. The AE had a meeting with the EE in the Traffic and Transportation Department. A preliminary design was made and amendments to the design were requested. As soon as an update is received members will be update. NO update in relation to Buttevant as soon as one is received it will be shared with the members. A speed survey can be arranged. To check what violations are there.

Cllr. Liam Madden requested an updated map to show the new area engineers.

Cllr. Madden sought an update on the bus shelter at Newtwopothouse. Sought an update on the Bus Shelters. What is the status of the 2nd bus shelter in Buttevant.

Response: The maps haven't recently changed there is just one Mallow Area now. The Buttevant area is the Charleville area now. The line is at the Newtwopothouse junction. There is a map in place and the SEE said he will arrange for the map to be sent to Cllr. Madden if so required. Bus Shelters are the responsibility of the Traffic and Transportation Department. He will relay back to the traffic and transportation department it was raised again at KMMD.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan sought an update on the traffic calming measures in Boherbue he stated that members received an in committee meeting update last month and queried when will these plans be made public and sought an update on funding streams. He stated this is of vital importance for the people of Boherbue traffic is a real issue due to the 2 large schools. Cllr. Moynihan queried what progress has been made in relation to the two derelict properties in Strand Street. Kanturk.

Response: The SEE said it is still on track for January for the Section 38 for Boherbue. There fore will be made public in January 2024. Funding is from the NTA.

The MDO said an update will be provided "in committee"

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea sought an update on the drainage programme for the Awbeg river. A plan needs to be in place for next year. Forge View Estate in Milford has overgrowth in the carpark of the estate he asked if work could be done on encroaching trees and cut back the vegetation.

Response: The SEE said no update available on the Awbeg river this has been referred to Senior Management who is working with the flood department. As soon as an update is

available the members will be informed. Climate action applications have been made to raise the road in the cul de sac area.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy welcomed the signage at Clonfert Bridge in Newmarket, he sought an update on the traffic calming measures at Priory Park in Newmarket.

Response SEE Part of the application for 2024. Sent to the traffic and transportation section for NTA funding. If something can be done on a smaller scale that does not require a section 38 or planning will see what can be done next year.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy requested the street sweeper to extend up to River Valley. Sought an update on the upgrade of footpaths in Mallow. Queried the progress on traffic studies for Mallow Town Centre. One of two ramps installed at Saint James Avenue the 2nd ramp is on the corner and very sharp it should be moved back a few meters towards main street. Can this be looked at. Queried the possibility of lowering the footpath.

Response: The SEE said there won't be a problem extending the street sweeper up to River Valley. The lights at the bridge are going to be trailed instead of a right turn light it will all be green and right tuners will have to find gaps to turn. All health and safety aspects will be taken into consideration, with the involvement of the road safety authority. The trail will start early 2024. The MDO said she will revert in relation to the traffic studies in Mallow Town. Before the ramps were installed an arborist studied the trees on the left-hand side which was deemed healthy. The footpath ends at these points due to the trees. That is why the uncontrolled crossing is there. The ramp is giving pedestrians priority as a crossing point not to reduce speed. He will carry out a full site investigation with the AE to investigate while also paying attention to the height of the ramp.

Cllr. Ian Doyle: The temporary bollards erected at Smyths Road are working well. He asked if the whole area could be re lined to enhance safety.

Response: The SEE said the design is in progress. It is his understanding the scheme will be delivered in 2024. He will contact the AE to look at the lining in the area.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Votes of Sympathy

- a) Pat Burton former Councillor Cork County Council.
- b) Joe Healy father of Margaret MC Carthy Cork County Council.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 5th January 2024 at 10.30 a.m. – Blended Meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.