

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on Thursday 05th October 2023 at 10.30 a.m.

I Lathair: Cllr Ian Doyle presided.
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, Cllr Liam Madden

Ag Freastal: Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr Seamus de Faoite, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Mr Denis Beecher, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,
Mr John O' Dell, Executive Engineer
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer
Ms Niamh Mullins, Meeting Administrator.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 08th September 2023

- a) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 08th September 2023, were unanimously adopted on the **Proposal of Cllr Pat Hayes and Seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy.**

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. Statutory Business

- a) Section 183 Proposed disposals of property: To consider the Disposal of property at 10 Russell Place, Mallow, Co. Cork to Peter McVerry Trust for the consideration of €145,000.

At this point of the meeting there was no representative available from either Property or the Housing Directorate's to address members questions in relation to this disposal, therefore it was deferred to later in the meeting.

b) Section 73 of the Road Act 1993 - Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over road No. L-55071-0, at Ballynageragh, Ballyhea, Charleville, Co.Cork. Length of public right-of-way to be extinguished 72 linear metres.

Cllr P Hayes advised the meeting that more information had come to light in relation to this extinguishment this morning and he proposed that this item be deferred for one month to let members make a more informed decision.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr I Doyle.

Cllr L Madden expressed the view that this extinguishment is being spoken about in excess of a year and in his opinion there is no change the recommendation of Engineers and ample time has already been given to this issue and there is no point in deferral as there is nothing to be achieved.

Cllr Gerard Murphy asked to clarify if this recommendation is rejected by members, that members may in turn be held liable. He acknowledges that objector feels that he may be at a loss but he proposed to accept the recommendation.

Cllr T O' Shea also highlighted that this has been on-going since 2021 and seconded Cllr Murphy's proposal to accept the recommendation of the executive.

Cllr J Kennedy agreed that the recommendation of engineers should proceed also.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy supported the proposal to defer any decision for four weeks to allow members to consider the report.

Cllr JP O' Shea asked if the Senior Executive Engineer could outline what the new information that Cllr Hayes referred to. He said there appears to be no consensus among people living on the road and that Cork County Council are duly obliged to get a consensus. He said any deferral now would be a waste of Council time and he agreed with the proposal to accept.

Cllr B Moynihan supported the proposal to defer.

Cllr P Hayes said that the information that had come to light was that the embankment needed to be secured and he said that the proposal to defer would enable this information to be distributed.

The Senior Executive Engineer responded to say that this refers to lands close to the N20 and Cork County Council would prefer to be in possession of these lands.

Cllr I Doyle said that there had been no issue with a previous decision made regarding this road and he re-iterated that a deferral of one month would allow for further explanation.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy said that having reviewed the report the reason for decision does not appear to be included.

As this point of the meeting it was proposed that members vote on this proposal by the Senior Executive Engineer:

Proceed: Cllr J Kennedy

Cllr L Madden

Cllr Gerard Murphy

Cllr JP O' Shea

Cllr T O' Shea

Defer: Cllr I Doyle

Cllr P Hayes

Cllr Gearoid Murphy

Cllr B Moynihan

Based on the vote taken the recommendation to not to proceed with extinguishment was proposed by JP O' Shea and seconded by Cllr L Madden.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

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

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

Cllr. Gerard Murphy referred to Clonfert Bridge and warning lights that have been installed on the bridge, while he welcomed these he said that further safety measures were needed particularly for pedestrian safety such as signage.

Cllr P Hayes raised the issue of recent flooding at Lenihans Lane, Mallow where the stream had burst its banks during heavy rain, he asked who is responsible for this stream. He also queried responsibility of a slip road off the N20 near the entrance to Kostal Ltd and said that the road is in very bad condition.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy asked if there had been engagement with Mallow Tidy Towns Committee with regard to litter in Mallow and asked if there is any update available. He asked if litter picking on Approach Roads could be carried out more frequently. He asked if there is an update available on the sequencing of the traffic lights on Mallow Bridge. Has there been any progress on a traffic study carried out in Mallow which includes a proposal to provide a second filter lane at the Plaza on Davis Street.

Cllr JP O' Shea on behalf of Lisscarroll Community Council acknowledged works that had been carried out in Lisscarroll Village however he said that the planned works have not been finished as per the Section 38 such as traffic calming measures. He also raised the condition of the road at Railway Road, Charleville and said that interim measures are urgently required here before the winter season where there is water ponding on the footpath. He also asked for an update on longer term plans for this road.

Cllr Liam Madden referred to the recent weather event and praised the response of Cork County Council outdoor crews. He said that there were a number of locations where flooding occurred; Lenihans Lane/Ballyellis, Limerick Road and Hazelwood which he said could have been worse without the quick response. He asked if there are any measures that can be implemented to prevent flooding here in the future, such as unblocking shores. He welcomed the new bicycle stands in Buttevant. He said where the street narrows, the footpaths are wide there is no room for cyclists, is it possible for a cycle lane to be introduced. He asked if there is any update available on bus shelters in Rathduff and Buttevant. Referring to various pedestrian crossings he highlighted the following;

- Lights are not working in Lisgriffin
- Ballyclough – what is the reason for the delay here
- Spa Glen – crossing is uncontrolled however this needs to be a controlled crossing as it is being used by a large number of pedestrians. Lights need to alert motorists.

Cllr J Kennedy raised the issue of traffic lights at Bridge Street/Mallow Bridge and the fact that they still appear out of sequence. He also referred to the possibility of the introduction of a filter lane at the Plaza which he said would lead to an improvement in traffic flow. He also praised how flooding events had been dealt with so effectively during recent weather events.

Cllr T O' Shea asked if a pedestrian crossing could be considered outside Centra shop in Buttevant to deal with the high volume of pedestrians crossing here particularly from the school. He welcomed resurfacing works at Bellvue, Mallow.

Cllr I Doyle welcomed Aidan Creagh as Senior Executive Officer in Municipal District and Rural Operations. He welcomed works for traffic calming works at Smiths Road, Charleville which will benefit schools in this area, while he also acknowledged the great work carried out by the school warden here. He also welcomed maintenance works such as re-lining the road and double yellow lines and he asked that flashing signs to alert motorists of schools be installed at Main Street and Golf Club Road.

He concurred with Cllr JP O' Sheas comments on Railway Road and said that improvement works are needed here. He called for footpath improvement works from New Line to Clancy Terrace and also outside the houses at Tullylease. He referred to safety issues at the pedestrian crossing at Boghill and said that signage is required here.

Response:

The Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:

He advised members that further works are scheduled for Clonfert Bridge including road markings. He will also refer this to B. Dennehy AE in relation to extra signage.

He confirmed that Cork County Council are responsible for the maintenance of the stream at Lenihans Lane and he will refer this to D. Beecher AE for inspection.

He confirmed that the slip road off the N20 is a public road and is the responsibility of Cork County Council, this will also be referred to D. Beecher for inspection.

The MDO confirmed that litter and the provision of bins in Mallow is continuing to be assessed.

The SSE advised that litter picking on the N20 and N72 is budget dependent. This will be brought forward to 2024.

The traffic study to consider filter lanes with incorporate the volume of traffic, the function of lights at the boardwalk and he said that junctions will be assessed to maximize traffic flow and relieve traffic on the Main Street.

He advised that an option of gates will be looked at, however he said that the budget here is very limited.

Railway Road, Charleville has been considered under various different funding streams and a project has been approved to link the Railway Station to the Town Centre. Issues currently on the road will be investigated by J O' Dell AE.

Addressing the high level of rain and the flooding events recently experienced in Mallow he advised that a review of these events is on-going. He said that Climate Action is showing the need for an increase in capacity of drainage.

Referring to a call for a cycle lane in Buttevant he said that discovery work would take place with users in conjunction with the traffic and transportation department.

Bus Shelters are not under the remit of the Roads Directorate.

There is an ESB issue in relation to lights at Lisgriffin.

Area Engineer will follow up with regard to lights at Hazelwood.

He advised members that crossing at Spa Glen had been submitted in a scheme similar to Charleville with Charleville had been nominated. He said that further assessments need to be completed while also advising members that it was a condition of planning for recent developments in the area.

An update will be requested from TII in relation to provision of a new pedestrian crossing in Buttevant.

He advised that design is almost complete for Smiths Road, Charleville and re-lining will be looked at under this budget also.

Requests for footpath repairs in Charleville and Tullylease will be looked at by J O' Dell AE as will the pedestrian crossing at Boghill, this may be upgraded in 2024.

Members raised the following in supplementary questions

Cllr Gearoid Murphy asked if there are any short term measures that may be considered at Spa Glen. He also asked that the matter of a pedestrian crossing in Buttevant could be followed up with TII.

Cllr Liam Madden said that provision of a cycle lane in Buttevant would help with connectivity with schools as would a pedestrian crossing. He said that measures already in place are very dangerous.

Cllr Pat Hayes referred to the right turn to Spa Glen from the N72 and asked if anything could be done to improve visibility and sight lines here.

Cllr Tony O' Shea asked about the planned pedestrian crossing at the Spa crossing from Muddy Hill to Tipp O' Neill Park. He also asked if it would be possible to carry out speed surveys at Glantane and Cecilstown.

Cllr James Kennedy asked if consideration is being given to a filter lane at the Plaza in Mallow.

Response:

The Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:

He advised that he is unable to give a commitment in relation to pedestrian crossing at Spa Glen at this time.

He will follow up with TII in relation to Buttevant.

He will address the right turn on the N72 during Notices of Motion.

He advised members that the pedestrian crossing at the Spa is included in 2024 funding and design is on-going.

He will revert to members with regard to speed surveys.

He said that he is aware of traffic congestion in Mallow and advised members that all junctions on the Southside of the town are currently being reviewed.

At this point in the meeting Seamus De Faoite from the Housing Directorate was available to clarify questions in relation to the following:

- a) Section 183 Proposed disposals of property: To consider the Disposal of property at 10 Russell Place, Mallow, Co. Cork to Peter McVerry Trust for the consideration of €145,000.

He advised members that this property had been repossessed by Cork County Council and could not be transferred to the Council's own housing stock. In this case it was decided to refer this to the Approved Housing Bodies and the Peter McVerry Trust expressed an interest.

Members thanked Mr De Faoite for this clarification. **This disposal was Proposed by Cllr Gearoid Murphy and Seconded by Cllr Tony O' Shea.**

4.2 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 raised the following issues in relation to the report:

Cllr JP O' Shea proposed to spend any funds remaining in the Village Enhancement Fund on Boherbue and Rathcoole.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy welcomed the works progressing at the Skate Park in Mallow and asked if there will be any element of a playground kept on this site as he said the old playground was still very well used and it is a good family resource particularly for younger children.

Cllr Gerard Murphy referred to an email from Cllr B Moynihan requested funding for Boherbue Comprehensive School which he said he would support providing there is funding available. He asked if there is a final cost available for the skate park in Mallow as he said it would be the desire of a lot other communities in the district.

Re purposing of grants was **Proposed by Cllr Liam Madden and Seconded by Cllr Pat Hayes.**

Cllr Liam Madden asked if there are safety measures in place at the new Skate Park and also asked how the park will be monitored and managed during opening hours. He referred to the area on Park Road where the outdoor gym is located and asked if the grass could be cut. He referred to the recent Derelict Site Notices that have been issued in respect of the Central Hotel and asked if there are any plans to give members an update on derelict sites.

Cllr Tony O' Shea asked about proposals for a Christmas Tree in Buttevant. He also said that there was still no work carried out on the public toilets in Mallow and also asked if there is a proposed start date for the roundabout in Mallow. He asked if an electronic speed sign could be considered in Naad village. He acknowledged the works on-going at Mallow Castle.

Cllr Bernard Moynihan asked when the transfer of the Old Fire Station in Kanturk can be transferred to Kanturk Mens Shed. He asked that traffic calming be considered in Boherbue. He referred to his request for funding of a monument at Boherbue Comprehensive School and thanked Cllr Murphy for his support and clarified that this is funding to maintain the monument.

Cllr James Kennedy asked it would be possible to hold an In-Committee meeting on Derelict Sites and in particular the Central Hotel of which he said it had been two years since the building had been de-listed. He welcomed the new Skate Park in Mallow and asked if it would be possible to get Tus workers to maintain this.

Cllr Pat Hayes acknowledged the huge progress that has taken place in Mallow. He raised the issue of an area at the top of Dromore Drive and Sandfield Terrace in Mallow and said that it is being used as a shout cut for motorbikes, he asked if the railing could be re-instated here. He praised recent events that had taken place at Mallow Castle and said if proves what an

excellent facility Mallow Castle is. He asked if traffic calming could be considered on the Golf Course Road, Mallow towards Mallow Bridge.

He also welcomed the progress at the new Skate Park.

Cllr I Doyle asked if any progress had been made on the Age Friendly Parking space behind the library in Charleville. He also referred to a 5km walkway at Newtown village and asked for dog fouling bins to be provided on this walkway in conjunction with the Tidy Towns committee. He also asked when traffic calming measures would be in place at Newtown and Freemount.

The Municipal District Officer responded as follows:

She asked for proposers and seconders for the following:

- Additional Electronic Speed Feedback Sign – Nadd Village - €4,500
- Additional Electronic Speed Feedback Sign – Banteer Village - €4,500
- Additional Electronic Speed Feedback Sign – Ballydesmond - €4,500
- Additional Electronic Speed Feedback Sign – Boherbue - €4,500
- Additional Electronic Speed Feedback Sign – Derrinagree (school ahead) - €4,500

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

- Request to repurpose for the following Community Fund Scheme Grants –
Ballyclough GAA-CFS398762767 – Amenity Grant 2022 - €5,000
Purpose – Develop Astro Turf, playing area and ball wall
Extension of time to 31st December, 2023 as they are unable to begin works before October 2023
Change of Purpose:
Twopothouse Development Association-CFS477857570-Community Contract 2023-€1,500
Original Purpose – provide kerbing to enhance flower bed
New Purpose – Installing a 3 tier planter and purchase of compost & flowers
Proposed by Cllr P Hayes Seconded by Cllr L Madden
- €2,500 from Village Enhancement Fund to Boherbue Comprehensive School for maintenance of monument for 100 year celebration event.

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

Cllr Tony O’ Shea expressed concern that this may be setting a precedent for other schools and this was supported by Cllr JP O’ Shea.

Cllr Gerard Murphy asked if funding was granted to Boherbue Comprehensive would it come at the cost of traffic calming measures

The MDO responded Yes

At this point of in the meeting a ballot of members was undertaken to determine if the Village Enhancement Fund could be awarded to Boherbue Comprehensive School:

Yes: Cllr I Doyle
Cllr P Hayes
Cllr Gearoid Murphy
Cllr Gerard Murphy
Cllr JP O' Shea
Cllr B Moynihan

No: Cllr L Madden
Cllr T O' Shea

Abstain: Cllr J Kennedy

Funding approved for Boherbue Comprehensive School.

She advised members that there would be no playground element at the new skate park in Mallow. She further advised that the Skate Park had been funded as follows; €150,000 Sports Capital Grant and €150,000 from Cork County Council's own funds. The safety measures that would apply would be the wearing of helmets by users.

Grass will be cut at Park Road – Weather Permitting

An In-Committee meeting with a Derelict Site update will be arranged with members – This will be confirmed.

Christmas Tree in Buttevant has been approved as per the proposal submitted.

Christmas Lights for Charleville have been ordered and these include forty Star Lights. She asked for approval for this cost of €10,000 to be paid from the Town Development Fund.

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

In Mallow it is hoped to replace the Christmas tree at the Annabella Roundabout with an illuminated reindeer and the same at Mallow Castle at a cost of €30,000.

The Tree structure would be transferred to St Mary's Church.

The following updates were provided also

- Mallow Public Toilets – Tender is at approval stage, she advised members that the cost is significant.
- Kanturk Mens Shed – A lease is currently being prepared to allow the use of the old Fire Station.
- Tus Workers – All Community Employment Schemes for Cork County Council are administered by Avondhu/Blackwater Development Partnership and she will ask that they engage in this regard.

Cllr Gerard Murphy pointed out that there had always been co-operation with Cork County Council employees in this regard in consultation with the trade unions.

Issues at Sandfield Estate and Dromore Drive will be referred to Denis Beecher Area Engineer for investigation.

Funding for Age Friendly spaces in Charleville will be investigated.

A request for dog fouling bins in Newtown will be put forward for the Village Enhancement Fund in 2024.

Traffic Calming surveys have been carried out in Newtown and Freemount in August 2023 and recorded an average speed of 44km per hour; this does not warrant traffic calming.

In respect of the Central Hotel site in Mallow, the Senior Executive Officer responded to say that there would be an update to member's in-committee in November 2023 which will include an update on all Derelict Sites in the district.

Cllr Gearoid Murphy expressed his disappointment that there would be no playground element at the new skate park as he said the original plan presented to members did include this. He asked when did this change as members were not informed.

Cllr Liam Madden asked if the grass cutting at the exercise park in Mallow would be done.

The Municipal District Officer responded as follows:

She confirmed to Cllr Madden that grass cutting would take place.

5. Notices of Motion.

- (a) **Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 18/09/2023 "That Cork County Council review the overgrowth of vegetation blocking signage on the entrance and exit to Ballyhea village on the N20".**

Response:

This locus will be inspected by our Charleville team and works will be arranged to ensure that signage is visible to all road users. Once ownership of lands is confirmed, the process required will then be determined for public or private lands, and same will be shared with members by our Charleville office. **Dennis O' Regan SEE Proposed by Cllr. JP O' Shea Seconded by Cllr. I Doyle**

- (b) **Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 18/09/2023 "That Cork County Council engage with the Pitch & Putt Club in Charleville and give them some assistance so they can re-open to the public in 2024".**

Response:

The Community Grants will open in January 2024 and the MDO has no issue meeting with the Pitch & Putt Club to see what grants they can apply for to support them. **Claire Barr MDO Proposed by Cllr. JP O' Shea Seconded by Cllr. I Doyle**

- (c) **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/09/2023 "That Cork Co Council and TII would look at extra signage and markings on the road to alert drivers of this turnoff to Ballyvinitter at Ballinlough cross on the N73**

Response:

Our Mallow area office will refer this request to TII via the National Roads Design Office and a site assessment will be completed by their design team. On receipt of an update, we will share this information with members. **Dennis O' Regan SEE Proposed by Cllr. T O' Shea Seconded by Cllr. I Doyle**

- (d) **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/09/2023 "That Cork Co Council would look at installing a speed ramp in Drom Ard estate Bweeng."**

Response:

A speed survey will be arranged at this location so that any 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. Our Mallow office will continue to update you throughout this process. Members should note that our budget does not include for delivery of traffic calming projects. **Dennis O' Regan SEE**

Proposed by Cllr. T O' Shea Seconded by Cllr. L Madden

(e) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/09/2023 "That Cork Co Council would update elected reps on projects that have funding secured or part of for mallow area."

Response:

- **Mallow Castle Granary Building** – Cost € 320,000 - Cork County Council has secured Heritage Grant of €80,000 for 2 years (€160,000 in total) for the repairs and conservation works at the Granary Buildings. Contractor appointed for first phase with works to commence in Q3 2023. Works to be undertaken over the next year include roof repairs, rainwater goods repairs and window repairs.
- **Mallow Running Track** – Cost **€1.7 million** - Cork County Council has successfully secured a Sports Capital Grant of €150,000 for the Development of a Track and also, they have recently agreed to the reallocation of unused grants to the Track Development in the amount of €340,000. Therefore, the total amount secured is €490,000. As the project is only at Detailed Design and Tender Stage no funding has been drawn down to date. The Part 8 has been approved and sports grant has been awarded in the amount of €490,000. In addition to the purchase costs, Cork County Council has also committed significant funding. The Development cost of track is expected to be circa €1.75M. Further funding from external clubs is required to allow for this project to proceed to tender and construction.
- **Mallow Skate Park** – Cost **€300k** - €150k from Sports Capital and €150k CCC funds, Contract substantially completed and due to open on the 11th October
- **Mallow Castle Roof Project** – Cost **€1.7 million** - Contractor has commenced works on the restoration of the roof and the project is expected to be completed within a 47 week schedule
- **Davis Street Public Realm** – Cost **€5million** – URDF €3.9M (Provisional Grant) - Further Gate approval is required from the Department to allow for next stage in design and planning
- **Mallow Town Theatre** – Cost **€10 million** – At design with Architect Department
- **Mallow Swimming Pool** – Cost **€4 million** – At detailed design stage Cork County Council funding to date
- **Mallow Town Park** – Cost **€250** – Oris funding €200k CCC match funding €50k – has allowed for the development of the new western pathway and reinforced grass pathways via the recently planted Lime trees. River side path has been improved along with installation of new benches, map boards and stone repair works. Further works to be completed include upgrades to the access points and new signage.
- **Lane Improvements Works** – Active Travel Fund at €120K - Works improved on Lanes off Davis Street. Completed
- **Mallow Castle Playground, Carpark and Pedestrian Crossing** – Works completed

- **Lower Castle Park** – New pathways, trail to Lovers Leap, new pedestrian bridge and signage are fully completed
- **Spa House Grounds** – New Public Realm undertaken, car park resurfaced and House renovated

Claire Barr, MDO

Proposed by Cllr. T O' Shea Seconded by Cllr. L Madden

- (f) **Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 25/09/2023 "That Cork County Council update members on the installation of traffic calming measures in Rockchapel village".**

Response:

A speed survey will be arranged in Rock chapel 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. Our Newmarket office will continue to update you throughout this process. Members should note that our budget does not include for delivery of traffic calming projects. **Dennis O' Regan SEE Proposed by Cllr. JP O' Shea Seconded by Cllr. I Doyle**

- (g) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 26/09/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at topping trees on western side of Newtown New Graveyard"**

Response:

The Area Engineer carried out a brief assessment following receipt of the motion. It would appear that the existing boundary wall is approx. 3/5m back from the roads edge, at a minimum to create any car parking spaces you would need to take between approx. 5m of land from the roads edge - 5m would allow safe passage for pedestrians and also for car doors opening out toward the carriageway. It would appear land acquisition would be required along with other costs such as a field entrance to be considered and also existing services that would need to be moved. KMMMD under have no budget for such works. **Dennis O' Regan SEE Proposed by Cllr. I Doyle Seconded by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy**

- (h) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 26/09/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at topping trees on western side of Newtown New Graveyard"**

Response:

Burial Grounds have a minimum budget and tree topping is costly. An assessment will be carried out on trees in our 54 graveyards across the KMMMD and this will determine the trees which will be topped in 2023 budget. **Claire Barr MDO Proposed by Cllr. I Doyle Seconded by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy**

- (i) **Cllr. Ian Doyle 26/09/2023 "That Cork County Council would give update on status of RDF funding for Charleville Town."**

Response:

While DRCD has confirmed approval in principle for the project, the Council does not yet have formal approval to proceed. It is understood from DRCD that the formal approval processes will be progressed by the Department next year. This will involve letters of offer/acceptance, entering into funding agreements etc. In the meantime, conscious of the preliminary measures that CCC could put in place in advance of receipt of formal approval, the Council has been proactive in pursuing the matters of property title, public realm etc. The Council has been engaging with the stakeholders with regard to the Courthouse title, and has also been in discussions with TII with respect to the public realm. It is important to note that, notwithstanding this, the Council does not have formal approval to proceed at this point. The Council is being as proactive as it possibly can be in the circumstances. **Claire Barr MDO**
Proposed by Cllr. I Doyle Seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy

- (j) **Cllr. Liam Madden 26/09/2023 "The idea of Community Gardens for Communities asking that Council would look at same similar to one in Ballincollig."**

Response:

Community Gardens are usually developed by communities in areas where there is a vacant plot which is a particular dumping/waste/antisocial area. The idea is to bring it back into the community and provide a safe recreational green space in areas with little or no park land. But the key part of a community garden is the suggestion comes from the community. Usually the group would be constituted, with all good governance policies in place and they would identify the spot which they would like to create a community garden. Cork County Council would then support through the community grants and any other grant funding which would be available to the groups. **Claire Barr MDO**
Proposed by Cllr. L Madden, Seconded by Cllr. J Kennedy

- (k) **Cllr. Liam Madden & Cllr. J Kennedy "Motions for Mallow/Kanturk meetings that these would come first on agenda like Northern Meetings"**

Response:

The MD has no issue with the request. **Claire Barr MDO**
Proposed by Cllr. L Madden Seconded by Cllr. J Kennedy

- (l) **Cllr. Liam Madden 26/09/2023 "The need to erect safety bollards at Goulds Hill to prevent cars doing u turn up onto N20 that is cars coming under bridge from Quartertown."**

Response:

My understanding is that a continuous white line is installed at this location and is in good condition. I also understand that signage is in place at this location to advise motorists that a right turn is prohibited and this sign is in accordance with Chapter 8 for the given locus. Our Mallow office will monitor this location and will relay this concern to Mallow Gardai at our regular meetings in Mallow Garda station. **Dennis O' Regan SEE**

Proposed by Cllr. L Madden Seconded by Cllr. J Kennedy

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr I Doyle referred to the fact that Charleville is an Age Friendly Town that has had a Social Welfare Officer removed during the Covid pandemic. He proposed to write to Minister Heather Humphries to have this position re-instated.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr J Kennedy.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 03rd November 2023 @ 10.30a.m. as a blended meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.