

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on 7th July 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

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

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Ag Freastal: Mr Sean O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr Dennis O’Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Aoife O’Mahony, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Ms Andreama Sheehan, Executive Engineer,
Mr Denis Beecher, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,
Mr John O’Dell, Executive Engineer,
Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 7nd June 2023.

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th July 2023, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Liam Madden and seconded by Cllr Gerard Murphy.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. Votes of Sympathy.

- a) Ms. Mairead Lucey Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services on the death of her father.

4. Statutory Business

- a) Section 183 Proposed disposals of property: Lease of Old Kanturk Fire Station to Kanturk Mens Shed. Term – 4 years. Consideration - €1 per annum

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

- b) Section 183 Proposed disposal of property: Lease of portacabin, Annabella (former Driving Test Centre) to Thomas Davis Pipe Band Term – 4 years Consideration - €1 per annum

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

5.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report July 2023 to the Members. The MDO sought members approval for the following:

CFS306054502-Kilshannig Community Hub - Community Contract 2021

Grant Allocation - €14,500

Original Purpose – Upgrade electrical wiring - Kilshannig Church

New Purpose – Upgrade electrical wiring & maintenance work - Kilshannig Church.

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

CFS399446488 – Buttevant AFC Ltd – Capital Fund Scheme 2022

Grant Allocation - €10,000

Original Purpose – Reconfiguration of washrooms building

New Purpose – Clubhouse refurbishment

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

CFS482198249 – Kanturk Tidy Towns Committee - Community Fund Scheme Grants 2023 –

Grant Allocation - €5,000

Grant Purpose – Repair broken wall on R579 opposite Kanturk Castle

Request – Change grant type from Amenity Fund to Community Contract

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

CFS400008430-Glantane Community Council-Amenity Fund 2022

Grant Allocation - €1,500

Grant purpose – set up a book exchange in the village

Reason for extension – Extra time needed to complete project

Approved extension to 30th September 2023.

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

CFS400975411 – Our Ladies Well Committee, Ballyhea – Amenity Fund 2022

Grant Allocation - €2,000 – Partial payment of €1,019.23 already processed

Grant purpose – Upkeep of the Well area

Reason for extension of time – Awaiting the completion of specially commissioned benches

Approved Extension to 1st September 2023.

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

The MDO sought members approval to allocate funds from the Town Development Fund as follows:

Newmarket community council have requested €2,928 to carry out works & planting in the park area.

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

Mallow Summer Music on the Green in Mallow Castle provided through Mallow Arts – Taster music sessions for the public to enjoy free of charge. Requesting €900.

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. John Tony O’Shea.

Halloween at Mallow Castle – Haunted walk in Mallow Castle on the 30th October. This will be a free event for families to attend. We propose to work with Mallow Arts and Avondhu Blackwater to create a haunted walk for families on the Bank Holiday from 3-6pm. Requesting €5,000.

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Christmas at the Castle – proposing to hold market events on 2 Sundays in December in the run up to Christmas. Requesting €10,000

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

Painting Scheme

Two late applications for the Mallow Area for the Mousetrap and Maureen's Public Houses
If approved the additional cost would be €4820.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea stated that going forward the closing date should be adhered to.

Following the MDO Report, the members made the following comments.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan welcomed the progress on the Pocket Park in Ballydesmond. He queried if something could be organized in September to involve the school children. Suggested a function to mark the handing over of the old Fire station to Kanturk Mens Shed stating this is a very valuable organization for the men of Duhallow.

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO stated that she will have a think about what could be done to engage the children in the project, perhaps a visit to the school with the plans. Health and Safety is an issue so a site visit may not be practical.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy welcomed the announcement of the Halloween and Christmas events in Mallow Castle. Cllr. Murphy queried if the Christmas event is being run in collaboration with community groups or are the council running the event.

Cllr. Murphy raised concerns in relation to graffiti on the River Walk and asked for it to be removed.

Response: The MDO stated that at the moment it is a work in progress. Now that funds have been secured, she can now investigate what can be done in relation to stalls etc. She is hopeful Mallow Arts or Avondhu Blackwater may come on board. The MDO stated she is aware of the graffiti issue and has requested a clean-up of the area.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea requested the addition of the registrars contact details to be included on the sign recently erected at Glantane cemetery. Cllr. O'Shea also expressed concerns in relation to the graffiti down the Riverwalk. He stated that recently installed benches and notice boards have been graffitied and wants the situation tackled and eradicated.

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO said she will arrange for the contact details to be included on the sign at Glantane cemetery. The MDO said she will contact the guards and make them aware of the issue and see if patrols can be increased.

John Paul O'Shea sought an update on the Village enhancement Fund in relation to the section 38's in Rathcoole and Boherbue. Cllr. O'Shea queried when the drawings will be made available to the public. Cllr. O'Shea brought forward a proposal for the Christmas Lights in Charleville from the town development fund from the unspent painting scheme. Cllr. O'Shea welcomed the allocation from the community Recognition fund for Kanturk Mallow MD of €359,000. Cllr. O'Shea expressed concern in relation to a requirement to have claims for expenditure (minimum 60%) submitted on or before 6th October 2023, with final claims submitted on or before 1st November 2024. Cllr. O'Shea said communities as late as a few days ago were receiving letters of award. He requested that his concerns are relayed back to the department. He queried the possibility of an upgrade of the public toilets in Kanturk. He stated that the existing toilets have stainless steel and asked if this could be looked at as it is not very attractive.

Response: Mr. Dennis O'Regan Senior Executive Engineer said that the surveys are completed for Rathcoole and Boherbue. A design is underway. The MDO said she will email the department in relation to the tight turn around time for expenditure of the Community Recognition Fund. She pointed out that the timelines were clearly stated on the application form, but she said she will relay the concerns expressed today by the members. She will revert in relation to the Christmas Lights in Charleville. The MDO stated that the public toilets are due to be painted. Mr. Sean O'Callaghan SEO stated that stainless steel is proven to be the best from a vandal and odour point of view. The SEO said they will have a look at the existing facilities and see if anything can be done to improve them.

Cllr. Liam Madden welcomed the expenditure information for Mallow town contained in the MDO report. Cllr. Madden queried why the grass isn't being cut more frequently on the picnic areas out the Killarney Road and the Cork Mallow Road. Cllr. Madden supported Cllr. Tony O'Shea in relation to not accepting late applications for the painting schemes going forward. Cllr. Madden said there is three cemeteries in Mounreabbey all three are being taken care of by three different organisations. He queried if one organisation could look after all three.

Response: The MDO stated that Biodiversity is a factor on how frequently grass cutting takes place. The MDO said she will investigate the three different organisations dealing with the upkeep of the cemeteries in Mourneabbey and see what can be done. The MDO said she will contact Cllr. Madden following the meeting to discuss further.

Cllr. Pat Hayes asked if the signage to the tourist office in Mallow could be improved. Queried if a car park could be provided using reinforced grass for busses by the bridge. This is in close proximity to the Castle and is in a prime location. Requested if the plaza area could be power washed. Cllr. Hayes requested an update on the footpath from Annabella to the town park. Asked If the grass could be cut in Sandfield terrace.

Response: The MDO said to the best of her knowledge additional signage is in place she will confirm and revert. The SEE stated that they would hope to complete the footpath works in Quarter 4. The MDO stated she will follow up with housing in relation to the grass cutting in Sandfield terrace.

Cllr. James Kennedy queried if the CCTV cameras that were installed in the playground. capture some of the walkway to the castle to enable the council to identify the person or persons doing graffiti.

Response: The MDO said no the CCTV footage is very specific and must be advertised under GDPR.

Cllr. Ian Doyle welcomed the additional bins and the dog fouling signs in Charleville. Cllr. Doyle stated there is an issue with the surface of the walks in Charleville town park from the roots of the trees. He asked if these could be seen to before they get worse. Cllr. Doyle asked for confirmation that there is a grass cutter in place for the outside graveyards other than Charleville and Ballyhea. Asked if his previous request for age friendly parking at the rear of the library and another in the town Centre is progressed.

Response: The SEE said he will follow up with the area engineer and revert.

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

Routine Works Completed across the MD include:

Monthly Works June 2023

Routine works completed across the MD include:

- Pothole Repairs using the Rosco/Velocity patcher and associated TTM
- Street Cleaning in Mallow, Charleville, Newmarket and Kanturk
- Road Sweeping in Mallow Town
- Bin Collection and Litter picking in Towns and Villages
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection and disposal of litter
- Playground Repairs across the MD
- Maintenance of Cemeteries across the MD
- Maintenance of Mallow Castle grounds
- Maintenance of open spaces across the MD
- Repairs to signage across the MD
- Erection of Dog Fouling Bins in the Charleville area
- Erection of poles for new pedestrian signage in Charleville area

Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

Planned Drainage Works:

- L-5179 Toorenglanahee, Ballydesmond
- L-5181 Toorenreahy, Ballydesmond
- L-1051 Liscongill, Newmarket
- L-1128 Coolagh, Kanturk
- L5346 Laharn
- LIS Kilamona, Grenagh

RI Works

- L-1107 Ballydesmond(up by the church)
- L-5087 Carraiganes, Ballydesmond (LTI)
- L-5181 Toorenreahy, Ballydesmond (LTI)

- LP 1205 Ballyclough to Copestown Road
- LP1215 Castlebarrett, Mourneabbey
- R580 Lisgriffin to Buttevant Road
- Kiskeam Village
- L1301 Charleville area
- L1300 Tullylease
- L546625 Kilberihert
- L5479 Charleville area
- L13081 Chareville area
- L5478-28 Charleville area
- L5542 Charleville area
- Prep works L5485-17

RM Works

- Preparation works ongoing in the Kanturk Newmarket engineering area including:
 - L-1128 Coolcogh, Kanturk
 - L-5174 Ahane, Cullen
 - L-5215 Knockcahill, Rathcoole
 - L-10331 Drominarrigle, Boherbue
- Preparation works ongoing in the Charleville engineering area
- Preparation works ongoing in the Mallow engineering area

Traffic Calming Works

- Installation of driver feedback signage in Kilcorney
- Completion of Kiskeam Traffic Calming Works

Footpath Works

- Footpath works at Milford
- Footpath and installation of gate in the Glen Lane Charleville

NTA

- Completion of Town Park, Charleville – completion of wall and connection of pedestrian lights.

Following the MDO Report, the members made the following comments.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan queried the traffic calming scheme in Boherbue. He asked when will the drawings be available and community engagement begin.

Response: Mr. Dennis O'Regan SEE said the surveys have been done in Boherbue. He will follow up with the contractor in relation to when the drawings will be available and update members.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea queried the NTA projects for 2023 in particular he queried if further funding is applied for to complete the project in Kilcorney.

Response: The SEE said there is two lists one of approved and another list of schemes that have funding in place for 2023. He will follow up with the area engineer on Kilcorney. As far as the SEE is aware funding has been applied for in order to install a pedestrian crossing Infront of the school.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy sought an update on traffic calming in Priory Park and Clonfert Bridge in Newmarket.

Response: The SEE said this is on a list for traffic calming measures across the MD. A speed survey will be carried out. NTA funding is applied for based on the findings of the speed survey. Subject to funding putting the right measures in place for the given location is paramount.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea queried if a speed survey could be carried out in Glantane Village. Asked if the ramps could be looked at in the village. The surface needs attention. Cllr. O'Shea queried if the trench dug for the cable works on Kennel Hill will be filled with tar. Cllr. O'Shea asked if he could follow up with TII in relation to the junction in Dromahane.

Response: The SEE said he will include Glantane on the speed survey list. The speed ramps will be examined, and any small repairs will be carried out. The trench in Kennel hill will be reinstated next week.

Cllr. James Kennedy welcomed the delisting of the Central Hotel in Mallow.

Cllr. Pat Hayes sought an update on traffic calming measures from Springfort Hall to Newtwopothouse. Cllr. Hayes asked if a cleanup can be done across from Bathview which has become a dumping ground there are visible vermin in the area.

Response: The SEE said it is on the list for traffic calming measures no funding in place. The SEE said he will investigate what can be done in Bathview to clean up the area,

Cllr. Liam Madden sought an update on the CIS and LIS schemes to include money spent. He raised the matter of the Quartertown junction the island isn't visible. Brought it to the SEE's attention that there are a lot of rough patches on the road which must be swerved to be avoided which may cause an accident.

Response: The SEE said he will provide an update on the CIS and LIS schemes. Work is ongoing surveying national routes with a view to identifying defects in order to follow up with the National Roads Design office.

Cllr. Ian Doyle asked if the driver feedback sign on the Kanturk Road is fixed it isn't working at the moment Cllr Doyle brought said three Manhole covers on the main street in Charleville are starting to cause noise problems and asked if these could be looked at.

Response: The SEE said he will look into the defective light and arrange repair as soon as possible. The SEE said he will follow up to ensure Irish water are aware of the issues with manholes on the main street in Charleville.

6. Notices of Motion.

- a) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 05/06/2023 "That Cork County Council repair the fence at the N72 Spa Road in Mallow."

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

Response: the SEE replied as follows This request has been forwarded to TII previously and the most recent update received was that a feasibility assessment was been undertaken regarding the proposal of installing a vehicle restraint system at this location - N72 from Ballylough Cross towards Mallow Town. Delivery of such a proposal will also require a funding source and unfortunately, I do not have

information on this at present. I understand that we have sought a further update recently and await same. As soon as an update is received, we will update all members. As you are aware the current fencing in place is for safety purposes only.

- b) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 07/06/2023 "That Cork County Council renew speed limits signs on the R515 out of Charleville Town and consider road markings outlining speed limits on the road".

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

Response: The SEE said from speaking to the Charleville office that the speed limit sign on the Newtownshandrum side has been replaced. Our Charleville office is currently surveying approach roads into Charleville, including the R515, for a road resurfacing tender, and markings on new surfaces can be included in this tender also. For surfaces not selected, we can add this for renewal only.

- c) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 07/06/2023 "That Cork County Council put a plan in place to resurface Grotto Terrace in Rockchapel".

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

Response: The SEE said Grotto Terrace is currently not on the Kanturk Mallow MD 3-year program. Grotto Terrace road surface will be surveyed by our Newmarket office and included in the overall assessment for the next KMMD 3-year program. However, it should be noted that trafficked routes with more significant defects will take priority at selection stage with the annual budget available. Our area office will also assess the feasibility of permanently repairing any isolated defects in the interim.

- d) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 07/06/2023 "That Cork County Council update members on the installation of traffic calming measure around Banteer Childcare, School & Community Centre which are all located together on the Clonmeen Road, Banteer".

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

Response: the SEE replied as follows a speed survey is scheduled by our Mallow office and will be completed at this location. As always violations will be referred to the gardai, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, at our regular meetings in Mallow Guard Station. Unfortunately, we do not have a budget for traffic calming projects. However, our mallow office will seek to identify a feasible active travel project with road space available and apply to the NTA for funding through our traffic and transportation department.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan fully supported Cllr. O'Shea's motion. He raised the issue in conjunction with Cllr. O'Shea of the road closure at Ballymaquirke. Issues were raised in relation to the length of the road closure and the detrimental effect to businesses in Kanturk town and to commuter's alike.

Response from the SEE as follows: I understand that the road closure application followed the correct statutory procedures in advertising the proposed closure and allowing for submissions/observations to be made. I also understand that the closing date for submissions was today at 10am and I am confident that all submissions will be considered by the Cork National Roads Design Office.

- e) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 26/06/2023 "That speed control measures be considered for the R620 (Cork Road) in Mallow, between the junction with the Old Cork Road and the junction leading towards Canon Sheehan Place."

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

Response the SEE replied as follows A speed survey will be arranged for this location and violations will be referred to the gardai, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, at our regular meetings.

Unfortunately, we do not have a budget for Traffic Calming Measures. Our Mallow office will seek to identify active travel interventions at this location, which will in turn reduce the speed of traffic flow. However, delivery such a scheme will require significant funding from the NTA.

I understand that there are existing traffic calming measures on this section of the R-620 including a speed ramp approximately 90m east of junction of R620 with the L-5371 (to Canon Sheehan Place), plus a signalised Pedestrian Crossing complete with associated footpath build outs, etc. Also, speed ramps immediately west of the R-620 junctions with Sandfield / Church View and Townview. There are also 3 no. further ramps further to the south-west on the R-620 between Saint Gobnait's Cemetery and the junction with L-5371 (to Canon Sheehan Place). There is no specific budget available for Traffic Calming measures and no further works are proposed on this Regional Route at present.

- f) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 26/06/2023 "That speed ramps be considered for Lisscarroll, on the R522 road on the Lisgriffin side of the village, and that appropriate speed surveys be carried out with a view towards this."

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

Response: The SEE replied as follows A speed survey is scheduled and will be completed at this location. Any violations will be referred to the gardai, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, at our regular meetings.

Unfortunately, we do not have a budget for Traffic Calming Measures. Our Charleville office will seek to identify active travel interventions at this location, which will in turn reduce the speed of traffic flow.

- g) Cllr. Liam Madden 26/06/2023 "Update Report re Vacant / Derelict Properties in Mallow."

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

Response the MDO responded as follows KMMD DS Register:

17 (2 Properties with Section 8(2) Notices served)

Potentially Derelict: 57

Removed from Register: 8 since January 2023

The Council is conducting weekly derelict and vacant property inspections and currently has 57 potential properties to enter on to the Derelict Sites Register.

The Council is also using its powers under derelict sites legislation to levy derelict properties annually at 7% of their market value. While also registering vacant homes on the vacant home's website. There are now a range of government funded grant schemes and supports available to existing and new owners to help refurbish these properties and we actively engage and encourage property owners to avail of these grants. The Council will continue to engage with property owners to take steps to address dereliction and bring their property back into use.

Cllr. Madden requested an update in writing the MDO said she will forward to members after the meeting.

- h) Cllr. Liam Madden 26/06/2023 "Update re safety measures looked for in different areas of Mallow."
- (a) Beechers Street re crossing
 - (b) River Valley re extra safety measures.
 - (c) Uncontrolled Crossing below River Valley Spa Glen.
 - (d) Crossing on Dunne's Entrance to St Patrick's Boys School.
 - (e) Close Housing Estate to two schools.

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

Response: The SEE replied as follows I understand that our Mallow office is liaising with relevant departments within Cork County Council, Traffic and Transportation and the Non National Road Design Office regarding the use of road space for improvements to pedestrian permeability and active travel interventions linking the N20 to Main Street/Thomas Davis Street Mallow. It should be noted that currently we have been advised that no NTA funding is available to engage a consultant for such a project.

I understand that our Mallow office has identified the need for improvements to pedestrian permeability from Spa Glen to Mallow Town via River Valley frontage due to the predicted increase in footfall given ongoing and proposed development at this location. Again, our Mallow office is liaising with relevant departments within Cork

County Council to seek funding and initiate a design. Currently, we have been advised that no NTA funding is available.

I understand from speaking to our Mallow office that this is a private entrance. Therefore, our intention is to write to the landowner and advise of the safety concerns received.

Old Course – Again our Mallow office is liaising with relevant departments within Cork County Council to seek funding and initiate a design for an active travel project. Currently, we have been advised that no NTA funding is available.

- i) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 27/06/2024 "That Cork Co Council would give an update on the removal and location of the outdoor adult gym equipment which I previously had a motion on in 2022."

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

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO stated Ministerial consent is needed to move the equipment into the castle she will update members when a response is received.

- j) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 27/06/2024 "That Cork Co Council Would Clean the spa stream adjacent to Tip o Neil park."

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

Response from SEE as follows: This area falls within the extent of the Mallow Flood Relief Scheme, guidance will be sought from CCC Coastal & Flooding and OPW. It's likely any works here would require AA Screening, plus input from Inland Fisheries Ireland.

- k) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 27/06/2024 "That Cork Co Council Would clean up the Barriers that are left on the Killarney Road (N72) and at the bottom of the Kennell Hill."

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

Response from the SEE as follows: These barriers are associated with an Uisce Eireann sewer connection and cannot be removed by Cork County Council. Uisce

Eireann Contractor has been contacted and permanent reinstatement plus barrier removal is scheduled for completion.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr. Liam Madden expressed concerns in relation to reduced South Doc service.

- b) Cllr. Pat Hayes expressed concern in relation to speed in the Forrest View area and asked if a ramp could be installed, he also expressed concern in relation to horses in the area and asked if they could be removed. He raised concerns in relation to speed out the Limerick road.

Response: The SEE will look into the issues raised and revert.

- c) Cllr. Tony O'Shea acknowledged the new signs showing the reduced speed limit on the N72 he asked what else is being done at this location to reduce speed.

Response: The SEE said he will liase with the guards in relation to speed.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 1st September 2023 – Blended Meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.