

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on 8th September 2023 at 11.00 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.

Leathscéal: Cllr Liam Madden

Ag Freastal: Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Mr Denis Beecher, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,
Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

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

- a) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th July 2023, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Pat Hayes and seconded by Cllr Tony O'Shea.
- b) The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th July 2023, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Gearoid Murphy and seconded by Cllr Pat Hayes.

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.

The members queried why this property was being disposed of and in turn reducing Cork County Council's housing stock. It was proposed by Cllr Tony O'Shea to defer this item and seek clarification from the property section. This was supported by the members.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

4.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

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

Repurpose for the following Community Fund Scheme Grants –

Amenity Grant 2023-Cork International Film Festival – CFS486975628

Grant Amount - €500

Original Purpose – CIFF Pop up Cinema for education/outreach activities across cork county

New Purpose – Marketing material to support the promotion of their festival and year round activities including Intinn Youth, Film & Mental Health Programme.

Proposed Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Pat Hayes.

CFS486923090 – Kiskeam GAA – Amenity Fund 2023

Grant Awarded - €2,000

Original Purpose – Resurface and line the existing car park

New Purpose – Kiskeam GAA are planning to launch a book on the history of Kiskeam GAA in November which has already been awarded an amenity grant of €1,000 in 2022. The book is now going to be over 500 pages and design and printing costs have increased drastically from original costs. Combining both years grants would allow Kiskeam GAA to finish the book.

Proposed Cllr Bernard Moynihan, Seconded Ian Doyle.

Extension of Time

Meelin Amenity Project C.L.G. -CFS399973848-Amenity Grant 2022

Purpose – Development of Synthetic pitch for use by local community & school

Amount - €5,000

Extension of grant drawdown date to 30th November, 2023

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

Ms. Clair Barr MDO sought members approval to allocate the remaining funds from the Town Development Fund to include the reserve amount of €8,000 on Christmas Lights for all 5 towns. `

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

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried if something to similar to Mallow if lights could be put on the tress in Buttevant.

Response The MDO is in consultation with the committee. She will work with them to see what can be achieved. The community council have suggested a large tree. There are issues in relation to power supply. She will revert when agreement is reached and with costings for all 5 towns when available.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea complimented staff on the successful events held in the castle. He would like to see the events more evenly distributed over the summer months. Cllr. O' Shea stated that he was pleased to see the canopy in situ out the Navigation road. Cllr O'Shea welcomed the addition of the new machines that now have the facility to accept card payments. He said constituents had brought it to his attention that the new machines were not accepting payment for the full day and asked if this could be rectified. He queried the location of the new parking machines. He sought an update on the Annabella Road roundabout. He requested the addition of a star for the top of the Christmas tree on the Annabella Roundabout.

Response: MDO agreed to put in place a schedule of events for the castle for 2024 . She was aware of teething issues with the new machines all of which have been rectified. The locations of the 5 machines are at Bowling Green, Muddy Hill, Carmichael Lane, St James's and Park Road car parks. The plan for the roundabout is to remove what is there and set new plants the correct time for the plants to bed in is October the works will be carried out then. The MDO said she will investigate if a star is possible and revert.

Cllr. Pat Hayes congratulated all involved on the successful events held at the castle. Cllr. Hayes welcomed the installation of the columbarium wall. The progression of the skate park and the roof works at Mallow castle while seeking a timeline for completion of works. Cllr.

Hayes stated Spa house is a beautiful asset in Mallow and requested further signage to ensure people know where to find the tourist office.

Response: The MDO said works on the roof should be complete by summer 2024, hopefully sooner. She will keep members informed. She will investigate the signage and if further signage is needed it will be provided.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan welcomed the progress on the Pocket Park in Ballydesmond. He queried if something will be organized to involve the school children. Cllr. Moynihan queried when the old Fire station will be handed over to Kanturk Men's Shed.

Response: Ms. Claire Barr MDO stated that she will link in with the school and see what can be organized. The fire station will be handed over as soon as possible and there will be an event to mark the occasion.

Cllr. Ian Doyle wished to convey his compliments to the new school warden in Charleville who is showing respect for the Children, motorists alike and working out very well. He sought an update on the pedestrian crossing. The bollards that were installed are working well. Cllr. Doyle sought an update on Dromina graveyard. 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.

Response: The MD have also been approached by constituents in the Tullylease area and are currently investigating the possibility of extending the graveyard. At the moment there is no budget allocation in the 2023 budget, however all avenues of funding will be investigated. The MDO said she will speak with John O'Dell in relation to works required on the roots of the trees. Mr. Dennis O'Regan SEE said the design for Smyth's road is ongoing. Traffic calming will be included as part of these works. Looking at funding streams from Low Cost Safety Schemes and the NTA. Bollards will be replaced when works are finalized.

John Paul O'Shea said we should be ready to advance works in Charleville on receipt of funding. He asked if the canopy in Kanturk could be washed.

Response Mr Dennis O'Regan SEE will organise.

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

Routine Works Completed across the MD include:

Monthly Works July & August 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
- Graffiti Removal at Castle Park Loop Footpath

Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

Planned Drainage Works:

- L-5215 Rathcoole
- L-1124 Kilcorney

- L-10352 Boherbue
- L-10071 Meelin
- L-1103 Knocknagree
- R579 Kanturk to Banteer Road
- L-5157 Glenamucklagh
- L5538 Charleville area
- L5478 Charleville area
- L5542 Lackaroe Spittal
- L5024 Freemount
- L5459 Knawhill Liscarroll
- L5467 Charleville area
- R518 Charleville area
- L-5320-0 Ballyvinitier
- Mallow Swimming Pool Drainage repairs
- Road Gully replacement on R619 Mallow Town, Eglantine, L-1237-0 Lacknalooha & L-5331-0 Ballyvinitier
- Gully Cleaning on approach Roads in Mallow incl. R-619 Mallow Bridge to Quartertown, L-9042 & L9043 Quartertown & Industrial Estate, R-620 Cork Road Mallow Bridge to N-20 Ramp, L-1236-0 Old Cork Road to Carhookeal, L-1223-0 & L-1221-0 Bearforest to College Wood, L-1220-0 & L-1220-25 St Josephs Road, L-5331-0 Ballyvinitier, L-1237-0, L-1207-54 & L-1246-0 Lacknalooha, Batchelors Walk to Ballyvinitier, L-1203-101 Kennel Hill
- Gully Cleaning N20 Mallow North & South Approaches, N72 Navigation Road

RI Works

- N72 Pavement Strengthening Works Mallow Town
- L-5157 Glenamucklagh (Grader)
- Blacktop base to L-1103 Shanbally, Knocknagree
- Road Recycling R579 Banteer Road, Kanturk & R577 Horgans Cross to Boherbue
- Traffic Calming at Curragh Cross, Kanturk
- L-50312 – Ballydesmond (Grader)

- L5542 Lackaroe Spittal
- L13081 Ballinakilla
- L5478 Ballinakilla East
- L546625 Kilberrihert Freemount
- L5538 Lisballyhea Ballyhoura
- L1300 Keatings Cross Keffes Cross
- L5467 Liscarroll
- RI Works Castlebarrett, L-1215-0
- Thin Surfacing works on R576 Cronins Bridge to Rockchapel, L-1120 Garrane, Banteer & L-1119 Knockanaoe Rathcoole

RM Works

- L-1128 Coolagh, Kanturk
- L-5174 Ahane Cullen
- L-1124 Horsemount, Kilcorney
- L-1100 Doon Road, Kiskeam
- L-5167 Knockeenadallane, Knocknagree
- L-5215 Knockcahill Rathcoole
- L-5179 Ballydesmond
- L-50312 Ballydesmond
- R578 Bluefort, Newmarket
- L-5006 Glencarney, Rockchapel
- L-5042 Rosacon, Newmarket
- L-1051 Newmarket
- L-5029 Meenshal
- L-10331 Boherbue
- L5478-28 Charleville area

CIS

- Baltydaniel, L-92007-0

LIS

- Kilmona
- Milford Maine North

Footpath Works

- Footpath Works Blackrock Park, Mallow
- Footpath Hedging and Cleaning St Josephs Road
- Charleville Town
- Killmallock Road
- Smiths Road
- Bike Stands Buttevant
- Deliga Graveyard

LCS

- Hallihans Cross Liscarroll – Construction of boundary wall and site cleaning

NTA

- Footpath in Grenagh

Cahirmee Festival

- Preparation and Clean up

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

Cllr. Gerard Murphy had to excuse himself early from the meeting due to commitments with the already scheduled Southern Assembly. He asked the executive to be mindful of the meeting schedule when rearranging Municipal District Meetings.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy sought an update on the traffic lights at Mallow Bridge. Cllr. Murphy queried if there are plans to update the road between Oliver's cross and road stone quarry. He highlighted a small section of road outside Boss Murphy's pub in Churchtown that is in need of repair. Cllr. Murphy queried the status of funding available for a pedestrian crossing at river Valley.

Response The SEE informed that works are completed at Mallow Bridge. The SEE informed that he is aware of congestion at Mallow Bridge and advised members that a consultant has been engaged to complete a traffic assessment on all junctions on the N72 from St Joseph's Road junction to Park Road junction and also junctions southbound of the Mallow Boardwalk. The SEE informed members that the intention is to gather detailed information on current traffic flows and delay times post the pandemic before altering phases of signals at the Mallow Bridge signalized junction. The SEE advised that an update on resurfacing works at Oliver's Cross will be sought from TII and shared with the members. The SEE advised that an inspection will be carried out at Boss Murphy's pub in Churchtown and permanent repair works scheduled if funding is available.

Cllr. Pat Hayes raised concerns in relation to the diversion of traffic this morning following an accident at Ballybeg. Traffic was diverted down narrow roads not able to take the volume of traffic. He expressed concerns at the delay in the construction of the motorway. Cllr. Hayes raised the issue of the Manhole outside the Spa Bar. Cllr. Hayes brought it to the SEE's attention that the slip road over the railway is in bad need of repair.

Response:

The SEE informed members that the NNRDO have nominated N20 Ballybeg Bends to be included in the North Cork Minor Road Programme funded by TII. The SEE advised that an improvement scheme, if funded, at this location would be welcomed. The SEE informed that delivery of such a scheme shall reduce collisions and also the requirement for local road detours while the N20 is closed. The SEE informed Cllr Hayes that the manhole will be repaired in the coming days, and he will refer this request to the Mallow EE. The SEE advised Cllr Pat Hayes that the cul de sac road will be inspected by Mallow EE and repairs completed with funding available. The SEE encouraged Cllr Pat Hayes to liaise with residents on this road to prepare an application for CIS funding as it is difficult to prioritize such roads over trafficked roads under Road Improvement funding. The SEE encouraged all members to liaise with residents in the MD and prepare applications for both CIS and LIS funding.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea sought an update on the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Muddy Hill, the LCS scheme in Nadd Village. Lagan Quarry road to Bweeng. Queried the possibility of introducing a left lane at the bottom of the town where the plaza is. He raised the issue of HGV's still coming through the town. Queried what can be done at the Racecourse by the new Service station. He stated the reduction of the speed limit has not been effective.

Response:

The SEE informed that applications have been submitted to the NTA liaison and Muddy Hill is included. The SEE advised members that any schemes funded will be shared with the members. The SEE informed that a traffic calming scheme has been designed for Nadd Village and it is intended to include this scheme as a nomination for 2024 LCS funding. The SEE informed members that while introducing a filter lane may improve traffic flow at the bottom of Thomas Davis street, it will increase the length of the crossing point for vulnerable users. The SEE advised members that current standards encourage delivery of public realm projects to boost economic activity in Towns and Cities and reverting to the prioritization of vehicles by re introducing a filter lane would not be supported. The SEE advised members that the problem of origin is at Mallow Bridge and priority shall be to improve delay times at this junction which will have a positive effect on congestion on Thomas Davis Street. The SEE informed members that forward visibility and safe stopping distances were to standard on

the N72 at the Racecourse Service station prior to reduction of speed limit to 80kph. The SEE advised that driver behavior is a factor in all collisions to date, rear end collisions. The SEE advised members that he will follow with TII on proposals with lands opposite the service station. The SEE will share information with members.

Cllr. Ian Doyle requested a power wash of the Plaza in Charleville. Asked if the age friendly parking space previously discussed can be progressed. Asked if traffic calming measures can be investigated at Turrets road, Holy Cross and New Road new houses built resulting in increased traffic both pedestrian and vehicular. Sought an update on the bridge repair programme. Cllr Doyle asked if anything can be done in relation to sinkage on the Bog Cross in Dromina.

Response

The SEE confirmed that power washing of the plaza in Charleville will be completed in the coming weeks. Th SEE advised that he will liaise with the Charleville EE in relation to an age friendly parking space and if feasible, and funding is available, he will progress this request. The SEE advised Cllr Ian Doyle that funding has not been provided for an active travel scheme on the Turrets road. The SEE advised that the Turrets Road will be included as a nomination for future NTA funding in the Charleville area. The SEE advised that an update on the Bridge Repair program will be sought from the NNRDO and will be shared with members. The SEE advised that inspections and assessments are ongoing on the Bog Cross road in Dromina to ensure the correct design is selected as previous overlay projects have failed in the given location.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy supported Cllr Tony O'Shea's suggestion of a left turning lane at the Plaza in Mallow. He said there is an appetite from the people of Mallow to install a second lane to ease congestion.

Response as per above

Cllr. Pat Hayes said years ago if there was a back up of traffic in the town the Area Engineer could switch off the lights and this would relieve the congestion. Cllr Hayes stated there isn't a traffic issue when the lights aren't operational.

Response as per above

5. Notices of Motion.

- a) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 09/08/2023 "that Cork County Council update members on proposals for traffic calming measures on the old Limerick Road, Charleville."

Proposed Cllr. Seconded Cllr.

Response In the absence of traffic calming funding, a speed survey has been scheduled for this given location and violations detected will be discussed with An Garda Siochana, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, at our next meeting in Mallow Guard Station. Our Charleville office will also complete a visual survey of the R515 and identify an active travel scheme that would be eligible for future NTA funding applications.

- b) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 12/08/2023 "To seek an update on plans to develop sports facilities at Carhookeal, Mallow and on whether planning permission can be brought forward for an indoor basketball court and clubhouse at this location."

Proposed Cllr. Seconded Cllr.

Response Ms. Claire Barr MDO stated that Currently our Consultant is working on the detail design and tender package for the proposed athletic track – this is expected to be completed in Q4 2023. A number of grants and sources of funding have been identified and secured, however there is a funding shortfall for the track construction. Until the funding to bridge the shortfall is secured, a tender process is not proceeding. Cork County Council has to date provided funding for the land costs, enabling works, planning, design costs as well a significant contribution to the track

development. Therefore, Cork County Council is not in a position to provide any further funding to this element of the project other than that already committed. The Council is exploring other national funding streams. Additionally, the clubs seeking the development of the facility will need to provide capital match funding for the proposed development. At present, Cork County Council does not have any resources or funding to allocate for the Part 8 Design for a Clubhouse/Basketball Facilities. It remains the objective that any such facility will be led, designed and developed by potential clubs on the site in the future.

- c) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 14/08/2023 "That Cork County Council clear the footpath between Kanturk Recycling Centre and Sally's Cross which is very overgrown at present".

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

Response The SEE said it was his understanding is that these works are complete.

- d) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 16/08/2023 "That the Kanturk-Mallow Municipal District relocate the bins which were recently taken up from Bowling Green to different locations in Mallow Town and that all bins taken up from the old playground during renovation either be placed into the new skatepark or else relocated to different parts of Mallow Town. That this be done in consultation with Mallow Tidy Towns."

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

Response The MDO replied Bins will be installed in the Skate Park once completed. The bins removed were primarily being filled with domestic refuse. As a result, the area was being littered with bags of domestic waste being left long side the bins on numerous occasions and detracting the from the general appearance of the town. We are currently carrying out a review of the locations of the bins in Mallow and should Councillors / Tidy Towns be aware of particular black spots if they could email the MD we will monitor and survey these areas.

- e) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 21/08/2023 "That an update be given on the carrying out of works to the old library building in Kanturk so that the scaffolding erected by CCC can be removed".

This notice of motion was withdrawn by Cllr John Paul O'Shea prior to the meeting.

- f) Cllr. Ian Doyle 24/08/2023 "That Cork County Council would give update on traffic calming measures for Charleville N20 and Main Street. "

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

Response Following receipt of this motion, the SEE sought a response from the National Road Design Office. The following update was received:

"Cork County Council is currently developing design options for improved pedestrian crossing facilities and enhanced streetscape proposals for the main street in Charleville. To inform this process, a number of surveys have been progressed or are under way. Variable message signboards have been deployed on the approaches to the town of Charleville to raise motorists' awareness of pedestrians crossing the main street. In addition, fixed signs have been deployed along the main street to raise pedestrians' awareness of traffic on the main street. We expect to be in a position to present outline details of the developing proposals to the Elected Members in advance of the next Northern Divisional Meeting."

- g) Cllr. Ian Doyle 24/08/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at extending Tullylease Graveyard."

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

Response The MD have also been approached by constituents in the Tullylease area and are currently investigating the possibility of extending the graveyard. At the moment there is no budget allocation in the 2023 budget however, all avenues of funding will be investigated.

- h) Cllr. Ian Doyle 24/08/2023 "That Cork County Council would write to Irish Water to provide

connection to water mains for residents up to and including Graveyard in Tullylease."

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

Response The MDO agreed to send a letter to Irish Water.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) It was agreed on a trial for October's monthly meeting of Kanturk Mallow MD that the Senior Executive Engineer and the Municipal District Officer's reports would be made available to the members prior to the day of the meeting. It is hoped that this will lead to greater efficiencies and shorter meetings.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 6th October 2023 @10.30 a.m. – Blended Meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.