

#### **CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Meeting: 24/06/2024

Minutes proceeding of Ordinary meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 15:00.

**Present:** Cllr. Seamus McGrath (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Audrey Buckley, Cllr. Ben Dalton O Sullivan, Cllr. Una McCarthy, Cllr. Jack White, Cllr. Eoghan Fahy

**In Attendance:** Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer; Denise Kidney, Municipal District Officer; Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Kate Magner, Staff Officer; Sarah Graham, Assistant Staff Officer.

Cllr. McGrath opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and congratulated Councillors on reelection.

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on May 20th, 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Una McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Jack White.

## 2. Matters Arising

None

#### 3. Correspondence

Ms. Kidney relayed correspondence received from the Carrigaline RFC club who wished to thank councillors for their decision to allocate the Club €1600 from the TDF, in order to help fund their club trip to Guidel.

Cllr. Buckley asked if a response was received from the NTA. Ms Kidney said she is still awaiting a response from the NTA regarding a meeting request.

# 4. Breithniúcháin ar Tuairiscí agus Moltaí / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

None

# 5. Municipal District Officers Report

Denise Kidney delivered the Municipal District Officers Report and invited questions from the members. Cllr. McGrath noted the reduction of seasonal toilets at the carpark at Kilnagleary from



two to one, he asked if there was any scope to add another toilet here. Ms. Kidney advised that the budget could be examined. Cllr. White requested that a permanent toilet be add. Mr. Murphy stated the request was funding dependant but would review it.

#### 6. Roads Engineers Report

Madeleine Healy delivered a report updating the councillors on road works. All councillors thanked Ms. Healy for her report.

Cllr. Buckley asked the following:

- If the contractor is available to do additional lining on the point road,
- If safety improvement works do not go forward, then she would request a raised table at Ballinhassig,
- When will works commence on phase 2 of Graball and is funding available.

Cllr. McCarthy asked the following:

- What is the timeframe for the public lighting programme at Pembroke and Avondale,
- Bus-stop sign at Fountainstown needs to be relined.

Cllr. White requested a meeting to discuss the roads programme. Ms. Healy confirmed a meeting will be arranged.

Cllr. Fahy asked the following:

- Clarification on the location of the Upper pembroke community involvement scheme,
- If the Bridge in Monkstown was included in the Storm Babet works or was it under different funding. Ms Healy confirmed it was a different funding scheme as Storm Babet Road Restoration works only focused on road works.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Ms. Healy for the addition of Public Lighting on Station road, he noted with regret the delay re safety improvement works in Ballygarvan and that a pedestrian crossing was needed there.

Ms. Healy confirmed that the lining of point road could be completed, if the budget allows it. Regarding safety improvement works at Ballinhassig, she explained that she has asked the design section to review it from a traffic calming perspective.

Regarding Graball Ms. Healy explained that extra funding was received for restoration improvement works, and further noted that Graball would be considered depending on funding available. Cllr. White asked how much money was received, Ms. Healy stated approximately €200,000. Ms. Healy explained that the public lighting scheme was handled by a different team, therefore she could not give a timeframe. She noted that the relining of the bus stop can be examined.



# 7. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:/To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

#### **Cllr Jack White**

1. Can an update be provided on the previous request of an indoor Multi-Use sports complex for the largest town in the County – Carrigaline.

Cllr. White stated that it is a key priority for Carrigaline to prioritise the delivery of a recreational amenity space within Carrigaline. Cllr. White acknowledged and thanked Mr. Murphy for his response and asked that Cork County Council take the lead in progression of this so the workload will not be put back on the sports club. Cllr. McGrath supports this motion. Mr. Murphy noted that they are mindful of the needs of the Carrigaline area. Mr. Murphy expanded on his response, highlighting the need for match funding and the ability of clubs and associations to show commitment to managing a facility. He also advised that while the Council will endeavour to support feasible projects, we would not typically take the lead on such projects.

2. That this MD seeks an update on the delivery of the new public carpark on the Aldi site (adjoining Main Street).

Cllr. White explained that the delivery of this carparking is vital for the Carrigaline area. Cllr. White thanked Ms. Kidney for her response and asked that the delivery be a priority. Cllr. McGrath supports this motion. Mr. Murphy noted that the property section is active in getting this over the line.

3. That this MD seeks an update on the extra road resurfacing works to be done locally given the increased Govt funding.

Cllr. White thanked Ms. Healy for her response.

#### **Cllr Seamus McGrath**

1. That a footpath connection be constructed to link the Water's Edge development to the existing footpath on Church Road.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Ms. Healy for her response and requested that a timeline be sought from the planning department. Ms. Healy confirmed she would follow up with planning section.

2. To request that this Municipal District devise an Anti-Dog Fouling Plan, with a key element the provision of additional dog fouling bins.

Cllr. McGrath noted Ms. Kidney response and requested that this motion be progressed. Cllr. Buckley suggested a proactive approach of engaging with local schools and to organise a poster competition campaign. Cllr. White supports this motion; he suggested that this MD would write to the Department of Environment and request they set aside a budget for a national advertising campaign about dog



fouling. Cllr. McCarthy supports this motion. She noted occurring incidents of dog-fouling bags left behind and suggested the introduction of bins.

Ms. Kidney stated that she would organise an in-committee meeting with councillors to discuss solutions and options available. She further explained that the supply of bins may not be the correct solution as it could lead to public misuse. Mr. Murphy noted that to allow for such arrangements it would mean a request for an increase in budgetary provisions. He suggested that an onus should be placed on public awareness of the issue.

3. To request that the Zebra Crossing in Glenbrook be raised to improve safety and act as a traffic calming measure.

Cllr. McGrath noted Ms. Healy response, he explained that this issue has been raised numerous times, parking is located very close to the area which is causing extra safety concerns. The area has a busy stretch of road and traffic calming measures are needed. Cllr. McGrath suggested that the Sustainable Travel Unit examine the issue. Cllr. Fahy supports this motion, he explained that visibility was poor in the area and improved safety was needed. Ms. Healy explained that she had spoken to the Sustainable Travel Unit and explained that once they are finished with the preliminary design stage and advanced with plans, she will discuss suitable options available.

Cllr. McGrath suggested the installation of bollards to the area.

#### Cllr Audrey Buckley

1. Crosshaven Village feasibility study - To seek an update of where are we with it? Has anything progressed after the 2nd report over a year ago? Parking is becoming a very heated issue in the area and a plan needs to be progressed for the betterment of everyone living in the area and visitors.

Cllr. Buckley thanked Mr. Murphy for his response, she asked if anything is being done as the current situation is not suitable. Cllr. White and Cllr. McGrath support this motion. Mr. Murphy acknowledged the issue and explained that enforcement may need to be examined, which is a Garda issue. Mr. Murphy noted that the framework plan for the area would see the addition of 15-18 spaces, which could alleviate the issues. Mr. Murphy advised a common way to resolve such issues would be the introduction of paid parking. Cllr. Buckley noted the issuing of parking tickets was not a deterrent as the Gardaí issued up to 60 tickets over a weekend period. Cllr. Buckley suggested the purchasing of land for parking. Mr. Murphy said he would examine proposals but explained to councillors that national policy is focused on Active Travel measures and funding for car parks can be difficult to obtain.

 I would ask that we address the overgrowth on our rural roads. With the climate conditions, the visibility on rural roads walked by many. Landowners have to be held accountable, Carrigaline MD is doing the brunt of the cutting back, is coming out of our Carrigaline MD budget.

Cllr. Buckley explained that landowners are not cutting their own verges, she suggested measures be examined around visibility and safety, such as issuing letters to landowners to advised them to maintain verges. Ms. Healy explained that the council does cut junctions and areas with visibility issues. Ms. Healy stated that every year national and local advertisements are released to make



landowners aware of their responsibilities. Ms. Healy explained that the MD would not carry out blanket cutting of areas, as it is not feasible.

Cllr. McGrath seconded this motion.

3. That we install flashing boards on the R612 by kilim Corner.

Cllr. Buckley thanked Ms. Healy for her response and requested a permanent speed sign be placed in the area. Cllr. McGrath seconded this motion. Ms. Healy explained that she would put it forward for consideration but will not commit to a permanent sign as it is against Council and National policy to have it up on a permanent basis. Cllr. White asked if the data was received for the previous signs. Ms. Healy explained that the data is not received in real time but will submit the data to councillors once collected.

## **Cllr Eoghan Fahy**

1. To request Assumption Villas, Rockenham, be included in the resurfacing programme for 2024.

Cllr. Fahy welcomed Ms. Healy response. Cllr. Fahy explained that this is an extremely bad section of road that needs to be prioritised and if funding is not available in 2024, it should be a high priority for 2025.

Cllr. McGrath second this motion. Ms. Healy confirmed they are aware of the issue, and it is on their list.

2. To request a suitability survey be carried out in Passage West town centre to identify a suitable site for a designated car park for when funding is available.

Cllr. Fahy explained that businesses are struggling due to the lack of carpark space available. He requested that a suitability survey be carried out, therefore when funding becomes available, works can commence without delaying the project. Cllr. McCarthy supports this motion and notes that the public are avoiding the town due to lack of spaces. Cllr. McGrath supports this motion. Ms. Kidney stated that the area will be reviewed, and lands will be examined.

3. The MD would write to the NTA asking for the installation of a bus shelter at the Harbour Heights stop R610.

Cllr. Fahy explained that he previously discussed the issue with the NTA in March 2024 however no progress has been made. Ms. Kidney confirmed that the MD has written to the NTA. The NTA confirmed they received the request, and it will be reviewed. Cllr. McGrath seconds this motion.



#### **Cllr Una McCarthy**

1. To ask the Sustainable Travel Unit to liaise with Bus Eireann and the NTA to provide a bus shelter on the R611 outside Janeville heading inbound to Carrigaline.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Ms. Kidney for her response and noted the importance of a bus shelter at this area. Cllr. White and Cllr. McGrath supported this motion.

2. Requesting that Black Hill be included in the resurfacing program for 2024.

Ms. Healy confirmed this is high priority. If funding is available, works would possibly begin in 2024 but this may be 2025. Ms. Healy stated that a short-term solution could be sought. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan seconded this motion.

3. To request a pedestrian guardrail to be erected on the narrow footpath on the N28 from Cork Road to Shamrocks GAA Club in Shanbally.

Cllr. McCarthy explained that families in the area would like to be able to walk their children to school or to the GAA Club but are unable to do so due to the traffic volume on the road. Cllr. McCarthy welcomed Ms. Healy response. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion.

#### Cllr Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

 To ask that the area engineer would investigate a continuation of the footpath from Heatherfield, Waterfall to the city boundary. I am asking that the area engineer would ascertain whether sufficient publicly owned lands exist to facilitate the footpath, and if so, to look to the NTA for funding.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Ms. Healy for her response. Cllr. Buckley seconds this motion.

2. To ask that a safer pedestrian crossing be installed to the playground in Ringaskiddy across the main road.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Ms. Healy for her response. Cllr. Buckley seconds this motion.

3. To ask that the area engineer would consider a form of safe crossing at Killeady bridge (carpark to Barrett's Bar)

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Ms. Healy for her response. Cllr. Buckley seconds this motion.



## 7. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. White, Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Buckley proposed a vote to congratulate the organisers of the Mark O'Riordan memorial dart competition.

## 8. Any Other Business

Cllr. McCarthy asked for an update on her previous motion on the installation bollards on the lower Kilmoney Rd.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan requested that the Water container at the Killingley cemetery be replaced.

Cllr. Buckley asked the following:

- If funding was sourced for the Myrtleville slipway
- Signage for Fort Camden
- If there was an update from the Litter Warden regarding causal traders having their own bins

Cllr. Fahy asked that elected members receive the data from the flashing speed signs Carrigmahon Hill.

Ms. Healy confirmed that councillors would be given the data from the speed signs. Ms. Healy said she would revert back to Cllr. McCarthy with an update on the bollards at Killmoney Rd.

Ms. Healy requested Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan issues her information on the water container.

Ms. Kidney confirmed that she had received a quote for the Myrtleville slipway.

Regarding the bins for causal traders, Ms. Kidney confirmed she was in contact with the Litter Warden who stated he would examine the area.

Ms. Kidney requested that Cllr. Buckley email her the information regarding the signs at Fort Camden so she could review the request.