

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on Friday 04th October 2024 @ at 10.30 a.m.

I Lathair: Cllr Pat Hayes presided.
Cllr Ian Doyle, Cllr Eoghan Kenny, Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Cllr Trish Murphy, Cllr Bernard Moynihan, Cllr John Paul O’Shea, Cllr Tony O’ Shea

Ag Freastal: Mr Billy O’ Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr Aidan Creagh, Senior Executive Officer Municipal District & Rural Operations,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Mr Denis Beecher, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,
Mr John O’ Dell, Executive Engineer,
Ms Niamh Mullins, Meeting Administrator.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 06th September 2024

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Friday 06th September 2024 were unanimously adopted on the **proposal of Cllr JP O’ Shea and seconded by Cllr I Doyle.**

Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

2. Statutory Business

- (a) Section 183 - Lease of Kilshannig Church and adjoining Right of Way to the public road, Newberry, Mallow, Co. Cork. To Whom It Is Proposed to Dispose: Noel Finnegan and Lisa Lucey (Kilshannig Community Hub)
Proposed by: Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr JP O’ Shea

3. Notices of Motion.

- (a) That speed ramps are installed in the centre of Lismire village to slow down the traffic through the village." Cllr B Moynihan (18/09/2024)
Proposed by Cllr B Moynihan and Seconded by Cllr JP O Shea

Cllr B Moynihan said that speed is an issue in Lismire and in particular in the vicinity of the school. He asked if ramps or other traffic calming measures could be considered here.

Cllr JP O’ Shea seconded this motion and said that Lismire had not received much attention by the Municipal District over the past number of years and he called for drain cleaning, road lining and traffic calming measures to be implemented and for attention to be paid in vicinity of the GAA grounds also.

Cllr I Doyle supported this motion also.

Response by: Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

A speed survey was undertaken in Lismire following receipt of representations earlier this year. The findings of the Survey are as follows;

AADT:424, HCV: 0.10%, V₈₅: 62 kmph, V_{avg}: 49kmph, Speed Violation: 25%

The Area Engineer has met with the Community Group on site at Lismire to discuss their concerns which includes ramps, a raised pedestrian crossing serving the school and the church and footpath linkages within the village. A full design will be required and we will seek to have it included as a possible NTA design project for 2025.

- (b) "That traffic feedback signs are installed at both sides of Clonbanin Cross."
Cllr B Moynihan (18/09/2024)

Proposed by Cllr B Moynihan and Seconded by Cllr JP O' Shea.

Cllr B Moynihan proposed this motion and said that this is an extremely busy junction and traffic feedback signs would be a huge benefit here. He also said that the planned upgrade of the N72 will see and increase in the volume of traffic.

Cllr JP O' Shea seconded the motion and said that this would be a benefit to both motorists and residents. He also highlighted the issue of vegetation growing on the bridge between Sandpit house and Clonbannin which he said is causing an issue for HGV's.

Cllr G Murphy supported this motion also and also supported Cllr O' Shea's comments on the bridge and he called for the speed limit to be reviewed here also.

Response by: Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

As this Notice of Motion relates to the N72 which is under the remit of TII, it has been forwarded to the Cork RDO who have advised that this proposal will need to be assessed under the heading of a potential safety improvement scheme. In this regard, the Cork RDO will commence a review of road traffic/incident data for this location which may support the installation of safety improvements, including the potential installation of traffic feedback signs at this location. Please note that any proposed safety improvement measures are subject to TII technical acceptance and funding approval.

- (c) "That traffic calming measures are put in place on the mallow road on entrance to Boherbue." Cllr B Moynihan (18/09/2024)

Proposed by Cllr B Moynihan and Seconded by Cllr I Doyle

Cllr B Moynihan proposed this motion and said that Boherbue is a very busy village with 2 large schools and a nursing home. He complimented the works carried out at the National School and said these are of a very high standard. He said that that the new factory in the village would install traffic calming measures on the Kiskeam side as part of a condition of planning but he said that traffic calming is required on the Mallow side also for traffic travelling west.

Cllr I Doyle seconded this motion.

Cllr JP O' Shea supported this motion also and complimented Phase 1 and asked for an update on the implementation of Phase 2. He also highlighted the issue of the lack of public lighting in the village.

Response by: Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

This location has been nominated to the Non-National Road Design Office for the design of traffic calming measures and to advance a Section 38 for the works. This scheme will be nominated for NTA funding in 2025 as the next phase for the village following the completion of works on the Knocknagree Road.

- (d) "That Cork County Council update members on the re—surfacing plans for the main village in Castlemagner which is very poor at present. Also, investigate the possibility of improving sightlines as you exit Churchfield Estate in the village". Cllr JP O'Shea (24/09/2024)

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

Cllr JP O' Shea said that this needs to be looked at seriously in 2025 and said that the current condition of the road is extremely poor. Cllr I Doyle seconded the motion.

Response by: Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Castlemagner Village L-1042-0/21 will be considered for inclusion in the 2025-2027 Roads Programme. It should be noted that the approach road from Cecilstown, L-5114-0 has been re-surfaced in 2024.

- (e) "That Cork County Council update members on plans to improve the junction at Sheepmount Cross, Castlemagner which currently has very poor visibility". Cllr JP O'Shea (24/09/2024)

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

Cllr JP O' Shea proposed this motion and said that sightlines particularly to the west need attention. He asked if a Low Cost Safety Scheme could be considered here.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

This location has been nominated to the Non-National Road Design Office for Survey and Design of a potential future Low-Cost Safety Scheme. Subject to the final design, a Section 38, Land Acquisition, etc. may be required to progress the Scheme. It should be noted that there are a number of projects in the KMMD area awaiting Low-Cost Safety Scheme Funding and the progression of a proposed scheme at this location would be subject to the Funding Allocation. In the interim the Mallow Area Roads Office can engage with respective landowners on hedge-cutting to ensure the maximum available sightlines are maintained within the confines of the current boundaries and junction layout.

- (f) "That Cork County Council update members on traffic calming measures proposed for Smith's Road, Charleville". Cllr JP O'Shea (24/09/2024)

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

Cllr JP O Shea proposed this motion and said that an extensive amount of work has been carried out particularly in the New Line area and asked if there are any further plans for the remainder of the road. He complimented the progress that has been made to date.

Cllr I Doyle seconded the motion and also complimented the progress. He asked for clarification on the position of the proposed pedestrian crossing following the resurfacing.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Construction has commenced on the Park Road/Smiths Road Junction improvement works which include the provision of 2No Pedestrian crossings and new footpaths. Works will be progressed on the installation of footpaths and associated civil works over the coming weeks and the junction overlay incorporating the 2no.pedestrian crossings is scheduled to be undertaken during the school mid-term break to minimize disruption in the area. Cork County Council are also hoping to advance designs for two further pedestrian crossing on Smiths Road during 2025 namely one at Lios Na Ri and another at Meadow Vale.

- (g) "That Cork County Council would cut back trees on green in Kennedy Place Charleville and Holy Cross." Cllr I Doyle (26/09/2024)

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

Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and said that this is an old housing estate at the southern side of Charleville near the graveyard. He said that the Tidy Towns Committee and the residents maintain the estate but the trees need professional attention.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Charleville Area Roads Office have inspected the areas outlined and have identified trees overhanging the public road which will be cut back during Qtr 4 of 2024.

- (h) "That Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures on N20 north side of Charleville around garden of Remembrance." Cllr I Doyle (26/09/2024)

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

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and said that both speed and the volume of traffic is an issue at this location. He also highlighted traffic coming from the church approaching the N20 and said that speed is an issue here also. He also referred to the fact that there are up to 280 extra people using this road following the building of modular homes for Ukrainian refugees. He called for ramps or other measures at this location and further down towards Lidl also.

Cllr JP O' Shea seconded this motion and said this is a very busy area with shops, residents and a hotel. He said that the building of the modular homes should have included this measure.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

As this Notice of Motion relates to the N20 which is under the remit of TII, it has been forwarded to the Cork RDO who have advised that they review this location and assess it against available accident and collision data. Please note we don't currently have funding for the installation of safety improvement measures at this location and any proposal to install same would be subject to TII approval.

Following the SEE response Cllr I Doyle asked if this could be treated as a matter of urgency and if pressure could be applied in this respect.

Cllr JP asked to clarify if a proposal has already been sent to TII for funding to develop a plan. He referred to a meeting attended by KMMD members where TII gave approval for whatever measures were required in Charleville.

The SEE said that he would revert to the Roads Design Office for an update.

- (i) "That Cork County Council would flush out gullies in Meadowvale Charleville, look at reinforcing bank and clean out river in this estate to prevent further flooding." Cllr I Doyle (26/09/2024)

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

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and said there is an issue with flooding in this estate. He said that it has been identified by CFrams as a 1 in a 1000 areas at risk of flooding however there have been 3 incidents of flooding of the past number of years. He also said that householders here are unable to obtain house insurance. He said that the embankment which was a flood barrier has reduced and there is also a gap in one section which is now resulting in flooding. He also said that the river also needs to be cleaned out and especially on the approach to another episode of extreme weather following a weather warning.

Cllr JP O' Shea seconded the motion and said that gullies need to be cleared ahead of heavy rain and any potential areas of flooding need to be identified and dealt with accordingly. He also said that a long term plan needs to be identified.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Charleville Area Office will arrange to inspect the gullies within Meadowvale estate and will clean them out where required.

We will arrange to survey the existing embankment to identify the scope of the works required and will separately liaise with the Co. Engineers Department in relation to securing funding to advance the necessary works. The cleaning of the river is the responsibility of the riparian landowners.

- (j) "That Cork CoCo would investigate the opening of a community garden at Mallow Castle. This garden could be run on a voluntary basis. There would be huge health benefits for the community through exercise, fresh air and a very sociable pastime. It could also produce organic fresh food." Cllr P Hayes (29/09/2024)

Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr JP O' Shea

Cllr P Hayes proposed this motion.

Cllr JP O' Shea seconded this motion.

Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

The council appreciates the proposal to investigate the opening of a community garden, recognising the significant health benefits associated with such initiatives including increased physical activity, enhanced mental wellbeing and the fostering of social connections within the community. The Castle Grounds may not have an area which could be sectioned off to facilitate a community garden. However, we can explore the use of other Council owned property in Mallow which potentially could be leased to community groups interested in establishing and maintaining a community garden as this aligns with our commitment to promoting community engagement and wellbeing.

In order to progress the above, we would like to seek clarification on the motion submitted. Specifically, there is no mention of a particular group that would be responsible for the garden, nor is there any information of their experience or qualifications in gardening. Understanding the capabilities and expertise of the proposed group will be essential in ensuring the garden's success and sustainability. Please provide contact details for the nominees and the MDO will contact.

Cllr Hayes will revert with the contact details of interested parties.

- (k) "That Cork Co Co would look at remedial works to improve the height of the arch at Norcotts Lane , Mallow. A number of people have struck their head as the archway is so low." Cllr P Hayes (29/09/2024)
Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr L Madden

Cllr P Hayes proposed this motion.
Cllr L Madden seconded this motion.

Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

While there is a right of way through this laneway it is not a public road and it is not in the ownership of Cork County Council. There is a private building over the laneway the first floor of which is supported by 3 no. beams, which get progressively lower as you enter the laneway from Thomas Davis Street. As this is private property Cork County Council have no authority to alter the height of archway in question. We would also note that this laneway is contained within an Architectural Conservation Area (Mallow Conservation Area) as per the Cork County Development Plan, 2022 and any works there by the property owner would potentially require planning permission and significant input from the Cork County Council Conservation Officer.

Cllr P Hayes asked to clarify that Cork County Council has no authority in this respect. He suggested that the ground level could be lowered. Cllr G Murphy supported Cllr Hayes comments and asked if the building owner could be written to. Cllr Hayes expressed support for this.

The Senior Executive Officer issued caution with regard to writing to the owner as it is located in a Special Area of Conservation.

Cllr Murphy asked if the Conservation Officer could be contacted to seek appropriate advice

The Municipal District Officer said that she will liaise with the roads engineers and revert to members.

- (l) "That Cork CoCo would improve the signage at the junction above Rahan School. A number of vehicles have failed to negotiate the right hand bend as there is very poor visibility and signage. With the school adjacent it is a very dangerous bend." Cllr P Hayes (29/09/2024)
Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr L Madden

Cllr P Hayes proposed this motion
Cllr L Madden seconded this motion and said that there have been major works carried out by Uisce Eireann in recent years and no road markings

have been re-instated. He also said that there is an issue with speed here and it needs to be included in the next roads programme.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer
Mallow Area Roads Office will arrange to inspect this junction and the necessary advance junction warning signage and road markings identified will be installed in Qtr4 of 2024.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

(a) Municipal District Officers Report

Members were presented with the Municipal District Officers Report prior to the meeting. Members were requested to approve the following:

Community Grants Request Repurpose :

Group Name: Kilcorney Old Graveyard Committee CFS 400228692-
Amenity Fund

Grant Allocation: €2000

Purpose: Install information boards and repairs to a boundary stone wall.

Extension & Repurpose : Now changed to install information boards and replace the main gate into the graveyard. Extension of time until 31st December 2024.

Proposed by: Cllr B Moynihan, Seconded by: Cllr JP O' Shea

Group Name : The Schoolyard Theatre - CFS585880431 – Amenity Fund

Grant Allocation: €6,150

Purpose: Provide new entry gates and outdoor lighting for the building

Amendment: Amending from Amenity Fund to Community Contract

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

Members welcomed the report and raised the following issues:

Cllr P Hayes welcomed works completed at Bowling Green Carpark.

Cllr B Moynihan referred to the bridge in Freemount which is very dangerous and asked if this could be incorporated into the traffic calming plan. He also asked if there is any possibility of a funding to assist the Freemount Community Development Association with a footbridge.

Cllr I Doyle referred to Charleville Town Park and said that there are a couple of areas that are in need of attention following the "No Mow May" initiative and asked if these could be attended to as soon as possible.

Cllr T Murphy asked with regard to the installation of ramps at Priory Park in Newmarket from the Town Development Fund.

Cllr L Madden complimented the success of recent events held at Mallow Castle and said that they are good for local businesses and said that these should continue. He referred to the €100,000 that was awarded to Buttevant Playground Upgrade from the Community Recognition Fund and referred to the fact that all playgrounds need regular maintenance and in particular the older ones and need sufficient funding for this.

He asked for an update on works being carried out at Park Road as part of an Active Travel programme and asked if there is any plan to remove trees here. He expressed disappointment on the uptake on the painting scheme. He raised the issue of access to the Convent Graveyard in Buttevant. He said that planning had been applied for here however this had been refused

due to the wall being in a conservation area. He asked if alternatives could be explored here.

Cllr I Doyle asked for an update on discussions held with Tullylease Community Council with regard to an extension to the graveyard.

Cllr JP O' Shea complimented the current appearance of the picnic area at Navagation Road, Mallow and asked if other areas could be considered for picnic areas. He also said that the funding allocated to playgrounds needs to be increased in the future and he highlighted the budget v's spend figure in 2024 as an example. He supported Cllr T Murphys call for money to be allocated to Priory Park. He welcomed the completed works at Boeing Bridge, Dromsciane.

Cllr T O' Shea also welcomed works at Bowling Green Carpark and expressed his hope that next phase will be completed in 2025. He asked for the addition of an extra wheelchair space at the Garda Station side of the carpark.

The Municipal District Officer responded as follows:

She advised that the Area Engineer will be consulted in relation to Freemount.

Area's that were included in "No Mow May" will be looked at as will the Graveyard in Tullylease.

Priory Park, Newmarket will be considered for funding with the Area Engineer.

She advised that works at the playground in Buttevant awarded under the Community Recognition Fund is currently out to tender.

She advised that the Convent Graveyard is not under the remit of Cork County Council.

She said that other sites for picnic areas will be considered.

She agreed with Councillors comments with regard to playground funding.

She advised that the budget allocated to Bowling Green has been fully used and she will be looking for similar funding for 2025 as she said there is no budget for carpark maintenance.

Allocation of an extra wheelchair space will be considered.

**(b) Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Billy O' Sullivan
SEE:**

Members were presented with the Senior Executive Engineers report prior to the meeting.

Cllr I Doyle referred to the road from Horn Horse Cross to Ardnageeha which he said is in very bad repair and the road at Glengarriff, Newtown to Newtown Village and he asked if these could be included in the roads programme.

Cllr L Madden referred to delay's in repairs to be carried out to public lighting. He also raised the issue of road markings outside Joyces Garden Centre on the Navagation Road and also road markings on the N20 at Ballybeg and Boherash. He welcomed the realignment works at Ballykillogue and the drainage works carried out at Burnfort off the N20. He called for the provision of a proper signaled pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Buttevant which is very dangerous particularly at school times.

He referred to the fact that work has begun on the bus shelter at Rathduff and compared this location to Newtownpothouse where there is a crossing and asked why a bus shelter can't be accommodated here also. He also asked if additional survey's have been carried out in Buttevant for the

provision of another shelter or an alternative shelter. He said that the current situation of passenger crossing the road is very dangerous and he said that residents are considering protesting on this issue. He referred to a statement from the NTA who said that people at bus stops should be dry. Cllr JP O' Shea and Cllr P Hayes supported Cllr Maddens comments.

The Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:

He confirmed that the roads that Cllr Doyle referred to will be included in the next roads programme for consideration.

He asked that any public lighting faults will be forwarded and referred to the public lighting engineer.

The issue of Navagation Road has been referred to TII who said that it is realigned in accordance with Department of Transport guidelines, there is no requirement to break a continuous line for access and egress to property (or business). It is only broken at a road junction (5 No. 1m gaps).

In relation to Boherash, he advised that this was previously addressed stating that the Road Marking Guidelines have been updated and turning arrows are now only provided where there are dedicated turning lanes on the road. He agreed to meet with Cllr Madden to review existing measures in place and to identify any alternative measures required.

With regard to the pedestrian crossing at the northern side of Buttevant he advised that he was aware that the Cork RDO were reviewing this following previous Notice of Motions and that he would seek an update.

The following response was provided by the Roads and Transportation Directorate in relation to bus stops;

Funding for Phase 3 of the bus stop upgrade programme was confirmed by the NTA in July and we are currently reviewing tenders received in relation to same. Subject to the successful conclusion of the procurement process it is envisaged that works will commence in Q4 2024. Regarding the individual locations referenced:

Grenagh/Rathduff: This location is included under Phase 3.

Newtwopothouse: Due to safety concerns this location will not be upgraded until the crossing of the N20 has been addressed.

Buttevant: This matter has been discussed and clarified previously.

6. Any Other Business

Cllr JP O' Shea raised the issue of the Bus Eireann 243 Service and upgrade which is required. He said that members were notified of upgrade plans in 2023 which were due for implementation in 2024 and nothing has happened to date, he stated that a shortage of drivers is one of the issues around the implementation. He also said that the R523, R522 and R521 Local Link services serving West Duhallow and connecting with Mallow and Cork are also in need of attention. He proposed to write to the NTA and Bus Eireann to seek and update on the enhancement of the 243 service.

This proposal was supported by Cllr's G Murphy, Hayes and Moynihan who referred to his recent motion on the rollout of the Leap Card to both Banteer and Charleville which would hugely improve the connectivity of the Duhallow region.

Cllr L Madden also supported this motion and referred to the fact that buses are not showing up at scheduled times with no explanation, he said this is not acceptable to commuters.

Cllr B Moynihan welcomed planning permission for Equine Centre in Duhallow which he said would be a huge benefit to the region and also to both children and parents availing of the services offered. He proposed to write a letter of thanks to the Director of Planning, Mr Pdraig Barrett.

Cllr I Doyle supported Cllr Moynihan's comments.

Cllr L Madden also raised the issue of advertising boards on the N20 approach to the roundabout in Mallow and the excessive number and the time they are placed there, sometimes well after an event has taken place. He asked if member could be briefed on policy here.

Cllr L Madden proposed a vote of Sympathy to Mr Paul O' Donoghue, Roads on the death of his sister Mary Glavin.

Cllr I Doyle proposed a vote of Sympathy to the family of former Minister Mary O' Rourke.

5. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday 01st November 2024

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____

CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____

Signed: _____

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____