

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on Friday 08th November 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 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,
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,
Ms Niamh Mullins, Meeting Administrator.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 04th October 2024

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Friday 06th September 2024 were unanimously adopted on the **proposal of Cllr I Doyle and seconded by Cllr T O' Shea.**

Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

2. Statutory Business

(a) Section 183 - Grant of Right of Way at Barna, Newtownshandrum, Charleville, Co. Cork. 26m Length X 6m Width approx. To Whom It Is Proposed to Dispose: Suzanne & Martin Dillon.

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

(b) Section 183 - Disposal of Land at Ballinla, Freemount, Charleville, Co. Cork. To Whom It Is Proposed to Dispose: Michael McCarthy.

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

© This item was withdrawn and was dealt with In-Committee.

At the outset of the meeting, Cllr P Hayes wished all the candidates and particularly members of this committee who are candidates the best of luck in the forthcoming General Election. He also expressed congratulations to President Elect in the United States Mr Donald Trump and said that it is important to maintain trade links with the US going forward.

Cllr I Doyle proposed a suspension of Standing Orders and referred to a recent fatal road accident on Main Street, Charleville and he expressed his sympathies for the deceased woman's family. He said that this again highlights the importance of the safety measures to continue.

Cllr JP O' Shea supported Cllr's Doyle's comments and said it important to ensure that the plan for safety is implemented in full.

3. Notices of Motion.

- (a) "That the council support the construction of a foot bridge at very dangerous bridge On the Newmarket entrance to freemount." Cllr B Moynihan (04/10/2024)

This item was deferred to the December meeting as Cllr Moynihan was not in attendance.

- (b) "That an update be provided on progress on derelict building next to hall in Boherbue" Cllr B Moynihan (04/10/2024)

This item was deferred to the December meeting as Cllr Moynihan was not in attendance.

- (c) "That an update be provided on progress on derelict building on top of strand street Kanturk" Cllr B Moynihan (04/10/2024)

This item was deferred to the December meeting as Cllr Moynihan was not in attendance.

- (d) "That Cork County Council would give update on plans for Tullylease Graveyard extension. Cllr I Doyle (24/10/2024)

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

Cllr Doyle proposed this motion and said that discussions are ongoing between Cork County Council and adjoining landowner. He said that the current graveyard is full to capacity and an extension is required. Cllr JP O' Shea seconded the motion and referred to similar issues at Rockchapel and Dromina

Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

KMMD are currently carrying out a review of the graveyard extensions requests across the MD. We have a number of large graveyard extension requests including Tullylease which would require very substantial funding in the coming years for land purchase and construction. The level of funding required for each site and order of priority in which they can be funded are now being examined.

Cllr Doyle acknowledged the response provided and asked if there is approval in principle here?

The Senior Executive Officer responded to say that costs are currently being assessed following a feasibility report, the executive will revert to members following a review at the December 2024 meeting.

Cllr JP O' Shea asked if discussions have taken place with the landowner.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that no discussions have taken place.

- (e) "That Cork County Council would give update on traffic calming measures in Newtown and Freemount and timeline of same." Cllr I Doyle (24/10/2024)

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

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and referred to the extensive work carried out here during the most recent council term where a plan had been approved. He said there is a huge need for traffic calming here at present.

Cllr JP O' Shea seconded the motion and also acknowledged the work carried out to date. He also referred to discussions that have taken place with the community with respect to NTA funding for 2025. He looks forward to further progress.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Section 38 Process has been completed for traffic calming works for both Newtownshandrum and Freemount Villages. Taking into consideration the extent of works proposed at both locations, the works will have to be phased over time. These schemes will be nominated for NTA funding in 2025.

- (f) "That Cork County Council would provide water station at Ballyhea Graveyard." Cllr I Doyle (24/10/2024)

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

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and said that this is an ongoing issue. Cllr JP O' Shea seconded this motion and said that it is very important to have a water supply here. He acknowledged that the recent addition of the Calvary at Ballyhea Graveyard and he thanked the Municipal District Officer for her efforts in this regard.

Response by Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

We will investigate the feasibility of providing the tap in question and revert at the next meeting.

- (g) "Re Mallow Bus Stop and Shelter upgrading of same update its important that Shelter is bigger and two sided also if in same area maintenance work on road beside water constantly there when raining." Cllr L Madden (29/10/2024)

Proposed by Cllr L Madden and seconded by Cllr G Murphy

Cllr L Madden proposed this motion and said that his understanding was that plans for the bus stop at the Park Road, Mallow had been finalised. He said that this current shelter is too small for the number of people using this stop and he stressed the importance of this bus stop.

Cllr G Murphy seconded this motion and also stressed the importance of this bus stop. He asked why is the plan taking so long to implement with a date of Q2 2025 now being proposed.

Cllr P Hayes supported this motion also and expressed the opinion that the current location of the bus stop is not ideal as he said that it is located directly in front of the GAA dressing rooms. He said that an alternative location should be considered which could perhaps be the green area on the same side of the road.

Cllr Madden agreed with Cllr Hayes with regard to concerns at the current location.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

The Sustainable Travel Unit, under its current work programme, will be assessing the feasibility of upgrading the existing bus stop facilities on Park Road, Mallow. It is envisaged that this feasibility assessment will be completed in Qtr. 2 of 2025. If a design solution is identified funding will be sought from the NTA for upgrade works.

In relation to the road, the location has been inspected by the Area Engineer and some surface repairs will be scheduled where necessary and all existing road gullies within the bus stop area will be cleaned out.

- (h) "Re three major projects in Mallow which have planning and funding in place Mallow Town Hall Swimming Pool Public Realm Works Main Street has contractors been appointed and expected start date." Cllr L Madden & Cllr T O'Shea (29/10/2024)

Proposed by Cllr L Madden and seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Cllr L Madden proposed this motion and said that it is important to progress projects for which there is funding in place.

Cllr T O' Shea seconded the motion and said that it is important for drive on with these projects which include very important public facilities.

Cllr P Hayes supported this motion and welcomed funding secured to date and asked if there are any other funding sources that could be explored.

Cllr G Murphy fully supported this motion also and said that he looks forward to progressing the URDF Funding granted to Mallow also. He welcomed the announcement that Mallow Town Hall project will go to tender next year and said that this will be a wonderful resource. He expressed that funding issues associated with Mallow Swimming Pool project, that this would pay for itself over a number of years by means of energy efficiency.

Response by Ms Claire Barr Municipal District Officer

Updates on these projects are as follows;

Mallow Town Hall – *The Southern Regional Assembly confirmed in August their intention to award €7m under the Thrive - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme – Strand 2 to the Mallow Town Hall Theatre Project. As part of the award process there were a number of pre conditions and information required to be submitted to the SRA before the formal grant award. We can confirm that these conditions have now been satisfied and the formal Grant agreement awarding €7m to the project has been signed by Cork County Council and the Southern Regional Assembly on Oct 25th. This allows the project move forward now to delivery. As part of the Grant agreement there is a requirement that we engage throughout the project process with the SRA including CCCs project team attending training seminars in relation to delivering the project in accordance with the principles of the New European Bauhaus. This will commence in November 2024. The next stage of the process is for the tender documents for the project to be finalised. It is envisaged that the project will go to tender in Q1 2025.*

Mallow Swimming Pool

The majority of the funding for this project will need to be sourced from Cork County Council own funds. This is a significant challenge for Cork County Council to achieve, and in particular having regard to the significant construction cost inflation experienced in recent times. The process of attempting to secure the own resource funding is currently ongoing.

Mallow Public Realm URDF

Tender documents for the appointment of consultants to design the Public Realm project are currently being prepared. It is anticipated that the tender for design consultants will be published in Q1 2025. The intention thereafter would be to bring this project to Part 8 in 2025

Cllr Madden acknowledged the response and the updates on each project and said that there is a huge amount of funding available in Mallow. He expressed disappointment with regard to the Swimming Pool which he said caters for a huge number of people and should be given priority. With regard to Public Realm, he said that there is a huge need for the upgrade of footpaths and he said that this funding needs to be spent.

Cllr E Kenny referred to the previous estimated cost of €10million for Mallow Town Hall and asked if this remains the same. He also supported comments made on other projects made by his fellow members.

The Municipal District Officer confirmed that the estimated cost of Mallow Town Hall project remains the same.

- (i) "Update on proposed change of traffic flow coming down town and better signage to improve traffic on main Street showing different routes." Cllr L Madden (29/10/2024)

Proposed by Cllr L Madden and seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Cllr L Madden proposed this motion and said that this issue has been ongoing for many years and there is particular issue with HGV's. He expressed the opinion that any re-routing should have been done during the recent resurfacing works. He said that there are alternative routes available and he welcomed the pedestrian walkway along the Park Road. Cllr T O' Shea seconded the motion and said that he had raised this issue previously also. He asked if there are plans to change the junction at Park Road

Cllr G Murphy supported this motion also.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Area Office has had contact from Dairygold regarding the works proposed and compliance with the relevant Planning Permission Condition. At present the intention is for the junction re-alignment and associated works to commence in Qtr1 of 2025

Cllr T O' Shea acknowledged the response and asked if there will be improved signage at West End.

Cllr L Madden welcomed the response also.

- (j) "That members get an update on the completion of unfinished footpath on Kilmallock Road, Charleville (R 515) and an update on traffic calming in this area" Cllr JP O' Shea (29/10/2024)

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

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

It is proposed to undertake works to sections of footpaths on the R515 Kilmallock Road during 2025 using available development contributions. In addition, it is also proposed to advance a design for an NTA Project on the Kilmallock Road during 2025 subject to resources. These works may include replacement/widening of footpaths, traffic calming etc.

- (k) "That Cork County Council write to Bank Of Ireland requesting that disability access is provided at their premises in Charleville so everyone can access the ATM there". Cllr JP O'Shea (31/10/2024)

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

Response by: Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

The Municipal District Officer agrees to write to the Bank Of Ireland

- (l) "That Cork County Council erect speed reflector sign on the Lower Road, Newmarket (kanturk side of Newmarket town)". Cllr JP O'Shea & Cllr T Murphy (31/10/2024)

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

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Council will arrange to carry out a speed survey at this location to assess if there is a speeding issue before any traffic calming measures are considered. Dependent of the outcome of the survey, the requirement for a Speed Feedback Sign can then be reviewed and added to the 2025 proposals if deemed necessary.

- (m) "That Cork County Council put the L5044 road on the 2025 RI Programme". Cllr T Murphy (31/10/2024)

Proposed by Cllr JP O' Shea (on behalf of Cllr T Murphy) and seconded by Cllr I Doyle.

Cllr JP O' Shea proposed and said that this road needs upgrading and in particular near the newly built properties who's owners have paid development contribution to Cork County Council as part of the planning process.

Cllr I Doyle seconded the motion

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

At present, it is not proposed to include the L-5044 on the 2025 RI Programme. Initial consideration should be given to a Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) towards the improvement of this road and a condition has been attached to a grant of planning permission in relation to same. Following representations by Cllr John Paul O'Shea, it was agreed to review this road and consideration to be given to its inclusion in the 3yr RI Programme where works can be phased over time.

Cllr JP O' Shea said that this response is unacceptable as this is a public road which needs attention and should be reviewed.

- (n) "That Cork Co Council would look at a low cost safety scheme at the junction of Gortroe." Cllr T O' Shea (01/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr T O' Shea proposed this motion and said that the Nadd side of Gortroe is a particularly lethal junction and he said that the Area Engineer is aware of how dangerous this is.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Speed Survey will be completed here to quantify both traffic volumes and also any speed violations in the vicinity of the junction. This will inform any necessary design process to improve sightlines, provide vertical / horizontal traffic calming measures. Propose to progress Low Cost Scheme Design through 2025.

- (o) "That Cork Co Council would sort out the flooding issue in the wheelchair space outside st Mary's church in mallow. " Cllr T O' Shea (01/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and seconded by Cllr G Murphy

Cllr T O' Shea proposed this motion and said that there is a regular occurrence of flooding here during wet periods and is hindering disabled people from using this dedicated space.

Cllr G Murphy seconded this motion.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Works will be programmed for this location to install an additional gully where necessary to alleviate the issue of surface water ponding.

- (p) "That Cork Co Co would write to TII and request that works be carried out to make the turn off for Spa Glen a safer junction. Currently it is almost impossible to right safely for Spa Glen as it is a completely blind junction. Also that signage be put in place immediately to warn traffic to slow down." Cllr P Hayes (01/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and seconded by Cllr G Murphy

Cllr P Hayes proposed this motion and said that he has received numerous representations from in this regard. He said that it is a very dangerous junction on a busy road

Cllr G Murphy seconded the motion and said that these are 2 very busy roads with cars travelling at high speed. He complimented the works done on pedestrian safety at Spa Glen which is nearby and also referred to an application for planning on an adjacent site

Cllr T O' Shea supported the motion also and said that he had raised this at MD level previously.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Cork County Council will engage with TII / National Roads Design Office regarding this location and the concerns raised. It is also noted that TII Approval will be necessary for any Road Signage installation on the National Secondary Route.

Cllr Hayes acknowledged the response provided and said that increase signage may help there also.

- (q) "That Cork Co Co write to the relevant government agency or agencies to get the mill stream at the back the houses at Quartertown cleaned. Currently the amount of debris and dead trees etc are going to cause severe flooding possibly to the houses there. Cllr P Hayes (01/11/2024)
Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Cllr P Hayes proposed this motion and said that this stream has not been cleaned in many years which he said was one time a salmon pass. Cllr T O' Shea seconded the motion and Cllr L Madden supported this motion also and said that there is a danger of a flooding incident here.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Mill Race Stream is associated with the old Quartertown Mill and is privately owned where the primary responsibility for maintenance of the Mill Race rests with the landowner. Cork County Council will contact the landowner and will engage with the relevant stakeholders regarding maintenance of the Mill Race Channel.

There is infrastructure associated with the Mallow Flood Relief Scheme located d/s of the Bridge on R-619 and this area will be cleaned as per the Operation and Maintenance of the Flood Scheme

- (r) "That Cork Co Co would look at the possibility of purchasing the Central Hotel Site and Developing a parking and open area, recreational and retail space if current plans for the site do not materialise." Cllr P Hayes (01/11/2024)

This motion was withdrawn by Cllr Hayes.

- (s) "To seek an update on plans to open MyOpenLibrary facilities at Mallow Library." Cllr G Murphy (31/10/2024)
Proposed by Cllr G Murphy and seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr G Murphy proposed this motion and said that this is an initiative that has great potential to expand the opening hours of libraries to members of the public
Cllr P Hayes seconded the motion.

Response by Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

Mallow Library are currently in the controlled phase i.e. testing with staff and selected members of the public. This phase will be monitored to ensure all systems are working within the parameters of My Open Library, this testing phase will be until Christmas. If all systems are working correctly after this phase, we will be offering MyOpenLibrary to public generally from Jan 2025.

Please see below photos of recently completed exterior painting of the library.



- (t) "To write to Iarnród Éireann requesting that they expand parking capacity at Mallow Train Station." Cllr G Murphy (31/10/2024)
Proposed by Cllr G Murphy and seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr G Murphy proposed this motion and said that the current parking facilities at Mallow Train Station fill up very quickly and capacity needs to be expanded.

Cllr P Hayes seconded the motion and said that the Train Station is a great asset to Mallow Town.

Response by Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer
The Municipal District Officer agrees to write to the Iarnród Éireann.

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 Extension of Time Requests:

Name & CFS NO: Duhallow Culturlann Teo CFS486652709 2023 Capital Grant

Grant Allocation: €20,000.00

Purpose: Improve the Culturlann facilities , Chairs, stage, large screen, and printer.

Extension : Extension of time until 28th February 2025.

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

Name & CFS NO: Ballyclough GAA - CFS398762767 Amenity Grant 2022 – Grant Allocation - €5,000

Purpose – Develop astro turf playing area and ball wall.

Extension of time requested to 31st January 2025

Proposed by: Cllr P Hayes, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea

Villages Enhancement Fund Allocations:

The total allocation for the VEF for 2024 is €68,750.

Proposed 5 Villages

Lombardstown €13,750

Kiskeam €13,750

Freemount €13,750 – Paid upgrade the community hall in

Freemount.

Mourneabbey €13,750 – Paid energy retro fitting of LED lights.

Rathcoole €13,750

Kiskeam

Billy Dennehy Area Engineer and I met with the group who are investigating the possibility of creating story boards to capture the history of the area and also geographical points of interest along with wildlife information facts. I will revert when I have more information.

Lombardstown

The community group are currently working with the Area Engineer investigating the possibility of speed measures in the village and will use the funding towards this.

Rathcoole

I met with the community group and they are considering several options. Currently in discussions with Area Engineer.

These allocations were Proposed by Cllr JP O' Shea and seconded by Cllr I Doyle.

Town Development Fund – The following expenditure required approval by members:

Newmarket - 2 ramps to be charged to TDF - €1467.04 ex Vat 23% (€1804.45 inc Vat) and

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

2 poles and 2 ramps ahead signs – €163 ex Vat 23% (€200.29) – Total Cost €2004.95

Buttevant – approval for €8,000 for stag for Christmas

Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Charleville - €1,875.75 for container to store Christmas lights

Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Mallow –

Approval for civic reception cost for French Delegates €331.03

Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Approval for Tourism App

Proposed by Cllr P Hayes and Seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Cllr P Hayes proposed Free Parking in Mallow Town from 01st December 2024 to 06th January 2025

This proposal was seconded by Cllr G Murphy.

Members welcomed the report and raised the following issues:

Cllr T O' Shea welcomed the installation of a Christmas Stag in Buttevant for the 2024 season. He also referred to the recent funding announcement for a playground upgrade in Buttevant and asked if there is any timeline for works here. He welcomed the Mallow Tourism Map initiative and thanked Rose Carroll in Economic Development for her help in this regard.

He congratulated the groups nominated for Pride of Place Awards and said that it was great to have 2 runners up from this district. He paid particular tribute to the Halloween event at Mallow Castle which attracted over 9,000 visitors.

Cllr G Murphy echoed the sentiments of Cllr O' Shea and he said that all events held at Mallow Castle are a great success. He also welcomed the introduction of the Tourism App and said that it will bring history alive in Mallow.

Cllr I Doyle also congratulated groups in Mallow and Milford who were nominated for Pride of Place awards. He also raised the issue of the Age Friendly space to the rear of Charleville Library which is preventing access for painting.

Cllr L Madden also expressed Congratulations on the success of Halloween events in Mallow but said that not many business in Mallow were open to realize the success of the event. He also congratulated the Pride of Place nominees. He said that Mallow Tidy Towns initiative of keeping Mallow poster free for the General Election should be supported and he said that posters appearing on the footbridge over the roundabout were very dangerous.

Cllr P Hayes also expressed Congratulations on the recent Halloween events in Mallow and he welcomed the introduction of the Tourism App and asked if it would be possible to expand it's facilities for example involving local businesses. He also referred to how well Mallow Town is currently looking.

The Municipal District Officer responded as follows:

She thanked CDYS, Mallow Arts, Mallow Mens Shed and Mallow Gardai for their assistance in making the Halloween event at Mallow Castle such a success.

She will revert to members on the painting of spaces in Charleville and also with updates on the Community Recognition Fund.

She advised that the new Tourism map is interactive but is not an advertising app.

Cllr T O' Shea asked about Clar funding of €50,000 awarded to Liscarroll/Churchtown who haven't heard anything from the department to date.

The Municipal District Officer will revert with an update here.

**(b) Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Billy O' Sullivan
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Members were presented with the Senior Executive Engineers Report prior to the meeting. Members raised the following issues:

Cllr G Murphy referred to road re-instatement by third parties and particularly work done at Lachnalooha, Mallow just before the speed ramp which he said is resulting in danger to motorists.

Cllr JP O' Shea said that there is a huge amount of activity being carried out by the Roads Directorate in all areas, however he asked if it would be possible to have as many gullies as possible cleaning before the winter period. He also welcomed the Severe Weather Works Programme.

Cllr I Doyle complimented the works carried out in graveyards in the district particularly for the remembrance days' being held in November. He complimented work at Smiths Road Junction which he said is looking very well except for an ESB pole which is to be removed before completion. He also asked for consideration to be made from Powerhouse Cross Road to Ardnageeha. He asked that traffic calming measures be installed on the N20 near the modular housing scheme as he said there are now a large number of pedestrians using this route.

Cllr L Madden welcomed works being undertaken and particularly CIS (Community involvement Schemes) & LIS (Local Improvement Schemes). He said that the number of election posters at the Rathduff is hindering motorists.

Cllr E Kenny asked if cleaning could be carried out at Carmichael Lane.

Cllr P Hayes asked if the footpath from O' Callaghan Square to St Gobnait's School could be investigated. He referred to the trees along the Park Road on both sides and asked if these could be removed.

The Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:

He said that road re-instatement are carried out by a number of companies and systems are in place which must be complied with. He will follow up on issues at Lachnalooha, Mallow.

He confirmed that the cleaning of gullies will take place.

He confirmed that works are progressing as planned at Smiths Road, Charleville including the removal of the ESB pole.

He advised that Powerhouse Cross to Ardnageeha is on the next roads programme.

Issues on the N20 at Charleville will be raised with TII.

*Cleaning at Carmichael Lane will take place.
Footpaths linking O' Callaghan Square to Scoil Gobnatain will be looked at.
He confirmed that there is no proposal for the removal of trees on the Park Road as part of the current planning permission.*

Cllr P Hayes asked if the landowner could be written to in this respect.

Cllr JP O' Shea said that the flashing lights for pedestrians had been replaced outside the Bank of Ireland, Charleville, so he asked if the old ones could be removed.

*The Senior Executive Engineer advised that he will follow up on this matter.
He also advised that Cork County Council will be following up in relation to posters on the N20 as per correspondence issued by TII.*

6. Any Other Business

Cllr G Murphy asked if there is any update on new bins in Mallow.

The Municipal District Officer advised that once work has finished on footpaths that bins will be installed.

Cllr JP O' Shea asked in relation to proposed Section 38 for Rathcoole.

The Area Engineer confirmed that these drawings are being finalized.

Cllr L Madden raised the issue of demolition works taking place at the Central Hotel and said that these works have now stopped. He said that the façade is currently dangerous and needs immediate attention.

Cllr E Kenny agreed with Cllr Maddens comments and asked if there has been a court enforcement to stop works.

Cllr T O' Shea referred to the current situation regarding the Central Hotel as a total disaster and disappointing. He said that elected members have no knowledge of what works are taking place at the site and he referred to this as embarrassing. He asked if works have ceased and asked for an update as soon as possible.

Cllr P Hayes said that had met with the owners of the building (yesterday) and he said that negotiations are currently taking place with the HSE with a view to securing planning on the site.

Cllr G Murphy said that he shared Cllr O' Shea's sentiments and he said that the owner of the building should brief all members of this Municipal District as he said that this is now a public matter. He said to date there has been no communication. He questioned the validity of the planning permission on the site and if a commencement notice was issued for any works to begin. He also raised questions as to the plans for the building and said that it is very important to have a proper plan in place and can be materialised. He said that Cork County Council should consider a CPO on this site also.

The Senior Executive Officer said that it is policy of Cork County Council not to comment in public at a Municipal District meeting on a privately owned building when it comes to matters of planning enforcement, dereliction or dangerous structures.

Cllr T O' Shea referred to the meeting held by the Chair with the developers and said that the HSE own a building located on O' Brien Street which is vacant and questioned why would they acquire another building in the town centre and he questioned these plans. He also asked the Chair Cllr P Hayes why he had withdrawn his motion listed on the agenda before the meeting and said that in his opinion that the Chair had been supporting this development from the beginning

Cllr Hayes said that he had withdrawn his motion that did not wish to discuss it. He also said that he would continue to support the developer and the HSE.

Cllr E Kenny concurred with Cllr O' Shea and said that elected members have no idea what the plans are for this site. He has heard from local business owners that there has been a court enforcement issued to cease all works. He said that the owners need to respond here.

Cllr T O' Shea proposed that the developers be invited to an in-committee meeting to outline their plans

This proposal was seconded by Cllr G Murphy.

In conclusion Cllr Madden re-iterated; what is going to be done with the current structure and who is responsible. He said that proper answers are needed here.

5. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday 06th December 2024 @ 10.30a.m.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____

CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____

Signed: _____

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____