



CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Meeting: 17/02/2025

Minutes proceeding of Ordinary meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 17th February at 14:00.

Present: Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan (Cathaoirleach), Cllr Audrey Buckley, Cllr Patrick Donovan, Cllr Eoghan Fahy, Cllr Jack White, Cllr Una McCarthy (online),

Absent: Denise Kidney, Municipal District Officer.

In Attendance: Sharon Corcoran, Director of Services, Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer; Alan Cogan, A/ Senior Executive Engineer; Sarah Graham, Assistant Staff Officer, Kate Magner, Staff Officer.

1. Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on January 17th, 2025, were proposed by Cllr Donovan, and seconded by Cllr White.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

None

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

None

5. Municipal District Officers Report

MDO Report was taken as read, no questions arose.

6. Roads Update

Mr. Cogan shared a copy of the Roads Programme for 2025 and gave a verbal update on the status of road projects. He noted that funding for 2025 was similar to 2024. He is awaiting allocation for the 2025 footpath programme. Mr Cogan advised members that two Section 38’s were advertised for traffic calming measures on regional roads in Crosshaven, this was an open consultation process and questions relating to this can be directed to the Senior Engineer.



Cllr White asked what the timeline was for the S.38 raised table crossings in Brightwater and Church Bay rd. Mr Cogan noted that the final surface of the Church Bay rd. will need to be completed, before the installation of raised tables. Regarding Brightwater, Mr. Cogan stated he will revert to Cllrs with an update.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan welcomed the list of road projects but questioned the Roads allocation released on Friday 14th. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan stated that Bowens cross and Ballinrea Cross received insufficient funding for works. He requested that the MD write to the Roads Directorate and ask what was applied for versus what was received. Cllr Buckley seconded this. Cllr McCarthy advised members that she had issued an email to the Roads Department requesting how much funding was applied for and how much funding was needed to complete the roundabout.

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

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan

1. Requesting the following information:
 - I. How many applications were made for S.254 masts in the Municipal District and by location.
 - II. How many were granted? How many were refused?
 - III. The members further resolve to write to Full Council requesting a public consultation process on S.254 licence applications for masts".

Mr De Faoite, A/Director of Services Planning and Environment Directorate written response to motion.

A Section 254 License under Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) must be obtained in order to erect, construct, place or maintain any of the following on, under, over or along a public road:

- *A vending machine*
- *A town or landscape map for indicating directions or places*
- *A hoarding, fence, or scaffold*
- *An advertisement structure*
- *A cable, wire, or pipeline*
- *Overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure*
- *A telephone kiosk or pedestal*
- *Any other appliance, apparatus, or structure, which may be prescribed as requiring a licence under this section of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).*

Masts are included in the definition of S.254 Licence under the Planning and Development Act 2000, for overground electronic communications infrastructure and associated physical infrastructure. The following are the details from 2021 to present:



	NUMBER	APPLICANT	LOCATION
<i>Applications made</i>	3	<i>Cignal Infrastructure LTD.</i>	<i>Carrigaline industrial Estate</i>
		<i>Emerald Tower LTD</i>	<i>L6722 Rd, Pembroke, Passage West</i>
		<i>Emerald Tower LTD</i>	<i>Kilmoney Rd Upper, Carrigaline</i>
<i>Granted</i>	3		
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The procedural requirements regulating s254 License Applications is set out in statute. An amendment to the S.254 License application procedure as it relates to masts would be required in order to provide for a legally robust and enforceable public consultation process.

Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan stated that residents were unaware that the mast was being installed, he further noted that Cork County Council does not have a public consultation process attached to these applications, he requested that this motion be sent to full council requesting that a public consultation process be implemented on S.254. Cllr White supported the motion, he requested that an amendment be made to the current procedures. Cllr Donovan supported the motion and requested a more open and transparent process. Cllr McCarthy, Cllr Buckley, and Cllr Fahy supported the motion. Cllr Fahy stated that he previously corresponded with the planning directorate to request the inclusion of S.254 in the weekly planning list, but his request was denied. Ms Corcoran informed members that she would relay their suggestions to senior management. Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan suggested the motion be brought to Planning SPC. Cllr Donovan was nominated to submit the motion to planning SPC. All Cllrs agreed that the motion would be brought to full council.

2. Requesting SLOW and Km Road markings on the main road into Five Mile from the Riverstick side. There have been several crashes here as a result of speed in the 60km zone. Residents here are requesting the road markings on foot of safety concerns, as a number of cars have crashed and mounted the new footpath which gives cause to concern of a fatality.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response

This will be addressed resources permitting.

Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan noted residents’ concerns with speeding in the area and requested that it be put on the rotation list for speed signage. Mr Cogan stated he would liaise with the line marking contractor regarding the request and would review the installation of speed signs. Mr Cogan informed members that speed limit enforcement was not in the council remit and can only encourage driver safety by the installation of signage. Cllr. Buckley seconded the motion.

3. Seeking an additional section of the Forest Road be included in the Resurfacing program. Similarly, for road markings to be installed on completion highlighting the speed limit on the road.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

The proposed Roads Programme for 2025 will be disseminated to Members at the Municipal District meeting.



Cllr. Dalton noted the response and asked for the inclusion of Forest rd. Cllr. Donovan seconded the motion.

Cllr Buckley

1. That Carrigaline MD look for funding for a colourful mural on the newly refurbished Carrigaline library.

Mr. Murphy Senior Executive Officer written response-

This request has been referred to Library Services.

Cllr. Buckley noted the response and advised that she had spoken to the Arts Officer. Cllr Donovan supported the motion.

2. To request that we get confirmation that we will have funding to input public toilets and bins into coastal areas, Crosshaven railway walk this May.

Mr. Murphy Senior Executive Officer written response-

The seasonal toilets and bins were a Covid Measure introduced in 2020. This request is under review with the Chief Executive to determine if there is a need to continue funding additional toilets and bins.

Cllr. Buckley noted the response and explained that she had previously raised this query at the annual budgetary process. She further stated that public toilets and bins should be an automatic allocation and should not come from the MD budget. Cllr Buckley notified members that she will raise this motion at full council. She asked when Cllrs would be notified of funding for public toilets and bins. Mr Murphy explained that budgetary provision had not been made for it this year, however he confirmed the request would be examined on a case-by-case basis and a review would be undertaken with a completion of a business case. Cllr Fahy questioned why toilet facilities removal was based off the lifting of covid restrictions. Mr Murphy explained that facilities had been removed within other MDs and there needs to equitable distribution of resources across all MDs. Cllr White supported the motion.

3. To request that we get the relevant information on the new government initiative on IPB insurance for Tidy Town groups.

Mr. Murphy Senior Executive Officer written response-

Preliminary discussions have taken place between Cork County Council and IPB Insurance who will be administering the scheme on behalf of local Authorities.

The scheme has been piloted in a number of local authorities with comprehensive information literature being developed during the pilot.

IPB are currently analysing data with regard to tidy towns groups in Cork County to inform the rollout of the scheme.



Key qualifying criteria are as follows:

1. *Whose primary activity and purpose is to improve and enhance the appearance of the public realm of a town, village or district.*
2. *Is within the catchment area of the Local Authority.*
3. *Is a registered member of the Public Participation Network (PPN Group)*

During initial analysis it has been noted that many tidy towns groups are not registered with the PPN. We would encourage all groups who believe they may be eligible for the insurance scheme to register with the PPN.

Further information will issue once IPB are in a position to rollout the scheme in Cork County which is expected in Q3.- M. Murphy Senior Executive Officer

Cllr Buckley welcomed the written response. Cllr Donovan supported the motion.

Cllr Jack White

1. That this MD acknowledges the severe lack of car parking in Crosshaven village centre, and the associated negative effects on business, tourism and quality of life for residents. In acknowledging this, the MD requests the Council to urgently engage with private landowners to identify suitable site options for extra car parking.

Mr. Murphy Senior Executive Officer written response-

Having considered this matter over a prolonged period the Carrigaline MD Office is of the view that parking available in Crosshaven is being used for all day parking by local residents and workers.

On multiple occasions MD staff have noted that most parking spaces available are occupied as early as 8.30am daily. The most effective way to ensure turnover of car spaces to support business and tourism is the introduction of paid parking like the majority of other Municipal Districts in Cork County Council.

The introduction of paid parking would also provide the MD with access to funding, from paid parking dividends, to further develop parking options where required. Members will also note from previous responses that Government funding streams favour active travel measures over the provision of increased parking.

Cllr White explained that Crosshaven is growing in popularity and has seen increased visiting numbers, but there is a lack of provisions and planning put in place to meet these needs. He further expressed the need for carpark investment within the area. Mr Murphy stated that budget policy for the introduction of on street parking needs to pay for itself, and the mechanism for doing this is paid parking. He further noted that there will continue to be an open dialogue with members on solutions to manage parking effectively. Cllr White stated that the delivery of key infrastructure was needed not the introduction of paid parking. Cllr Buckley suggested that the Council purchase land outside the village of Crosshaven to allow for the development of a carpark. Mr Murphy explained



that he is open to suggestions, but they are restricted as to what can be done at Crosshaven. Ms. Corcoran suggested the implementation of a traffic warden and time limits to ensure turn over. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan requested that this motion be kept open to allow further discussion. Cllr Fahy supported motion.

Cllr Patrick Donovan

1. To request that from Waterside, Castleheights, Carrigaline to Gort Na Glaise be assessed with a view to providing additional public lighting along this footpath.

Mr. Murphy Senior Executive Officer written response-

This will be referred to the Public Lighting Section for appraisal and comment. - M. Murphy Senior Executive Officer

Cllr Donovan welcomed the written response and asked would the public lighting section respond to the MD or reach out to Cllrs. Mr. Murphy confirmed that the public lighting team would contact the MD with details. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported motion.

2. To request the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing in Shanbally village between the shop and the church carpark.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

TII are investigating this proposal, and an update has been sought. Members will be updated once a reply has been received.

Cllr Donovan thanked Mr. Cogan for his written response. Mr Cogan explained that the area is a national road and therefore has to go through TII, once information is received, he will liaise with members. Cllr Fahy seconded the motion. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported motion.

3. To request that the footpath coming out of Watersedge on Church Road be connected to the footpath outside The Estuary.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

There are land ownership issues at this location, and this will be referred to the legal department.

Cllr Donovan welcomed the construction of new homes in the area but expressed the need for connectivity to ensure safety. Mr Cogan noted that there was an ongoing land ownership dispute and until this is resolved works cannot commence. Cllr White seconded the motion.



Cllr Eoghan Fahy

1. Footpath repair works in Bloomingdale.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

This is on a programme of works and will be dependent on funding allocations. Allocations have not yet been received but, once they are, members will be updated. - A. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer.

Cllr Fahy noted the response. Mr Cogan stated that temporary repair works could be examined. Cllr Fahy asked if a list would be given to Cllrs regarding footpath repair works for 2025. Mr Cogan noted that footpath allocations had not been issued, once received it will determine what can be done. Cllr Donovan supported the motion.

2. A bin be installed at the Harbour Heights bus stop as there is currently no bin within any reasonable distance to the bus stop which is resulting in an accumulation of litre at the stop.

Mr. Murphy Senior Executive Officer written response-

Cork County Council are currently developing Town Enhancement Plans for towns in the Municipal District. The number and location of bins and all other aspects will be considered as part of those Town Enhancement Plans

Cllr. Fahy noted the response and asked when Cllrs would be notified if the area was selected for the installation of bins. Mr Murphy noted that the timeline would be based off the town enhancement plan which they hope to have by Q2. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan second the motion. Cllr Fahy asked how much it would cost for the installation of one bin. Mr Murphy explained he would review the breakdown cost and revert to members with an update.

3. Cork County Council carry out an investigation/works on the R610 to prevent the same area from consistently flooding. Cork City Council recently carried out drainage and pipe work along the R610 City side, and it has made a phenomenal difference. We now are left with two spots that continuously flood. Just beyond Robert's Bridge Carpark (Which is where CCC need to review) & outside Harbour Height's estate which is a result of drainage issues within the estate that the developer has assured me will be resolved in the coming months. This will reduce us to one spot of flooding, and this will still render all the good work to no avail if we cannot resolve the issue just beyond Roberts Bridge.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-



This has been referred to the Estates Department for comment in relation to stormwater emanating from the new development. An investigation, when resources allow, will be undertaken on the storm water network on the Regional Road, to determine any flooding contributory factors. Should remedial measures be required they will then be addressed.

Cllr Fahy noted two areas that have continual flooding issues, one area located just beyond Robert's Bridge, and the other located outside the soccer club. Mr Cogan informed members that he had spoken with the estate engineer last week, who is liaising with the developer to introduce interim measures to help alleviate flooding outside the soccer club. Regarding the flooding issue BY Robert's Bridge Mr Cogan confirmed he would correspond with the Landowner. Mr Fahy stated he would submit video footage of the area to the area office. Cllr White supported the motion.

Cllr Una McCarthy

1. That this Council includes the L2492 in the resurfacing programme. This secondary residential road, particularly in the vicinity of Coolmore Gardens and Coolmore Close, is in a state of severe disrepair and continues to deteriorate, posing significant challenges to residents and road users.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

Significant works are proposed along this roadway as part of the M28 project, as such it would be premature to undertake major works here. There is a patch adjacent to Coolmore Gardens that will be repaired locally with a velocity patcher. These interim works have been scheduled to be undertaken in the near future.

Cllr. McCarthy noted and welcomed the response. Cllr Fahy seconded the motion.

2. Requesting an update from the RLRDO regarding the traffic lanes at the traffic light junction at Janeville, Carrigaline.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

This is currently being investigated by the RLRDO Office. An update will be provided to members once a determination has been made.

Cllr. McCarthy noted the written response and asked what the timeline was for the RLRDO investigation. Mr Cogan stated that he had spoken with the design engineer regarding the issue. Mr Cogan outlined to members that the current two-lane structure of the road allows as much traffic as possible flow through the green phase and that the issue within the area is due to driver behaviour. Mr Cogan further explained to members that if the route was adjusted to a dedicated left lane, it would reduce the capacity of the road for southbound traffic, which would then result in traffic build up. Cllr White supported the motion and requested that members be consulted at an in-committee meeting before any decision was made. Cllr Buckley supported this motion. Cllr Fahy supported Mr Cogan comments and asked if it was a possibility to change the frequency sequence of lights.



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3. That this Council undertakes the treatment of Japanese Knotweed on Glen Road Monkstown, recognising that while it was previously addressed, it has begun to regrow and requires further management.

Mr. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer written response-

Confirmation has been received from the Contractor that this area has been treated and will continue to be monitored. Treatment of areas can take a number of years to eradicate this weed and treatment of this area will continue until it has been resolved. A. Cogan A/Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr McCarthy noted the written response. Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan seconded the motion. Cllr Buckley supported the motion.

8. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr White wished to issue a vote of congratulations to Heronswood Childcare on celebrating 20yrs.

Cllr Fahy wished to issue a vote of congratulations to Carrigaline Community school on winning the Munster final.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Buckley requested an update on the following.

- Funding for the slipway in Myrtleville.
- ESB metal box on Middle Rd
- To include Goats Cross on the road restoration improvement list
- Delayed response on fixtures of public lighting by Electric Skyline
- Request for road relining

Cllr Fahy requested an update on the following.

- Will the Heritage Plan for Passage West be released to Cllrs before plans progress.
- Update on the feasibility study done in Passage West as per June 2024 motion.
- Get findings from flashing speed signs in Carrigimahon

Cllr Donvan requested the following.

- Pass on thanks to the Chief Executive for her support at the Mayors awards.

Cllr. White asked the following;

- Requested Rock Rd speed signage data.
 - Request driver feedback signs on Crosshaven rd. between Kerrybio and the GAA club
 - Requested installation of speed signage outside Castleheights and Gort na Glaise
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- Issue with footpath connectivity from Carrignacuarra up to Shannonpark.

Cllr McCarthy

- Requested new flags for the Flagpole at the cross-river ferry in Glenbrook.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan

- Drainage issue located at T12XT9 requested for it to be unclogged.
- Overgrown trees obstructing public lighting on lower Kilmoney Rd.
- Installation of signage on Mill rd. and Pottery rd.
- Drainage in Cullinanes Cross, Ballinhassig

Regarding the ESB box on Middle rd. Mr Cogan stated that he would follow up and see what the status was. Regarding Electric Skyline and the relining request Mr Cogan informed Cllr Buckley to email on her concerns re Electric Skyline and her request for re-lining and he will review.

Mr Cogan informed members that traffic feedback data would only be relayed back if the data in question highlighted concerns, regarding Carrigmahon the data had been examined and had shown no issue with speeding.

Mr Cogan told members to submit requests for areas they wished to be included in the speed sign rotation and he will review.

Regarding the footpath connectivity between Carrignacurra to Shannonpark, Mr Cogan stated that significant works were scheduled here in relation to the M28, he stated that he would review plans before making a commitment on works.

Mr Cogan informed Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan that the drainage issue would be reviewed, and the MD would write to STU regarding Mill Rd and Pottery Rd for a request of signage.

Mr Murphy informed members that an in-committee meeting would be arranged to allow discussion around the Heritage Plan in Passage West.

Regarding the replacement of the flags, Mr Murphy informed Cllr McCarthy that this will be raised with the relevant section.

Mr Murphy informed Cllr Buckley, that repair works will be completed on Myrtleville slipway, spend has been approved and are currently awaiting to assign a contract.

Mr Murphy informed members that the feasibility study on Passage West will be tied into the numerous projects under way for the area and that the enhancement plan is looking to bring all these plans together to form a cohesive plan.