

## CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chambers, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, at 2.00p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mary Rose Desmond (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Derry Canty, Michael Murphy, Marcia D'Alton, Eoghan Jeffers, Joe Harris, Seamus McGrath, Deirdre Forde.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kevin O'Regan, Municipal District Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Sarah O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

**ABSENT:** Councillors John A. Collins, Daithi O'Donnabhain.

### CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Forde:

"That the Engineer gives a written report on

- The status of improvement design for Coach Hill and outline possible funding streams for the project which is urgently needed on safety issues.
- In the interim cut back the shrubbery to widen the roadway.
- Improve lighting for pedestrians."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

#### **Report from Senior Executive Engineer Regional & Local Roads Design Office:**

*Coach Hill, Rochestown - Road Upgrade - Design Note:*

*The Council's Road Design Office surveyed the road study area and prepared a preliminary design to introduce a new footpath along the route of Coach Hill, Rochestown in 2016. The introduction of the road upgrade scheme will require land-take and the set back of private boundary walls. Currently there is no funding in place for this urban road project and accordingly the Council's Road Design Office does not have any resources allocated to this road project.*

The Cathaoirleach addressed the meeting and advised that further to Kevin O' Regan's earlier email to Members, Cllr. Forde's Notice of Motion was being dealt with at the start of the meeting as pupils from Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Rochestown, who were involved in having this item raised, were in attendance at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the students, their parents and teacher to the meeting and credited the pupils for their interest in the local area and their time spent putting together a petition on the matter.

Cllr. Forde advised that she is proud of the students for putting together the petition and asked that Members consider a move to Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) as a long term strategy. Cllr. Forde suggested siphoning funding allocated to Clarkes Hill for the works. Cllr. Forde suggested a short term strategy of hedge cutting to improve sightlines at the pinch point and lighting put in place. Cllr. Forde advised that she will write to Bus Eireann regarding a bus shelter in the area.

The pupils gave the petition with 222 signatures to Cllr. Desmond.

Members welcomed the pupils, their parents and teacher to the meeting and commended them on raising an important issue and taking initiative on the matter. Members supported them in their endeavour and noted that as a key area in the Municipal District it is not acceptable that there is no path. Members expressed their hope that funding would become available in the future.

Cllr. Forde asked that shrubbery be cut back on Coach Hill and asked the Engineer to look at lighting in the area.

Madeleine Healy advised that the pinch point is at the top of the hill and there is no impinging shrubbery at present but can be look at the matter later in the year. Madeleine Healy advised that the Public Lighting Section is not keen to augment lighting without a safe route.

Cllr. Forde advised that she will liaise with the Director of Roads on the matter.

### **1: MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Canty and seconded by Cllr. D'Alton, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

### **2: BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ / CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **(i) Report to Members on YourCouncil.ie.**

Kevin O'Regan advised that the matter is following on from the March meeting and noted that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was agreed to defer the item until the May meeting to allow Members to look at the matter.

#### **(ii) Housing Report for Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District April 2018.**

Members noted the report circulated prior to the meeting.

### **3: COMHFHREAGRAS / CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **(i) Correspondence TII re N28 - Douglas Exit to R609, Carrigaline Road.**

Members noted the correspondence circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **(ii) Correspondence Department Education and Skills re proposed Educate Together School Rochestown/Douglas.**

Members noted the correspondence circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **(iii) Correspondence from Planning Department re the Bond for the development at Maryborough.**

Kevin O'Regan advised that the report circulated prior to the meeting is the response received following on from Cllr. Forde's request for further information at the March meeting.

#### **(iv) Correspondence from Environment Department re litterbins.**

Kevin O'Regan advised that the report circulated prior to the meeting is the response received following on from Cllr. D'Alton's Notice of Motion at the March meeting.

#### **(v) Proposals for extra 30 kph zones within the Municipal District.**

Madeline Healy advised that correspondence on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that we now have the opportunity to consider extending the zones in our MD and to amend the Bye Laws. The proposed areas were selected following representations and consideration of layout and traffic in estates. Given the limited resources areas have to be prioritised. Madeleine Healy requested Members to identify other estates if they feel they have a higher merit for inclusion but noted that the number of estates is limited to six.

Members thanked Madeleine Healy for her report on the matter. A discussion followed and Members raised the following comments/queries on the matter:

- That the allocation of €15,000 is a small amount.
- It is recognised that the introduction of 30 kph zones has to be done in phases.
- The proposed inclusion of Mount Oval was queried. It was noted that there are over 100 estates coming before Members to be Taken In Charge this year and it may be included.
- Given the limited resources available the areas identified in the report are the right selection.
- The introduction of 30 kph zones is working in Ballincollig. There have been 2-3 requests in the Ballincollig area for consideration by the area office.

- Whether surveys been carried out before and after the introduction of the 30 kph zones and have they led to a reduction in speed?
- Green Valley and Bramble Hill should be included for future consideration and areas adjacent to schools and pitches should be given priority.
- How do we communicate the 30 kph zones to the public?
- Are the Gardai notified regarding changes in speed zones?

Madeleine Healy advised the following in response:

- Mount Oval may merit further consideration. Pockets of the estate and the through road have been taken in charge and additional areas will be taken in charge. The amount of traffic and the area merits the estate for inclusion. It should be left for inclusion and depending on how the year progresses, may be removed at a later stage.
- Muskerry Estate in Ballincollig is on the list and other areas in Ballincollig will be considered in the future.
- Surveys have been carried out before and after the introduction of the 30 kph zones and there has been no drastic change seen. Hopefully 30 kph zones will be more recognised in the future.
- There will be a public consultation period to amend the Bye Laws and there will be large speed signs at the entrance of the estates. Kevin O'Regan advised that Members will be contacted to highlight the public consultation period on their social media and Tidy Towns groups will be asked to do the same. There will also be advertising in newspapers.
- The introduction of 30 kph zones on a phased basis is a follow on from Jake's Law.
- Gardai are not notified regarding changes in speed zones.

Following a question from Cllr. D'Alton, Kevin O'Regan advised that there has been no response from TII to the request that a noise barrier would be provided on the southern side of the N40 flyover as it crosses Douglas village and agreed to follow up on the matter.

#### **4: LEITHDHÁILEADH GINEARÁLTA BARDASACHA 2018/CISTE FORBARTHA BAILTE 2018 / GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION 2018/TOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018.**

##### **General Municipal Allocation 2018**

*On the proposal of Cllr. Jeffers and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, Members agreed the following allocation from the 2018 General Municipal Allocation:*

Cork Harlequins	€10,000.00
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##### **Town Development Fund 2018**

Kevin O'Regan outlined the report circulated to Members prior to the meeting and advised that Members can consider the proposals and revert on the matter at the May meeting or consider the proposals now. Kevin O'Regan advised that he is meeting with Madeleine Healy and Peter O'Donoghue this week and will present proposals for Douglas Village at the May meeting. Members thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter. A discussion followed and Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- Proposals for Douglas village are welcomed and the streetscape proposals could be incorporated.
- Members welcome contributing to create a village element in Douglas, public consultation and feedback is required.
- There is an issue with litter on roads connecting to main towns and an element of the allocation towards environmental improvements should be used to deal with this issue.

- Tidy Towns groups should be consulted regarding weed spraying at town approaches.
- A larger amount of funding should be allocated towards environmental improvements.
- Verge cutting should be carried out on local roads.
- The uptake of the Painting Scheme has been poor. The money could be put to better use and this should be looked at.
- Carrigaline are hosting a twinning group from Guidel this year and a group from Ballincollig are travelling this year.
- Funding towards the Passage West Maritime Museum is welcomed and will provide a boost to all involved in the project.
- The Vigour Festival was well attended last year despite the weather and holding the festival in the Regional Park this year will allow it to develop.
- There have been a number of enquiries regarding the Paint Scheme in Passage West this year. There is little uptake from rental properties and the owners should be contacted.
- There is a request for signage in Ardmore Estate to mark its 40 year anniversary.
- Neon Lights on signage should be eradicated.
- There was a request made for signage indicating Marian Terrace and Grange Cottages on the Grange Road at the March meeting.
- Grange and Donnybrook need attention and the creation of character needs to be looked at for these central points.
- The area office should consider keeping a spraying register; it would give people a guarantee of spraying carried out in urban areas.

Madeleine Healy advised the following in response:

- The area office cannot engage in regular consultation when spraying town approaches.
- The area office can look at keeping a spraying register but this may be difficult. Spraying is weather dependant and it may not be possible to spray an area for a month. It is difficult to effectively deal with the matter in our climate.

Kevin O'Regan advised the following in response:

- The proposed allocation towards environmental improvements is additional to funding towards the main approaches and is for non-main approaches.
- Kevin O'Regan advised that he will be speaking to Madeleine Healy regarding proposed environmental improvement works and noted that proposals will be presented at the May meeting. Kevin O'Regan advised Members to forward suggestions and noted that he will circulate a discussion document prior to the May meeting.

*On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Canty, Members agreed the following allocations from the 2018 Town Development Fund:*

1	Festival Lights	€13,000.00
2	Signage	€10,000.00
3	Twinning	€3,500.00
4	Public Lighting	€20,000.00
5	Vigour Health and Wellbeing Festival	€3,000.00
6	Douglas Village	€25,000.00
7	Passage West Maritime Museum Reserve	€25,000.00

#### **5: STREETScape PAINTING, SIGNAGE & IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2018**

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and noted that the scheme is being launched at today's meeting. The main issues in Passage West are trying to identify property owners and the fact that a lot of the properties are 3 storeys,

which have extra health and safety requirements. A lot of people made contact too late last year and the weather turned. Kevin O'Regan advised that there are copies of the scheme available for Members at the meeting and noted that he will email the scheme to Members.

Members thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter and welcomed the scheme. A discussion followed and Members raised the following comments/queries on the matter:

- There is a question if the allocation will be spent; there are other areas where the funding can be spent.
- 100% is a large contribution; perhaps it should be limited to 75%-80%.
- The lenience regarding a hoist for 3 storey buildings is welcome.
- Can the scheme be put on the Cork County Council website?

Kevin O'Regan advised the following in response:

- A maximum contribution of 100% is available from other Municipal Districts.
- It may not be possible to put the application form on the website as each Municipal District has a separate application form.

*On the proposal of Cllr. D'Alton and seconded by Cllr. Jeffers, Members agreed the following allocation from the 2018 Town Development Fund:*

Streetscape Painting & Signage Scheme 2018	€20,000.00
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#### **6: VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME 2018 – RINGASKIDDY**

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Kevin O'Regan advised that he is liaising with the Architects Department regarding the proposed works and noted that he will forward drawings to Members when available.

Members thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report and welcomed the scheme as a positive investment in the area.

#### **7: TOWN APPROACHES PROGRAMME 2018**

Madeleine Healy advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that the proposals include general and specific projects in areas and noted that the matter is open to Members for comment.

Members thanked Madeleine Healy for her report on the matter and welcomed the works. A discussion followed and Members raised the following comments/queries on the matter:

- Issue regarding tree beyond Douglas Pitch and Putt Club.
- Drains are not included, is there another funding stream available for these works?
- Can signage or narrowing of approaches be carried out in Monkstown?
- There is mention of assisting Carrigaline Tidy Towns; will groups in other areas be assisted?
- Will weed spraying on the R610 be included?
- Locating of viewing station at Ardmore in Passage West would be welcome.

Madeleine Healy advised the following in response:

- The Drainage Programme was outlined to Members at the March meeting.
- Consultation and work is required to see if narrowing of approaches at Monkstown is possible. The proposals outlined will cover signs only.
- Carrigaline Tidy Towns are being assisted with specific projects.
- The road at the proposed location for the viewing platform is too narrow.

## **8: NOTICES OF MOTION**

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Forde:**

**1. "That the Engineer gives a report on what actions can and should be taken on Church Street to deter illegal parking on the footpath which is a danger to pedestrians."**

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

*As Members are aware Church Street falls with the Pay Parking area in Douglas and is monitored by APCOA.*

*In the period from 1st January to 10th April 2018 a total of 6 Fixed Charge Notices for the offence of 'parking on a footway' were issued. Over the same period some 487 Fixed Charge Notices were issued for all offences in this area. 400 Pay& Display tickets were purchased for Church Street during the month of February 2018.*

*The railings installed near the Park led to a considerable reduction in this type of offence. APCOA will continue to patrol the area to ensure that this particular type of offence does not become an issue.*

Cllr. Forde thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter.

**3. "That the Engineer gives a written report on action to be taken to increase the safety of residents/vehicles exiting and turning right at Douglas Lawn adjacent to Bow Wow Bridge."**

Cllr. Forde advised that bollards were promised in the area 15 years ago and noted that people have to walk against the flow of traffic at the bridge. Cllr. Forde suggested putting a yellow box in place. Madeleine Healy advised that there is no easy solution and noted that a speed survey is being carried to identify the speed problem. The road has traffic calming measures and it is difficult to assess the nature of the speed. Madeleine Healy advised that she will meet with the Traffic and Transportation Section to see if path connections and works can be carried out. Madeleine Healy advised that she will ask the Property Section to contact the property owner but noted that there is no funding in place. Madeleine Healy advised that a yellow box is not a speed reduction method.

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Murphy:**

**1. "That the Engineer considers the inclusion of Ardmore Estate as part of the works programme for 2018."**

Cllr. Murphy advised that the top terrace is celebrating its 40 year anniversary this year and noted that residents have complained about the condition of the road and paths. Cllr. Murphy asked that the matter be looked at.

Cllr. Murphy was supported by Cllr. McGrath in his motion.

Madeleine Healy advised that works will be carried out in a number of years and noted that path works will be carried out over a number of years on a phased basis. Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the road in the area.

**2. "That the Engineer considers installing Traffic Calming measures, possibly signage, on the road from Maulbaun to the Old Graveyard."**

Cllr. Murphy advised that residents have raised the issue of speeding in the area.

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the matter.

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Marcia D'Alton:**

**1. "That this Municipal District Committee would submit an observation to An Bord Pleanála in support of Aldi's planning application for the former Eurospar supermarket, Passage West on the grounds that:**

- **The proposed delivery of the Aldi service into an existing supermarket building is very badly needed in Passage West.**

- **Passage West is a satellite town with notably poor retail offerings for its resident population.**
- **The grounds on which the appeal has been taken have been proven to be not relevant as Eurospar formerly operated out of this building for many years.**
- **The provision of supermarket-sized convenience retail within Passage West would alleviate the need for residents to travel to meet their shopping needs and would consequently reduce traffic congestion to and in the adjacent settlements of Douglas and Carrigaline."**

Cllr. D'Alton advised that as the observation to An Bord Pleanála had been withdrawn there was no need to deal with this Notice.

**2. "That Cork County Council would install a pelican crossing at the current uncontrolled crossing location outside St. Peter's Community School, Passage West."**

Cllr. D'Alton advised that a request for a crossing has been made by a number of people and noted that the crossing is required at the start and finish of school times.

Cllr. McGrath supported Cllr. D'Alton in her motion.

Madeleine Healy advised that she had been in the area at school closing time and noted that there was a large volume of cars in the area, including cars stopped on the hatching. A crossing would need an area of 3 car lengths with no parking in the area to allow visibility and this may not work given the volume of cars. There are two school wardens in Passage West and it would make sense to have a warden at the secondary school. Madeleine Healy agreed to discuss the issue with the Traffic and Transportation Section.

Cllr. McGrath advised that he raised the issue of additional school wardens at CPG and was advised that infrastructure is a better use of resources.

**To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Eoghan Jeffers and Cllr. Michael Murphy:**

**1. "That this Municipal District would request the Tourism Section of Cork County Council to develop a tourism strategy for Carrigaline and surrounding areas of the Lower Harbour. This strategy should have a specific aim of attracting tourists who arrive via the port in Ringaskiddy, to these areas as key destinations."**

Cllr. Jeffers advised that a strategy would allow better promotion of the area, which has a lot to offer, and noted that it needs more attention. Options include flyers, maps of the area being available on boats/ferries and targeting people on social media. There are massive attractions in the area being overlooked and it is a gateway to Cork County Council on the southern side. Cllr. Jeffers advised that there is huge potential as a tourist area and asked for Members support on the matter.

Cllr. Murphy advised that the Passage West Maritime Museum will be an attraction in the area and river access is needed to get people into the area. The boat to Spike Island could be extended to Passage West.

Cllr. Jeffers and Cllr. Murphy were supported by the Members in their motion.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to write to the Tourism Section on the matter.

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus McGrath:**

**1. "To ask the Engineer to examine pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Rochestown."**

Cllr. McGrath advised that he has received an email from a parent regarding concerns for pedestrian safety.

Cllr. McGrath was supported by Cllr. Desmond and Cllr. Forde in his motion.

Madeleine Healy advised that she has been in discussions with parents and the Board of Management for a number of years on the matter. Following a delay, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was carried out by the school in September and the report has not yet been received by the area office or Planning Department despite requests. Madeleine Healy advised that the Audit is within

the schools remit and noted that it is wrong for the area office to step in before the report is received.

**2. "To seek an update on the upgrade of the Ballinrea/Cork Road roundabout and the infrastructural improvements associated with the development of the Education Campus."**

Cllr. McGrath advised that he is following up on a previous Motion and noted that the special planning contribution of €800,000 was paid. Cllr. McGrath asked for a progress update on the matter. Cllr. McGrath advised that the school aims to be opened at the end of 2019 and the infrastructural improvements need to be done in time. Cllr. McGrath advised that an update of the roundabout is badly needed and asked for detail on the estimated cost and whether Cork County Council will be subsidising some of the cost.

Madeleine Healy advised that the matter is being dealt with by the Design Office and noted that she will forward Cllr. McGrath's questions on the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that she had asked for a report for today's meeting but staff were unavailable. Madeleine Healy advised that €800,000 will not cover the cost of the works.

Cllr. Jeffers supported the motion.

**3. "To seek an update from the Engineer on the acquisition of the mobile speed feedback signs for this MD."**

Madeleine Healy referred to the pilot Scheme in North Cork that required a community contribution and involved the community in location selection. She noted that liberal use of the signs may lead a loss in their potential effectiveness. She noted that the units cost in the region of €6- €7k per set and her preference would be for the Council to fully fund their acquisition as it allowed for greater flexibility in deciding where to locate them.

Following discussion Members agreed that their preference would be to proceed on the basis as outlined by Madeleine.

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Eoghan Jeffers:**

**1. "To request a report from the Engineer on possible works that could be undertaken to reduce speed on Donnybrook Hill, specifically by the entrances to Calderwood and Bromley, with the purpose of making these estates safer to exit."**

Cllr. Jeffers welcomed the works carried out in the area and noted that there is poor visibility at the junction at Calderwood and speeding in the area. Cllr. Jeffers advised of poor visibility by Bromley and asked if anything can be done to deal with these matters.

Cllr. Jeffers was supported by Cllr. Forde and Cllr. Desmond in his motion.

Madeleine Healy advised that the long term solution is a ramp at Calderwood and noted that it will not be in place for 3 years. Madeleine Healy advised that the area will be moving to the city and noted that she can consider driver speed signs in the area to highlight traffic speed. Madeleine Healy advised that there was previously signage to highlight the concealed entrance and agreed to look at the matter.

**2. "That an update be given on a previous motion to install a pedestrian crossing on the Grange Road, in the general area of Clifton and Supervalu."**

Cllr. Jeffers advised that the matter had been looked at previously and noted that it is a dangerous spot with a large volume of traffic in the area. Cllr. Jeffers asked if works could be carried out in conjunction with the car park works at the Supervalu.

Madeleine Healy advised that a pedestrian crossing can be put in place but we do not want to waste resources by putting it in the wrong area. The Traffic and Transportation Section has funding and will be looking at the Grange Road. They will be going to tender for a consultant for the design stage this year, the crossing can be isolated and progressed.

**9: Rún Comhghairdis / Votes of Congratulations**

**10: Aon Ghnó Eile / Any Other Business**

Cllr. Forde



1. Cllr. Forde advised that she met with residents of Green Valley regarding their concerns about speeding in the area. The discussion included the rugby club at the back and there is a fear of young children with the traffic. Cllr. Forde asked Madeleine Healy to look at what can be done on the matter and suggested 2 ramps and signage in the area. Cllr. Forde advised that the road connects with parallel roads and there is racing in the area.

Cllr. Forde was supported by Cllr. McGrath on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised that a survey can be carried out and if it is found that the works should progress, a 10% contribution towards the cost will be required from the residents.

Cllr. Forde advised that she will forward contact details for the residents association to Madeleine Healy.

2. Cllr. Forde advised that she had received an email requesting an initial grass cut at Frankfield. In addition, they noted that the roads and paths are in need of attention and advised that speed warning signs are required for the area. Cllr. Forde advised that she will forward the email to Madeleine Healy.

3. Cllr. Forde advised that she had received an email from a resident at Ravensdale regarding the walkway and will forward the email again to Madeleine Healy.

Cllr. Jeffers

1. Cllr. Jeffers advised of spray painting at the top of Pincroft estate and noted that the matter may have been dealt with.

Cllr. D'Alton

1. Cllr. D'Alton advised that she received a complaint regarding tree cutting outside of the designated period at the entrance to Passage West and noted that the end of August would be more suitable.

2. Cllr. D'Alton advised that there is gravel on the R610 from Passage West to Raffeen and it is an issue for cyclists. Cllr. D'Alton advised that a sweeper was in the area and suggested it may not be wide enough to clear the gravel. Cllr. D'Alton advised that she will look at the area again and revert to the Area Office.

Cllr. McGrath

1. Cllr. McGrath advised of a safety issue regarding cars at the pedestrian crossing of Hogan's Corner and asked Madeleine Healy to put a sign on Main Street advising motorists of the crossing.

Cllr. McGrath was supported by Cllr. Jeffers in his request.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:

  
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Date:

21/5/18