

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 18th September, 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillors Deirdre Forde, John A. Collins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin O'Regan, Municipal District Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer, Ken O'Riordan, A/Senior Engineer, Sarah O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer. Marguerite Murphy, Mott MacDonald Consultants.

2: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Canty, the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting held on 17th July, 2017, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cllr. McGrath

(i) Cllr. McGrath asked if the two Motions raised at the July meeting had been forwarded to Corporate Services for the consideration of full Council as they had not appeared on the agenda of the 1st meeting held in September.

Kevin O'Regan advised that he had sent an email to Members advising that as the matters are budgetary issues they will not be going to full Council for consideration.

(ii) Cllr. McGrath advised of a further water outage last week in Carrigaline. Cllr. McGrath advised that Irish Water has not confirmed if the water main will be replaced and noted that it needs to be replaced urgently.

Kevin O'Regan advised that there has been no response to date to the correspondence issued to Irish Water following the July meeting and agreed to follow up on the matter.

Cllr. Desmond

Cllr. Desmond advised that the minutes of the previous meeting were not available on minutepad.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the minutes had been uploaded this morning and apologised for the delay.

2: CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(i) Managers Report on the Part 8 Planning Process associated with the Shannonpark Roundabout Scheme.

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted that no staff member is in attendance for the item.

Cllr. McGrath advised that there had been 4-5 submissions and noted that there had been no changes to the recommendation. Cllr. McGrath advised that he is happy to propose the report and noted that he welcomed the improvements. Cllr. McGrath advised that it is an interim solution and urged that the works be carried out as soon as possible.

(ii) Clarkes Hill Road Upgrade, Rochestown – Project Progress and the 'Emerging Preferred Upgrade Scheme'

Ken O'Riordan attended the meeting for this item and introduced Marguerite Murphy of Mott MacDonald Consultants who is involved in the scheme. Ken O'Riordan advised that this is the 3rd phase of a three phase scheme and the aim is to introduce a safer road. The scheme is starting at the upper end of Rochestown and is a 1km scheme. Land acquisition will be required and the plan is to meet landowners. The scheme will be brought to Part VIII.

Marguerite Murphy advised that it is an improvement scheme for Clarke's Hill and noted that it will include a six metre wide carriageway with two paths of two metre width. There will be a signalised junction at the bottom of Clarke's Hill and there will be a left/right turn lane. The scheme will involve six land acquisitions and the aim is to have minimal land impact. The scheme will allow for a safer road with improved facilities.

Members thanked Ken O'Riordan and Marguerite Murphy for their report on the matter. A discussion followed and Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- Concerns regarding maintaining the special ambience of Clarke's Hill. What impact will the works have on trees in the area?
- Why are two paths required?
- There is a gentleman's agreement at the end of Clarke's Hill that works well.
- What is the timing progression of the M28?
- How will an extra turning lane on the R610 be provided?
- A right turn lane on Rochestown Road is critical.
- Concern regarding two signalised junctions, the perception is that traffic lights cause problems. How will the lights improve the situation? What is the purpose of traffic lights at Mount Oval?
- Residents at Clarke's Wood have raised issues regarding the volume of traffic in the area.
- Concerns regarding lights at the end of Clarke's Hill and having 3 – 4 sets of lights in close proximity.
- Is CPO required at the right or left side of the hill?
- Query regarding timing progress.

In response, Ken O'Riordan advised the following:

- A detailed survey of the area has been carried out and we have a very good understanding of the environment in the area. This will be set out in the Part VIII.
- The two paths will reduce the width of the carriageway and reduce speed. They will encourage walking, allow bus set downs, and allow access to estates in the area.
- The inclusion of signals on the Rochestown Road will allow easier access for the 6 – 7 property owners on the northern side. Residents have made submissions; they are having difficulty exiting and think it will get worse over time.
- This is a stand-alone project to the M28, this will progress faster as there is funding in place.
- CPO will go from left to right as one travels down the hill.
- A right turn lane on the Rochestown Road is required.
- The best way to control access at the lower entrance to Mount Oval is to signalise the junction.

Ken O'Riordan advised that he hoped the project will have support as this is the best scheme we can fit in. Ken O'Riordan further advised that he is not circulating information on the matter prior to meeting with the landowners.

(iii) Report on proposed works between Westwood and Dun Eoin estates.

Madeleine Healy advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that the matter had received a lot of press coverage a number of months ago and she had undertaken to come up with a proposed solution. Madeleine Healy provided background information on the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that the proposal is to put in an element of proper footpath and noted that she will circulate information to Members shortly. The proposed new footpath is located away from the unofficial 'path' that has been created. The unofficial path is used mainly by children by also by a lot of other people. It has been blocked up before but this

was taken out as people seem determined to have access between the two estates. People who live on the northern side of Carrigaline are using it as a shortcut instead of driving.

There will be a leaflet drop to residents and a newspaper advert seeking submissions. Madeleine Healy advised that unless the proposal is widely disputed she would like to progress the matter before the end of the year.

Members thanked Madeleine Healy for her report on the matter. Cllr. McGrath advised that it will be a difficult decision for Members, submissions and views of the public will have to be looked at and the report will have to be considered. The decision will need to be carefully considered and the path will have to be moved from the residents directly impacted. Cllr. Jeffers echoed the views of Cllr. McGrath and noted that proposal is to try and establish a safer route.

(iv) Housing Report Ballincollig Carrigaline September 2017

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Kevin O'Regan advised that a quarterly report will be circulated to Municipal Districts and noted that this report should have been circulated at the July meeting but was not ready. Kevin O'Regan advised that the report is outdated but gives a flavour of different levels of activity.

Cllr. Canty asked to flag the matter regarding a site in Ballincollig that had been earmarked for housing but has been taken off the list. The HSE had preliminary planning for a step down hospital for the site and the developer has been told that this is going ahead. The housing development was a turnkey project and it is frustrating that the site is now gone. Cllr. Canty advised that another site is required for the project.

(v) 2017 Footpath programme

Madeleine Healy advised that this matter is on the agenda for information purposes. Madeleine Healy advised that a contract is being put together and an email was circulated to Members this morning highlighting the areas where work is intended. Exact locations will not be finalised until contracts are back and awarded. The aim is to carry out works in larger sections of estates rather than small amounts as had been carried out previously. Madeleine Healy advised that she will be going to tender in Carrigaline by the end of the month.

Members thanked Madeline Healy for her report on the matter. Cllr. McGrath advised that it would make more sense if the works could be carried out in better weather and asked if the works could be carried out in summer months going forward.

Madeleine Healy advised that it would be better to carry out the works earlier in the year and a rough idea of the allocation is known but noted that the road works are carried out in the summer months due to grant allocation deadlines. The footpath programme works are not as tied down regarding spending deadlines. Madeleine Healy advised that a lot of the 2017 footpath programme works will be completed by Spring/Summer 2018.

(vi) 2017 Roads programme – progress update

Restoration Improvement programme

Restoration Maintenance programme

Low Cost safety schemes

Community Involvement scheme

Madeleine Healy advised that a report on the matter was circulated to Members this morning. Madeleine Healy advised that the roads programme is 70% complete.

Low Cost Improvement Scheme at Maryborough Woods Junction

Madeleine Healy advised that a condition of the planning permission granted at Maryborough Woods included a signalised junction for the area. When it was looked at it was thought that a signalised crossing would work better there. Madeleine Healy advised that development contributions and low cost safety works funding will fund the works and noted that a signalised junction should make crossing easier. Madeleine Healy advised that the works are going through a Section 38 at present; it has been advertised and forwarded to the Gardai for consultation.

Low Cost Improvement Scheme at Farmers Cross

Madeleine Healy advised that this scheme is receiving funding as other schemes have not gone ahead. The scheme includes realignment and footpath works to the roundabout at the airport. The funding must be spent by the end of the year.

Community Involvement Scheme

Madeleine Healy advised that the Community Involvement scheme at Sydenham Terrace in Monkstown is a drainage scheme and will proceed as soon as possible.

Members thanked Madeleine Healy for her report on the matter and a discussion followed. In response to questions raised by Members, Madeleine Healy advised that Hayes Lane was considered for a CIS Scheme a number of years ago but the cost was found to be very high as there is a lot of work required. It was identified that other roads could be used for access. Madeleine Healy advised that if residents are willing to contribute, the matter can be put forward for investigation and agreed to look at costings for the scheme.

Following a request that Members receive information earlier for future CIS Schemes, Madeleine Healy advised that she has been meeting the residents group in Monkstown for a year and noted that it is never known if residents will provide the required funding so there is no point in coming to Members on the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that funding is set aside for CIS Schemes at the start of the year and it does not come from operational budgets.

Following a request from Cllr. Jeffers, Madeleine Healy agreed to look at road markings for line painting at Farmers Cross.

(vi) Control of Dogs (Parks and Greenways) Bye-Laws 2017

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and noted that the matter has been before the Members on two previous occasions. Kevin O'Regan advised that it is up to Members to consider how to proceed and noted that there may be some parks/areas that are more appropriate. Kevin O'Regan advised that the report includes activity levels to show how well the greenways are used.

Members thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter and a discussion followed. Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- We do not have adequate resources to implement new Bye Laws and members of the public do not take notice of signs.
- Bye Laws are most appropriate for the Regional Park, Ballincollig and greenways.
- Concern that Bye Laws will impact behaviour in smaller parks.
- Bye Laws should be in place on a 24 hour basis on greenways.
- Public consultation and feedback is welcomed.
- Dogs are roaming freely in the Regional Park and there have been incidents with runners and dogs on long leads in the Regional Park.
- Conformity to rules across the board regarding parks is required.
- Caution is urged regarding selection of parks.
- Unable to see how time rules will be adhered to in the Regional Park.

In response, Kevin O'Regan advised that the Veterinary Department has advised that under current legislation they cannot prosecute people for not having a dog off a leash. Following their advice the matter came before the Municipal District. A decision is required on start time and locations prior to public consultation. Kevin O'Regan advised that there will be people unhappy either way and noted that he is looking for direction from the Members on what is to be included in the document to enable the matter go to public consultation.

Members agreed that there will be no time constraints and the Bye Laws will include all dogs being on a leash in all parks and Greenways in the Municipal District.

Kevin O'Regan advised that he will forward the Bye Laws to the Law Department for verification and noted that he will advise Members when they are going to public consultation.

(vii) Car parking in Rochestown (deferred to October)

Cllr. Desmond noted that the matter has been deferred until the October meeting.

3: CORRESPONDENCE

HSE Response – Passage West Health Centre

Kevin O'Regan advised of the correspondence circulated to Members prior to the meeting and outlined the correspondence to Members. A discussion on the matter followed and Members raised the following comments/questions:

- Cllr. Murphy advised that he has been unable to contact the HSE on the matter.
- Cllr Murphy asked who decided that the building is unfit and as money was recently spent on the building improvements such on new floors.
- The response received is a death knell for the Passage West Health Centre.
- Cllr. D'Alton stated that she has previously been advised that there was an alternative premises for essential services and there is no reference to this in the responses received from the HSE.
- All services should not be transferred to Carrigaline.
- There has been no communication with the people of Passage West on the matter.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to send a letter to the HSE advising of Members views on the matter.

4: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

- a. **To consider the disposal of serviced site at No.1, Tuarin Glas, Ballincollig, Co. Cork to Paul & Michelle O'Connell, 1 Middle Road, Whitegate, Co. Cork for the consideration of €225,000.00.**
Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this was a property that the Council deemed should be disposed of and agreed that the matter should be forwarded to Full Council for approval.
- b. **To consider the disposal of serviced site at No.2, Tuarin Glas, Ballincollig, Co. Cork to Mr. Brian Delaney, 27 The Green, Coolroe Meadows, Ballincollig, Co. Cork for the consideration of €225,000.00.**
Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this was a property that the Council deemed should be disposed of and agreed that the matter should be forwarded to Full Council for approval.
- c. **To consider the disposal of serviced site at No.3, Tuarin Glas, Ballincollig, Co. Cork to Mr. Brian McKechnie, 5 Sunday's Well Avenue, Cork for the consideration of €225,000.00.**
Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this was a property that the Council deemed should be disposed of and agreed that the matter should be forwarded to Full Council for approval.
- d. **To consider the disposal of property at 174 The Quadrants, Ballincollig, Co. Cork to Co-operative Housing Ireland (formally NABCO) for the consideration of €172,500.00.**
Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this was a property that the Council deemed should be disposed of and agreed that the matter should be forwarded to Full Council for approval.

5: GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION 2017/TOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

Festival/Christmas Lights

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter was circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Kevin O'Regan advised that Douglas Community Association has been in contact and intend to light additional trees in the park this year. Kevin O'Regan advised that Carrigaline Business Association is hoping for an allocation of €2,500 in line with the previous two years. Kevin O'Regan advised that pre approval makes sense should applications be received and noted that payments are on a recoupment basis. Kevin

O'Regan advised that the report circulated includes previous allocation amounts for Members information.

Cllr. D'Alton requested an allocation of €2,000 for festival/Christmas lights in Passage West. An allocation of €13,000 towards Festival/Christmas Lights was approved by the Members.

6: NOTICES OF MOTION

To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Daithi O'Donnabhain:

"That this Municipal District requires Cork County Council, together with any other statutory bodies necessary to engage with one another and to do all necessary to ensure that the Poulavone Roundabout is resurfaced forthwith."

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

As Members are aware TII is responsible for maintenance works to the National Road network, which includes the N22, Poulavone Roundabout. Cork County Council has applied annually since 2014 to have the roundabout resurfaced. The Council has applied for funding again in May 2017 and is waiting for a decision on that request from TII.

If the application is successful TII will arrange to have the works carried out. Members will be advised of TII decision.

The current position is that no funding has been made available and following the recent events in Donegal it is unlikely that there will be any extra funding available this year.

Cllr. O'Donnabhain advised that the response is indicative and noted the hazardous road condition and volume of traffic. Cllr. O'Donnabhain noted the position and advised it is what the Municipal District had been advised previously. Cllr. O'Donnabhain asked that the TII be written to and asked to expedite works as the residents have concerns.

Cllr. Canty supported Cllr. O'Donnabhain in his motion and noted that Tom Stritch has agreed to put the matter forward.

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

1. "In view of the ongoing shortage of frontline Garda resources resulting in a reduction in Garda patrols and stations being unable to open in the highly populated residential areas of Douglas, Carrigaline, Passage West and Togher, the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District will write to the Garda Commissioner to request that the Togher Garda District would receive the highest priority in the distribution of new Garda recruits."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the District Inspector advised at a recent meeting of the Togher Policing Forum that there is not sufficient frontline staff. Cllr. D'Alton asked that the Municipal District support her request to write to the Garda Commissioner to request additional frontline staff in the Togher area. Cllr. D'Alton was supported by the Members in her motion.

2. "That deteriorated and damaged footpaths in Grange Heights would be prioritised for repair and/or replacement as appropriate."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the matter needs attention and asked that it be prioritised for next year. Madeleine Healy advised that she is aware of the issue and noted that some works were carried out last year. Madeleine Healy advised that isolated critical issues may be looked at.

3. "That this Municipal District would avail of the opportunity offered by Irish Water's works in the Owenabue car park, Carrigaline to undertake enhancement of how the car park, river and main street interact at this pivotal location in the town centre."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the area is at the heart of Main Street, Carrigaline. Cllr. D'Alton advised that the river by the hedge is blocked off and suggested the possibility of benches being put in place. Cllr. D'Alton advised that there are opportunities to highlight the area and asked that we avail of the opportunity to look at the area freshly in consultation with local groups.

Kevin O'Regan advised that Irish Water have negotiated restoration works and noted that any other works would be funded by Cork County Council.

Members supported Cllr. D'Alton in her motion. Cllr. McGrath advised that he had been given the impression that the design and line painting in the car park would be looked at following Irish Water works.

Madeleine Healy advised that the matter had been raised on a number of occasions previously but it had not been practical to look at the area until the completion of the works by Irish Water. A plan is required and the tidy towns group has 1-2 plans at the main entrance. Madeleine Healy advised that she will have to look at putting a funding request forward post the Irish Water works in 2018. Madeleine Healy advised that a plan would be the best way to proceed and noted that previous issues had been shelved due to the Irish Water works. Madeleine Healy suggested that the Municipal District Engineering team could look at preparing a proposal for the car park.

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

1. "To request that signage be erected at Carrigaline Playground, and possibly other playgrounds in the MD, to prohibit access to the playground after dark in accordance with Council bye laws. Also, to consider prohibiting access at anytime to those over the age of 12 years unless they are accompanying a minor."

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

The Area Engineer will arrange for signage advising of the Bye-Laws to be erected at playgrounds across the Municipal District.

In relation to amending the existing Bye-Laws the difficulty that would arise in relation to the Council's stated aim of trying to ensure that new playground developments and upgrades cater for people with disabilities. In many circumstances items could potentially be used by people who would be over 12 but due to a medical condition or disability are not a physically developed as the majority of people their age.

It is difficult to draft bye-laws with an age restriction that would achieve the aim of preventing people from assessing a playground without potentially discriminating against a minority of people who would benefit for the facility.

As Members are aware the "Playground, Multi Use Play area, Skate Park and Outdoor Gym Bye-Laws" were drafted through the Social and Economic SPC and I recommend that the matter be referred to them for consideration.

Cllr. McGrath advised that the issue is anti-social behaviour in playgrounds and thanked Kevin O'Regan for the copy of the Bye Laws circulated to Members and for his report on the matter. Cllr. McGrath requested that signage be erected at all entrances and the wording includes not being in the playground after dark in Carrigaline. Cllr. McGrath advised of the issue of youths in the playground using and abusing the equipment and requested that the signage advises the equipment is for children under 12 and all children with special needs.

Members supported Cllr. McGrath in his motion. Cllr. D'Alton requested that the Gardai be contacted regarding enforcement in the park in Passage West.

Kevin O'Regan recommended that the matter regarding enforcement be sent to the Joint Policing Committee to remind them that the Bye Laws are in place. Kevin O'Regan advised that the Bye Laws will need to be amended to include children with special needs and the matter needs to be referred back to the Social Inclusion SPC.

Cllr. McGrath requested that Kevin O'Regan put together wording for signage, proceed with putting signage in place at unlocked playgrounds and to refer the matter of amending the Bye Laws to the Social Inclusion SPC.

2. "To seek an update from the Engineer on proposals to carry out junction enhancements to improve traffic flow in Carrigaline and also to request that a thorough assessment of the sequencing of traffic light junctions be carried out."

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

The Traffic and Transportation Section is in the process of reviewing Road Capacity Options for Carrigaline. An initial assessment has been carried out and the next step is to have the identified options tested using traffic modelling, in order to identify a best option. This work will be undertaken later this year. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by early 2018.

In the meantime, a further review of the performance of junction of the R613 with the R612 at Bother Guidel/Church Road can be carried to identify if further efficiencies can be achieved at this location.

Any proposals in relation to works will be presented to the Municipal District in due course.

Cllr. McGrath advised that there increased traffic flow and noted that he believes the capacity can be improved. Cllr. McGrath advised of his frustration in the length of time the work will take and noted that there are real problems at the moment. Cllr. McGrath advised that people want solutions quickly and asked that the matter be fast tracked. Cllr. McGrath advised that junctions are not at capacity and noted that the lights at the junction by Bank of Ireland appear to be on a 24 hour loop. They should favour south bound traffic at morning time and the reverse at evening time. Cllr. McGrath asked if this junction is part of the review and that Peter O'Donoghue attend a meeting to provide a detailed update on the matter.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the response circulated is from Peter O'Donoghue and he will come back to the Municipal District following modelling, this is consistent to the previous response received.

Madeleine Healy advised that she can look at Cllr. McGrath's suggestion to optimise traffic and noted that this is the first time this issue has been raised. Madeleine Healy advised that the contractor dealing with the maintenance of traffic lights looks at traffic flow and can look at the matter, larger scale matters are dealt with by the Traffic and Transportation Section.

Cllr. McGrath advised that he would like Peter O'Donoghue to be asked for detail and to make positive feedback.

3. "To request that the speed ramp markings at Galway's Lane, Douglas be refreshed and also that additional traffic calming signage be put in place."

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the matter.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond:

1. " For this Municipal District to request that the Heritage section of Cork County Council explore in a meaningful way the possibility of developing a heritage/ commemorative centre at the site of All Saints Cemetery - the famine graveyard on Carrs Hill."

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

The Heritage Section has provided the following information in relation to the cemetery which will be beneficial is discussing this motion.

All Saints Cemetery is a recorded archaeological monument (CO 086-103), in the ownership of the Health Service Executive. There is an existing Wayleave between the main N28 Road and the site itself. Cork County Council also owns an important reservoir site, located between the Cemetery and the N28.

Cork County Council's Heritage Unit, working with the Cork Famine Group, the HSE and the adjoining landowner, agreed that an information sign would be put in place adjacent to the site. The wording and location for the sign has already been finalised and with the kind assistance of the Local Engineering Office, it is intended that this sign will be in place later in 2017.

It is not possible to build any structure that could be used as an interpretative centre on the cemetery or reservoir sites. Accordingly any proposal that would involve a structure, presumably with car parking

would initially involve the Council acquiring land. Consideration would also need to be given to safe access from the N28 as the existing Wayleave would not be sufficient.

The Heritage Unit propose to have an official unveiling of the information sign and Municipal District Members will be invited to attend this event.

Cllr. Desmond welcomed the response that the historic site is being looked at long term and also welcomed the informational signage. Cllr. Desmond advised that she had been contacted by people who did not know the site was there and noted that it is the largest famine burial site in Cork. Cllr. Desmond advised that we should be exploring other possibilities down the line.

Members supported Cllr. Desmond in her motion. Cllr. D'Alton advised that Cllr. Diarmaid O'Cadhla is forming a group on this matter, but the primary focus will be famine commemoration in Cork city. Cllr. McGrath advised of the issue of road access and safety concerns and noted the potential to involve the library service in holding an exhibition on All Saints Cemetery.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the Heritage Section are looking at this era and noted that they are unsure about the practicality of having something more than a sign at the location. Kevin O'Regan advised that he can ask the Heritage Section to revert on the matter at a future stage.

2. "To seek traffic lights at the entrance of Maryborough Woods on Carrs Hill."

Cllr. Desmond advised that the matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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

1. "That Donnybrook Cottages would be included in the next program of road resurfacing works."

Madeleine Healy advised that it may be a private road and agreed to look at the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that if it is a public road it may be suitable for a CIS Scheme.

2. "That works would be undertaken at the entrance of Amberly, Grange to repair the drainage problem and the loose road surface."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that the entrance gets flooded following light rain and noted that tiling at the front is starting to lift. Cllr. Jeffers advised that one person fell in the area and noted that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in the area. Cllr. Jeffers asked for an update and timeline on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised that she is aware of the matter and the issue is that the drains are soak pits.

Madeleine Healy advised that the intention is to carry out works before the end of the year.

3. "That a detailed traffic and transport study be commenced on the Grange Road, with a subsequent plan developed to enable a large scale project access national funding."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that significant national funding will be required for the project.

Madeleine Healy advised that she is in agreement with Cllr. Jeffers and noted that the project is crying out to be addressed in detail. It is a natural progression from the bridge project.

Kevin O'Regan advised that he will refer the matter to Peter O'Donoghue.

7: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Murphy

Cllr. Murphy congratulated Daniella Burke on getting on to the Ireland Womens U19 team.

Cllr. Murphy congratulated Paudie Murray on his success with the Cork camogie team.

8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Molloy

Jim Molloy requested that the Members increase their usage of the Firmstep system and asked that they lodge requests on it so that there is a record of requests made. This will assist staff and allow for proper recording on a database.

Cllr. Jeffers advised that the system could be developed more so Members can link in directly and asked to flag an issue regarding back up going to a different person than the staff member contacted to on a matter. Cllr. McGrath suggested a presentation at Development Committee to give further direction on the system.

Jim Molloy advised that he will get further information and noted that possible short comings can be looked at.

Cllr. Desmond

Cllr. Desmond advised that she had previously requested an updated contact list of extension numbers for staff and noted that the matter should be addressed.

Cllr. Murphy

(i) Cllr. Murphy queried the removal of a bench in Passage West.

Madeleine Healy advised that the bench was removed as it had been burned.

(ii) Cllr. Murphy requested that Back Terrace, Passage West remains on list of works.

Madeleine Healy agreed to keep the location on the list.

(iii) Cllr. Murphy advised that the trees at the back of Maple Rise are encroaching.

Madeleine Healy advised that the trees are on the list.

(iv) Cllr. Murphy asked if the former Mount St. Joseph's has been purchased as there is impinging overgrowth onto the road.

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the building was purchased by a private resident and they had lodged a planning application. The application was refused and a 2nd application is awaited. Cllr. D'Alton agreed to forward details of new owner of Mount St. Joseph's in order that they be written to on the matter.

Cllr. Jeffers

Cllr. Jeffers advised of blocked drains on Main Street, Carrigaline (outside Sinn Fein office), Douglas West (by Tesco) and Glenside, Pinecroft.

Cllr. McGrath

(i) Cllr. McGrath advised that there is no protection at one point on the boundary ditch on the back road in Passage West.

(ii) Cllr. McGrath advised that he has received complaints regarding traffic management at Donnybrook Hill, there was no flag person at the lights at 5.25pm last Friday evening.

(iii) Cllr. McGrath advised of a crash on the Rochestown Road. Cllr. Desmond advised that the accident was a head on collision by McGinns. Cllr. Desmond advised that there is an issue of speeding on the road at night and there have been a number of accidents occurring on Sunday evenings. Cllr. Desmond agreed to forward details of the accident to Madeleine Healy.

Cllr. Desmond

(i) Cllr. Desmond advised of an abandoned trailer in the Bosun car park and noted that it could be possibly treated as waste.

(ii) Cllr. D'Alton advised of a sign for the Monkstown Inn, which is no longer in use.

(iii) Cllr. Desmond advised of impinging overgrowth at a section of Cogan's Road and noted that it is no longer possible for 2 cars to pass.

Madeleine Healy agreed to contact a landowner on the matter.

Cllr. D'Alton

Cllr. D'Alton requested an additional bench in Marmullane Park in an area of sunshine. Madeleine Healy agreed to revert to Cllr. D'Alton on the location.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:


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Date:

1/26/17