

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Annual Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 16th July, 2018 at 2.00p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors: Mary Rose Desmond, Seamus McGrath, Derry Canty, Michael Murphy, Joe Harris, Deirdre Forde, Eoghan Jeffers, John A. Collins.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Marcia D'Alton. Councillor Daithi O'Donnabhain.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin O'Regan, Municipal District Officer, Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Pio Condon, Senior Executive Planner, Sarah O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

1(a): ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations for Cathaoirleach were invited for the coming year. Cllr. Harris was proposed by Cllr. Forde and seconded by Cllr. McGrath. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Harris was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District. Cllr. Harris then took the chair. Cllr. Harris thanked Members for their support in his proposal as Cathaoirleach and advised that he is looking forward to the year ahead. Members congratulated Cllr. Harris and wished him well.

Members thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Desmond, for her work in the role over the year.

Cllr. Desmond thanked Members for their support over the year and their co-operation in getting business done comprehensively and efficiently. Cllr. Desmond also thanked staff at all levels throughout the District for their assistance, co-operation and work over the year.

1(b): ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. Harris called for nominations for Leas-Cathaoirleach. Cllr. Forde was proposed by Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Canty. As no other nominations were received, Cllr. Forde was deemed elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District. Members congratulated Cllr. Forde and wished her well.

Cllr. Forde thanked her fellow Councillors for their support.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed: _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: _____

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CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 16th July, 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Joe Harris (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Deirdre Forde, Derry Canty, Seamus McGrath, Michael Murphy, Mary Rose Desmond, Eoghan Jeffers, John A. Collins.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Marcia D'Alton. Councillor Daithi O'Donnabhain.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin O'Regan, Municipal District Officer, Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Pio Condon, Senior Executive Planner, Sarah O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following item was brought forward in the order of business to facilitate the attendance of Pio Condon:

Any Other Business Item

Update from Pio Condon following Special Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held on Monday, 28th May, 2018.

Pio Condon advised that he was in attendance to provide an update on a number of actions as agreed at the special meeting.

(i) Vacancy Level in Douglas Village

Pio Condon advised that there are a small number of visible unoccupied properties in the centre and noted that the Planning Department have followed up to see if there are any interventions possible. Of the four properties identified in Douglas East, there have been discussions with two property owners and it is hoped to meet them either this or next week. One property in the area has recently been sold and contact details are being sought. The other property has a live planning application and it would be more appropriate to allow it make its way through the system before engaging with the owner. A decision on the application is due at the end of the month and the Planning Department will then engage with the owner. One property has had a change in use to a restaurant and we are looking to engage with the other owners in the coming weeks.

(ii) Cinema Site

Pio Condon advised that they had met with Development Management team colleagues and briefed them on the matter. Planning engagements have been discussed and they will take on board the issues raised. They will keep in close contact to facilitate development.

(iii) Public Realm

Pio Condon advised that he will be meeting with the Architects Department tomorrow regarding urban realm improvements and development and noted that meetings have not been held due to staff being on leave.

Members thanked Pio Condon for his report and raised the following comments/queries on the matter:

- Actions seem positive, especially on the architect's side. The addition of style and development is most welcome.
- Has engagement with property owners been positive and has it the potential to lead to anything?

- Active engagement is positive.
- Douglas is a critical area and we want to see it progress. There is a level of dereliction in the centre that cannot be sustained.
- Request for further update at October meeting.
- Can the names of the vacant property owners be identified?
- The type of street furniture put in place in Killeagh would suit Douglas Village.
- Could the Italian tree type in place in Maryborough estate be considered for Douglas Village as they would give a core village feel?
- Regeneration in Douglas West is the biggest challenge. Are we engaging with the property owners and why is nothing done?
- We need people to support economic development.
- As part of the last Local Area Plan apartments were proposed, are we continuing to look at this as part of the review?

Pio Condon advised the following in response:

- As part of the Active Land Management process, the Planning Department has become very active in vacant sites levy and engaging with landowners to identify barriers to development and improve locations. There is a multiplicity of reasons why land does not come forward for development. Owners are more optimistic based on the fact that the market is returning and it is hoped that properties not in use will come back into use.
- Ownership details can be forwarded by Members if they wish and we can check against our own records to ensure we have a full view. Information previously forwarded by Cllr. Forde was followed up on.
- Douglas West area has been identified for regeneration under the Local Area Plan. It is eligible as a candidate site under the vacant sites register. A planning application has recently been lodged for five units and the regeneration of the current properties is welcome.
- We have discussed the merits of population in the village with our Development Management colleagues and the current planning policy supports residential development in urban areas. We hope to see this in the future.
- Seating and trees in Douglas village will be looked at and discussed with the Architects Department.

Pio Condon advised that he will provide a further update to Members at the October meeting.

2: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Desmond and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

3: CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Housing Report for Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District July 2018.

Members noted the report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Desmond asked if future reports could include information on Rebuilding Ireland mortgage applications.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to forward the request to the Housing Department.

4: CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence TII re N40.

Members noted the correspondence circulated prior to the meeting.

5: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

(i) To consider the Grant of Wayleave at Ardcarraig, Douglas, Co. Cork to John O'Mullane and Catherine O'Sullivan for the consideration of €12,500.00.

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.

(ii) To consider the disposal of Land at Barnahely Road, Shanbally to ENGIE Developments Ireland Limited for the consideration of €1.00 plus payment of Council's administrative and legal costs.

Kevin O'Regan advised he had received an email on the matter from the Property Section this morning and forwarded to Members. Kevin O'Regan advised that this item was deferred from the June meeting as Members were not happy to proceed due to lack of information. Kevin O'Regan outlined the email received from the Property Section and asked Members if they are willing to consider the matter as otherwise it will not come before Full Council until October.

Following discussion, Members agreed to allow the disposal to proceed to Full Council. However they advised that they will be asking questions at Full Council in relation to the proposed consideration and requested that someone from the Property Section attend to answer questions on this matter.

6: GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION 2018/TOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018

(i) Vigour Festival.

Kevin O'Regan advised that €3000 had been allocated from the TDF to the Vigour Festival in Ballincollig but the event is not going ahead.

(ii) Running Track in Carrigaline.

Following a request for an update on the running track in Carrigaline, Kevin O'Regan advised that the matter can now be looked at as Irish Water has finished working in the area and noted that funding is in place.

(iii) New skate park in Carrigaline.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the demonstrators for the skate park are only available at weekends and noted that it is not feasible to hold the official opening mid week.

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer the opening until September.

Members advised of graffiti spraying, safety issue regarding people sitting on skating platforms and a refuse issue in the area.

Jim Molloy advised that additional bins are being sourced. Jim Molloy advised that the facility is for children over the age of 10 and noted there has been a report of children cycling in the area. Jim Molloy advised that both the Council and Members will probably receive more contact on the matter.

Cllr. McGrath advised that grass seed will not work in the area and the use of rolled grass should be considered.

Cllr. Harris congratulated all involved in the skate park and noted that if possible should be considered in other areas of the Municipal District.

(iv) Maritime Museum Passage West.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the museum is finished apart from a few minor items and has turned out very well. The museum is primarily funded from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Kevin O'Regan advised that the Minister is due to be in Cork at the end of July and an official opening is being considered. If not, a Council opening will be held. Kevin O'Regan advised that he will keep Members updated on the matter.

7: NOTICES OF MOTION

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

1. "That this Municipal District write to Cork County Council to draw down Bond that is in place for Pembroke Woods. That drains and road repairs be carried out in the estate."

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

Response received from the Planning Department:

Council's Legal Department is engaged with the Developer to progress draw down of the Bond to address relevant outstanding works in accordance with the grant of permission.

Currently Council and the Developer are not in agreement.

The Planning Authority will update the Members further as this matter progresses.

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

Cllr. McGrath supported Cllr. Murphy in his motion and noted that we need to keep the momentum going. Cllr. McGrath noted that we have not taken a large number of estates in charge over the last year and asked for Pembroke Woods to be included for future consideration.

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

1. "That this Municipal District, in furtherance of the Part 8 proposals for the Inniscarra Bridge traffic Lights, requires Cork County Council to facilitate the implementation of the project as soon as possible. To this end, this Municipal District agrees to write to the Department of Transport & Local Government to ensure all necessary resources are provided by Government to deal with the urgent issue."

As Cllr. O'Donnabhain was not in attendance it was agreed to defer the matter until the September meeting.

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

1. "That a report be made in relation to the pedestrian crossing at the Old Fort Rd / Ballincollig Shopping Centre."

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

Response received from the Ballincollig Area Office:

The current ramp and traffic calming measures were constructed in 2014 in accordance with DMURS (Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets).

A seed survey was carried out before the works and after the works.

The before survey determined that the 85%tile speed was 48km/hr with a max. speed of 60km/hr recorded during the week surveyed.

While the after determined that the 85%tile speed was 36km/hr with a max. speed of 55km/hr recorded.

These results suggest that these measures were a success.

Cllr. Canty noted the report and advised that he does not agree with the response. Cllr. Canty advised that it is an inner relief road with up to 200 children going from the road to local schools on a daily basis. When the estate was developed the high level of use was not envisaged and the area is a speed trap. There are no warning signs in place advising that it is a crossing. Cllr. Canty requested

signage be put in place to warn drivers to slow down or that there is a pedestrian crossing ahead and noted that residents had brought the matter to his attention.

Madeleine Healy agreed to forward concerns raised by Cllr. Canty regarding speeding and pedestrian safety in the area to Don O'Sullivan and to arrange signage in the area.

2. "That a program be put in place across the Municipal District in relation to tree cutting."

Cllr. Canty advised that residents have been in contact asking for trees to be cut in estates and noted that trees have grown tall and out of control. The issue was highlighted after Storm Ophelia where trees were lifted and fell. Cllr. Canty advised that there is funding in place and noted that it is something we should look at regarding dangerous trees.

Cllr. Canty was supported by the Members in his motion. Members also advised of the issue of overhanging hedges and trees, landowner responsibility and the requirement for planning policy regarding types of trees planted in new estates.

Madeleine Healy advised that the matter has surpassed any roads maintenance issue. There is a general policy where the Council does not carry out works unless a tree is dead or there is a safety issue. The matter has become a huge issue following the storms and the area office cannot keep up with the number of requests received. Madeleine Healy advised that there is a lengthy process per each request and noted that she cannot see the office being able to keep on top of the issue due to a resources and staff issue. Trees and hedges are a major issue and Bus Eireann has been in contact regarding issues with overhanging branches. They are the responsibility of the land owner and it has fallen to Cork County Council to make landowners aware of their responsibilities. There is advertising on the matter each year; it comes back to individual offices to follow up. Cork County Council has had to step in where there is a safety concern, which has led to a drain on resources.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to forward a request for a policy in relation to types of trees planted in new developments to the Planning Policy Unit.

3. "An update be given in relation to the proposed 30 k speed limits in estates."

Madeleine Healy advised that five additional estates in the Municipal District have been put forward, including Muskerry Estate in Ballincollig. Proposals for the county are being drafted at present, there will be public consultation and the matter will be back before Members.

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

1. "To request that Carrighoun estate in Waterpark, would be considered for the upcoming Footpath Programme."

Cllr. McGrath advised that he has received contact regarding the poor condition of the footpaths and noted that it is an old estate. Cllr. McGrath asked that the estate be considered for the upcoming programme.

Madeleine Healy advised that she has looked at the paths and noted that she hopes to have a footpath programme at the September meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that it will be a smaller programme than previous years as previous streams of funding which were additional are not available this year. Madeleine Healy advised that she will be looking at what is possible in the area.

2. "To request that the Engineer investigate subsidence in Sommerville estate, particularly around house numbers in the 20's."

Cllr. McGrath asked Madeleine Healy to look at the matter and advised that the drains are several inches over the surface and there is no adequate kerbing. Cllr. McGrath advised that the estate needs attention.

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

3. "To request that a yellow box be put in place at Calderwood entrance on Donnybrook Hill."

Cllr. McGrath advised that he has received contact regarding the speed of vehicles coming down Donnybrook Hill and noted that one of the speed ramps is ineffective. Cllr. McGrath advised that the

area will not be looked at for a long time and noted that a yellow box would help residents with queuing in the mornings.

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

Madeleine Healy advised that a yellow box at the location would not solve the issue as traffic can be backed up to the village. Co-operation between drivers regarding the right turn is good and the situation is mirrored in most suburban estates. If a box was put in place vehicles would probably stop there illegally as they would not be able to clear it. Madeleine Healy advised that she has consulted with the Traffic and Transportation Section, who agree with her opinion on the matter.

The ramp is low and it is a difficult matter to balance. Complaints have been received from residents slipping in icy weather. The volume of traffic and it being a regular bus route has to be taken into account. There are a lot of issues to try and solve with one structure. There are specifications in place regarding the height of the ramp.

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

1. "That a speed survey be carried out in Dunvale, Frankfield to determine if there is a possible need for traffic calming measures."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that there are two large roads in the estate and there are no speed reduction measures in place. Cllr. Jeffers advised that there is a high level of speeding in the area and asked if a survey could be carried out for future works.

Madeleine Healy agreed to carry out a speed survey in the areas identified by Cllr. Jeffers.

2. "That measures be implemented in the area of Ardfield Grove on Clooney's Lane to reduce traffic speed and improve pedestrian safety."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that there is an issue with speeding at the Cooney's Lane area and noted that he has serious concerns on the matter. Cllr. Jeffers advised that there are a large number of children living from Bellevue to Newton Court and noted that it is a dangerous corner. The planned development in the area will lead to increased traffic and traffic calming in the area needs more attention.

Cllr. Jeffers was supported by Cllr. Harris in his motion.

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the area.

3. "To seek an update from the Engineer on possible further improvements following on from a previous motion "That the Engineer would consider road and pedestrian improvements with regards to safety from Scart Cross to the airport roundabout. Such improvements may include road widening, junction improvements, line painting and extension of footpaths."

Cllr. Jeffers commended the recent works carried out in the area and noted that he has received positive feedback. Cllr. Jeffers asked if a public light can be considered for the area. Cllr. Jeffers advised that there has been an increase in traffic from Farmers Cross to Scart Cross and asked if the Council can engage with landowners regarding removal of a ditch. There has been fattening on the road following the recent hot weather and the matter was raised with Tom Stritch, Director of Service, at today's Southern Committee meeting.

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

Madeleine Healy advised that as a result of the very good weather she is looking at the 'road fattening' issue in the area and will be looking at re-gritting in order to reabsorb the tar that has come to the surface. The matter will be looked at in the next month. Madeleine Healy advised that it is her intention to include the location for lighting next year, following consultation with the airport authority. Madeleine Healy advised that removing the ditch is not a simple process and noted that we do not have the resources to deal with the matter properly. The area will be transferring to the city next year and the location currently has natural traffic calming measures.

8: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Jeffers congratulated KC & Sons on celebrating 60 years in business.

Cllr. McGrath congratulated the Passage West Maritime Museum Committee on their tremendous achievement.

9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Forde

(i) Cllr. Forde advised that a constituent forwarded a query to the Council website and did not receive a response. The query was regarding a bollard on the edge of the road outside Foxwarren estate in Douglas.

Madeleine Healy advised Cllr. Forde to forward the details and noted the estate may not be taken in charge.

(ii) Cllr. Forde advised that she had forwarded correspondence to Madeleine Healy in February regarding various issues at Ravensdale.

Madeleine Healy advised Cllr. Forde to resend the correspondence and she will look at the matter.

(iii) Cllr. Forde asked for an update regarding Tenders awaited for the removal of signage on the Rochestown Road.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will check the matter.

(iv) Cllr. Forde advised that a lady fell on the path outside O'Sullivan's and noted that it is in bad condition.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at the matter.

(v) Cllr. Forde asked if there is an update on the derelict houses at Pinecroft.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to ask the Property Section if there is an update.

Cllr. Forde asked that the update is circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr. Desmond

(i) Cllr. Desmond advised that she has been contacted regarding two hazard cones in place on the path by Coach Hill which were in place previously and removed.

(ii) Cllr. Desmond advised of an email received regarding the Regional Park, Ballincollig. The email notes that the canal beds are dried out and it is an opportune time to remove the debris.

(iii) Cllr. Desmond advised that potholes filled on Maryborough Avenue are of a poor standard and not level.

(iv) Cllr. Desmond asked for information on the process regarding removing an abandoned vehicle.

Kevin O'Regan advised that if the estate is taken in charge, to send in the details and location to the Municipal District Office. When the details are received we then write to the owner and if there is no contact received the vehicle is removed.

Cllr. McGrath

(i) Cllr. McGrath advised that there is confusion at the approach junction to Shannonpark roundabout regarding the straight arrow on the inside lane.

Madeleine Healy advised that she has been made aware of the issue and the developer is doing what is covered in the planning permission. The arrow will not serve its full purpose until the estate is fully finished. Madeleine Healy advised that she has contacted the Road Design Office to liaise with the developer to get the arrow burned off in the short term.

(ii) Cllr. McGrath advised that signage at the playground in Carrigaline is outstanding. Madeleine Healy advised that the signage has been erected at the entrance of the park.

(iii) Cllr. McGrath request that a sign is put in place identifying the pedestrian gate at Carrigaline Park as the double gates are locked.

(iv) Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the bad bend by Rochestown College and noted that it has been an issue for a number of years. Cllr. McGrath advised that there is signage in place but the matter needs to be looked at.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will speak to the Road Design Office on the matter.

(v) Cllr. McGrath requested that Irish Water is written to and asked to review proposed road closures in Passage West. There is dissatisfaction with the new proposals and the matter will have a huge impact. They are still proposing having one crew, 5 days a week.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to write to Irish Water on the matter.

Cllr. Murphy

(i) Cllr. Murphy requested that traffic calming is put in place at the roundabout by the new Aldi in Passage West as the area is busy and will get busier.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at the matter once the new Aldi is up and running.

(ii) Cllr. Murphy asked if traffic calming will be put in place on the back road in Passage West.

Madeleine Healy advised that the matter will be looked at once the new road is in place.

(iii) Cllr. Murphy asked if works will be carried out on the Top Terrace before the upcoming anniversary.

Madeleine Healy advised that works will not be carried out before then.

Kevin O'Regan

To consider the lease of land at Castletreasure, Douglas, Co. Cork to Douglas RFC for the term of 35 years for the consideration of €200 per annum.

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.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: 
CATHAOIRLEACH

Date: 17/9/18