

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chambers, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 15th January, 2018, at 2.00 p.m.

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

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

1: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Canty and seconded by Cllr. Harris, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th December, 2017, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cllr. McGrath

(i) Cllr. McGrath asked if there is an update on the traffic lights at the junction of the Frankfield/Grange road and Airport road.

Madeleine Healy advised that there is no update since the last meeting and agreed to follow up on the matter.

(ii) Cllr. McGrath advised of poor road markings by the Kinsale Road Roundabout and asked if the lanes could be improved by Hanleys.

Madeleine Healy advised that the intention is to survey the road with a view to burning off the existing lines to extend lanes where possible.

Cllr. Desmond

Cllr. Desmond asked if there is an update on a date for the DLUTS meeting.

Kevin O'Regan advised that there is no update and noted that he will contact John O'Neill regarding holding the meeting at the end of January or start of February.

2: CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(i) Derelict Sites Act 1990

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted that it is a matter for Members to decide.

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

- Could the owner contest a sign on a building?
- What are vesting orders?
- Legislation to support what we do is required.
- The Act is difficult and unworkable; there are frustrations on a day to day basis.
- Is there an update on the pilot initiative suggested to the CEO last year?
- The Department has advised legislation will be introduced to assist Local Authorities.

In response, Kevin O'Regan advised the following:

- The Council has always firstly contacted property owners regarding carrying out works.
- A vesting order is a legal process to register property in the Council's ownership and follows acquisition by Compulsory Purchase Order.

- There has been no amendment to the 1990 Act and we are unaware of any other powers to deal with Derelict sites other than the Act.
- The report identifies issues we have, the Act has limited uses.
- A Local Authority can acquire a derelict property. If it acquires a property it is required to remove dereliction and is responsible for its maintenance. The owner can look for compensation following acquisition.
- The report was forwarded to the Solicitors Department for verification before circulation.

Members agreed that any amendment of the Derelict Sites Act would have county wide implications and decided to forward the motion to full Council for consideration.

(ii) Pay Parking Dividend

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted that the dividend comes to us due to pay parking in Douglas and has to be used in that area. Kevin O'Regan advised that the report includes suggestions for spending the allocation.

Members thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter and were supportive of the Douglas Community Centre project and in particular the proposal to have a youth cafe which would be a great asset to the community.

Following a request for additional information on the proposed allocation to the village centre, Kevin O'Regan advised that the Traffic and Transportation Section has funding to be spent in Douglas. Peter O'Donoghue has been asked for suggestions but has not had much time to consider the matter. Kevin O'Regan advised that he will revert to Members when he receives further information. Following a suggestion that an amount of the funding be spent on undergrounding services, Kevin O'Regan advised that the Area Engineer had hoped to spend the dividend set aside for this but given the estimated cost of €500,000 and timescales involved, it was felt that the works would not be carried out before the transfer to Cork City Council. Kevin O'Regan advised Members to forward suggestions for spending the dividend.

Members agreed an allocation to Douglas Community Centre in the amount of €25,000.

(iii) Housing Report for Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District January 2018

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated prior to the meeting for information purposes.

3: NOTICES OF MOTION

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

1. "To request that Pinecroft estate be considered for inclusion in the 2018 Footpath Programme."

Cllr. McGrath advised that Pinecroft Estate is 40 years old and noted that there has been no footpath works in the area in recent years. Cllr. McGrath advised that there are a number of sections to be looked at for inclusion.

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

Madeleine Healy advised that she will be looking at the matter.

2. "To seek an update on the proposal to provide a shelter at the inbound Bus Stop at the bridge in Carrigaline."

Cllr. McGrath advised that it is the busiest bus stop in Carrigaline on the inbound service. Cllr.

McGrath acknowledged that there are constraints in the area but asked that the matter be progressed.

Cllr. McGrath was supported by the Members in his motion and a discussion on the matter followed. In response to Members queries on the matter, Madeleine Healy advised that it is her understanding that Cork County Council does not provide or maintain bus shelters. Bus Eireann applies to the NTA for funding and then contact the Council regarding location.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the matter was raised previously with Martin Walsh and he confirmed that the provision of a bus shelter is not based on advertising; it is based on the route and bus shelters are generally provided on at or near the start of a route, where there is most queuing. Cllr. McGrath advised that it is a critical bus stop and asked that the matter be included in discussions with Martin Walsh with the Council's engagement.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will engage in discussions if required and noted that a stop would not leave enough space for pedestrian use of the path.

Kevin O'Regan advised that he is awaiting confirmation of Martin Walsh's attendance at the February meeting.

3. "To ask the Engineer to consider measures to improve the safety of the uncontrolled Crossing at the Church, Carrigaline."

Cllr. McGrath advised that there has been a number of near misses at this location and requested signage or crossing with flashing lights be put in place.

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

Madeleine Healy advised that she is currently looking at the matter. The intention is to burn off the lines and raise the kerb. There is an uncontrolled crossing down the street and signage will be put in place advising people of the crossing point. Hatching lines will also be put in place.

Following a request, Madeleine Healy agreed to look at Pipe Band Corner.

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

1. "That the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District Committee would write to the National Transport Authority requesting that Passage West and the HSE's new Primary Care Centre on the Crosshaven Road would be connected by a regular bus route through Carrigaline town centre. That a copy of this letter would be sent to Martin Walsh, Regional Manager, Bus Éireann."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that this motion has arisen from the HSE meeting before Christmas. The extension of the 223 service was discussed and the HSE asked if there was something the Municipal District could do to expedite the matter. The request has resulted in this motion and the extension of the service will allow the connectivity needed.

Members supported Cllr. D'Alton in her motion.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to send correspondence as requested.

2. "That the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District would write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and all other relevant decision-influencers requesting that the new City-County boundary would be aligned such that the Greenway from Hop Island to Passage West would remain within Cork County. This Greenway is recognised as being of critical importance to the future of Passage West town and an asset which can be best realised if it and the town are managed under one authority."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the Lord Mayor requested the inclusion of Hop Island within the city boundary, which would result in the greenway becoming separated from Passage West. Cllr. D'Alton advised that the city and county councils were presented with differing maps regarding the boundary of the greenway. Cllr. D'Alton advised that the greenway is needed to reinstate Passage West as a town of standing and its inclusion within the city boundary is threatening the future of the town.

Cllr. D'Alton was supported by the Members in her motion.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to write to the Minister, local TDs and John O'Connor, Chair of the Oversight Group, on the matter.

3. "That the litterbins throughout Passage West town centre which are in poor condition would be replaced."

Madeleine Healy agreed to replace bins that are in poor condition.

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

1. "To request that the road markings be repainted at the bottom junction of Forge Hill, Togher."

Madeleine Healy advised that the road markings will be repainted.

2. "That this Municipal District would endeavour to mark/promote Phil Cartys significance to the Fingerpost Roundabout, Douglas."

Cllr. Jeffers advised of the historic significance of the location and noted that the Municipal District should highlight and promote this significant character near the roundabout.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to speak to Conor Nelligan on the matter and revert to Members.

3. "That the footpaths in Grangeway, Pinecroft be assessed for repair works."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that the matter had been dealt with earlier by Cllr McGrath's motion.

4: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Canty

Congratulations to Simon Meehan of Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, overall winner of the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2018. Cllr. Canty requested a Civic Reception be held in Simon Meehan's honour.

Kevin O'Regan advised that he will speak to Corporate Services to see if a Mayoral Reception is being arranged and agreed to revert to Members on the matter.

Cllr. Murphy

Congratulations to Christy Burke, Proprietor of The Ferry Arms, celebrating 30 years in business.

5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Micheál Mulconry

Micheál Mulconry advised that he was in attendance to provide an update on the South Douglas Road project and noted that Peter O'Donoghue presented a report on the matter to Members in November 2016. The matter went before the City Council as a Section 85 agreement is required and the Members suggested an extra signal to assist residents of Willow Park. This change has been included and the intention is to go to Part VIII.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the update report is on minutepad.

Members thanked Micheál Mulconry for his report on the matter. A discussion followed and Members raised the following queries and comments on the matter:

1. Traffic into Willow Park is not signalised in the drawing.
2. Cognisant of timing of the work as there are 3 schools in the area.
3. Are there any measures regarding the back up of traffic on the Link Road?
4. Will the current works be relevant if the N40 becomes a motorway? A study carried out on the matter shows that the number of slip roads would be restricted.

In response, Micheál Mulconry advised the following:

1. There will be signals for Willow Park at the yellow box.
2. The works will be carried out when the schools are off, either in 2018 or 2019.
3. Modelling carried out by RPS shows a big improvement for traffic coming off the N40.
4. Modelling is based on the current set up and infrastructure. Micheál Mulconry agreed to seek clarification on the matter.

Cllr. Forde

(i) Cllr. Forde requested that the barrier knocked down on Rochestown Road be reinstated.

Madeleine Healy advised that this matter has been raised on a number of occasions. Under the current guidelines it is not good practice to have crash barriers and it will not be put in place. The issue at this location would appear to be speed related rather than anything else.

(ii) Cllr. Forde advised that residents on Monastery Road are worried about tree safety following trees falling down.

Madeleine Healy advised that it is the land owner's responsibility and noted that she will look at the matter with a view to contacting land owners.

(iii) Cllr. Forde advised that the new crossing on Donnybrook Hill is not in operation and noted that the traffic lights further down are not working and have been repaired on 4 occasions.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will contact Airtricity regarding the new crossing and noted that they are awaiting ESB connection.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will contact Micheál Mulconry regarding the traffic lights.

(iv) Cllr. Forde advised that drivers are using the turn for the shopping centre on the Rochestown Road for right hand turns and asked if something can be done on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised that the turn has been narrowed to a minimum and noted that it is a matter for the Gardai.

(v) Cllr. Forde advised that Raffeen Civic Amenity Site has been closed for works for 3 weeks due to safety issues and asked for information on the matter.

Jim Molloy advised that the matter had been raised at Southern Committee and noted that the works are for staff accommodation and other minor works. Jim Molloy agreed to ask the Environment Department if alternative arrangements have been made for members of the public during the closure.

Cllr. D'Alton

(i) Cllr. D'Alton advised that the seats in Glenbrook have been disturbed following recent Irish Water works and noted that residents have asked that the seats be maintained.

(ii) Cllr. D'Alton advised that the bins at Passage West playground and park were not replaced following recent works.

Madeleine Healy advised that the bins will be replaced.

(iii) Cllr. D'Alton advised that there is no public bin on the Grange Road by the bus stop or outside Aldi.

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the matter.

(iv) Cllr. D'Alton advised that the lifebuoy by the Cut N Cover has been removed and noted that this happens periodically.

(v) Cllr. D'Alton asked that the Area Office keeps a record of dates of when weed spraying is carried out.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will try to keep a record.

Cllr. Jeffers

Cllr. Jeffers advised of a pothole in Dunvale Lawn.

Madeleine Healy advised that the foul sewer must be repaired prior to road repairs.

Cllr. McGrath

(i) Cllr. McGrath advised of a lifting manhole at the end of Carrigmahon Hill, Monkstown.

(ii) Cllr. McGrath advised that residents at Mahers Lane by Spur Hill are looking for traffic calming measures as it is a rat run during commuting times and they have concerns regarding traffic volume and speed.

(iii) Cllr. McGrath advised that the agreed signage is not yet in place in the playground in Carrigaline and noted that the matter raised previously of the double gate being left open is still an issue. Cllr.

McGrath requested an estimate for opening and closing of the gates or suggested improved CCTV or lighting.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the bye-laws were circulated to the Gardai and agreed to get costings for opening and closing the park.

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the CCTV cost and lighting request in relation to the 2018 Public Lighting Programme.

Cllr. Murphy

(i) Cllr. Murphy advised that the road by Dock Cottages is in bad condition and asked if there is a plan to carry out works in the area.

Madeleine Healy advised that there is currently no plan and agreed to check if it is a public road.

(ii) Cllr. Murphy requested the inclusion of Ardmore Estate and Rockenham in the Surface Dressing Programme.

(iii) Cllr. Murphy advised of a pothole by the roundabout outside Lidl in Carrigaline.

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the matter.

Cllr. Harris

(i) Cllr. Harris advised of a road accident on the Carrigaline side of Douglas Pitch and Putt and noted that traffic calming measures are required.

(ii) Cllr. Harris advised that there are no bins in Douglas.

Kevin O'Regan advised that there are no bins in Clonakilty and members of the public are responsible for their rubbish.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:


CATHAOIRLEACH

Date:

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