

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD IN CARRIG HOUSE, COBH ON TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2017.

Present:- Councillors A. Barry, P. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, G. Keohane, S. Sheppard and C. Rasmussen.

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Ó Cadhla.

Officials Present:

Mr. S. O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. P. Lynch, Cobh Municipal District
Mr. G. O’Hora, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. R. O’Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. C. McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

The meeting commenced with a moment of silent reflection.

1. DEIMHNIU MIONTUAIRISCI – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor C. Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor K. McCarthy the Minutes of the Cobh Municipal District held on 9th May and the Special Meeting held on 24th May, were adopted.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

John O’Callaghan Park, Glanmire

P. Lynch advised the members that having investigated the Dept. Of Justice Community CCTV scheme it was deemed to be not suitable for this location, he is currently investigating options in relation to mobile CCTV and will revert to the members in due course.

Lake Road – Water Shortages

P. Lynch stated that he had written to Irish Water regarding the ongoing problems in the area, however to date had not received a reply. Cllr. K. McCarthy stated when he contacted Irish Water he was informed that the issue had been logged but still wasn’t resolved. Cllr. A. Barry suggested that the issue be raised at the next meeting between the Council and Irish Water.

On-Street Busking

P. Lynch stated that Cork city did not have bye-laws in relation to on-street busking, however Dublin did which dealt with the Grafton Street area primarily. Councillor Rasmussen requested that a copy of these byelaws be circulated to the members.

Road Lining for Cobh

G. O'Hora stated that this work was due to start shortly, Councillor Rasmussen enquired whether it included the Doctor spaces at Cuchulainn Place, G. O'Hora confirmed that it did.

Buses in Cobh Town Centre

P. Lynch confirmed that the Councillors had the power to change the bus stop area at Casement Square, outside of the Titanic Experience to set-down only by a resolution from the members and that the Gardaí should be consulted. P. Lynch advised the members that there was a designated bus stop on Westbourne Place, near the grotto. Councillor C. Rasmussen proposed and Councillor Sheppard seconded the motion that following discussion with the Gardaí and local proprietors, that at the next meeting of the council the change would be adopted.

Harbour Hill, Cobh

The rubbish was removed.

Barnavara Hill

G. O'Hora had examined the derelict house on the left hand side of the road and reported that he would be following the procedure to place it on the Derelict Sites Register.

Credit Union, Cobh

G. O'Hora reported that when the location was inspected, no bollards were visible.

Brookville/East Cliff Road

G. O'Hora stated that this was a narrow road and listed for the provision of additional signage, possibly chevron signs.

Station Road, Carrigtwohill

G. O'Hora stated that repair works were listed for this location.

Temporary Road Speed Signs

G. O'Hora stated that driver feedback signs had been put up in three locations this year and had been very successful, three more signs were due to be erected next year.

Camper Van Parking Area

P. Lynch informed the members that the Fire Service were happy with the proposals in relation to the Camper Van Site, some minor works need to be carried out to get the site ready which include 2m buffer zones between each space and additional signage.

Councillor Rasmussen noted that work had been carried out on the barriers and enquired when the council would be in a position to start charging for the facility. R. O'Sullivan replied that the pay machine had been procured and just needed to be installed. It was agreed that charging would commence on 1st July.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dept. Of Defence re USS Donald Cook – reply to Councils letter.
2. Cork County Council re Water Rock – reply to Cobh Municipal District letter.
3. An Bórd Pleanála re Ringaskiddy – notification to Indaver to publish the receipt of additional by An Bórd Pleanála.
4. Clogheen/Kerry Pike Residents re Horse Grazing Facility on Lee Road
5. Cobh Tourism re Flag Raising Ceremony on 11th July – Invitation

4. **OFFICERS REPORTS**

- 4.1 P. Lynch circulated a request from Seamus de Faoite, Cork County Council, Housing Dept., to attend the next meeting of the Cobh Municipal District regarding a presentation to explain the Councils Repair and Leasing Scheme.
- 4.2 P. Lynch gave details to the members regarding a briefing on Thursday 15th June from the Little Island Transport Study Working Group prior to the launch of the formal consultation process which is to begin later this month.
- 4.3 G. O'Hora informed members that Barry's Coaches had received a licence for a new bus service between Cobh and Cork, which involved the provision of 11 stops on the Great Island. Councillor Rasmussen enquired as to whether this was the proposed Local Link service. G. O'Hora stated that this was an additional service to the Local Link. The Local Link is scheduled for 2 days a week and only around the Great Island. The new service is by Barry's Coaches and runs between Cobh and Cork. The service is scheduled to run 6 days a week (Monday to Saturday).
- 4.4 G. O'Hora stated that having reviewed the annual public lighting budget, an additional amount of €8,000 was available and he suggested that it should be allocated to public lighting for John O'Callaghan Park. The allocation was proposed by Councillor P. O'Sullivan and seconded by Councillor G. Keohane.
- 4.5 P. Lynch informed the members that three projects had been submitted for grant aid under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme these were:
 - a) Harpers Island
 - b) John O'Callaghan Park
 - c) Minor Works for Carrignavar

5. **DRAFT CORK COUNTY COUNCIL (COBH) APPOINTED STANDS (TAXI) BYE LAWS 2017**

P. Lynch presented a report on the above Byelaws outlining the background, legal requirements, submissions and reports received from a number of bodies and individuals and comments on same. P. Lynch recommended adoption of the Draft Bye Laws and further recommended that the wording in Article 5 of the Bye Laws be amended to remove the need for a 30 day period before the Bye Laws come into effect. Councillor C. Rasmussen stated that there had not been enough public consultation

about the impact of the Bye Laws as proposed. Councillor Rasmussen said he had carried out a survey of the location and had determined there were 10-12 spaces nearer the train station that were not being used and that the residents in the area were not happy with extending the waiting area to the end of the Low Road, there were also health and safety issues, as well as access if parking extended to both sides of roads. Councillor Rasmussen was not in favour of the Bye-laws and would be voting against. Councillor Sheppard also stated she was not in favour of the byelaws, raising the same concerns as Councillor Rasmussen and further stating she was disappointed that the Port of Cork were prioritising needs of cruise line passengers over those of the residents. Councillor McCarthy fully supported the concerns raised by the other councillors and stated that buses turning up without bookings were contributing to the problems in the area and would also not be supporting the byelaws. Councillor Barry stated as there seemed to be a consensus amongst the Councillors with local knowledge that an alternative was available, he proposed that this alternative be fully explored. P. Lynch sought clarification from the councillors that if the bye laws were amended to move the waiting area further in the road toward the railway station and amended the times would this resolve the issues raised by the councillors and also clarified that the councillors did not object to the issue of allocating Temporary Taxi Spaces for large events, which was not in the current bye laws. It was proposed by Councillor C. Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor K. McCarthy that the adoption of the Taxi Bye Laws be deferred.

6. **REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF TOURISM SECTION OF CORK COUNTY COUNCIL.**

It was proposed by Councillor S. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor G. Keohane to accept as read the above report.

7. **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY.**

The disposal of Rose Cottage, Carrigtwohill, to Mr. Kieran Kiniry, for the consideration of €186,000.00 was proposed by Councillor S. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor C. Rasmussen.

8. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**
 “That Cobh Municipal Council would hold a Civic Reception for Cobh Wanderers Club to recognise the success of the team in the last number of years”.

S. O’Callaghan reminded the members of the policy, circulated in May, regarding Civic Receptions and that there would be a maximum of two annually. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor S. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor C. Rasmussen that a list of sports teams or individuals who had achieved national or international success should be given to the Municipal District Officer, who would then organise a Civic Reception for all in September.

9. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinead Sheppard:**
 “That Cobh Municipal Council would look at putting children at play signage in Estates we have taken in charge”. Councillor Sheppard stated that the signs should be put in as the estates were being built. G. O’Hora stated that a large number of housing estates already had children at play signs and requested that Councillors contact him if they

were aware of particular estates which required such signage. The motion for additional signage was proposed by Councillor S. Sheppard and seconded by Councillor C. Rasmussen.

10. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Padraig O’Sullivan:

“That this Council would provide would provide a written report on the amount of rates collected in Little Island in 2015, 2016 and the amount forecasted for 2017.

The report to include:

(i) How much of the €110.3 million in rates collected by Cork County Council in 2015 was collected from Little Island based businesses.

(ii) The report to also include how much of the €120.1m in rates collected by CCC in 2016 was collected from Little Island based businesses.

(iii) Finally, can the CE confirm what the expected rates income is for 2017 and how much of that is expected to be collected from Little Island businesses?”.

Ms. L. Lynch, Head of Finance, Cork County Council responded to Councillor P. O’Sullivan’s request for information as follows: Rate is a commercial property tax which part funds the revenue expenditure programmes of the Council on a countywide basis. There are 34 Rating Districts in Cork county, with Little Island comprising part of Rating District 13, which also includes Glanmire, Glounthaune etc. Figures for the entire district for the years 2015 and 2016 were included in the report.

Councillor P. O’Sullivan extrapolated from the figures provided to surmise that the Little Island and Glanmire/Glounthaune area accounted for approximately 10% of the rates collected in the County, and as such he and the residents in the area were not happy with the infrastructure provided as a return for the businesses in the area. Councillor A. Barry stated it was probable that the bulk of the figures were from the Little Island area and an alternative access should be considered. The proposal for promoting an additional access was proposed by Councillor P. O’Sullivan and seconded by Councillor K. McCarthy.

11. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Ger Keohane:

“That this municipal install three speed bumps in three areas in Glanmire to reduce the ongoing speed in these areas and to prevent injury to pedestrians - 1 speed bump along the Sallybrook road (pike field road); 1 speed bump outside SARS Hurling Club and 1 speed bump along the Glanmire Community College road”.

Proposed by Councillor G. Keohane, seconded by Councillor P. O’Sullivan.

G O’Hora reported these roads were busy local primary roads and not suitable for speed ramps, but would examine erecting additional road safety signage on the roads.

12. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Ger Keohane:

“That this municipal name the L-7094-0 road as Kinvarra Road and erect signs at both ends of the road”.

Proposed by Councillor G. Keohane, seconded by Councillor P. O’Sullivan.

G O’Hora reported road number sign had been ordered and would be erected shortly.

13. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Ger Keohane:**
 “That this municipal carry out immediate traffic calming measures at the Buck Leary crossroad junction due to two major traffic accidents in recent weeks. No parking signs also to be put in place in areas outside the Sarsfield industrial estate and in areas outside the GAA pitches.”

Proposed by Councillor G. Koehane, seconded by Councillor A. Barry.

G O’Hora agreed to examine junction and possibly erect additional road safety signs at junction.

14. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**

“That this council considers the introduction of traffic calming measures on the length of the Tay road in an effort to reduce the speed of motorists before a serious accident occurs.”

Proposed by Councillor C. Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor K. McCarthy.

G O’Hora Confirmed his office is presently examining road and possible traffic calming measures along road.

15. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:**

“That remedial works be carried out to the footpath at Pearse Place, Carrigtohill.”

Proposed by Councillor A. Barry, seconded by Councillor P. O’Sullivan.

G O’Hora to examine.

16. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:**

“In areas where home owners are finding it difficult to get home flood insurance, on their properties, that the Council would put in place a maintenance programme for adjoining watercourses to ensure that in periods of heavy precipitation they are running freely.”

G. O’Hora stated that a programme of works was in place for road drainage and maintenance was carried out in local problem areas regularly. On the proposal of Councillor A. Barry, seconded by Councillor K. McCarthy, a reworded motion was to be forwarded to full Council.

17. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Padraig O’Sullivan:**

“That this Municipal District would write to Irish Rail to ask them what future plans they have for the railway station in Glounthaune, specifically what measures are they taking to address the chronic shortage of parking at the station, which often leads to overflow on to the public road”.

Proposed by Councillor P. O’Sullivan, seconded by Councillor A. Barry.

18. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Padraig O’Sullivan:**

“That this Municipal District would make a collective submission to the Senior Engineer of the Traffic & Transportation Section of CCC requesting that works be identified & carried out on Eastcliffe Road, Glanmire under the LIHAF funding allocated by the Government. Given that this is potentially the most dangerous and problematic piece of infrastructure in the locality where some 400 additional units are to be built the current plan fails to address the obvious infrastructural deficit here”.

Proposed by Councillor P. O’Sullivan, seconded by Councillor G. Keohane.

19. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

19.1 **Boundary Review – Cork City & County Council**

Councillor A. Barry enquired as to whether the members wished to discuss the implications for the Cobh Municipal District of the recent boundary review for Cork. It was agreed to defer further discussion to the special meeting scheduled for Friday 16th June 2017.

19.2 **Fota Road**

Councillor K. McCarthy raised the issue of the chevron signs on the Fota Road and the number of accidents occurring on this road. G. O’Hora replied that the chevrons were due to be repaired in the next week and reminded the members that the speed limit on the Fota Road had been recently reduced to 60Km/Hr.

G. O’Hora will also examine the possibility of erecting speed limit repeater signs at this location.

19.3 **Ashmount Estate**

Councillor G. Keohane sought an update on the playground at Ashmount Estate. P. Lynch replied that a response had been received from the planner but he was awaiting further clarification.

19.4 **Riverstown Cross to Garda Station, Glanmire**

Councillor G. Keohane raised the issue of the lining of the road between Riverstown Cross and the Garda Station. G. O’Hora replied that this road was due to be resurfaced later this summer and the lining would be done after this work was completed.

19.5 **Lights at the Pedestrian Cross**

Councillor G. Keohane sought clarification on the timeline for the lights at the pedestrian cross at Glanmire. G. O’Hora replied that this work would be carried out over the next week.

19.6 **Flooding at Lidl, Glanmire**

Councillor G. Keohane stated that flooding was still an issue at the Lidl site in Glanmire. G. O’Hora confirmed his office was presently discussing matter and resolution with Lidl management.

19.7 **Barnavarra Crescent.**

Councillor G. Keohane enquired as to the timeline for the gates at Barnavarra Crescent. G. O’Hora replied that one of the gates was in situ and that the other would be erected shortly. P. Lynch stated that all of the residents had been written to in relation to

obtaining keys for the gates and clarified that the gates would not be locked until such time as each resident had received their key.

19.8 **Ploermel Twinning Committee**

Councillor S. Sheppard gave some background into the activities carried out by this group and sought additional funding for the group to host a dinner at the Commodore Hotel for visitors and host families. S. O'Callaghan stated that the Council fully supported the work of the Committee and he was prepared to discuss any shortfall in the grant already provided to the Committee with Cllr. Sheppard.

19.9 **Hartlands Point, Cobh**

Councillor S. Sheppard raised the issue of cars parking at both sides of the entrance to this estate. Councillor Sheppard enquired whether it was possible for the Cobh Municipal District to write to each occupant of the estate regarding parking, it would also appear that some cars had been abandoned. S. O'Callaghan pointed out that the road involved was a public road and that this was a matter for the Gardai to enforce.

19.10 **Mervue Lawn, Glanmire**

Councillor S. Sheppard raised the issue of grass cutting at Mervue Lawn, Glanmire. G. O'Hora replied that the grass was to have been cut a number of weeks ago as a once-off by Council staff, he would follow up to ensure that this work had been done.

19.11 **Coolamber, Cobh**

Councillor S. Sheppard stated that there were two dead trees in the estate and enquired whether they could be removed. Engineer to examine.

19.12 **Cobh Town Centre**

Councillor C. Rasmussen raised the issue of a number of damaged poles around Cobh. G O'Hora confirmed potholes were listed for repair.

19.13 **Cuskinny, Cobh**

Councillor C. Rasmussen enquired as to the timeline for works on Cuskinny Hill. G. O'Hora replied that the works had commenced and would be complete shortly.

19.14 **Pay Parking Dividend**

Councillor C. Rasmussen enquired as to when the amount of the Pay Parking Dividend would be announced. S. O'Callaghan replied that the amount would not be known until September.

19.15 **Bayview Estate, Cobh**

Councillor C. Rasmussen enquired as to the status of this work. R. O'Sullivan replied that it was due to start this week.

19.16 **Carrig Eoin & Ballynoe, Cobh**

Councillor C. Rasmussen stated that a number of trees at Carrig Eoin and near the Pirates ground at Ballynoe Hill needed to be trimmed back. Engineer to examine.

19.17 **Barrys court Junction, Carrigtwohill**

Councillor A. Barry raised the issue of the junction near Barryscourt, Carrigtwhohill, he stated that it was dangerous and enquired as to the possibility of a yellow junction box at this location. Engineer to examine.

19.18 Carrig Downs & West End, Carrigtwohill

Councillor A. Barry stated that the trees between Carrig Downs and West End were in need of trimming as they were a danger to pedestrians. Engineer to examine.

19.19 Ballyseedy, Carrigtwohill

Councillor A. Barry stated that trucks were parking in this area and were causing a traffic hazard. Engineer to examine.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Municipal District Officer.