

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD AT CARRIG HOUSE, COBH ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**Present:** Councillors G. Keohane, C. Rasmussen, A. Barry, K. McCarthy, S. Sheppard, D. Ó' Cadhla & P. O'Sullivan.

**Officials Present:** Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. R. Ronayne, Cobh Municipal District

Apologies were received from Mr. S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, and Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer.

**In attendance:**

Mr. Eoghan Tuite, Senior Engineer, Eirgrid; Michelle Walsh, Community Liaison Officer, Eirgrid; Mark O'Sullivan, S/Senior Executive Engineer, Cork County Council.

**1. PRESENTATION BY EIRGRID ON CELTIC INTERCONNECTOR:**

Eoghan Tuite, Senior Engineer, Eirgrid, gave a presentation to the Members outlining the project and the framework for Grid Development. He stated that East Cork had been confirmed as the most suitable location for the project. Eirgrid had identified that the best performing technology option to connect the proposed converter station was to the Knockraha substation. Eirgrid now intend to consult on a refined shortlist of options and consider any feedback received.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked for clarification as to why East Cork had been chosen as the preferred landing point for the connector. Mr. Tuite stated that the Knockraha substation required far less work to upgrade it than the alternative site in Wexford. In addition, the East Cork route avoided going through British territorial waters which would have required extra consents.

Cllr. O'Sullivan stated that residents in the Knockraha area had serious concerns in relation to the proposals, as did resident in areas such as Leamlara and Lisgoold in relation to the convertor station. Cllr. Barry asked if the maximum distance from the substation in Knockraha to the proposed convertor station had been established. Mr. Tuite stated that this was currently being examined. He stated that Eirgrid wanted the cable from the convertor station to the substation to be underground but that this would restrict the possible distance between the stations. Eirgrid were currently calculating this distance and this would inform the decision in relation to the final location of the convertor station.

Cllr. Sheppard asked that Eirgrid meet with the members again to allow them to convey the concerns of the residents in the area.

Cllr. Keohane thanked Mr. Tuite and Ms. Walsh for attending the Meeting. Both then withdrew.

2. **Item No. 4 : PRESENTATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE SECTION 38 REPORT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT WHITCHURCH**

Mark. O’Sullivan, S/Senior Executive Engineer, Regional and Local Road Design Office, Cork County Council, outlined the details of the Section 38 Report of the proposed Road Improvement Works at Whitechurch pursuant to the provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

Councillor P. O’Sullivan said that while he welcomed the proposal, he had queries from some residents regarding the location. Mark O’Sullivan said the proposed location was the optimum suitable location.

On the proposal of Cllr. K. McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the proposed road improvement works were agreed.

3. **PRESENTATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE SECTION 38 REPORT FOR TRAFFIC CALMING WORKS AT TAY ROAD/COW CROSS, COBH**

Mark O’Sullivan outlined the details of the Section 38 Report on the L2993 and L2989 Tay Road, Cow Cross, Traffic Calming Scheme Section 38 Report.

Cllr. K. McCarthy queried if there were any measures to help with the problems being experienced by two houses at the Cuskinny side. R. O’Sullivan stated that we will have a look at the location again

Cllr. C. Rasmussen said he was surprised that there had not been more submissions. He supported Cllr. McCarthy regarding the issue of the two houses on the Cuskinny side of the road.

Cllr. S. Sheppard said she welcomed the report as there were constant problems with speed on the road. She also supported Cllr. McCarthy.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. K. McCarthy, the proposed works were agreed.

Cllr. Rasmussen asked if there was any update on the proposed pedestrian crossing for St. Joseph’s School. Mark O’Sullivan said he hoped it would be available for the next meeting.

4. **DEIMHNIU MIONTUAIRISCI:**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the Minutes of the Annual & Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were adopted

On the proposal of Cllr. P. O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were adopted

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were adopted

On the proposal of Cllr. P. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of Cobh and East Cork Municipal Districts held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were adopted

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Condition of roads at Ballyleary, Spy Hill, Ahern Place and College Manor:**

R. O'Sullivan said that a Contractor was available and work was planned at Ballyleary in the next two weeks. He also reported that a velocity patcher would be coming to the area in the next 2 weeks.

Cllr. Rasmussen asked for an update on College Manor. R. O'Sullivan said work would be carried out if funding was available. Cllr. Sheppard said there was constant traffic going through College Manor. R. O'Sullivan said he would price out the job again.

**Dog Fouling Bins:**

R. O'Sullivan said he was working on the list and would get a map of the locations.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked what was the policy regarding the dog fouling bins and if anyone can apply for a bin. R. O'Sullivan said any new proposed location would have to be assessed and it would then be down to available resources. Cllr. O'Sullivan said there was a problem in Whitechurch and R. O'Sullivan said he would examine.

**Speed Ramps in Oakfield Estate:**

R. O'Sullivan said he would look at providing additional ramps at this location.

**Drains at Brookville Estate:**

R. O'Sullivan said this matter was listed for works.

**Road Safety at Forge Cross and Killahora Cross:**

R. O'Sullivan reported he was investigating this matter.

**Speed Control measures at Annesgrove, Carrigtwohill:**

R. O'Sullivan reported that additional 50k signage had been erected. He would also talk to Gardaí regarding the enforcement of the speed limit.

**Hedge on Ferry side of Tay Road:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that the hedge had been cut.

**Condition of Footpaths at Brookville Estate, Glanmire**

R. O'Sullivan stated that this matter was listed for works.

**Derelict Site at Oakfield, Glanmire:**

R. O'Sullivan said this matter had been dealt with.

**Licences:**

P. Lynch stated he had spoken to the officials dealing with GDPR in County Hall. There was no provision in the bye-laws to provide a list of licence holders to members and therefore there was no legal entitlement to issue such a list.

**Litter Warden:**

P. Lynch reported that it had been agreed that the current traffic warden would be able to issue litter fines outside of the old Cobh Town Council area. An Order would be prepared shortly allowing the Warden to operate within a 50km zone.

He also reported that a new Traffic Warden had commenced work.

**Agreement between Cork City/County Council re road within Harbour Point Business Park:**

P. Lynch reported that the agreement between Cork City and County Councils was that Cork City Council would upgrade the road and Cork County Council would take it in charge but that this had not happened. A meeting will shortly be organised between County and City Council engineers to agree works.

**Request to have limits applying to qualify for Social Housing in Cork City being extended to Cobh Municipal District.**

P. Lynch stated that this matter was on the Agenda for the County Council meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**Adoption of Minutes of Special Joint Meeting of Cobh and East Cork Municipal Districts held on Tuesday, 24/07/2018**

P. Lynch reported that he had received confirmation that the above Minutes had been adopted by the East Cork Municipal District.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

P. Lynch referred to letter from the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport [which had been circulated with the Agenda] in reply to his letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 in relation to additional funding for road repairs. The reply stated that the grant funding available to the Department for regional and local roads for 2018 has already been allocated, including the recent announcement of the allocations for the Community Involvement Scheme [CIS]. The Minister also stated that he has to work within the budget available to his Department and there is no additional funding available at present.

**7. OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

P. Lynch reported that there were no Officer's Reports.

**8. 30 KPH SPEED LIMIT PROPOSALS, 2018:**

R. O'Sullivan reported that the closing date for the speed limit proposals was the end of August and that no submissions had been received. He was looking for approval for roads at College Manor and the Spires in Cobh and Oakfield in Glanmire.

Cllr. Barry said any through roads should automatically be 30 kph. Cllr. O’Sullivan said all new estates should have 30kph in place.

On the proposal on Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by D. O’Cadhla, it was agreed to adopt the Draft.

**9. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:**

On the proposal of Cllr. P. O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. G. Keohane, it was agreed to dispose of TII Lands at Brooklodge, Glanmire, to OCW Properties Ltd., O’Connell Warehousing Ltd., Brooklodge, Glanmire, for the consideration of €160,000.00.

**10. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER REPORT**

P. Lynch reported as follows:-

**General Municipal Allocation:**

27 claims totally €31,567.50 have been submitted in relation to the Amenity, Capital and Community Contract allocations for 2018 to date.

**Town Development Fund:**

5 claims totalling €9,000 have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund allocations for 2018 to date.

**Paint Scheme, 2018:**

Members approved an allocation of €12,000 for the 2018 Paint Scheme under the Town Development Fund, 2018. A total of six applications were received by the advertised closing dated of 20/07/2018. Following consideration of the applications, grants totalling €11,425 have been approved in principle, subject to submission of receipts. The breakdown by area is:

Cobh	4 Applications	€9,521.00
Glanmire	1 Application	€1,304.00
Carrigtwohill	1 Application	€ 600.00

**Current Part 8 Proposals:**

**Part 8 Planning Application – Proposed Pontoon at John F. Kennedy Pier [which is a Protected Structure], Cobh [in partnership with the Port of Cork Company]**

This planning application commenced on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018.

Documents shall be available for inspection until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

Submission of this proposal will be accepted up to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**Part 8 Planning Application – Proposed Installation of Statue of Jack Doyle at West Beach, Cobh [in partnership with the Jack Doyle Statue Committee]:**

This planning application commenced on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018.

Documents shall be available for inspection until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

Submission of this proposal will be accepted up to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**Part 8 Planning Application – Proposed Construction of service building consisting of 2 No. Public Toilets, a maintenance/storage room and a caretaker room on Haulbowling Island Public Recreational Amenity, Haulbowline Island**

This planning application commenced on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018.

Documents shall be available for inspection until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

Submission of this proposal will be accepted up to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

It is intended that consideration of all of the above proposals will be place on the Agenda of the October Meeting of the Municipal District.

**Camper Van Overnight Parking Facility:**

This facility is currently being monitored by the Council's Traffic Warden on a regular basis. Income for 2018 up to July from the Camper Van Facility was €8,790 and during July and August a further €9,108 has been collected from the machine.

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, 2018:**

An application in respect of Harper's Island has been submitted by Cork County Council to the Department of Rural & Community Development.

**Derelict Sites:**

Notices under Section 8[2] of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, have been served in respect of the following:

- Property at Oakfield Heights, Glanmire
- Property at Riverstown [Poulacurry North], Glanmire

Notices under Section 8[7] of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, have been served in respect of the following:

- Property at 23/24 West Beach, Cobh

With regard to 23/24, West Beach, P. Lynch stated that a Programme of Works had been agreed. A Notice had been served on one owner only as the second owner is not in a position to carry out works until the first owner does work. Cllr. Rasmussen asked if it could be made know what needs to be done. P. Lynch said that front facade needs to be made safe. Cllr. Rasmussen asked if house at Marino Point is on the Register. P. Lynch said he would check. There was also a site in Killeens for which a Notice under the Sanitary Services was served as it was a dangerous place rather than a dangerous structure. Work has not been done and the matter will be referred to the County Solicitor for attention.

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

**“That this Municipal Council write to Irish Rail and insist on the cutting of all the growth on the railway line which is not growing over the walls onto the road near Rushbrooke Station along the road opposite the dockyard which is now very unsightly and dangerous.”**

Cllr. Rasmussen said he was amazed there were no complaints and that a programme needs to be put in place to clean-up the area. Cllr. O'Sullivan said he agreed and that

there was also a problem at Little Island Station. Irish Rail should be asked to meet with the Council.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan that P. Lynch write to Irish Rail about the matter.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that there was also a problem with the Cobh to Cork Train Service as people were being left standing on days when liners were visiting Cobh.

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

**“That this Municipal write to the planning and housing section in County Hall requesting that a full master plan be drawn up without any further delay for the 57 acres of land owned by this Council at Ballynoe which cannot be developed at present owing to the lack of this Plan. Submissions have already been received for a sports development which cannot be progressed owing to lack of this Plan.”**

Cllr. Rasmussen stated that everything with regard to this matter had stopped. A Master Plan needs to be drawn up. County Hall needed to be contacted to present a Plan before Christmas.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded the Motion and said this was going on over 20 years and nothing had been done. A Plan was needed with some space kept for a hotel in case no land becomes available going forward.

Cllr. O'Cadhla said he supported Cllr. Rasmussen. A Plan should be drawn up and it should be costed. Cllr. Sheppard said pressure needed to be put on the Planners.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Directors of Services for Housing and Planning requesting the preparation of a Master Plan.

**13. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. C. Rasmussen: Seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard:**

**“That this Municipal reviews the running of the Camper Van area in Cobh in relation to collection of monies for parking there, that an up to date figure is given and that consideration is given to any potential improvements that could be made into the operation of the area for all users”**

Cllr. Rasmussen said the toilets need to be sorted and there was also a problem with rubbish. He referred to the fact that a Part 8 application in respect of a toilet block on Haulbowline would be coming before the members next month and asked if this development was likely to go ahead before the proposed toilet block in the Five Foot Way was constructed. He said it was necessary to go back to the Design Office and look at the Management of the place as a whole. He felt that more money should be collected due to the number of campers there at weekends.

P. Lynch reported that the site was inspected by the Warden every day and that there would now be more enforcement with the second warden in place. The problem was that the charge was for overnight parking and it was sometimes hard to establish how long a camper van was there for. The matter would be monitored.

Cllr. Sheppard said the Camper Van area had the best view in Ireland. The toilet needs to be upgraded. Cllr. O’Cadhla said all camper vans should pay to park and display a ticket and if there was no ticket a fine should issue.

P. Lynch said Cork County Council was the first Council in the country to encourage camper vans to visit Cobh. It took €30,000 to provide and it was a condition of adopting the bye-laws that money be put back into the Five Foot Way.

It was agreed that a report would be prepared on the matter by Council officials

**14. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. D. O’Cadhla:**

**“That this Municipal District Council call for the development of the beaches and piers that exist along the front of Cobh Town, including the re-opening of the Battery Strand and the numerous beaches west of that. Such development will provide amenities to the people and enhance Cobh as a tourist destination. That we request proposals from the Council’s Executive for this development work and that provision be included in Council’s Budget for 2019 so that work can commence without delay.”**

Cllr. O’Cadhla said the Battery Strand should be developed and opened up as a strand. It is full of rubble and is dangerous. It could be turned into a lovely beach area for the enjoyment of families. The Council should be asked for a Budget to carry out any necessary works.

Cllr. Rasmussen said he had been contacted by a number of people who are concerned that the gate will be closes forever. He also asked if the steps can be repaired. Funding should be requested.

P. Lynch said he was looking for a report on the matter. He had an email from Michael Ryan, Senior Engineer, regarding the safety of the cliff which is 12-15metres high. Cork County Council are the owners of the cliff.

Cllr. Keohane said the problem is being caused with the house next door. There is an obligation on the owners to make it safe.

Cllr. O’Cadhla said the matter should go to full Council for referral to Coastal Management Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Cadhla, seconded by Cllr. Sheppard, it was agreed that the matter should be referred to Coastal Management Committee for attention.



**15. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Diarmaid O’Cadhla: Seconded Cllr. K. McCarthy**

**“That this Municipal District Council write a formal letter to the Lord Mayor of Sydney City Council inviting their interest in establishing a ‘twinning relationship with Cobh.’”**

Cllr. O’Cadhla said this matter had been raised a year ago but nothing has happened. He had tried to make contact with people in Sydney but had received no reply. Expression of interest is needed by both parties. The potential is huge for the Cork Region. He asked if a formal letter could be sent by the Cobh Municipal District to the Lord Mayor. Cllr. O’Cadhla read a letter which he had drafted.

Cllr. McCarthy said he agreed with Cllr. O’Cadhla. The potential was great.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O’Cadhla, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy that a letter should issue to the Lord Mayor of Sydney.

**16. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Diarmaid O’Cadhla: Seconded Cllr. K. McCarthy**

**“That this Municipal District Council requests an update in regard to the repair of the broken sewerage pipe on the east side of the Pilot Boat Pier [it is leaving raw untreated sewage on the shoreline and is a serious health hazard] and also in regard to repair of the breakwater system on the western side of same [it is causing litter and other waste to be trapped and requires constant manual cleaning].”**

Cllr. O’Cadhla said the pipe needs to be repaired as it is a health hazard.

P. Lynch to write to Irish Water in relation to the sewerage pipe and to raise the issue of the breakwater with Coastal Management.

**17. Any other Business/Aon Ghnó Eile:**

**CLLR. P. O’SULLIVAN:**

**[a] Planning Problems in White’s Cross:**

Letter to issue to Director of Planning to request meeting to discuss lack of planning enforcement in White’s Cross

**[b] Disabled Spaces:**

Cllr. O’Sullivan said he had addresses of people requesting disabled spaces which he would pass on to R. O’Sullivan after the meeting. R. O’Sullivan said proposals would have to be examined before any decision could be made.

**[c] Housing:**

Cllr. O'Sullivan said he had heard of people who were on the housing waiting list for ten years. P. Lynch said this was a matter for the Housing Section.

[d] **Roads at Priest's Hill/Carbery Town/Roughrane:**

Cllr. O'Sullivan said these roads were in a very bad condition. Cllr. Barry agreed. R. O'Sullivan said this was a 'wet mix' job which would be carried out in 2019.

[e] **Circus, Glanmire:**

Cllr. O'Sullivan raised the issue of the problem with the Circus in Glanmire. P. Lynch said the matter had been dealt with. Cllr. Keohane said part of the ditch and knotweed signs had been removed. P. Lynch said an agreement had been reached.

[f] **Rosemount Estate, Kilcully:**

Cllr. O'Sullivan raised the issue of the problem at Kilcully Estate, R. O'Sullivan to examine.

**CLLR. S. SHEPPARD:**

[a] **Footpath at Coolamber Estate, Cobh:**

Cllr. Sheppard said the footpath was more or less totally gone at the end row of Coolamber. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

**CLLR. A. BARRY:**

[a] **Harper's Island:**

Cllr. Barry made reference to the SECAD approval for Harper's Island regarding funding. He asked if any funding could be made available from Cork County Council to assist in this matter. P. Lynch said there was a budget for Parks and Open Spaces and if the Members wanted to fund the amount of €1,500.00 he would endeavour to establish where it could be sourced from within the budget.

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. Sheppard, it was decided that a Letter of Comfort would issue to Glounthaune Community Association with regard to this matter.

[b] **Station Road, Carrigtwohill:**

Cllr. Barry said the lines at this location are no longer visible. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

[c] **Problem with Water at Belvelly:**

Cllr. Barry referred to the boil water received by residents and said this was not acceptable. The Communication between Irish Water and the Residents was terrible. Cllr. Rasmussen said the boil notice was for 4-6 weeks minimum.

**CLLR. C. RASMUSSEN:**

[a] **Bank past Ferry at Carrigaloe:**

Cllr. Rasmussen said the bank past the ferry had fallen away. R. O'Sullivan said block wall will be fixed.

[b] **Problem with parking outside Heritage Centre on Liner Days:**

Cllr. Rasmussen said there is a major problem with Taxis parking outside the Heritage Centre on the days Liners are in Cobh. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

[c] **Fota Emergency Route:**

Cllr. Rasmussen requested an update on this matter. R. O'Sullivan reported that work is to commence shortly.

[d] **Closing of Pier for Disney Ship:**

Cllr. Rasmussen said there was a lack of communication from the Port of Cork with regard to the closing of the Pier when the Disney Ship was in Cobh.

P. Lynch said he had attended meeting with the Port of Cork. The owners of the ship wanted the Quay closed. The Gardaí had concerns over crowd control. The quay was to be closed from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. There is no access allowed to the ship.

**CLLR. G. KEOHANE:**

[a] **Speed Limit at Sarsfield's Court Hospital:**

Cllr. Keohane said the speed limit at Sarsfield's Court Hospital needs to be looked at. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

[b] **Fence at Copper Valley**

Cllr. Keohane said children were playing on wall and an accident was inevitable. R. O'Sullivan to examine. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

[c] **Drains at Glyntown Close**

Cllr. Keohane said the drains at Glyntown Close badly needed to be cleaned. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

[d] **Tree at Oakfield Estate**

Cllr. Keohane said there was a problem with a tree next to Council land at Oakfield Estate. R. O'Sullivan to examine.

**P. LYNCH:**

**Sea Angling Festivals:**

P. Lynch said that as there had been no Municipal District Meeting since July, he had had to take the decision to facilitate the Sean Angling Festival with regard to parking facilities. However, a formal policy needed to be put in place and he would be putting it forward for discussion at the next meeting.

- Cllr. Keohane stated that the next meeting of the Municipal would be held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018. The monthly meeting thereafter is to be held on the first Monday of the month except when there is a Bank Holiday Monday – the meeting will be held on the following day – Tuesday.

- P. Lynch said he wished to remind the Members that a Special Meeting is to be held in County Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, in County Hall, at 9.30 a.m. to discuss the Little Island Transportation Study.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Municipal District Officer.**