

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CORK, ON MONDAY, 23RD APRIL, 2018

Present - Councillors P. O’Sullivan, G. Keohane, C. Rasmussen, K. McCarthy, Diarmaid Ó’Cadhla and A. Barry.

Officials Present:

Mr. Peter O’Donoghue, Senior Engineer, Traffic & Transportation Section
 Mr. Donald Cronin, Senior Executive Engineer
 Ms. Sharon McDonnell, Assistant Planner
 Mr. Gerard O’Hora, Senior Executive Engineer
 Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer
 Ms. Carmel McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District

An apology for their inability to attend was received from Cllr. S. Sheppard and Mr. Sean O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.

1. Part 8 Proposal – Glanmire LIHAF Initiative

In attendance: - Mr. Eoin O’Mahony, Associate Director, Aecom
 Mr. Michael Condon, Senior Engineer, Aecom

P. O’Donoghue stated that this was a significant project which would have a big impact on Glanmire making it a better functioning area and also mitigating the impact of the proposed housing development in Glanmire and improving transport for the residents. He stated that he was looking for consent from the members to start the Part 8 process.

P. O’Donoghue stated that Planning Permission has been recently granted to O’Flynn Construction for a 600 house development at Ballinglanna and the work under the LIHAF Initiative is necessary to accommodate this development in advance of works on the Dunkettle Interchange.

P. O’Donoghue confirmed that all measures were agreed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport Association. P. O’Donoghue confirmed that Cork County Council had received funding of €5.9m under LIHAF for the proposed work.

E. O’Mahony gave a detailed presentation of all the elements of the scheme which are to go through the Part 8 planning process. The projects extend from Tivoli and Dunkettle in the south and to Sallybrook in the north..

Cllr. Keohane said that he was very happy with the proposals. He asked if upgrading the road from St. Joseph’s Church to Barnavara Hill could be included. P. O’Donoghue stated that the proposals do not cover everything in Glanmire and that the main focus was the Ballinglanna area for which the LIHAF funding was granted. P. O’Donoghue also stated that if the scheme is adopted together with the Dunkettle upgrade, the 1200 houses provided for can be accommodated. The upgrade of the Dunkettle Interchange which is due to come into service

in 2022, will provide free flow traffic movements at Dunkettle, thereby dramatically reducing the need for “rat-running” by traffic through Glanmire. P. O’Donoghue said that the proposed greenway will link all 3 villages in the Glanmire area and that some land acquisition would be involved to provide upgrades to the transport system.

Cllr. O’Sullivan stated that the greenway could transform Glanmire. He welcomed most of the proposals but stated that there could be some contentious points especially the ban on the right hand turn onto Dunkettle Road. He asked if this ban could be deferred until the Dunkettle Interchange works were commenced. P. O’Donoghue stated that the ban is an integral part of the revised transport arrangement for Glanmire and must proceed to Part 8 planning. Should the Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade project proceed as planned, then it is likely that the ban referred would not need to be implemented.

Cllr. O’Sullivan stated that the Eastcliffe upgrade was welcomed and asked if there was any details of phasing provided. P. O’Donoghue stated there was land acquisition involved and the full scheme needs Planning at this stage. He said that the phasing was tied in with funding and with work on housing schemes at Ballinglanna and Dunkettle. He stated that Phase 1 would comprise of Church Hill, Riverstown Cross, Hazelwood, part of Dunkettle Road and part of the Greenway depending on funding.

Cllr. Rasmussen asked what the overall cost of the project would be and what the timescale for completion was. P. O’Donoghue said that the estimated cost was €13.5m including land acquisition. Regarding a timescale for completion, he stated that he could not give an estimate at this time.

Cllr O’Sullivan asked if Fernwood Estate was taken in charge as residents were likely to make submission in relation to the impact on their estate. P. O’Donoghue stated that Cork County Council were working on the basis that permission had been granted for 600 houses at Ballinglanna and that this permission included a direct connection to the spine road running through the Fernwood Estate.

Cllr. O’Sullivan asked if there were any plans to widen the road at Marwood and there was a pinch point due to the bus route in this area. P. O’Donoghue stated that the traffic analysis carried out to date had not identified this issue as a problem and consequently it was not proposed to include this in the programme of works at this time. He added that this proposal does not fix all of the problems in Glanmire but road widening at Marwood would be looked at if the issue was raised as a submission.

Cllr. Barry said that he supports the connectivity: however he stated that he had concerns in relation to topography as there are some severe gradients. He asked what the net parking benefit would be in the Glanmire area and whether contributions would be levied on all development in the area.

P. O’Donoghue said that LIHAF will only fund works up to the Hazelwood Junction. Anything north of that will have to be funded from special development contributions. In relation to parking spaces P. O’Donoghue stated that provision would be made for as much parking as possible but there were very few opportunities to do so.

E. O’Mahony said that he could look at the parking impact on a project by project basis. He also said that the main gradient issue is linking O’Flynn Development to the Greenway and that this link is a condition of the planning permission for O’Flynn.

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy seconded by Cllr. Keohane, it was agreed to commence the Part 8 process.

2. **Section 85 briefing note for N/M20 Cork to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme.**

Details of the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting were noted.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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Municipal District Officer