

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 5th February, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Susan McCarthy presided.
Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley, Collins, McCarthy & Twomey.

Ag Freastal:: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer
Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, (Youghal Office).
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell (Youghal Office)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd January, 2018.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd January, 2018, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 2nd January, 2018.

- 1.1 Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the provision of a permanent Fire Station for Youghal. Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Chief Fire Officer has stated that this is not on a replacement programme and stated that there is a lot of demand to replace other Fire Stations around the County. The Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the Chief Fire Officer can put this item for review on the Capital Programme.
- 1.2 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the recent meeting held with Dail Deputy Members to discuss funding for roads in East Cork and proposed that these meetings should take place on a quarterly basis to ensure that necessary and adequate funding is provided for road repairs across the East Cork Area. Cllrs. McCarthy and Twomey seconded this proposal.
- 1.3 Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any update on Ballybane Bridge which he stated has been closed with 7 weeks. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he will contact the Non National Roads Design Office for an update on same.
- 1.4 Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any update from Coillte. Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that there is a Code of Practice between the Forestry Industry and the Local Authority who have a responsibility to monitor and inspect damaged roads and stated that there is no mechanism where Coillte are required to fund road strengthening. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to pass on Cllr. Hegarty's concerns to Mr. Tom Stritch, Director of Roads. Cllr. Hegarty stated that a statutory provision should be made where Coillte should be held liable to pay a contribution towards the reinstatement of roads damaged by HGV's.

1.5 Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any update on the drainage programme for Garryvoe and it environs. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will follow up on this matter with the Coastal Management and Flood Protection Section.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over Road No. LT-36102-0, Elfordstown, Midleton – Further Information.

The following is a response from the Roads Department, Skibbereen Office to queries raised by East Cork Municipal District Members at Meeting held on 2nd January, 2018.

1. There were six written submissions received in relation to the above proposed extinguishment.
2. Of the six submissions received – two were from the same person.
3. One submission received was signed by a group of fourteen people.
4. All written submissions received were objecting to the proposed extinguishment.
5. Five people attended the Oral Hearing on 30th November 2017. This included one person who represented a group of fourteen people.
6. Of the five that attended, 4 were against the proposed extinguishment and one in favour.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that he stood by his existing position that the Public Right of Way over road no. LT-36102-0 at Elfordstown, Midleton be extinguished. Cllr. Collins seconded Cllr. Hegarty's proposal

Cllrs. McCarthy, Twomey and Linehan Foley stated that they were not in favour of the extinguishment of this Right of Way. The Members stated that they would be in favour of going with the report which refers to the number of residents who wish to see the road remain open.

It was agreed that a vote be taken.

For the Closure	Against the Closure
Cllr. Hegarty	Cllr. Linehan Foley
Cllr. Collins	Cllr. McCarthy
	Cllr. Twomey

As the vote to keep this road open was carried by three votes to two it was agreed not to proceed with the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Elfordstown, Midleton.

Cllr. Hegarty requested that Cork County Council fully maintain the road should it remain open.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a CIS Scheme on a stretch of this road was applied for but did not proceed as some of the residents wished to see the extinguishment proceed. However, the Engineer stated that assuming the CIS proceeds on the stretch of road from the Earth Station to the last house on the western side this result in an improvement at this location.

2.2 Pay Parking Dividend for Youghal.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the 1st apportionment for the Pay Parking Dividend for Youghal for 2018 is €18,750 and proposed that the Members consider which projects they wish to assign this funding to and revert with their suggestions.

2.3 Disposal of Property.

Before notice is given to the Members of Cork County Council in relation to the proposed disposal of property in East Cork the matter is brought to the attention of the Members for the East Cork Municipal district for their consideration. Details are set out in the attached draft notice.

Situation: Disposal of Property at Front Strand, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Area: 0.176 hectares/0.0436 acres.

From Whom Acquired: Property registered to Cork County Council since 1968.

To Whom It Is Proposed

To Dispose: Kirby Kearns, Front Strand, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Consideration: €50,000.00.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hegarty the Members had no objection to the proposal.

2.4 Housing Project Report.

The Municipal District Officer circulated the following Housing Report to the Members:

1. Waiting List Report:

It should be noted that an applicant can choose up to three areas of choice, there can be an element of double/triple counting in the figures outlined below:

Municipal District	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
East Cork	920	955	578	128
	One Bed Adapted	Two Bed Adapted	Three Bed Adapted	Four Bed Adapted
	3	13	18	2

2. Vacant House Report::

East Cork	Total
Casual Vacancies	9
Long Term Voids	5

3. Affordable Housing Incl. Leasing of Unsold Affordable Units:

Total Number of Unsold Affordable Housing Units Leased to Approved Housing Bodies: 262

Total Number of Approved for Short Term Letting to Approved Housing Bodies 0

4. Housing Construction Programme – Local Authority Development/Voluntary Housing:

Acquisitions	House Type 2 Bed	House Type 3 Bed	House Type 4 Bed	Total No. of Units
Totals	2	9	3	14

TAS (Technical Architectural Support)	House Type 2 Bed	Total No. of Units	Comment
5 Alms House, Youghal	1	1	Currently under assessment by TAS Unit

AHB Construction Programme	No. of Units	Comments
Respond! St. Francis Court, Beecher's Yard, Youghal	4	Completed Stage 3 submission awaited from AHB
Total	4	

5. Housing Grants Report:

	No of Grants Received at 31.12.17	No. of Grants Paid to 31.12.17	Amount paid out to 31.12.17	No. of Grants approved but not paid out at 31.12.17	Amount approved but not yet paid out at 31.12.17	No. of unapproved Applications on hand at 31.12.17	Amt of unapproved applications on hand at 31.12.17
Housing Adaptation Grant	47	28	€400,355	17	€238,680	35	€875,000
Mobility Aid Grant	19	21	€106,524	7	€27,905	6	€36,000
Housing Aid for Older People Grant	54	50	€256,308	18	€89,585	27	€162,000
Total	120	99	€763,187	42	€356,170	68	€1,073,000

6. Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Applicants in Receipt of RAS	No
East Cork	74

HAP No. of Households: East Cork Municipal District	419
% of Overall HAP Properties	16.07%

7. Disabled Persons Grant Report:

DPG Minor Works	Total
M1	1
M3	2
M4	4
M5	3
M6	6
M7	4
Total	20

DPG Extensions	Total
E4	5

E5	1
Total	6

8. Energy Retrofitting and Planned Maintenance Programme 2017.

Energy Retrofitting Programme	No of Units
East Cork	437

Planned Maintenance Programme	No. of Units
Killeagh Gardens, Killeagh – Upgrade of Pallet Heating Systems to Oil Fired units.	All social and leased units

Cllr. Twomey asked if the provision of insulation would be included in the old Town Council stock under the Energy Retrofitting Programme. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that insulation would be included.

2.5 Consideration of request that deputation from residents of Ballyvergan West, Clashadunna, Ballyhobart Upper and Ballyhobart Lower be heard at the March meeting.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she would be hopeful the roadworks in this area would be complete before the deputation attends the March meeting. Cllr. Hegarty was in full support.

2.6 Village Enhancement Scheme 2018.

The Municipal District Officer, Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that Whitegate Village is the proposed project for the Village Enhancement Scheme for 2018. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the project will focus on creating a centre for the village and will bring some order on the edge of the village and will also create dedicated parking spaces on the main street. Existing public lighting columns will also be replaced and upgraded and existing service poles will be removed with services to be placed underground. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the works at Whitegate will be consistent with the Midleton/Carrigtwohill Transportation Study Report.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at Meeting.

None

4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting.

None.

5. Notices of Motion:

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2018

“That this Council lend its support to Cork County Council to help obtain suitable land in Midleton for the provision of a new cemetery”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion and stated that this issue is ongoing for a number of years. Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that the Property Section of Cork County Council investigated a number of sites around Midleton for the provision of a new cemetery but each failed soil tests and he wondered whether the Council was being too prescriptive in relation to soil type requirements. Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is important that all avenues on this matter be explored. Cllr. Twomey also supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will forward this motion to Mary Ryan, Director of Services who is presently reviewing cemeteries countywide.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2018

“Council report on what funding, if any, accrues to the Municipal District from the rental of the two super loo’s in Midleton Town”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy informed the Members that the income for 2017 was €2,200 and that the rental for each unit is €74,000 per annum, this includes the maintenance, repair and supplying of materials for each convenience.

The Members stated that €74,000 is a costly amount for the running of this public convenience and asked if there was any other provider who could give a more reasonable figure.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that the running costs of conventional public toilets which included opening and closing costs, repair and maintenance also needs to be considered and also stated that the public conveniences are both cleaned and maintained by the provider.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this is an issue that has been debated several times over the years.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2018

"In the interest of road safety, Council include in its 2018 Roads Programme, funding for the development of a one way traffic zone for Drury's Avenue".

Cllrs. Twomey, McCarthy and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Midleton and Carrigtwohill Transportation Study Report published in August 2010 recommended that a one way traffic flow towards Connolly Street be implemented on Drury's Avenue and stated that there is no immediate proposal for such and it is likely that other recommendations made in the study report will come before the Members for consideration before the Drury's Avenue proposal is addressed. The Engineer informed the Members that he is not in favour of this option until such time as the Northern Relief Road is completed as restricting traffic as this time to one way will lead to increased traffic congestion on the Main Street at peak times.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 3rd January, 2018

"Council give serious consideration to the provision of pedestrian road safety measures at Coolbawn Corner, Broderick Street, Midleton and Connolly Street Corner, Midleton".

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Office informed the Members that these works would be included in the Town Centre Improved Access and Enhancement Project for Midleton which would be going to tender shortly.

5.1.5 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 3rd January, 2018

"To request a representative from T.I.I and the main contractor on the Killeagh project to address the problems associated with the works carried out".

Cllrs. Twomey and McCarthy supported this motion.

5.1.6 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2018

"Repairs from Connells Cross to Aghavine Cross and on to Fanisk Bridge and on to Burgess Cross roads, incorporating the townlands of Shanakill, Yellow Ford and Gortnagark".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these roads were damaged during the Killeagh Major Scheme Works by detouring traffic and stated that Cork County Council has requested funding from TII. The Engineer informed the Members that

while a response was being awaited works to repair and/or resurface are now commencing.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

5.1.7 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2018
"Road from Garryvoe Cross Roads to Kilcredan School".

This motion was marked as noted.

5.1.8 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2018
"Roads repairs at Ballynaclasha to Top Cross, Lisgoold".

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these repairs are under consideration for the 2018 Roads Programme

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th January, 2018
"Asking that money is sought immediately for signage for dog fouling displaying the fines and dangers for all areas in East Cork".

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that he will refer this motion to the Environmental Section of Cork County Council

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she has discussed the issue of East Cork Municipal District supplying dispensers for pooper scoopers around the town of Youghal with Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer who had no objection to this matter.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th January, 2018
"Do we have an update from Eir on broadband issues in East Cork especially in areas like Dun Choran, The Green and many more in Youghal (motion which was passed last year).

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion and proposed that Dan O' Sullivan, Broadband Officer who is based in Iniscarra be invited to attend a meeting of the Municipal District Council to discuss this item. Cllr. Collins seconded this proposal.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 12th January, 2018
"Asking that signage on N25 at Ballindinas/Knockane Cross which was passed last year be incorporated with the upcoming resurfacing works for Castlemartyr – it's a serious health and safety issue".

Cllr. Hegarty fully supported this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the TII and Roads Department of Cork County Council communicate with a resident on the Castlemartyr Road who is home was damaged during

the floods in 2016 and has concerns due to the level of the road being raised adjacent to his home.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer read out the following e-mail he had received from Eoin Duffy in the Roads Design Office in relation to road markings:

In response to your query, the NRA has been doing a lot of end to end design of markings nationally over the last 4 years. It makes the roads much more readable and helps drivers to make good decisions. The arrows as previously implemented don't reflect the layout on approach to many junctions and could be misleading. Arrows are still very much a feature of markings but to indicate different lanes as set out in the Traffic Signs Manual. We still use them widely but remove ones that mislead the driver into thinking that turning bays or nearside passing is being provided when they are not.

As part of our national programme and recent N25 works, the existing lane indication arrows (M124 & M125) were removed where deemed inappropriate. In accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual (DOT Nov. 2010), lane indication arrows may be used on approaches to junctions to give drivers advance indication of the correct lane to take. As there is no local widening at these locations that facilitates undertaking as described in Design Manual for Roads & Bridges and Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) 7.5.16, Fig 7.23 & Fig 7.41, the provision of lane indication arrows was not considered appropriate.

The inappropriate use of lane indication arrows dilutes their meaning and conveys an incorrect statutory instruction to the driver.

Clear and effective traffic signs are essential for the efficient operation of the road network, for the enforcement of traffic regulations and for road safety. The Traffic Signs Manual provides details of the signs which may be used on roads in Ireland, including their layout and symbols, the circumstances in which each sign may be used and rules for positioning them.

I will ask our design and maintenance team to review the provision of junction warning signs at the Knockane and Lissacrué junctions (between Castlemartyr and Killeagh).

The Engineer informed the Members that he will revert back to the Non National Roads Office for a review of this matter

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 13th January, 2018

“Asking that barrier/warning sign be put in place in Mogeely by the playground – it’s a health and safety issue”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Collins seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that he is investigating the provision of speed warning signs on the approach to Mogeely before the playground and also on the approach to Killeagh at the new cemetery.

5.1.13 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th January, 2018

“Can the Engineer have a look at issues of water pooling at certain points along the Bailick Road. This is a safety hazard to motorists”.

Cllr. Collins supported this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the Bailick Road is a low lying and very level road, having little or no longitudinal fall, road drainage is by way of conventional road gullies. The Engineer stated that with such a flat road it is difficult to fully drain the road as any localised settlement will result in ponding, a linear ‘beanie block’ or similar drainage system is required.

The Engineer informed the Members that this could only be considered as part of the Middleton FRS as currently such a system would quickly clog by flotsam during tidal flooding events and stated that he will review the matter to see if any further locations would justify further works at this time.

5.1.14 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th January, 2018

“Tree cutting on the Dungourney Road, particularly at Castle Corner and on the East Cork Oil Road – can landowners be contacted?”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that he will investigate tree cutting at Castle Corner and stated that the East Cork Oil Road was all cut back in advance of the resurfacing works in late 2016.

5.1.15 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th January, 2018

“Can street lighting be installed on the Youghal Road on the approach to N25”.

All Members fully supported this motion. The Members proposed that Dermot Kelleher, Public Lighting Engineer attend a meeting of the Municipal District Council to discuss proposals with the Members.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that this area was looked at in detail in 2015/2016 and stated that lighting on the regional road cannot be extended without the main N25 being lit. The Engineer informed the Members that this junction is being examined for improvement works and the provision of lighting on the stretch of road approaching the N25 could be considered if the junction is lit in the future.

5.1.16 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 15th January, 2018

“Repairs to the Ballyspillane Road, just past East Cork Golf Club, the Mogeely to the Two Mile Inn Road and the Killeagh to Inch Road”.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that a number of temporary road reinstatements on the Mogeely to the Two Mile Inn road carried out by a contractor working for Eir deteriorated during the poor weather period and stated that some if not all of these have now been reinstated by Eir.

5.1.17 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22nd January 2018

For the following to be included in the 2018 footpath programme:

- a) The cross at Ladysbridge village as far as Dealg Ban housing estate - this would facilitate locals living in the estate as well as users of the new walkway. The walkway has proved to be a very popular local amenity and the installing of a pathway on this small stretch would enhance its appeal as well as improve health and safety for all
- b.) To extend the footpath on the R632 from Maple Woods towards the pedestrian crossing and on towards the Bailick Road.
- c.) Update on improvements to footpath at Spittal, Cloyne, and road markings to discourage inappropriate parking on footpaths and encourage best practice by pedestrians and road users in the interests of road safety.

Cllrs. Collins and Twomey supported this motion.

In relation to items a & b the Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that these will be considered

In relation to item c) The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he had previously advised that repairs and replacements would be considered from the Cross towards the school and stated that once it is clear what the school will be doing in relation to their proposed expansion, appropriate complementary improvements in the vicinity (as was / is being done near ETNS in Midleton will be considered. In the interim enforcement in respect of vehicles blocking footpath is a matter for an Garda Síochána

5.1.18 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22nd January 2018

“To continue works on the R626, Ballincurrig, started last year to facilitate this year's King of the Roads competition”.

Cllrs. Hegarty and Collins fully supported this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that repairs can be considered again in advance of this years King and Queen of the Roads competition.

5.1.19 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22nd January 2018

“That lighting be installed at the Ballintotis Community Hall and Church and the adjacent road be resurfaced. At present the uneven surface of the road (and car park) are a health and safety issue, particularly for the elderly and those with mobility issues”.

Cllrs. Hegarty, Collins and Linehan Foley fully supported this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that the lighting will be referred to the Public Lighting Department and stated that notwithstanding the need for drainage improvements and resurfacing, having regard to the other priorities, it is unlikely that these aspects can be advanced in the current year. The Engineer suggested that as an active Community Group, Ballintotois may wish to consider the option of applying for a CIS.

5.1.20 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 22nd January 2018

“To conduct a survey on parking occupancy of municipal car parks in Midleton and investigate alternative parking area in anticipation of the impending loss of parking spaces both on the Main Street and on Distillery Lane should the future park development progress in the coming months”.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the members that a survey for the Midleton-Carrigtwohill Transportation Study was conducted in 2008 and he circulated a copy extract from same to the Members for their information

Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that this item be put on the agenda for the March Meeting. The Members were in agreement with this proposal.

Correspondence:

None.

Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. McCarthy proposed that Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley and McCarthy attend the bi-annual trip to Larmor-Plage, Brittany, France in conjunction with Youghal Twinning Committee. Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this proposal. Cllr. Twomey has yet to decide if she will attend. .
2. Cllr. Twomey queried if there are plans to raise the levels of the existing pavements along the Main Street in Whitegate to alleviate flooding. Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer advised that the Part VIII process had been completed and stated that the raising of the footpath levels could be incorporated into the detail design which is ongoing at present.
3. Cllr. Linehan Foley congratulated all involved on the provision of the new footpath at Killeagh Cemetery but stated that rubbish is being dumped at the Cemetery and asked if the people in question could be contacted regarding this issue.
4. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue regarding the accumulation of gravel on the beach area near the Front Strand Car Park and requested that a path be cleared for wheelchair users and buggies. Mrs. Helen Mulcahy informed the Members that the beach cleanup will commence on the May bank holiday but stated that she will have a path cleared in the meantime.
5. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of cars parking in the walking area around the traffic lights on the Main Street in Killeagh. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a bollard may be placed at this location.
6. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested information on a rock breaker which is breaking the new footpaths in Killeagh.

7. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked why there are traffic lights on the Lighthouse Hill. The Engineer will investigate this matter.
8. Cllr. Twomey requested that the gravel on the footpath on Garryvoe Beach be cleared. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that resources are very stretched at present but stated that he will consider this matter.
9. Cllr. Twomey asked if there was any update on the provision of School Wardens. The Engineer informed the Members that there is no update at present.
10. Cllr. McCarthy requested an update on the footpath at Killeagh Gardens. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that they are waiting for Eircom to provide the title for this location and stated that he will forward on a contact to Cllr. McCarthy to follow up this item.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on March 5th at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.