

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District held at 11.00 a.m., on the 7th of January, 2019, at Midleton Lodge, Youghal Road, Midleton, Co. Cork.

I LATHAIR: Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Collins presided.
Cllrs. M. Hegarty, M. Linehan Foley, S. McCarthy, M. Ahern & D. Twomey.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Seán O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer.
Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Noel Collins, moved the suspension of Standing Orders and advised that he had been asked to arrange a meeting with the Members at 11.30 a.m., to enable residents of Waterrock to address their concerns to the Members in relation to the Part 8 proposal for the development of infrastructure at Waterrock under the Water Rock Urban Expansion Area Infrastructure Works proposal.

The East Cork Municipal District Officer advised that the Standing Orders provide for the hearing of Deputations and set out the procedure to be followed to facilitate such hearings. Standing Orders do not allow for a meeting as proposed in this instance.

It was noted that the Part 8 procedure in respect of the Waterrock proposal was advertised on the 7th of November, 2018, and that submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development could be made on or before the 21st of December, 2018.

It was agreed that the residents' representative would be written to and advised of the procedure and that a deputation may be received at the East Cork Municipal District Meeting to be held on the 4th of February, 2019.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 3rd of December, 2018, and confirmation of Minutes of Special In Committee Meeting held on the 3rd of December, 2018, and confirmation of Minutes of Special In Committee Meeting held on the 20th of November, 2018, and confirmation of Minutes of Special In Committee Meeting held on the 21st of December, 2018.

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1.1 Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting.

Item 5.1.14: Minutes of East Cork Municipal District Meeting held on 3/12/2018.

“Drainage pipes be cleared and looked at on Willie John’s Hill leading to Seafield”
Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley suggested that there may be a spring at this location.

The Senior Executive Engineer will inspect.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 Disposal of Property.

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, the Members had no objection to the disposal of the Freehold Interest in property at No. 7, Ahern Terrace, Town Walls, Youghal, Co. Cork.

2.2 Report on the implementation of 30 kph speed limit in Housing Estates in East Cork (Addendum 2018 to Speed Limit Bye-Laws).

A report and schedule in relation to this matter was circulated to the Members.

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Municipal District	Town/Village	Estate Name	Status
East Cork	Ballinacurra, Midleton	Maple Woods	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Ballinacurra, Midleton	Millview & The Crescent	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Ballinacurra, Midleton	Rose Hill East	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Ballinacurra, Midleton	Rose Lawn & Rose Hill West	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Broomfield, Midleton	Blueberry Fields, Blueberry Court, Copperfields, Copperhill, Cypress Circus	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Broomfield, Midleton	Meadowlands	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Broomfield, Midleton	Peatlands	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Cloyne	Cherryvale	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Beechwood Drive & Beechwood Court & Oakwood Lodge	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Bonnog	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Brookdale (Lower)	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Brookdale (Upper)	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Carraig Liath	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Ros Na Coille	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Midleton	Tim Daly Terrace / Tom Clarke Terrace / Michael Collins Square (and associated streets)	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Youghal	Hillview & Kenny Lane	Poles & Signs in place
East Cork	Youghal	Chestnut Drive	Poles & Signs in place



Following a review and statutory consultation process in 2018 an addendum to the 30km/hr speed limit bye-laws was passed at Full Council on the 8th of October 2018, with the byelaws coming into effect on the 18th December 2018.

The above table sets out the additional 17 estates in East Cork where the speed limit has now been reduced to 30 km/hr. Poles and signage have been erected in 22 locations (some estates having more than one entrance) – see typical installation overleaf. The construction cost of installing the signage was €15,970.30.

The additional 17 estates, when combined with the initial pilot 5 housing estates* brings to a total of 22 estates in East Cork with a special 30km/hr speed limit. *Estates in the initial pilot scheme in East Cork were: The Maples / The Willows, Castlemartyr; Dún Coran, Youghal, Cloyne Meadows, Cloyne; The Cotswolds & Lauriston, Midleton.

It is anticipated that the introduction of the new 30 km/hr 'Slow Zones' will change driver behaviour within these housing estates. The ultimate goal of a 'Slow Zone' is to lower the incidence and severity of crashes and to enhance quality of life for residents.

Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer
07/01/18



In reply to Cllr. Michael Hegarty, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that a further round of such speed limit introductions was being considered but a decision had yet to be taken in this regard. Should the Members have any estates in mind to be included they should advise. Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley enquired as to whether the law had been changed to require such speed limits be provided in new estates being constructed. The law has not been changed in this regard.

In reply to Cllr. Susan McCarthy, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that funding was provided for this initiative from the Low Cost Safety Scheme budget.

In reply to Cllr. Danielle Twomey, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that the roadway forming the loop from Park Street, fronting on Roches Terrace and Mannix Place, passing the G.A.A. Grounds and the Railway Station and joining the Mill Road at the Session Bar, has a 50 kph speed limit as an urban road. This road was not proposed for a 30 kph speed limit as it is not a housing estate road and is a link road. The speed limit on this road can be considered in the next general review of speed limits.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the report.

2.3 Report on issues raised by Deputation from Cloyne District Community Council.

A copy report prepared by the Senior Executive Engineer was circulated to the Members.

**To: Members of East Cork Municipal District
Cork County Council**

Date: 7th January 2019

Report on issues raised by Deputation from Cloyne Community Council at the November 2018 meeting of East Cork Municipal District

A Deputation on behalf of Cloyne Community Council gave a presentation to Members of East Cork Municipal District on a number of matters in the Cloyne area. In the main reference was made to Footpaths, Fly Tipping, Sewage, Bus Service, Pedestrian Crossing, Speeding, and Traffic Calming.

1. Footpaths:

While acknowledging the extent of work carried out to footpaths in recent years the deputation considers that the condition of many footpaths in the Cloyne area is poor in general and specifically at Kilboy and on the approaches to Cloyne National School.

As part of planned Footpath Programme 2018 the unsurfaced section of footpath at Kilboy has been constructed in concrete, a section of footpath has been reconstructed at Rock Street and repairs to footpaths at 6 locations have been completed between the carpark and the school on Chapel Street. The total cost of the above work under the 2018 Footpath

Programme in Cloyne was €29,314.67. The approaches to the school will be reassessed for consideration of additional works in the 2019 Footpath Programme.

2. Fly Tipping

The Deputation identified that fly tipping is very bad in Cloyne.

The issue of fly tipping has been referred to the Council's Anti-litter Unit / Environment Dept.

3. Sewage

The deputation highlighted that there is an ongoing issue with sewage coming up gullies outside the National School in Cloyne.

This is an Irish Water issue. Irish Water is aware of the issue and is monitoring the situation. Any further instances observed should be referred directly to Irish Water.

4. Bus Service

The deputation considers that Bus Service in Cloyne is not enough for the needs of the residents. They also highlighted that there is not a bus timetable erected at the bus stop.

These issues have been referred to Bus Eireann.

5. Pedestrian Crossing

The deputation considers that there is a need for a pedestrian crossing point from the Litton Fountain to where the Bus stops near the Take Away.

This request is noted. Traffic speeds in the vicinity are low. However it is recognised that crossing the road at Cloyne Cross may pose difficulties for vulnerable pedestrians. Accident data (since 1990) records no pedestrian accidents at Cloyne Cross or on Rock Street. A total of 3 road accidents involving pedestrians resulting in minor injuries have occurred in the immediate vicinity – 2 on Chapel Street and 1 on Church Street – all occurring in the period 1993 to 1998.

The provision of the agreed school warden crossing at Cloyne National School is a priority and will be advanced in 2019. The need for and provision of a signalised or zebra pedestrian crossing in the village centre / Cloyne Cross will be kept under review.

6. Traffic Calming

a. Speeding R629

The deputation raised concerns regarding traffic speeds on the R629 at the playground and requested flashing signage to highlight the 50km/h zone.

b. Approaching National School

The deputation requested that traffic calming be installed at Cloyne national school to reduce speeding. Concerns were also raised regarding the wide area at the housing estates approaching the national School from Castlemary.

As outlined at the meeting Cork County Council has a policy regarding Driver Feedback Signs requiring the community to make an application and also provide 50% of the cost of the signs. It is considered that the provision of such driver feedback signs on the approach to Cloyne from Middleton and Castlemary would be appropriate, cost effective and of immediate benefit in reducing speeds. An

application by Cloyne Community Council as above would be supported and advanced in a short timeframe. Following review it is recommended that warning signage for motorists be installed either side of the playground. The appropriate sign as per the Traffic Signs Manual is same W141 sign as for 'school ahead'.

Note: While not raised by the Deputation, it is noted that works to complete the revised junction with the R629 / L3676 & L36301 at the eastern approach to Cloyne at Cois Na Criann housing estate will be carried out over the next 3 months. While originally to be carried out as part of the housing development, following calling in the bond, the works will be carried out by Cork County Council at an estimated cost of €152,471.36.

*Dave Clarke,
Senior Executive Engineer.*

Members (Cllrs. Noel Collins, Michael Hegarty, Susan McCarthy) expressed their dissatisfaction in relation to Bus Stops, Bus Shelters, Bus Routes and Bus Fares in relation to Cloyne and generally in East Cork and to the lack of a bus timetable in Cloyne. Cllr. Michael Hegarty stated that a representative of Bus Éireann who had attended a previous meeting had undertaken to return to a meeting last February (February, 2018) but had not done so and should be invited to attend a meeting and, furthermore, that a request that a representative from the National Transport Authority should attend at a Municipal District Meeting should be made.

On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Lenihan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty, it was agreed that a request be issued to Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority that a representative from each attend at a meeting of the East Cork Municipal District.

The East Cork Municipal District Officer confirmed that correspondence would be issued to both parties.

In reply to Cllr. Michael Hegarty the Senior Executive Engineer advised that recruitment of a School Warden for Cloyne has been referred to the Personnel Department for processing. A design for the crossing should be provided for the consultation process to commence shortly.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty referred to funding available from the Department of Education for 50% of the cost of flashing lights at crossings. The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that this applies to cases where the schools make application. Cllr. Susan McCarthy suggested that for new school developments flashing lights are provided.

On the suggestion of Cllr. Michael Hegarty the Senior Executive Engineer will consider requesting that the Department provide 50% funding for driver feedback signs.

In reply to Cllr. Susan McCarthy the Senior Executive Engineer advised that the matter of signage near the playground has been referred to a contractor for erection. In relation to

footpath works the Senior Executive Engineer advised that some additional footpath works will be done in connection with the School Warden Crossing and other sections may be included in the footpaths programme 2019.

Cllr. Danielle Twomey also advocated for sections of footpath to be repaired/replaced.

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 30th November, 2018.

“When weather permits, Council take note of a general clean-up of pathways and trimming of trees in Ballyannon Wood, Midleton, plus the removal of seaweed on Ahanesk strand and a general clean-up of leisure walkway, adjacent thereto”.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that Ballyannon Wood is not the responsibility of Cork County Council and walkways on private land are not maintained by Cork County Council. The removal of seaweed is not recommended for environmental reasons.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy raised the issue of the condition of the road to Ballyannon Wood, being full of potholes. The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the section of road referred to is private property.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 30th November, 2018.

“In the interest of pedestrian-safety Council repair footpaths in Upper Mill Road, Midleton, and commencement date for the footpath infrastructure in Main Street, Midleton, where in some areas, they have collapsed”.

Cllr. Noel Collins advised that consideration of this motion may be deferred.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 30th November, 2018.

“With the proposed works at Lakeview Roundabout, Midleton, will it necessitate the removal of the overbridge, to be replaced by pedestrian-crossing”?

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the details provided and published in relation to the Part 8 proposal at Lakeview Roundabout did not provide for the removal of the pedestrian overbridge.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 30th November, 2018.

“Repairs to roads in East Ferry, Jamesbrook, Rathcoursey, Ballintubber, Waterrock, Ballyrichard, Clonmult & Ballyspillane, Midleton”.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that potholes had been filled in December. Waterrock and Ballyrichard roads are in the Cobh Municipal District and the Clonmult and Ballyspillane roads will be inspected.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 11th December, 2018.

“Can the lighting on the Bailick Road at junction of CBS hill, on the Mill Road by the Old Mills, be referred to the lighting department for inspection. Some bulbs need replacing and other lanterns are obstructed by overhanging trees. Also update on the lighting for the Dungourney Road as part of the public lighting programme previously, which has seemed to come to a standstill”.

Cllr. Noel Collins seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer will inspect and refer to the Public Lighting Section as may be required. It is advised that public lighting issues be reported on line through www.yourcouncil.ie. In relation to the extension of public lighting on the Dungourney Road, a Wayleave application is with IDL and this is a long process but is stated to be almost in place.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 18th December, 2018.

“Localised repairs to Priests Hill in Ballymacoda on the Ladysbridge road just after the Castlemartyr Bridge, and the Mogeely road after Kilmountain Cross a new pothole opened up”.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty seconded this motion.

Will be inspected.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 18th December, 2018.

“Can the TII be contacted and requested to install a turning lane into the East Cork Oil Garage on the Youghal Road, Youghal side”.

Referred to National Roads Design Office for consideration and report.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 20th December, 2018.

“Can the speed limit at Roches Terrace and Mannix Place past the Playground be reduced from the current 50km/h”?

Cllr. Noel Collins seconded this motion.

Will be included in next review of speed limits.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 19th December, 2018.

“Asking ECMD to look for Funding ASAP to resurface the quayside and to do repairs to Greens-Quay and Slipway as a matter of Urgency”.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty seconded this motion.

Noted that applications for funding had been made through the Coastal Management Section and confirmed that alternative funding sources will be pursued.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 19th December, 2018.

“That Lower Cork Hill is prioritised for resurfacing in Early 2019”.

Cllr. Noel Collins seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that some extra funding had been provided for works on Lower Cork Hill, the back street and for some repairs in Tallow Street and a few other areas, which it was proposed be done before the Ironman competition.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 19th December, 2018.

“That ECMD speak again to Landowners on the New Line Youghal by Pobail Scoil with a view to a Footpath for the health and safety of the School Children”.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the works divide into two phases, from the School to the junction with the New Line and the New Line itself. The New Line phase would require significant scale of works and would cost in excess of €200,000. This phase would not likely progress until funding was identified and a design completed. It was suggested that Phase 1 be progressed as much as possible and that funding might be sought under the Healthy Ireland initiative.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 19th December, 2018.

“That we look at Kilcounty for roads programme for 2019 and include Slip Road that hasn’t been touched in 20 years”.

(L7826 – edges, L7824 – Kilcounty to Dangan, L7825 – resurfacing).

Cllr. Danielle Twomey seconded this motion.

Motion 5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Ahern, received on 2nd January, 2019, was considered with this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that resurfacing on the L7824 and L7825 was considered in the 3 year programme.

Work on the edges of the L7826 is to be completed in the coming weeks.

5.1.13 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 21st December, 2018.

“That the traffic lights at Riverside Way be recalibrated, as traffic in the town is set to intensify next year with impending footpath upgrade works on Main Street and possibly works at Lake View Roundabout”.

Cllr. Noel Collins seconded this motion.

Cllr. Danielle Twomey requested consideration of the traffic lights at the Railway Crossing on Mill Road and at the junction of the Northern Relief Road.

The Senior Executive Engineer will refer to traffic lights contractor for examination.

5.1.14 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 21st December, 2018.

“Is there any update from TII regarding report on Midleton to Carrigtwohill section of N25? Ramps exiting and entering the town at Western end of Midleton are not of sufficient length to ensure safe entry and exit from the N25 and the situation is becoming untenable”.

Cllr. Michael Ahern seconded this motion.

Referred to National Roads Design Office for consideration and report.

5.1.15 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 21st December, 2018.

“Is there any update from Council re request to NTA for bus shelters in the East Cork area”?

Dealt with under item 2.3.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Ahern, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“That the Council infill the sides of the newly tarred roadway from Dangan to Kilcounty as the verges are up to two feet deep at either side”.

Dealt with with Motion 5.1.12.

5.1.17 Cllr. Michael Ahern, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“That the Council consider the setting up of an “Emergency Unit” pothole repair team”.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that under ongoing maintenance works, pothole filling is the main work carried out by road staff with up to four crews involved. In 2018 €1.1m was spent on road repairs, which is almost ⅓ of the Roads Maintenance Budget. Repairs are carried out in order of priority.

5.1.18 Cllr. Michael Ahern, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“That an up to date report be given on progress of works on overgrown trees and shrubs and filling of potholes on Dungourney/Mogeely road in Ballyknock townland”.

The Executive Engineer advised that this matter is being followed up.

5.1.19 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“Repairs to R629 from Ardnahinch Cross to the beach and on to Shanagarry Village”.

The Executive Engineer advised that potholes are being filled.

5.1.20 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“Road from Ballycotton Village to Ballyandreen Cross down to the beach and on up to Churchtown South Village”.

The Executive Engineer advised road is being inspected.

5.1.21 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“When will the final snagging works be completed in Killeagh Village and is there a final figure for the enhancement works”?

Cllr. Noel Collins seconded this motion.

The Senior Executive Engineer has been advised by the National Roads Office that the conciliation process has been completed and that contract disputes mechanism is ongoing. Some snagging works are being done (planting/ponding of water near the traffic lights). The report from conciliators is awaited.

5.1.22 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 2nd January, 2019.

“When will the low-cost safety works commence at Mullins Cross”?

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that land acquisition is completed, tender drawings are being completed and information in relation to funding under the scheme for 2019 is awaited.

6. Correspondence.

None.

7. Votes of Congratulations.

None.

8. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty raised the condition of roads to Kilcredan School, from Ightermurragh to Kilcredan School and from Garryvoe Cross Roads to Kilcredan School for attention.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty also referred to the condition of trees at Templebodan Gaveyard, Lisgoold, which had been addressed in a Notice of Motion 12 months ago and not yet attended to.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District will be held on Monday the 4th of February, 2019, in the Council Offices at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.