

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 1.00 p.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.**

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

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

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 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 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**

1.1 Cllr. Hegarty asked if Healy's were notified in relation to cutting back of hedging on the Mogeely to Dungourney Road. The Member was informed that Paul Murray, Executive Engineer would have an update on this matter.

1.2 Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the 5 additional staff recruited for the East Cork Area and asked if they could be assigned to grass cutting and beach cleaning. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he had given a report on this matter to the Members at the May Meeting and informed the Members that the Personnel Department is recruiting the 6 staff sanctioned. Of the 6 staff sanctioned 5 will be assigned to rural roads and 1 member will be assigned to Youghal.

1.3 Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the access road at Ballynamona which he stated is in a treacherous state with potholes.

1.4 Cllr. Hegarty asked if grass cutting could take place at the playground and the beach area at Garryvoe.

1.5 Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on the road at Ring, Ballymacoda. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer will follow up this matter.

1.6 Cllr. McCarthy requested that a Civic Reception be held to honour Midleton Soccer Club

1.7 Cllr. Linehan Foley also reminded the Members of the Civic Reception she had previously requested for Fr. Bernard Cotter.

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:**

**2.1 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.

Land held under: 3 Bailick Road, Midleton, Co. Cork.  
Leasehold Interest. Folio No. 4062L

Freehold Interest: Folio No. 28516.

From Whom Acquired: Unknown.

Person To Whom  
Freehold Interest in  
Land is to be Disposed  
of: Gerri Gunning and John Keniry as Executors in the estate  
Kathleen Keniry deceased.

Consideration: €350.00 inclusive of administrative charges.

Covenants, Conditions  
and Agreements: Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and Landlord and  
Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

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

## 2.2 Fixing of Date for Annual Meeting.

Mr. Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer suggested that the Annual Meeting take place at 10.45 a.m. on July 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the July Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District. The Members were in full agreement with this date.

## 2.3 Progress Report on Roads:

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer circulated the following report to the Members:

Funding Category	Grant	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	% Completed
Restoration Maintenance		R	-	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	8,150	0%
Restoration Maintenance		L	-	Local Roads Surface Dressing	15,120	44%
Restoration Improvement		LP	L-3815-49	Aghavine X to Connells X	1,917	90%
Restoration Improvement		LS	L-7675-0	Ballinrostig to Ballysovane (Part)	1,330	0%
Restoration		LS	L-7694-21	Ballynaclashy	1,550	0%

Improvement			(Part)		
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-78311-0	Ballynascarthy	481	0%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7610-0	Ballyvatta	1,917	100%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-36014-0	Carrigogna	1,145	100%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7894-0	Clashadunna to Ballyhobert	1,500	0%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7856-0	Finisk to Gortnagark	1,219	100%
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-38091-0	Glenane More to Glenane Beg	2,283	0%
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-7825-0	Kilcounty X to Daingean X	2,850	0%
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3601-53	Castlelyons Road at Rathgire	1,550	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	LP	L-3816-0	Knockadoon Road (Part)	739	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-38233-0	Mary Street, Youghal	90	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	LS	L-9402-0	Park Street, Midleton	160	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	R	R-626-0	R626 at Broomfield West	343	100%
Restoration Improvement	R	R-633-31	R633 Clonprist to Crompaun	1,371	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	R	R-634-16	R634 Moll Goggins	500	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	R	R-908-0	R908 Railway Hill & Front Strand	500	0% (tenders received)
Restoration Improvement	LT	L-76592-0	Scarriff to Kilva	1,470	0% (tenders received)

By Cork County Council  
By Contractor

Cllr. McCarthy asked if the works due to be undertaken by the Contractor would be complete by the end of the year. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that the Contractor is due to commence works at the end of the month.

**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. Michael Hegarty, received on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“That a progress report be made available on the controlled pedestrian crossing at Rostellan Village”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a number of requests for a controlled pedestrian crossing at Rostellan Village have been made over the last few years including the Deputation of the Aghada Community Council in July 2016, the matter has also been the subject of a number of motions raised by the Members.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that as previously reported in September 2016:

The 2009 Midleton to Whitegate R630 Traffic Management Study makes a number of recommendations for traffic calming/road safety improvements on the Whitegate Road at Rostellan. The main traffic calming recommendations consist of narrowing the road to 7 metres and realigning/reducing junction radii at junctions and facilitating pedestrians crossing the road. The narrowing of the road/road junctions will be incorporated into the next overlay of the road which can be considered in future Restoration Improvement programmes. The proposed controlled pedestrian crossing could be a candidate under the Low Cost Safety Scheme and will be kept under consideration. Funding under this scheme is targeted at areas where there has been an accident history. Records available on accidents from 1990 do not however indicate a particular accident history cluster at this location.

The Engineer stated that a measure that could be achieved in the short to medium term would be the provision of driver feedback signs with one on the approach to Aghada coming from Whitegate near the pier and a second on the approach to Farsid/Rostellan coming from Midleton would encourage motorists to reduce their speed.

5.1.2 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“That this Municipal District request that a representative from Irish Water attend the July meeting to give an up to date position in relation to Ballycotton Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and McCarthy seconded this motion.

5.1.3 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“That this Municipal District request that a representative from Irish Water attend the July meeting to provide Members with the outcome on public information evening in relation to Rostellan/Lower Aghada/Upper Aghada/Whitegate Treatment Plant Facility”.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that residents at this location were quite disappointed to hear that a number of houses between the pier garage towards the ESB Station would not be connected to the new scheme and stated that Irish Water will need to review their position and include these houses in their design.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that it is imperative that a representative from Irish Water attend the July meeting of the Council.

5.1.4 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“That repairs to Ballymaloe, Ballyrussell, Loughane to Mullins Cross Roads L3818-0”.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that these roads are in need of attention.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“Asking that signage be erected in Mogeely to slow traffic down with ongoing works in Castlemartyr. Mogeely is being used to bypass the N25”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is currently being advanced with foundations for 2 driver feedback signs installed. The Engineer informed the Members that signs will be erected and commissioned (one in Mogeely and the second in Killeagh) in the coming weeks.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

“Asking that East Cork Municipal District talk to Estates Department in Cork County Council to get a list of Estates in East Cork that are to be taken in charge and of estates that are on a list with years waiting to be taken in charge”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer will write to the Estates Department to request this list.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

“Calling on Cork County Council to erect signage for bigger dogs to be muzzled and on leads on beach areas as it is highly dangerous with kids in this summer season especially”.

Cllrs. Twomey and McCarthy seconded this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that signage is erected on all of the main beaches identifying breeds of dogs that are restricted and also stated that signage is provided around most public areas stating that all dogs should be kept under the effective control of their owners, as per the Control of Dogs Act, 1986.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

“Could Engineer have look at railings leading onto the beach in Front Strand that have rusted and need replacing”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer informed the Members that these railings had been replaced that very day.

5.1.9 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

“Traffic calming measures to be implemented in the Gleann Fia Estate, Mogeely”.

Mr, Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer stated that the provision of a ‘Children at Play’ sign would be the proper measure at this location, however he will need to confirm with the Estates Department if this estate has been taken in charge.

5.1.10 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

“Can we have a real time update on the progress of the Midleton CCTV”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer gave the following report to the Members in relation to the current position in relation to the Midleton Town Centre Community CCTV Project:

A number of electricity mini-pillars and meter cabinets have been installed at various locations from St. Mary’s Road to the Cork Road and the Mill Road, where there were no existing units available near proposed camera locations. Electrical works will be carried out over the next two weeks, including the installation of camera poles and cameras.

Discussions and inspections have been held regarding relay point locations of Wireless Transmission Units and final approval is awaited. A Wayleave Agreement has been prepared and the extent of works and costings is to be finalised. A survey of the Garda Mast is to be carried out by Obelisk, this is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

Installation of recording equipment will follow installation of the Wireless Transmission Units. In the meantime, security doors, locks, intruder alarm system and access control for which quotations have been received, will be fitted for the recording facility.

Following this cameras will be focused, systems will be commissioned and tested and training will be undertaken. Completion is expected to take six weeks.

5.1.11 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

“Requesting the Council rotate the areas for grass cutting other than just doing the town areas and neglecting other areas, ie villages and roadsides outside of the main town areas and that this Council undertake to hire a contractor, to maintain the Council green areas within the council owned estates as is done in other MDs”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Collins and Twomey supported this motion.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Ma na Greine Estate, Killeagh and stated that the grass at the entrance to the estate is now overgrown and requested that the Council cut it back to a respectable level so that going forward it can be maintained by the residents.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer informed the Members that at the May meeting of the Council the Members discussed the Budget amount of €580,000 for Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018 and stated that the Members have already raised the issues of grass cutting at Garryvoe, and the provision of railings at the Front Strand. The Senior Executive Officer stated that in the context of the overall Budget grass cutting will be contained to maintaining a high standard within tourist spots.

Mr. Dave Clarke. Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that a grant was provided to Killeagh Community Council for the provision of lawnmower and stated that Cork County Council do not provide grass cutting services in housing estates but would take measures for the cutting back of hazardous trees in open spaces within Housing Estates.

5.1.12 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

“This Council install further safety measures at the boundary wall, adjacent to the Main Road, in Bailick Park”.

Cllrs. Collins, Aherne and Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer advised that the wall has existed in its present state for many years, certainly for over two decades and probably longer, and there had never been safety concerns expressed nor had any safety issues arisen. As in all public areas, parents have a responsibility to properly supervise children.

5.1.13 Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“That this Council, in conjunction with An Garda Siochana, set in motion immediately, to protect life and limb, speed control measures, through Mogeely Village plus the development of footpath near “Pairc an Aonaigh” to the existing footpath to the village with the installation of traffic lights to allow pedestrians safe access to the said footpath”.

The issue regarding traffic in Mogeely Village had been dealt with under motion no. 5.1.5. In relation to Pairc an Aonaigh the Engineer informed the Members that a footpath is to be provided on the road fronting the estate by the developer.

5.1.14 Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“That a report be made available on the taking in charge of Glebe Manor Estate, Whitegate, long outstanding to the inconvenience of residents and that funding be made available including the cash element of €50,000 to address incomplete areas of the Site Resolution Plan (SRP)”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer will enquire with the Estates Department.

5.1.15 Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“The residents in the Lower Aghada area request development works on the Sluice at Rostellan, Co. Cork with funding made available at EU and National level thus helping to bring this much needed development to fruition for the benefit of native and tourist”.

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this is a matter for Coastal Management and Flooding Department to consider in the context of possible funding for flood relief works from the OPW and stated that representations should be made directly to that Department.

5.1.16 Noel Collins, received on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“To help keep flood waters at bay and night prowlers under cover, Council report when the town of Midleton can expect the flood defences and CCTV to be fully in operation plus dredging of Castlemartyr River”.

The Municipal District Officer advised of the position in relation to the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme by reference to the 5 stages of the project and the anticipated timeline for each stage. Frequently updated information is easily available on [www.midletonfrs.ie](http://www.midletonfrs.ie).

A report in relation to the current position regarding the Midleton Town Centre Community CCTV Project had been given under 5.1.10.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that some emergency river cleaning works have been carried out on the Kiltha River in Castlemartyr. A report was made to the Coastal Management and Flood Protection Section on the flooding event that occurred on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017, which was sent to the OPW. The Engineer stated that a study was conducted by the OPW and he will follow up on same.

5.1.17 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

"Roads at Ballyfin, Kilcrone and Church Road, Cloyne to be included for immediate repair”.



Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that this item will be listed for inspection and repair in order of priority.

5.1.18 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“Also can Council make repairs to the Gearagh road and also the Rocky road as soon as possible?”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that some further repairs are listed for a section of the Gearagh Road and the road from Stacks Cross towards Popes Cross in advance of the Midleton Cycling and Triathlon Club race due to take place on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> and stated that the Rocky Road will remain on the list of repairs.

5.1.19 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

“Can we have an update on the correspondence with IW in relation to acquiring formal public access to the road in its ownership which runs parallel with the N25 from Midleton WWTP to the roundabout at Baneshane”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer informed the Members that this is a private road.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if this road could be taken in charge.

The Municipal District Officer stated that he will refer the matter to the Property Section in relation to acquiring the road for public use.

## **6. Correspondence.**

None.

## **7. Any Other Business:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the pontoon. Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that Cork County Council is currently engaging with Coastal Management regarding a meeting with the consultants and contractors and stated that it was hoped to have the pontoon handed over in the coming days.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the appointment of a Harbour Master. Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan informed the Members that the position has been offered and the personnel department are awaiting acceptance of same.
3. Cllr. Hegarty asked if there was any update on traffic calming measures for Ballymacoda. The Engineer will investigate.
4. Cllr. Twomey asked if there was any update from Bus Eireann regarding the parking of school buses. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer informed the Members that he is awaiting a response on same.

5. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the rough unsurfaced area at the side of the road in Castlemartyr on the Ladysbridge side and asked if this area could be levelled and filled as used for parking for the wood walk. The Engineer informed the Members that he will look at the possibility of filling same with hardcore and will investigate tying in with Village Renewal works as a longterm measure.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**