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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Kent Street, Clonakilty on 19th June 2017

Members present: Cllrs. Danny Collins, Paul Hayes, C. O'Sullivan,
P.G. Murphy, Joe Carroll, J. O'Sullivan

In attendance: Mac Dara O h-Icí, S.E.O. Municipal District of West Cork
Sharon Corcoran, D.O.S. Economic Development & Tourism
John Laphorne, S.E. Non National Roads Design Office
Ken O'Riordan, S.E.E. Non National Roads Design Office
Connor Larkin, E.E. Non National Roads Design Office
Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.
Cait Lehane E.E.
Michael Tobin E.E.,
Damien Murphy E.E.,
Kevin Lynch A.E.
Mary T. McCarthy, S.O. M.D.W.C.

Cllr. D. Hurley presided.

Apologies: J. England, M.D.O., Aidan Prendergast E.E., Sarah Sinnott E.E., Cllr. Mary Hegarty

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

At the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork Meeting held in Castletownbere on 4th May 2017 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Local Government Act 2001 – Section 183 Disposal Notice

1. *Disposal of 0.1553 hectares of land at Lackaghane, Baltimore to Jim & Maura Collins, Lackaghane, Baltimore, Co. Cork*

On the proposal of Cllr J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. P.G. Murphy the Members of the West Cork MD agreed to forward the above S.183 notice to full council for their consideration.

2. *Disposal of Service Site at 20 Ardmanagh Estate, Schull, Co. Cork 0.2046 acres/0.0828 hectares to Ed & Siobhan Moloney, 54 Wingfeild Drive, Polton Sandy, Bedfordshire, England. SG192GQ*

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. J. Carroll

1. *"I request a progress report on the naming of the roundabout at the junction of the N71 and R880, western side of Clonakilty, as per Notice of Motion on 7th November 2016."*

In reply to a query from Cllr. J. Carroll regarding a request to name the roundabout in the western side of Clonakilty after the late Joe Walsh T.D. R.I.P., the Cathaoirleach read the following reply received from T.I.I. by the M.D.O :

"All of the signage and delineation on the national road network should accord with the provisions of the Traffic Signs Manual, published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Attention is drawn to sections 4.2.15 and 4.2.16 of the Manual in respect of the naming of roundabouts. The function of signage on the national road network is to provide way-finding assistance to motorists. Accordingly, T.I.I. does not favour the naming of roundabouts or the erection of roundabout signs in a manner that does not serve any useful function in respect of directional guidance".

Members expressed their disappointment with the reply from T.I.I. and requested that their dissatisfaction should be outlined to them in further correspondence.

2. *"That Cork County Council would review the current traffic flow system in place on North Street in Skibbereen. Currently a large number of vehicles are being damaged on this street due to the extreme lack of width and space. Traffic lights could be a positive solution. But any changes should be done in consultation with the local traders."*

Members agreed that there are traffic flow problems in North Street and in Ilen Street, Skibbereen. Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. undertook to conduct Traffic Surveys on the problem areas and also to contact Skibbereen Chamber of Commerce.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Presentation by John Lapthorne, Senior Engineer on 'Bantry Culvert, Survey and Condition Report'

Mr. J. Lapthorne S.E. briefed members on the results of a Survey and Condition Report which was undertaken by Malachy Walsh & Partners, Consulting Engineers. Malachy Walsh & Partners subcontracted a topographical survey which was successful in capturing approximately ninety per cent of the culvert.

The culvert consists of three sections:

1. Section 1 is a Square Concrete Box culvert– 88 Lin metres which can be repaired but with difficulty as it is tidal and is located entirely under the square. This is the downstream section and includes the outfall to the tidal area.
2. Section 2 consists of Twin Span Masonry Arch – 221 Lin metres. This section is in very poor condition and will have to be replaced by open excavation. Consent under Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945 will be required from the Office of Public Works. This work will cause major traffic disruption to the Town of Bantry. This section extends from the middle of the square as far as the premises known as 'The Stuffed Olive', or Vickerys.
3. Single Span Masonry Arch – 137 Lin metres. This section is in adequate condition and is repairable. It extends from the 'The Stuffed Olive' premises, as far as the Water Wheel.

Consulting Engineers will now be procured to prepare a Preliminary Report. This will give an indication of the budget required for the project.

It is envisaged that funding for the works will be provided by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport through a Specific Improvement Grant Scheme.

Members acknowledged that the works are essential and will cause major disruption to the town but asked that they would be undertaken at a time to cause least inconvenience to businesses and residents who should be consulted and continually kept up to date on progress of same.

Presentation by Ms. Sharon Corcoran, Director of Service, Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism Directorate.

Ms. S. Corcoran D.O.S. briefed members on the activity of the Tourism Section to the end of May 2017.

Members thanked Ms. Corcoran for the report and acknowledged the progress of the Tourism Section to date. Members expressed concern regarding the lack of appreciation by Failte Ireland for the tremendous voluntary work carried out at Skibbereen & Bantry Tourist Offices.

Other issues highlighted:

- Lack of signage in Cork City for West Cork
- Promotion of Walking Trails
- Development of Blueways and Greenways
- Provision of Free WiFi in towns & villages in West Cork

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. briefed members on the Proposed Revision to Speed Limits on the N71.

In reply to a request from Cllr. P.G. Murphy to arrange for painting of three premises in Castletownbere, the S.E.O. noted that the H.S.E. will be contacted about their building, a quotation for painting the Fire Station will be sought. The old County Council Area Office is currently the subject of an application for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme; if the application process is unduly delayed painting of same will be undertaken.

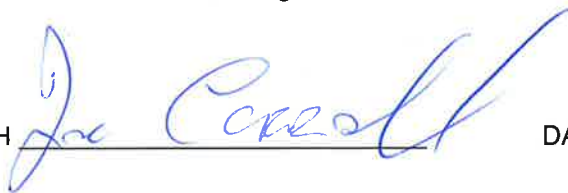
Cllr. P. Hayes requested a meeting with the M.D.O., Traffic Warden and Clonakilty Chamber of Commerce to discuss changes to parking time limits in Clonakilty.

In reply to a query from Cllr. J. Carroll regarding proposed Town Twinning with Scituate, Boston, the S.E.O. undertook to seek an update from the Corporate Affairs Department and will advise the sub-committee accordingly.

Members referred to a discussion at this morning's Western Committee Meeting regarding the dreadful condition of the road in Main Street, Drimoleague and requested that a letter should also be sent from the Municipal District of West Cork conveying their concerns and seeking clarification from Irish Water regarding the timeline for the proposed Waster Water Scheme which is delaying re-surfacing works.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH



DATE

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