



## COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

**Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**

### **I LATHAIR**

Comhairleoir J. P. Ó Sé, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri Mac Craith, Ó Laoghaire, Daltúin, Ní Fhúarthain, D. Ó Donnabháin, Ní Dheasmhumnaigh, Ó Cainte, S. Ó Coileán, M. Ó Murchú, Ó hEarchaí, Ó Colmáin, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, Ní Mhurchú-Uí Mhathúna, S. Ó Donnabháin, A. Ó Muimhneacháin, Críod, Ó Gráda, Ó Luasaigh, Ó Riain Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Suilleabháin, C. MacCárthaigh, Ó Ceocháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Uí Chuileannáin, Rasmussen, N. Ó Coileán, A. Ó Suilleabháin, Ó hEigearthaigh, S. Mhic Cárthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, N. MacCárthaigh, C. Ó Caoimh, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, J. Uí Mhurchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, T. Ó Coileán, M. Ó Coileán, Ó Cearúill, Ó Donnabháin, C. Ó Suilleabháin, Ó hAodha, Ó hUrthuile.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor J. P. O'Shea, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Ó Laoghaire, D'Alton, Forde, Ó Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, M. Murphy, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, J. O'Donovan, A. Moynihan, Creed, O'Grady, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Cullinane, Rasmussen, N. Collins, A. O'Sullivan, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan-Foley, N. McCarthy, O'Keefe, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, G. Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, M. Collins, Carroll, N. O'Donovan, C. O'Sullivan, Hayes, Hurley.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1/1-2

Proposed by Councillor K. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor D. Canty

### **RESOLVED:**

“That the minutes of meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

**Suspension of Standing Orders – Flooding at Waterrock**

Councillor M. Hegarty proposed the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the recent flooding at Waterrock, Middleton.

**Suspension of Standing Orders – Water outage in Fermoy Town**

Councillor F. O’Flynn proposed the suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the water outage in Fermoy Town on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Members agreed.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

2/1-2

TO: The wife and family of the late Johnny Lynch, former employee Macroom Civic Amenity Site.

TO: The family of the late John Corcoran (Cork GAA).

**STATUTORY BUSINESS**

The following disposal notices were noted by Members.

**DISPOSAL OF 54 BELMONT AVENUE, ROCHESTOWN, CO. CORK.**

3(a)/1-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

**SITUATION:** 54 Belmont Ave.,  
Rochestown,  
Co. Cork.

**AREA:** Dwellinghouse

**TO WHOM IT IS  
PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:** Aimee Scanlon

**CONSIDERATION:** €9,152.76 (subject to change depending on  
month and year of redemption)

**PURPOSE:** Acquire the Council’s interest under  
the Shared Ownership Scheme.

**DISPOSAL OF ESB SUBSTATION AT CARRIGTWOHILL WWTP**

3(a)/1-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

**NATURE OF DISPOSAL:** ESB substation at Carrigtwohill WWTP

**AREA:** 15m<sup>2</sup>

**FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:** Constructed by ESB

**TO WHOM IT IS  
PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:** ESB Networks

**CONSIDERATION:** €1.00

**STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON DRAFT FLOOD MAPS – SOUTH WESTERN CFRAM  
STUDY**

4/1-2

Members noted the correspondence from the OPW and the Flood Maps. Councillor K. Murphy said that he made enquiries regarding the ownership of a section of the Lee Catchment and was informed it was transferred to landowners. He requested that the OPW would be written to seek clarification on this matter.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**CAPTIAL PROGRAMME 2016-2018**

5/1-2

Members noted the Capital Programme 2016 – 2018 as circulated:-

In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001, the attached Capital Programme has been prepared for 2016-2018 and is presented to Members for information.

The Capital programme sets out the proposed major infrastructural projects to be undertaken, subject to availability of funding, over a three year rolling period. Further 3 year programmes will be presented to Council on an annual basis.

The programme identifies anticipated projects with an estimated capital spend of €442.8m. The overall emphasis of expenditure relates to housing construction, roads, environment, recreation & amenity, and flood programmes.

The requirements for progression of projects will take account of any contractual obligations in relation to ongoing works, works to be undertaken on foot of current and expected grant allocations and those necessary to continue a reasonable level of advancement in particular areas. Funding arrangements will need to be clearly identified from the below resources in advance of commitment to any particular project.

Sources of Capital funding:

1. Government Grants
2. Borrowing
3. Development Contributions
4. Internal Capital Receipts
5. Capital reserves
6. Provisions in the Revenue Budget.

This report sets out a Capital Programme for 2016-2018 of €442.8m. This is summarised as follows for Council:

	€M
Ongoing programme of works	320.2 (Contractually Committed)
Works subject to funding/business need	122.6 (Non Contractually Committed)
	442.8

Ongoing works represent schemes which have already commenced and have been approved in prior years, together with schemes where the Council has commitments to projects and are a first priority on spending programmes. The attached table outlines the funding sources of the overall rolling capital programme.

A breakdown of the proposed Capital Expenditure for 2016-2018 totalling €442.8m is attached which shows:

1. Expenditure per Category
2. Expenditure analysed Contractual/Non-contractual
3. Income sources identified

The financial impact of the overall Capital Programme is outlined later in the report. Set out on the next page is a summary of the expenditure headings showing the total programme of €442.8m

€m

<b>HOUSING</b>	
Social Housing	133.0
Affordable Housing	15.1
Voluntary Housing	13.0
Internal Capital Receipts	0.9
DPG'S	0.7
Other	10.8
<b>Total Housing</b>	<b>173.4</b>

<b>ROADS</b>	
National Roads	44.5
Divisional Roads	8.5
Public Lighting	5.4
Car Parks	2.8
Footpaths	3.2
Fleet Replacement	6.6
Special Dev contributions	3.4
Roads Other	18.9
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>93.5</b>

<b>WATER SERVICES</b>	
Flood Relief	34.0
Coastal Protection	5.0
<b>Total Water</b>	<b>39.0</b>

<b>OTHER</b>	
Environment	54.5
Burial Grounds	2.6
Industrial Development	3.4

Insurance	7.5
Co Hall Campus	2.9
Recreation & Amenity	25.5
Fire	2.8
Libraries	5.4
Public Realm	5.9
Harbour/marine	5.2
Traffic & Transportation	6.3
Other	15.1
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>136.9</b>

<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>442.8</b>
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The following sets out the major programmes included under each heading.

### **HOUSING:**

#### **Housing Capital Programme 2016-2018**

As previously advised the DECLG Social Housing Strategy 2015 -2017 provides for the following targets for delivery of housing by Cork County Council.

Number of Units 1,217

#### **Estimated Cost of Delivery €80.6m**

This will comprise of expenditure on progressing a mix of acquisitions, turnkey developments, work on voids thus returning vacant units to use, progression of Council own schemes to design and tendering, leasing, RAS, and the Capital Assistance Scheme.

In 2015 claims were made to the DECLG or funded from Councils own resources representing:

LA Build/ Acquisitions	43
CAS	7
Voids	229
SCHEP (Social Leasing)	168
RAS	<u>22</u>
Total	469

In addition to Cork County Council's Self-Funding element of €16,531,000 a sum of €4,480,559 was received in exchequer funding in 2015.

Due to the time required in getting our own build schemes designed, through planning, DECLG approval and tendering, the focus in 2015 was on voids, acquisitions and a number of turnkey schemes. Further voids are lined up to be delivered in 2016, with own build schemes coming on stream in 2017. This should ensure compliance with the DECLG targets.

### **WATER SERVICES:**

Water Services budget for 2016 reflects services which are not migrating to Irish Water and remain functions of the Council.

### **COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD PROJECTS**

The Coastal Management & Flood Projects Section applies for and receives funding on an annual basis for Coastal Infrastructure Capital projects from various Government Departments & agencies, viz., DAFM, DECLG, DTTAS, DAHG & OPW.

Funding is applied to and received from OPW for Major Flood projects (100% funded) and Minor Works Flood Projects (90% up to €500k). CMFP project manage these schemes which are included in the 2016-2018 programme.

Projects such as pier extension/repairs, harbour improvement works, repair work to sea walls & harbours due to adverse weather, coastal infrastructure works, including new marine/leisure pontoons are schemes that are carried out under this part recoupable budget element.

Details of the particular funding approval are not yet available and are subject to funding. Cork County Council must provide match funding to avail of these grants.

### **ROADS:**

The following summarises the overall Roads Programme:

#### National Roads / TII

- These are principally allocations provided by the TII for projects on National Roads in the County in 2016. Included are projects such as Macroom – Ballyvourney By-Pass (N22), Cork to Ringaskiddy (N28) and various resurfacing works.

#### Divisional – Roads Included in this section are

- several small projects many of which have previously commenced.
- Progression through design and land acquisition stage of a number of road upgrade projects, subject to funding.
- €3m for footpath improvements in 2016 -2018
- The rehabilitation of Bridges and other structures on the road network across the County to supplement funding from Exchequer grants

#### Fleet Investment

- For purchase of replacement plant so that the Council's fleet is roadworthy and efficient. This programme was suspended for a number of years up to 2014.

#### Public Lighting

- Some provision is made for new additional lighting in certain urgent locations and for provision of LED lighting to replace older lights which are less energy efficient. A full Programme of LED Replacement is a matter which is being dealt with at a national level for Local Authorities and is subject to funding.

#### Special Development Contributions

- This expenditure relates to Design and Improvement works funded by Special Development contributions.

#### Upgrading of depots and facilities

- A prioritised programme of works needs to be carried out in order to maintain proper safety standards in a number of area yards and depots.

### **ENVIRONMENT:**

This category of spend includes expenditure of €49m for works on the bridge and east tip of Haulbowline under the Islands remediation programme.

Other expenditure in this category includes provision for the introduction of landfill capping of cells and improvement works to Civic Amenity Sites where required and Skibbereen Bring Site so as to regularise the current operations on site.

### **RECREATION & AMENITY:**

The Capital spend on Recreation and Amenity of €25.4m provides for a range of projects that the Council would like to progress subject to further development of feasibility and concept and funding sources.

Progression of major projects listed below are provided for:

- Town Hall Mallow
- Youghal Clock Tower Improvements
- Dunmanway Swimming Pool

Other projects such as Development of Mallow Castle, Skibbereen Heritage Centre. Music Hall at Bantry, and improvement to beach facilities are provided for but again are subject to finalisation of funding sources.

#### **PUBLIC REALM:**

This category of spend outlines spend on enhancement of public areas within our towns and reflects how we present ourselves to others.

#### **OTHER:**

This category provides for the following main elements:

- Provisions for ICT Systems Development
- Redemption of Bridging Finance Loans – under Social Leasing Scheme.
- Science Park

#### **COUNTY HALL CAMPUS:**

This category covers provisions made for the redevelopment of the Motor Tax Building to facilitate the incorporation of LEO staff and other staffing requirements, together with provision for replacement of Lifts in County Hall, and building fund for future maintenance of the building fabric.

#### **FIRE:**

This category makes provision to progress the redevelopment of the Teagasc building for the Fire Services HQ, together with investment in replacement vehicles.

The following is a summary of the funding related to the proposed expenditure.

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Bridging</b>	<b>ICR's</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Housing</b>	173.4	155.6	15.9	0.9	0.9
<b>Roads</b>	93.5	43.0	-	-	50.5
<b>Water Services</b>	39.0	35.1			4.0
<b>Other Works</b>	136.9	66.5			70.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>442.8</b>	<b>299.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>126.1</b>

Of the €126.1m funding under the heading “Other”, a total of €36.6m relates to ongoing work programmes and is funded from a combination of capital reserves and development contributions. The remaining €89.5m is associated with works that may be progressed based on business need and funding being identified during the year.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The Capital Programme at €442.8m for 2016-2018 has resulted in a significant amount of analysis by each directorate to outline projects which required within the county. The progression of the Programme is based on existing capital commitments and as the year progresses consideration will be given to commencing other schemes where they are deemed necessary and where adequate funding sources are in place. Every effort will be made to maximise funding particularly grant funding, from Central Government in order to deliver on projects. Members can be kept informed at Municipal District Committee Meetings on the progress of Capital Projects relevant to their area.

The Chief Executive said that further detail can be dealt with through the Divisional Committees.

During a discussion, Members made the following points:-

- Welcome that this is a 3 year programme;
- Why is fleet replacement listed, does the Council lease fleet?
- Queried who the public lighting contract is with and how long the contract is for;
- Amount of funding that is committed does not leave much room for anything else that may arise during the 3 years;
- Welcomed the Macroom ByPass, the town is waiting a long time for it;
- How come the Council can produce a 3 year Capital Programme now;
- The Council is way behind in its social housing target for 2015;
- €5m for coastal protection over 3 years is not enough;
- Divisional Roads are at a huge loss in particular in West Cork;
- What percentage is coming from the Council's own resources;
- Queried the delay in transferring assets to Irish Water.

The Chief Executive advised as follows:

- €2m is for the Council's own Public Lighting Programme, the remaining is a projected expenditure for the work being undertaken nationally for LED lighting;
- The Council has achieved its targets for Social Housing for 2015 with 439 units delivered, a full programme will be in place by 2018;
- Coastal Funding is non-committed and subject to funding from the Department of Agriculture;
- All assets have been transferred to Irish Water but the delay is in the Balancing Statement which is time consuming due to the size of the Council's assets and should be completed within the next month.

The S/Head of Finance advised as follows:-

- The Council leases fleet but some vehicles need to be replaced;
- €25,000 for drainage in Rosscarbery is included in the Programme;
- €89.5m for non-contractual element is an indicative figure.

## **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Corporate Policy Group:**

#### **CONFERENCE LIST JANUARY, 2016**

**6(a)/1-2**

Proposed by Councillor D. Canty

Seconded by Councillor K. Murphy

#### **RESOLVED:**

“That the Conference List for January, 2016, be hereby approved.”



## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO BODIES**

6(b)/1-2

Proposed by Councillor S. McGrath

Seconded by Councillor J. Carroll

### **RESOLVED:**

“That the following contributions be hereby approved:-

Muintir na Tire - €10,000  
Cork Camogie Club - €50,000”

### **Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District:**

## **POLICY FOR SAFETY OF TREES ON PUBLIC ROADS**

7/1-2

Councillor D. Canty proposed, seconded by Councillor S. McGrath, the following notice of motion:-

“This Committee recommends that the Council would develop a policy concerning the safety of trees along public roads in each Municipal District.”

Members made the following points:

- Many landowners are not taking proper care of their trees;
- Bus Eireann are having difficulty accessing some roads;
- Trucks are being damaged and some drivers are refusing to travel on certain routes;
- A policy must be formed to ensure that all landowners look after their properties;
- The Minister for Justice is publishing a document regarding cases taken for overhanging trees and the SPC should have input into this policy;
- Planning Department must take responsibility for species of trees allowed in planning applications;
- Certain types of trees are not suitable for urban areas;
- Street lighting is blocked and overhanging trees are causing hazardous situations;
- The Roads & Transport SPC is looking at the issue and is liaising with farmers regarding their responsibilities;
- The Council has the powers to deal with this but enforcement is the problem;
- Sought a report on how many prosecutions were made by the Council;
- A designated staff member should oversee this;
- Queried if there is still an embargo on chainsaw use in the Council.

The Chief Executive said that the Council has the power to follow up on notices served on landowners regarding overhanging trees but it takes time and resources. He said that a briefing should be given to Members by each Area Engineer on the level of activity in each area.

It was agreed to refer the motion to the Roads and Transport SPC.

## **REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO CARRIGALINE E.A. LOCAL AREA PLAN 2011 – SHANNONPARK FRAMEWORK MASTERPLAN**

8/1-2

During a discussion, Members made the following points:-

- This is a major development with the provision of up to 1000 units at Shannonpark in an area already facing pressures;
- Access at Herons Wood is an issue that has been looked at;
- Accept that housing is needed but Carrigaline lacks the infrastructure needed for such a development;
- The development must be linked to the upgrade of the N28;
- Welcomed new wording and proposed the addition of “including infrastructural requirements at the end”;
- The town is stagnated by traffic congestion;
- The problems with traffic was recognised in 2007 when the Carrigaline Area Transportation Study was carried out;
- The recommendation at that time were an inner and outer Western Relief Road, town centre strategy with pedestrian friendly main street and traffic calming measures and other recommendations which have not been delivered;
- The Council should not have to fund government policy;
- Not enough has been done for social housing and should be restricted to Part 5;
- Concern about Phase 1 of the development without the N28;
- Traffic Plan needs to be updated for Carrigaline;
- This is a phased development over 10 years and will not have an immediate impact on the town;
- Carrigaline has a need for social housing but the town centre is a problem;
- This development should be welcomed as it will provide jobs and homes.

The Chief Executive said that while he had no objection to the addition of the three words “including infrastructural requirements”, he wished to again confirm for members that the preparation of the Masterplan is underpinned by traffic modelling which demonstrates and provides for full progression of development on the Masterplan lands on a phased basis and without the need for the proposed N28 upgrade. The incorporation of the Masterplan into the LAP will therefore provide for development to proceed on this basis. The Chief Executive also noted that members had raised issues of a wider nature on transport infrastructure in Carrigaline and that the LAP process is the appropriate framework for such matters to be discussed.

On the proposal of Councillor S. McGrath, seconded by Councillor J. A. Collins, it was agreed that the following text would be included:-

- Remove the indicative connectivity arrows between the proposed new development and Herons Wood housing estate on the map. (N.B.: This would not affect the red arrow across the R611 and the proposed greenway at U-13.)
- In paragraph 1.4.38, delete the second sentence of the bullet point as follows:- “It is critical that the layout and design of this area allows for connectivity with the existing Herons Wood housing estate to the south”
- The proposals made in the Chief Executive’s Report to insert an additional bullet point in 1.4.26 will not be pursued.
- Insert additional text in paragraph 1.3.4: “The masterplan proposals have been included in this Electoral Area Local Area Plan by amendment in order to accelerate the delivery of much needed new housing. The review of the EALAP’s and the preparation of the new plan for the Municipal District presents an opportunity, in consultation with the public, for the County

Council to refine the detail of the proposed development, including infrastructural requirements.”

## **NATIONAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2016**

9/1-2

Members noted report from the Director of Roads, which outlined as follows:-

Please find attached details of the 2016 National Roads Allocations, as issued by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), amounting to €9,188,076. The allocation represents a reduction on the 2015 allocation of €16,710,591.

The principal elements of the allocation are:

Major Schemes category: Allocations have been made for the N22 Ballyvourney / Macroom Bypasses towards the cost of land acquisition and the N28 Ringaskiddy to Cork in order to advance the CPO and EIS.

### Pavement & Minor Works:

- An allocation of €300,000 has been made for the N22 Lissarda Village Pavement Renewal
- There are allocations of €30,000 and €15,000 to advance the N73 Annakisha South Improvement Scheme and N73 Clogher Cross to Waterdyke Schemes respectively.
- Contracts have been awarded late in 2015 for pavement improvements to the N72, one at Killetra west of Mallow and the second on a number of sections between Mallow and Fermoy, at a total cost of €3.88 million. Construction of these projects will commence shortly, with the funding having been provided from the 2015 allocation.
- TII has asked the National Roads Office to progress an improvement scheme on the N71 from Owenahincha to Newmills, in-house, through the planning & design stage. This work will continue in 2016 funded by the National Roads Office support grant. Funding for land acquisition / construction will not be required in 2016 and will be considered, when required, in future years.
- I have separately been informed by TII that it is currently reviewing the pavement improvement programme for 2016 against its available funding and anticipates being in a position to notify the various local authorities of the pavement improvement grants shortly. It points out that it is necessary to prioritise projects based on the need to keep roads operating at a basic minimum safe level for traffic and that the recent flooding has put that budget under even more pressure as roads around the country, which were flooded, require repair or improvement works to reduce the risk of future flooding – the N25 between Castlemartyr and Killeagh being a case in point, where TII has committed 2016 funding to enable the road to be raised.

National Roads Office: A support grant for this office in the amount of €2,399,721 has been made, which will meet the costs of the office including some additional staff currently being recruited at the request of TII

Maintenance Allocations: An allocation of €1,643,355 has been made for maintenance which is a 3% increase on the 2015 allocation.

The Director of Roads also reminded members that 2 pavement contracts on the N72 had been awarded in November 2015 and were funded in 2015 and that the design of the realignment of the N71 between Owenahincha and Newmills will be completed inhouse by the National Roads Office.

During a discussion, Members made the following points:-

- The cut of 50% in the grant allocations is a disgrace;
- The Blarney/Macroon Municipal District has been hit with a savage cut with funding distributed to other areas;
- This is a huge blow to an area with a large amount of road;
- Queried if Owenahincha Cross will be a priority;
- There is no funding for the N71 yet again, a road which needs upgrading;
- What proposals did the Council submit for the upgrade of the N71;
- Remove the national status for the N71, it is not fit for purpose;
- Queried the timeline for the watermain break at New Mills;

Councillor F. O'Flynn proposed, seconded by Councillor T. Collins, the following notice of motion:-

“That Cork County Council immediately call on the Minister for Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to make the necessary finding available to ensure that the much needed Mallow Relief Road can commence as was promised by the Minister in November 2015.”

Members commented further as follows:-

- It was promised that the Mallow Relief Road would go ahead;
- The future development of North Cork depends on this road;
- Difficulty for trucks driving through Mallow town;
- Grossly unfair that the roads budget in Blarney/Macroon is being cut;
- Concern if road is raised at Castlemartyr the problem will only move elsewhere;
- Cork is the biggest contributor of Motor Tax in the country and gets very little in return and is a poor reflection on our Dail Members;
- Unacceptable that the N25 at Castlemartyr has been put on the long finger for years;
- Secondary roads in East Cork are in a poor state.

The Chief Executive said that he circulated a memo to Members on the basis for the distribution to Restoration Improvement Grants for Regional and Local Roads across the 8 Municipal Districts and that funding is allocated based on the condition of the road but this is now out of date. He said that some areas have benefitted more than other, even though those areas may have had better road surfaces.

The Chief Executive said that the Council must respond to the factual position and there is now a whole new series of rating and the Department of Transport requirements means prioritising under the condition of the road and traffic levels. Funding could be undermined if we do not distribute based on current knowledge.

The Director of Roads advised that the Council was asked to prepare designs for 10 pavement schemes:-

- N20 Ballybeg West
- Clogheenvodig to Curranure
- Leap to Dromihilly
- Lisselane to Gallanes
- Newmills to Lissavard

- Parkana to Knockroe
- Littlegrace to Currabeha
- Olivers Cross to Lacknamona
- Kildorrery to Scart
- N73 Ballygowen

The Director of Roads advised as follows:-

- €770,000 for N72 along Mallow Racecourse, construction to commence shortly;
- Takeup for CIS Scheme reduced from last year, therefore allocation is reduced;
- Options for Killeagh will be brought to the East Cork Municipal District in the coming weeks but there is no commitment for funding for Killeagh and Castlemartyr;
- Jamesbrook/East Ferry is a local road and should be discussed at the Municipal District;
- A significant submission was done for the N71 for 5 years ago but no funding for major realignment to date;

On the proposal of Councillor M. Creed, seconded by Councillor D. O'Grady, it was agreed that the distribution of funding for Regional and Local Roads would be done on a 3 year transition period over the life of the Restoration Programme 2016-2018.

*As the time was now 1.15 pm an extension of time was agreed on the proposal of Councillor K. Murphy, seconded by Councillor N. McCarthy*

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders – Flooding at Waterrock, Midleton**

Members made the following points:-

- Councillors from the Cobh and East Cork Municipal District attended a Meeting with the residents of Waterrock regarding the recent flooding event;
- Residents are concerned that water is not discharging where it is supposed to;
- When will report from Arups be made available to Members;
- It is untrue to say there is no history of flooding at this location;
- Waterrock should be added to the overall Midleton survey;
- Is the location covered by the CRFRAMS study;
- Irish Rail recently closed off a large drain this could be contributing to the problem;
- What measures will be put in place if this happens again;

The Chief Executive said that the most appropriate thing to do is to ask the OPW to include Waterrock in the Midleton Study. The report is in draft stage and will come back to the Municipal District and should form part of informing the OPW of the causes and to see what interim measures can be taken by them.

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders – Flooding in Fermoy Town**

Members made the following points:-

- There was no water supply in Fermoy town for 12 hours on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January due to a water break;
- There was no communication from Irish Water and their email was not working;
- Businesses were severely affected with many events cancelled;
- The break took 24 hours to repair;
- What happened was unacceptable and Members and businesses are entitled to get answers;
- Irish Water was not forthcoming with details.

It was agreed to write to Irish Water seeking a proper communications strategy for water breaks going forward.

*It was agreed that the remaining items on the Agenda would be deferred to the next Council Meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.*

**This concluded the business of the Meeting**