

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Draft Budgetary Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Wednesday, 1st November, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mary Rose Desmond (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Derry Canty, Seamus McGrath, Michael Murphy, Deirdre Forde, Marcia D'Alton, Eoghan Jeffers, Daithi O'Donnabhain.

ABSENT: Councillors John A. Collins, Joe Harris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin O'Regan, Municipal District Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer, Micheál Mulconry, Executive Engineer, Sarah O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

1. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN FOR THE BALLINCOLLIG/CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Kevin O'Regan advised that the figures are as set out in the Draft Budgetary Plan circulated to Members prior to the meeting. This meeting is held as part of the budgetary process and the detail will be discussed at Full Council. There has been no change to the GMA and TDF figures from the 2017 budget and the Village Enhancement Scheme, which was introduced in 2017, will continue in 2018. Kevin O'Regan advised that it is a matter for the Members to decide whether or not to accept the budget and noted that the overall budget is agreed at Full Council.

A discussion followed and Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- The increase of €2,800 in the Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences budget from 2017 figure is welcomed, is this increase as a result of unspent budget?
- Why is there a reduction in the Car Parking budget from last year?
- Is the overall increase in budget to be put towards pay increases?
- Is a vast amount of the budget being spent?
- The proposed allocations are not adequate to meet the staffing or financial demands that the Municipal District faces, its urbanised nature requires extra resources.
- The proposed allocation is not proportionate to the population of the District or the funding raised in the area.
- Additional information is required to compare and contrast the budget with the requirements of the area offices.
- The increase in budget for Recreation and Amenity is welcomed.
- Why is there a reduction in budget for Public Conveniences?
- Drainage is a huge problem everywhere and the area offices are being stifled of staff and funding.
- Issues of tree pruning and verge cutting need to be more proactively addressed.
- There is concern that the Municipal District will get stymied with the boundary issue over the next couple of years.
- There is potential for cost savings for pay parking, especially in Douglas, as the contracted 60 hours is excessive.
- The relocation of the public convenience in Carrigaline needs to be kept on the agenda.
- Request for clarification if land drainage is carried out on council land only.
- Is the owner of a building or Council responsible for fallen hoarding?

Kevin O'Regan advised the following in response:

- This is a revenue budget and there is no roll-over of figures. The only amounts carried forward are in relation to grants.
- There was an historical budget of €107,000 in the Car Parking budget that is not being used and therefore was removed.
- The vast amount of the 2017 budget is already spent.
- The public conveniences are on contract and the budget amount is what is required for the contract.
- Storm damage expenditure is being charged separately for recoupment.
- The owner of a building is responsible for fallen hoarding.

Following this discussion, Members resolved not to accept the Draft Budgetary Plan and were anxious that the reasons for non acceptance be forwarded for consideration -

- ***The proposed allocations are not adequate to meet the staffing or financial demands that the Municipal District faces.***
- ***The urbanised nature of the Municipal District requires extra resources.***
- ***The proposed allocation is not proportionate to the population of the District or the funding raised in the area.***

2: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Jeffers and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th September, 2017, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

3: CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(i) Manager's Report on the Part 8 Planning Process associated with the Grange Road to Tramore Valley Park Pedestrian and Cycle Path including N40. overbridge.

Micheál Mulconry attended the meeting for this item and noted that he had attended a meeting previously on the matter. Micheál Mulconry advised that the Part VIII process commenced in May 2017 and there were 19 submissions received following a 6 week public consultation period. Micheál Mulconry outlined the submissions received, issues raised and subsequent modifications. Micheál Mulconry advised that Members approval is requested to bring the matter to Full Council for Part VIII planning.

Members thanked Micheál Mulconry for his report on the matter and welcomed the scheme. A discussion followed and Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- It is the biggest development in the area in a long time and will be of massive benefit.
- Commended Micheál Mulconry and team in dealing with issues raised.
- The winding path should have a width of 3 metres and there may be an issue of cyclist speeding.
- That provision of bins would be considered.
- The potential for antisocial behaviour is a big concern, it is welcomed that benches are not being provided.
- Some entrances at Amberly need to be closed off.
- Grange Road should be looked at as a whole if funding becomes available.
- Need to be mindful that this is one part of a jigsaw to encourage walking and cycling.
- This will offer an alternative route to get into the city in terms of an off road facility.
- Tramore Valley is presently under-utilised.
- What is the cost estimate for the project and will it be one of the key projects being put forward for consideration?
- Will CCTV be installed or monitored?
- Will this affect funding required for implementing DLUTS?

- Can Rickshaws be used on the route?

Micheál Mulconry advised in response:

- The winding path will have a minimum width of 3 metres; it will be a difficult route due to levels.
- Issue of speeding will be dealt with at detailed design stage.
- There is no intention to install bins at present.
- CCTV will be in place from the start. The use of CCTV at Ballybrack has been very successful, it has real time monitoring.
- Access points through estates are a contentious issue. Our proposal is to leave existing routes as is.
- Grange Road is outside the scope of this scheme. There are currently discussions with the NTA regarding a corridor from Rochestown to Cork Airport.
- There are a large number of schools in proximity and there is a real chance for modal shift. There are also links to the route at Willow Park and the South Douglas Road.
- The cost estimate is in excess of €3 million, €1 million for the path and €2 million for the bridge.
- We will go to national agencies for funding following Part VIII approval.
- There is funding of €1 million available from the NTA but we do not plan to use all of the allocation on this scheme. The aim is to get separate funding for this scheme.
- The meandering path is for wheelchair users and buggies; it will be physically possible to use Rickshaws on the route.

Members agreed to recommend the Part VIII Manager's Report Grange Road to Tramore Valley Park to Full Council for approval.

(ii) R609 Maryborough Woods Pedestrian Crossing - Section 38.

Madeleine Healy advised that she had raised the matter at the September meeting and noted that she has applied for a Section 38 for the scheme. Madeleine Healy advised that the works will involve installing a pedestrian crossing at the Douglas side junction by Maryborough Estate. The scheme was advertised in September and there was a one month submission period. There were no submissions received and following consultation with the Gardai, they have requested the installation of anti-skid surfacing, which will be included in the scheme. Madeleine Healy advised that she hopes to progress the scheme and noted that she is looking for Members approval to proceed. Madeleine Healy advised that there is a deadline regarding funding and it must be spent by the end of the year.

Members thanked Madeleine Healy for her report on the matter and welcomed the scheme. A discussion followed and Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- Why is there a funding deadline?
- Lessons need to be learned for the future to prevent issues such as happened here recurring.
- Will the works be funded by planning contributions?

Madeleine Healy advised the following in response:

- The works will be funded by two different streams. The first stream of funding is planning contributions. The second stream of funding is grant funding and there is a deadline with this. Both funding streams are required for the works.

On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Forde, Members agreed to proceed with implementation of the R609 Maryborough Woods Pedestrian Crossing scheme.

(iii) Car parking in Rochestown.

Jim Molloy advised Members that a report on the matter has not been completed and noted that he is trying to get more information on the matter. Jim Molloy advised that he wants to see what the peak usage times are and noted that he does not have this information at present as he was out of the office during the summer months. Jim Molloy advised that he hopes to have a preliminary report for Members at the next meeting and noted that a full report will be available in spring 2018.

Members thanked Jim Molloy for his report and raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- It is welcomed that the matter is being looked at.
- How is the information being gathered?
- Can the loops be put in place over the Christmas period?
- The loops won't identify when the car parks are full and people are parking on the road.

Jim Molloy advised the following in response:

- The information is being gathered through loops, which are rubber tubes put in place across the road.
- The loops can be put in place over the Christmas period.
- We will be able to identify when the car parks are full and can then surmise that people are parking on the road.

4: CORRESPONDENCE

An Garda Siochana - Notice of Motion Garda Resources

Kevin O'Regan advised that the response received from An Garda Siochana was previously circulated to Members for information. Members raised the following questions/comments on the matter:

- The matter has been referred to the Garda Forum; statistics on antisocial behaviour are needed for the whole Council.
- Will the 5 probationers be remaining in Togher?
- We need to keep pressure on to keep Togher on the agenda.
- The report does not include information on retirements and transfers.
- There have been reports of people attending garda stations during opening hours and no staff being there.
- The report is not encouraging regarding extra Gardai.
- The garda station in Ballincollig is on a skeleton crew, people do not see a garda presence and this is unacceptable.

5: GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION 2017/TOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2017

St. Patrick's Day Parades 2018

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had previously been circulated to Members. Kevin O'Regan advised that he was contacted by groups in Carrigaline and Ballincollig regarding 2018 parades. The Carrigaline group are trying to get an indication of the Council's level of support and he advised them that he would bring the matter to the meeting for consideration. The Ballincollig group has advised that they will be losing their sponsor for the crash barriers and this will be an additional cost for them. They are in discussions with Downtcha Puppets to develop the parade. Kevin O'Regan presented proposals to the Members for consideration.

Jim Molloy advised allocating the money to communities to allow them to grow the parades and suggested that they can report back on how the money was used and how the parade has grown.

Following discussion on the matter members resolved as follows.

On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Jeffers, Members agreed the following allocations from the 2018 Town Development Fund:

Event	Group	Amount
St. Patrick's Day	Carrigaline St. Patrick's Day Parade	€5,500.00 (special allocation amount for 2018 to assist re-establishing the parade)
St. Patrick's Day	Douglas Community Association	€3,500.00
St. Patrick's Day	Ballincollig Business Association	€3,500.00

6: NOTICES OF MOTION

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus McGrath:

1. "To seek a written update on plans to provide a skateboard park and running track in the Carrigaline Community Park, specifying a likely timeframe for commencement of works."

Members noted report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

As Members are aware these are two distinct projects. The Skatepark, funded from Council resources, and the running track, funding by a combination of Recreation Amenity Grant and Council funding.

Due to the ongoing Irish Water works it is not possible at the moment to install the running track in the area initially intended. However any other proposal would lead to a track that would not have sufficient length. The Council contacted the Department of Arts Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs as it was evident that it would not be possible to install the track this year. Following discussion the Department agreed to the Council's proposal that the Recreational Grant funding be allocated towards the Skatepark. The Council will retain funding (from its own fund set aside for the Skatepark) to enable the running track to be installed once Irish Water has completed its work.

Requests for Tender have issued in respect of the Skatepark and work will commence once a contractor is appointed. We anticipate that work will commence in November.

As mentioned above the installation of the running track will have to wait for the completion of Irish Water works in the Park.

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the report on the matter and that the Department was allowing the funds to be transferred between projects.

2. "This Committee recommends that options for access to Spike Island from the south and west of the Harbour be actively considered."

Members noted report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

The nearest points in the Harbour to the South and West of Spike Island are Ringaskiddy & Haulbowline and Crosshaven respectively. The motion can be referred to either the County Engineer or the Director of Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism for consideration.

Members can use the link below to view a map of the harbour area so that they can get an idea of the distances involved.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter and noted that some options were identified for alternative access. Cllr. McGrath requested that the matter be referred to the County Engineer and the Director of Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism for consideration.

3. "To seek an update from the Engineer on any plans to improve drainage issues on the Rochestown Road (R610) on the stretch between Belgard Downs and the Fingerpost."

Madeleine Healy advised that the contractor had started yesterday and would be putting in 2 gulleys. Madeleine Healy advised that it is a difficult problem to solve as there is no dedicated sewer.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Marcia D'Alton:

1. "That the footpath outside Dock Cottages would be made safe and accessible for the special needs of the residents of Dock Cottages."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the path outside the properties is in poor condition and asked that works be carried out next year to match the use of the housing.

Madeleine Healy advised that there are huge constraints and noted that the path cannot be made fit for purpose as it will not fit a wheelchair and ramps. Madeleine Healy advised that if the path was increased to 1.5 metres in width it would reduce the road use to one way.

A discussion on the matter followed. Following a suggestion of ramped access by Cllr. D'Alton, Madeleine Healy advised that there would be a substantial cost involved and noted that she does not have funding available. Members agreed to contact the Housing Department to see if funding can be made available in order to allow Madeleine Healy to look at feasibility of works. Cllr. McGrath advised that the provision of disabled access with a view to wheelchair users using the road would be the best option.

2. "That Cork County Council would identify a timescale for either reinstatement or replacement of the table tennis tables which were removed from Marmullane Park, Passage West."

Members noted report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

As Members are aware the table tennis tables in question was installed as part of the development of Marmullane Park, opened in June 2015.

Regretfully the special outdoor nets associated with the tables were broken on a number of occasions. The cost of repair the last time was in the order of €1,000.

The Council is replacing them with more heavy duty 'nets'. These are a solid unit that is anticipated will be more durable.

One table will be relocated to Fr O' Flynn Park near the playground, on a concrete base. The other will be held for the moment but it may not be reinstated in Marmullane.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter and advised that the tables were not being vandalised, but were being used.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the nets were standard and designed for purpose and noted that the new nets will be sturdier.

3. "That Cork County Council would regard speed control on Maryborough Hill as a priority and would install a safe crossing on Maryborough Hill between Broadale and Maryborough Ridge."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that she had received four complaints regarding the danger of crossing the road in the area and speeding on the hill. Cllr. D'Alton advised of the danger for bus users crossing the road and noted that it is almost impossible to see someone at Broadale and the other side as it is dimly lit. Cllr. D'Alton asked if it would be possible to replace the lights with LEDs and suggested that something similar to the crossing at the nursing home be put in place.

Madeleine Healy advised that she did not envisage work being carried out prior to the works at Maryborough Ridge and noted that these works will in effect solve the issue. Madeleine Healy

advised that she cannot give a time or date for the works but noted that it will be sooner rather than later. Madeleine Healy advised that a LED upgrade programme is being rolled out at present across all public lighting.

Members supported Cllr. D'Alton in her motion. A discussion on the matter followed and Members raised the following questions/comments:

- Request for an update report on the rollout of the LED upgrade programme in the Municipal District.
- A roundabout needs to be built before the construction of houses commences.
- It is a dangerous spot with heavy footfall.
- Most of the Members have submitted motions on this matter at some stage.
- Planning conditions for critical infrastructure must be completely clear going forward.
- There is a weakness in the Act; a change of plan can be submitted prior to the 5 year deadline.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Eoghan Jeffers:

1. "To ask the MD to carry out a public consultation on the potential uses for the patch of spare land below Ashbrook Heights in Lehenaghmore, Togher."

Members noted report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

The Notice of Motion was referred to the Housing Department who have replied as follows:

The land in question was acquired for Housing Purposes and Cork County Council Housing Directorate is in the process of examining a number of development opportunities on this land including opportunities in association with the Voluntary Housing Sector.

Cllr. Jeffers thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report on the matter. Cllr. Jeffers advised that Ashbrook estate should initially have been made bigger and noted that residents have mixed views on what should be done with the land. Cllr. Jeffers commented that the gradient is very steep for a new housing development and noted that the matter should be put for public consultation.

Kevin O'Regan advised that any development would require a Part VIII and advised that he would revert to the Housing Department and ask that informal consultation with the residents of Ashbrook be undertaken before any decision is taken or Part VIII advertised.

Cllr Jeffers advised that he will contact the Housing Department directly on this issue.

2. "That a plan be developed for road and pedestrian safety measures in Carrigaline, with a view to progressing projects, that may not be able to progress in the short term due to planned or proposed developments."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that a lot of safety measures are required and are being held up by future developments. Cllr. Jeffers advised that a plan for development without future developments progressing is required.

Cllr. Jeffers was supported by Cllr. McGrath in his motion and Cllr. McGrath noted that the matter is connected to the traffic issue in Carrigaline. Cllr. McGrath advised that Peter O'Donoghue will be in attendance at the December meeting and asked if there is an update in relation to Ballea.

Kevin O'Regan advised that he will forward the motion to Peter O'Donoghue to address at the December meeting.

Madeleine Healy advised that we are still awaiting future developments. Madeleine Healy advised that she has no issue in theory in progressing if the development does not go ahead. Madeleine Healy advised that Peter O'Donoghue is working on the traffic study at present and noted that he will give a run down on the matter at the December meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that Ballinrea Cross and Ashgrove roundabout were asked to be looked at as part of the traffic study for the

education campus and noted that she is not aware if the Department have lodged the development contributions. Madeleine Healy advised that we are at the preliminary design stage. Kevin O'Regan agreed to ask the Planning Department if the planning contributions have been paid and the timeframe involved.

3. "That the development of the road at Lehenaghmore/Lehenaghbeg would include necessary measures for the inclusion of a bus route and that expert advice from Bus Éireann be sought on how this can be best progressed."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that there has to be scope for extension of the route and noted that it would be worth getting the opinion of Bus Eireann on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised that the matter is being looked at by the Non National Road Design Office. Kevin O'Regan agreed to forward the motion to the NNRDO for comment.

7: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Murphy

Cllr. Murphy congratulated Hazel Symons on winning the Kettlebell World Championships in Greece.

Cllr. McGrath

Cllr. McGrath congratulated the Area Offices for their great work following Storm Ophelia.

8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Murphy

(i) Cllr. Murphy asked if the speed sign at the bad bend by Church Hill in Passage West had been removed.

Cllr. D'Alton advised that it had been crashed into.

(ii) Cllr. Murphy asked if the Star of the Sea car park is in the ownership of the Department of Education.

Madeleine Healy advised that it is owned by the Department of Education.

Cllr. McGrath

(i) Cllr. McGrath advised that the one way system in Carrigaline by the Janeville development was put in place at 6.30pm which was too early and this caused havoc in the evenings. Cllr. McGrath that any future works on the main thoroughfare need to be carried out at 8pm and noted that flag people should be in place until later in the evening.

Madeleine Healy advised that the contractor at Janeville should not have been carrying out works at 6.30pm but noted that they were carrying out a lot of noisy work and may have been trying to avoid late evening noise disturbance.

(ii) Cllr. McGrath advised that he had recently passed roadworks on Donnybrook Hill at 6pm in the evening and there were no flag people in place.

Cllr. Forde

(i) Cllr. Forde advised that she had received complaints regarding difficulty in traffic exiting Calderwood and asked if anything can be done on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised there will be traffic calming works between the Maxol station and Calderwood as part of the Donnybrook Hill works.

(ii) Cllr. Forde requested tree cutting from 9-13 Amberly and noted that tree cutting was carried out in the area a number of year ago.

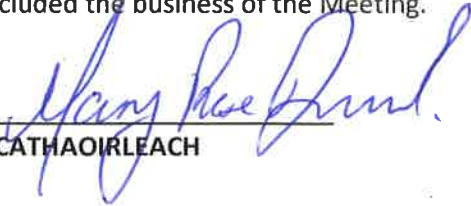
(iii) Cllr. Forde advised of flooding at the entrance to Amberly. Madeleine Healy advised that it is not an easy solution and noted that works will be carried out as early as possible in the new year.

Cllr. Desmond

Cllr. Desmond asked that the Municipal District write to An Bord Pleanala to lodge an objection regarding the timing and location of the upcoming hearing. The hearing is due to be held at a location on the North side of the city and cannot accommodate the expected attendance numbers.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:


CATHAOIRLEACH

Date:

