

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on 4th February, 2019, at 11.00 a.m. at Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork.

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

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 7th January, 2019.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January, 2019, and confirmation of Minutes of Special In Committee Meeting held on 7th January, 2019, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting Held on 7th January, 2019.

1.2 Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if there was any update on the provision of funding for the reopening of the road at Greens Quay. Mr. Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that he is awaiting a reply from Coastal Management on same. Cllr. Hegarty suggested that funding be applied for under DAF Projects. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the item be kept on the agenda. Cllr. Collins proposed that this item be referred to the Tourist Board.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

2.1 Social Housing Scheme at Cúirt Na Silíní, Cloyne, Co. Cork. Part 8 briefing by Keith Jones, Snr. Engineer, Housing Directorate.

This item was deferred.

2.2 Commencement of Part 8 Process for new Public Convenience and Lifeguard Station at Front Strand, Youghal.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that these works are a follow on from the upgrade works at both Garryvoe and Redbarn toilets and informed the Members that it has been decided to relocate the proposed new build to the footprint of the old lifeguard station.

Mr. Billy Smyth, Executive Architect, circulated drawings to the Members in relation to the proposed development and informed the Members that he is hoping to have it advertised in

the next two weeks and was also hoping to incorporate the detailed design of the project with the Part VIII Process. The Executive Architect informed the Members that proposed project should start after Ironman.

The Members welcomed the project which they stated will benefit both tourists and residents alike. The Members asked the costing of the project. Mr. Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that funding in the amount of €400,000 has been secured for the project.

2.3 Bus Éireann representatives attending: Mr. Tim O'Leary Services Manager and Ms. Frances McCarthy, Asst. Services Manager.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Collins welcomed Mr. Tim O'Leary, Services Manager, and Ms. Frances McCarthy, Asst. Services Manager, Bus Éireann.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that she has been liaising with Fiona Hayes in relation to the provision of bus shelters and stated that Aghada, Rostellan, Whitegate and Killeagh are areas within East Cork which need to be prioritised for the provision of bus shelters.

Cllr. Twomey stated that there is no bus Timetable available for Cloyne and stated that services at Cloyne, Whitegate and Aghada need to be improved. Mr. Tim O'Leary agreed to arrange a Timetable for Cloyne.

Cllr. Twomey also stated that the bus stop on the Main Street, Middleton, near the Baby's Walk should also be prioritised for the provision of a bus shelter as a lot of elderly people await the service at this stop.

Cllr. Linehan Foley queried the price of the bus fare from Waterford to Cork which she stated is 10 euro, while the cost of the fare from Youghal to Cork is 20 euro and asked if this could be investigated as the journey time from Waterford to Cork is 1 hour 30 minutes and from Youghal to Cork is just 40 minutes.

Mr. Tim O'Leary informed the Members that these are promotional fares in Dungarvan and stated that he will investigate the possibility of rolling out this promotion in Youghal and will contact Cllr. Linehan Foley regarding same.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that it has been two years since a representative from Bus Éireann has attended a meeting of the Municipal District and stated that the lack of bus shelters in the East Cork Area is a major problem which is totally unacceptable. Cllr. Hegarty also stated that the Bus servicing Rosehill in Ballinacurra stops for ½ hour and stated that an extra run could be facilitated during this time. Cllr. Hegarty stated that Bus Éireann should investigate the private bus services running out of Cobh which have pick up points all over the town and is a great success.

Mr. Tim O'Leary informed the Members that East Cork is a very important part of the services for C.I.E. and stated that while the level of services in the area is low a review is being carried out in East Cork to have improved services in the next six to twelve months.

Mr. O’Leary also informed the Members that bus shelters are funded and approved by the NTA.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the Members urgently request a member from the NTA attend the March meeting of the Municipal District.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that services are too sporadic presently and stated that Midleton should be looked at more strategically for the availability of extra services and the need for a more frequent timetable. Cllr. McCarthy also raised the issue of a temporary school at Fota Retail Park which has no official bus stop and asked if a stop could be formalized at this location.

Mr. Tim O’Leary informed the Members that while East Cork needs a better transport system more people are using the train service from Midleton to Cork and also stated that better access is needed when travelling to Cork City with the introduction of more infrastructure. In relation to bus shelters the Manager informed the Members that these will be provided in areas of high population density.

Cllr. Collins informed the Members that bus shelters in Dublin are provided by private companies. Mr. Tim O’Leary informed the Members that the NTA are considering this possibility.

Cllr. Hegarty suggested that the Engineering Staff of Cork County Council investigate the provision of Bus Corridors at signalized junctions.

Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the NTA be written to advising them of the Members concerns. This was seconded by Cllr. Ahern and unanimously agreed by the Members.

2.4 Pride of Place.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, circulated an email and nomination sheet from Aileen Walsh, Cobh Municipal District in relation to Pride of Place 2019 and informed the Members that the closing date for nominations is the 1st March, 2019.

2.5 Housing Report for East Cork.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, circulated the following Housing Report for East Cork to the Members:

Waiting List Report:

It should be noted that as an applicant can choose up to three areas of choice, there can be an element of double/triple counting in the figures outlined below;

Municipal District	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom	Five Bedroom
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East Cork	9032	896	774	129	1
	One Bed Adapted	Two Bed Adapted	Three Bed Adapted	Four Bed Adapted	
	4	18	10	1	

Vacant House Report:

East Cork	Total
Casual Vacancies	5
Long Term Voids	7

Affordable Housing Incl. Leasing of Unsold Affordable Units:

Total Number of Unsold Affordable Housing Units Leased to Approved Housing Bodies: 262

Total Number Approved for Short Term Letting to Approved Housing Bodies: 0

Housing Construction Programme – Local Authority Development/Voluntary Housing:

Acquisitions	House Type 2 Bed	House Type 3 Bed	House Type 4 Bed	Total No of Units
Totals	3	8	4	13

TAS (Technical Architectural Support)	Property Type	Total No. of Units	Comment
Quakers Cottage, Youghal	2 Bed	1	Proposed Heritage Site
5 Alms Houses	2 Bed End Terrace	1	Secured – Awaiting Inspection
AHB Construction Programme	No. of Units	Comments	
Respond! St. Francis Court, Beecher's Yard, Youghal	4	Stage 3 submission to Department not approved due to cost. Request for alternative proposals from the AHB.	
Total	4		

	No. of Grants Received to-date	No. of Grants Paid to-date	Amount paid out to-date	No. of Grants approved but not paid out to-date	Amount approved but not yet paid out to-date	No. of unapproved applications on hand to-date	Amount of unapproved applications on hand to-date
Housing Adaptation Grant	36	27	€310,549	18	€227,253	26	€314,600

Mobility Aid Grant	33	22	€109,409	7	€40,605	9	€46,800
Housing Aid for Older People Grant	49	31	€133,326	16	€78,537	14	€65,800
Totals	118	80	€553,284	41	€433,906	49	€427,200

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Applicants in Receipt of RAS	No.
East Cork	74

HAP No. of Households: East Cork Municipal District	531
% of Overall HAP Properties	15.85%

Disabled Persons Grant Report:

DPG Minor Works	Total
M1	1
M3	1
M4	13
M5	13
M6	14
M7	5
Total	47

DPG Extensions	Total
E4	3
E5	2
E7	1
Total	6

Energy Retrofitting and Planned Maintenance Programme.

The 2018 Planned Maintenance is substantially complete and proposals will be outlined at the next meeting of the 2019 Planned Maintenance Programme.

Energy Efficiency Work Proposed 2018	No. of Units
Cavity Wall & Attic Insulation (Completed)	75

Cllr. Twomey stated that 75% of people on the waiting list are eligible for 1 & 2 bedroom houses and stated that 1 bedroom houses are no longer being constructed and asked that this matter be addressed.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that any queries should be addressed directly to the Housing Directorate, Cork County Council.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that she is a Member of the Housing SPC and stated one bedroom units are no longer being constructed as they are not adequate especially for the elderly who may require care.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the Quaker Cottage and proposed that an applicant be selected from the Housing List to live as caretaker in the Quaker Cottage. The Members fully supported this motion.

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.

Notices of Motion.

5.1.1 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 7th January, 2019.

“That this Municipal Council report on what proposals are envisaged, in the interest of road safety and human life, to heighten the over-bridge on Lower Bailick Road, Midleton, where three vehicles crashed into it, in recent times. Meanwhile, install flashing warning lights on bridge”.

Cllr. Twomey seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the N25 bridge over the Bailick Road is the responsibility of TII with maintenance of the bridge coming under the Motorway Maintenance Contract for the N25 Dual Carriageway, the matter has been referred to the TII through Keith Barry of Atkins for consideration and attention as appropriate. The Engineer informed the Members that Atkins supervise the maintenance contract on behalf of TII, a recent inspection has confirmed that large warning signs of the low bridge ahead are in place on all approaches. Following discussion, the view was expressed by Members that drivers of vehicles involved in the bridge strikes were local. The Senior Executive Engineer advised that no complaints have been received regarding the warning signs in place and agreed to review the warning signage in place to determine if any upgrade might be appropriate.

5.1.2 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 7th January, 2019.

“That this Municipal Council give a progress report on the proposed road drainage scheme for Middleton town, where its absence resulted in severe financial loss to the commercial life of the town and to householders, from flood-damage, and to report, if the proposed drainage scheme will be long-term, and if so, Council consider an annual dredging and flushing, of the existing drainage system, to help keep flood waters at bay”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated an updated report on the Middleton Flood Relief Scheme to the Members which stated that the Planning stage on the scheme is due to commence in 2020 with the detailed design stage due to commence in 2021.

5.1.3 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 7th January, 2019.

“That this Municipal Council, make reports available to the delegations heard at its November meeting, from Dungourney & Rostellan, as promised”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke informed the Members that the report on the Rostellan Deputation was circulated at the December meeting and stated that he is due to meet with Wayne Halloran a member of the Dungourney deputation either this week or the following week to discuss issues raised by the deputation and will have a report for the Members at the March or April meeting.

5.1.4 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 7th January, 2019.

“The Council make funding available for the resurfacing of right-of-way “Pontoon” an area frequented by tourists and local residents, and if brought up to a proper standard of repair, would prove an added tourist attraction for the town”.

Cllr. McCarthy seconded this motion and asked if a legal right of way could be formalised at this location.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that this area is in private ownership and stated that the resources available to Cork County Council are presently stretched to the limit in providing services to the local community and taking on additional areas would not be possible.

5.1.5 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 10th January, 2019.

“Pothole repair needed on the entrance road to Avoncore/Elm Grove. Also, within both estates”.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer, informed the Member that these repairs are complete.

5.1.6 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 10th January, 2019.

“Update on the Broomfield crossing. Is it headlined for the Low Cost Safety Scheme this year”?

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he is awaiting an announcement of grants from the DTTAS and stated that Broomfield is No. 1 on the priority list.

5.1.7 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 11th January, 2019.

“That this Municipal District request the return of the bring site in the Tesco Car Park in Midleton. That CCTV be installed in conjunction to help deter illegal dumping and misuse”.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley and McCarthy supported this motion, Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that it be amended to include Youghal. Cllr. Twomey accepted this amendment.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, will refer this matter to the Environment Department.

5.1.8 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 17th January, 2019.

“Can the landowners be contacted to cut back the hedges on the Mogeely to Dungourney road”?

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that letters were issued to landowners in early January and a second letter is due to be issued to landowners who have not complied.

5.1.9 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17th January, 2019.

“Can we look at some traffic calming measures for Lighthouse Hill, Youghal”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will review the road lining in this area and stated that the provision of a cycle lane at this area could possibly be looked at once the greenway project is delivered.

5.1.10 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17th January, 2019.

“Watson’s Corner, Youghal, is this in our program for resurfacing as it’s in very bad repair, very uneven and dangerous for wheelchair users and buggies”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that this area has been identified for patching and should be complete in the next two to three months.

5.1.11 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 17th January, 2019.

“Can we as a Municipal Council look at screening for shore in Quarry Road, to alleviate rubble, near Cock ‘n Bull leading down from Cork Hill as residents very worried about flooding similar to last year”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that Cormac Manning of the Flood Management Section has informed him that an application for funding has been submitted to the OPW and he is awaiting a reply, in the interim the Engineer informed the Members that the screen at the inlet to the culvert is routinely inspected and cleared in advance of heavy rain.

5.1.12 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 23rd January, 2019.

“Replace poles that were removed on Tallow Street with Bollards, in the interest of safety”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that these bollards have been reinstated.

5.1.13 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2019.

“Road repairs Ballytibbot L7697-0, Ardra Beg, Ardra More, Buckstown, Kilteskin, and Ballyshane”.

Ms. Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that works at Buckstown took place last Friday and all other areas are listed for inspection in order of priority.

5.1.14 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2019.

“Repairs on the Dromada More, Ladysbridge, L7886-0, and Glennageare East and West”.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, will investigate these repairs.

5.1.15 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2019.

“Resurfacing of Car Park in Ladysbridge”.

Cllrs. McCarthy and Twomey supported this motion.
Will be examined and costed.

5.1.16 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 29th January, 2019.

“Update of cutting of trees on Mogeely to Dungourney Road and what is the outcome of the Conciliatory Report on the Killeagh Street Enhancement Works”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the Conciliatory Report concluded on the 18th January and stated that the contractor has 42 days to review the report so the process is still in place, in the meantime the Engineer informed the Members that he had requested a further update from Eoin Bennett.

5.1.17 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29th January, 2019.

“That the playground at Riverside Estate/Rosary Place be secured with low fencing and upgraded and expanded to make it more attractive and user friendly for children in the area. This is the only playground to the south of the town and consists only of two swings and a climbing frame. Also that the playground at Park Street be upgraded as it has not had any major improvement since its installation”.

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

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that he has asked Vincent Flourish, Executive Engineer, to take a look at the playground in Rosary Place and to do an initial costing on the upgrade. The Senior Executive Officer stated that funding is always an issue for the provision and upgrading of playgrounds with only 1 very limited funding stream available from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. The playgrounds in the County that have been redeveloped in recent years have benefited from substantial fundraising by the local communities and without this fundraising the redevelopments would not have happened.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Member that the community should be prepared to work towards achieving funding for the upgrade of playgrounds.

5.1.18 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 29th January, 2019.

“Now that Part 8 has been passed for MY Greenway, that the Council investigate possible access at various locations along the line, for example at the Dungourney Road, where it could serve a high density of residents”.

All Members were in agreement with this motion.

Mr. Sean O’ Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, informed the Members that once the Greenway Project is delivered additional connections may be looked at and stated that the Greenway has to be constructed in line with the Part VIII Process approval.

6) Correspondence.

None

7 Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the road at Gortavada at Ballymacoda where works have taken place recently and stated a road safety audit needs to take place at this location to allay the fears of drivers. Cllr. Collins seconded this matter.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that there are no existing issues at the T Junction on the road from Youghal to Ballymacoda and stated that the primary safety concern was in relation to traffic heading from Ladysbridge to Youghal when there was a high risk of a “drive through” by drivers not familiar with the road. The Engineer stated that he will refer the matter to the design team at the Non National Roads Office for review and will revert back to the Members at the March meeting.

2. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of an overflowing manhole at the bus stop on the main street in Castlemartyr. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will investigate this matter.

3. Cllr. Twomey asked if pothole repairs could take place on the L3626 from Coppingerstown to the Rocky Road.

4. Cllr. Twomey read the following email from the Príomhoide of Gaelscoil Mhainistir na Corann.

As you are aware Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann is a growing and developing school with a current enrolment of 508 pupils. We will have in excess of 530 pupils next September and up to 650 pupils will attend the school within the next four years. Increasing enrolment brings with it increased traffic at school opening and closing times. The car park which the Board of Management installed and the pedestrian access at the side of the school have helped to alleviate somewhat the traffic congestion. However the pedestrian entrance has also introduced a new hazard of children crossing the road, some of them unaccompanied. We have had a number of calls from local residents and parents informing us of near misses! At that stage we feel that it is essential that a pedestrian crossing /traffic calming and or traffic lights are installed. We note that the other primary schools in the town have these facilities. Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann has the largest school population at present and surely warrants the same attention to ensure the safety of children coming to and going home from school.

Cllr. Twomey requested that an application be made to have the lights commissioned. Cllr. Collins seconded this request.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the lights at this location are not taken in charge and stated that the junction at the traffic lights needs to be modified and ramps installed to slow traffic, the Engineer also informed the Member that the bus lay-by is to be relocated to the west of this location.

5. Cllr. Ahern asked if there was any update on when the sign for Cork at Knockgriffin will be moved.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a proper survey needs to be carried out at this location firstly and he will then look at the issue of the sign.

6. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that the Department has allocated €50.5m for roads in Cork which is 14.5% up on 2018.

7. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of dog fouling and requested that signage be erected to encourage dog owners to avail of free pooper scoopers and also to encourage the public to report any dog fouling issues.

Cllr. Twomey supported this issue and stated that legislation needs to be stronger and penalties and fines need to be increased to tackle this issue.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that dog owners have a legal responsibility to clean up after their dogs.

8. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if Casual Trading Forms are available in the offices of the East Cork Municipal District.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that licences for Youghal have been advertised in the East Cork Journal with a closing date for the 15th February next and stated that there are two spaces in the Strand area and 1 space for a Coffee Dock and also stated that there are other spaces in Dolphins Square which are not availed of.

9. Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the time of the meetings of the East Cork Municipal district be brought forward to a 10.30 a.m. start. All the Members were in agreement with this proposal.

10. Cllr. Collins announced his candidacy for the forthcoming local elections and wished all contestants success.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The Members agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District take place on March 4th 2019 at 10.30 a.m. at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton.