

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of East Cork Municipal District Held on the 7th May, 2019, at 2.00 p.m., at Pearse Memorial Chambers, Midleton, Co. Cork.

I Lathair: Cathaoirleach Noel Collins presided.
Cllrs. Hegarty, Linehan Foley, McCarthy, & Twomey.

Ag Freastal: Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer.
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 Municipal District Meeting held on 1st of April, 2019, and Confirmation of Minutes of Special In Committee Meeting held on the 1st of April, 2019.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st April, 2019, and the Minutes of the Special In Committee Meeting held on the 1st April, 2019, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

2.1 Deputation received from Ballycotton Development Limited/Ballycotton Fisherman's Association Limited.

Mr. John Tattan and Mr. Peter Manning gave the following presentation to the Members on behalf of Ballycotton Development Limited/Ballycotton Fisherman's Association Limited.

Further to conversation that some of our Members have had with your Councillors, with reference to the proposal by Irish Water to remove the original toilets on the pier at Ballycotton, Irish Water's plan is to excavate on the footprint of the toilets, to a depth of 15ft, to facilitate a holding tank for the pumping station. Please find attached an outline drawing with the toilets marked in a red box and the entry/exit road to the pier/harbour positioned on the east side of the toilets. If this in depth excavation were to be carried out:

No. 1. There is every possibility that the construction of the roadway leading to the harbour would cascade into the excavated land.

No. 2. During the construction and even with the encouragement of Irish Water, suggesting some type of piling to support and shutter up the road, we believe this would not be acceptable for heavy traffic like vans or articulated trucks to use this entrance to the harbour.

No. 3. Once Irish Water has made a decision on the construction of the pumping station, Health and Safety will take priority and entry to the harbour could be stopped for anything up to 12 months.

No. 4. The suggestion to make a new roadway and construct a working platform to the west side of the toilets for the duration of the construction and afterwards remove this working platform and roadway will prove very, very expensive.

The proposal from Ballycotton Fisherman's Association Ltd., have long standing experience of the harbour, would be to construct the pumping station in the yellow box area on the eastern side of the roadway which for all intentional purposes would be classed as a green. If this was constructed in conjunction with Cork County Council, the Roads Authority and Irish Water, it would lend itself to a suitable location for the pumping station and also would give the harbour, the residents and tourists alike additional parking, as was agreed in the development plan for Ballycotton Harbour prior to 2006.

We at Ballycotton are delighted that Irish Water has agreed to treat the raw sewerage that has been deployed over the back of the pier for generations and would like to lend our support and co-operation to making this a successful project.

The dredging of the inner harbour is paramount to the continued operation of the All Weather Lifeboat as is the situation, the Lifeboat is practically sitting on the sea bed at a spring tide low water. The RNLI expect the local authorities to provide safe havens/harbours for their lifeboats as the RNLI is the charity that provide these life saving boats to the Irish people. Dredging the harbour would also facilitate the local fishing vessels and visitors to the port.

Councillors, back in 2006 we had a commitment to a project for improvements to the harbour and the first phase of this, sheet piling and re-surfacing the main pier was concluded before the bubble burst.

We in the Fishermen's Association believe that now with funding from the Department and Cork County Council this should continue and be the harbour that one expects to have and be proud of in 2020.

In the past the majority of the available funding for harbour development and improvements went to the west. We hope you can change this as there are opportunities in this area for further expansion in fishing, commercial/recreational and tourism.

We would appreciate the support of the Council on the items above and in particular the one with Irish Water and they are going to planning pretty soon on the sewerage project.

Cllr. Hegarty thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that it has outlined very clearly the situation at hand. Cllr. Hegarty stated that while Irish Water have conducted surveys on the outside of the pier wall, nothing has been done on the inside of the wall. Cllr. Hegarty stated that while the residents of Ballycotton welcome the proposed state of the art Waste Water Treatment Plant they have concerns on the location of same and stated that Irish Water must respect the wishes of the residents.

Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she is in full support with the deputation and stated it is unfortunate that no representative from Irish Water was in attendance at the Municipal District Meeting. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed that the Members press on with this matter as soon as possible.

Cllr. McCarthy asked what is the rationale behind Irish Water looking to proceed with this development even though the residents are totally against same. Cllr. McCarthy requested that a letter be sent to Irish Water requesting that they attend the next meeting of the Municipal District.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that Irish Water had e-mailed him stating they do not have the personnel available to attend the Municipal District Meeting and informed Cllr. Hegarty that they hold quarterly clinics to which Councillors can present themselves and make their case. Cllr. Hegarty stated that this is totally unacceptable.

Mr. Peter Manning informed the Members that Irish Water are presently afraid of Foreshore Licence Procedures and also stated that the development of the pumping station will interfere with plans going forward for Ballycotton.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated that they fully supported their concerns.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the deputation that he will advise Sean O' Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council, on the concerns of the deputation.

Mr. Peter Manning wished to thank the Members most sincerely for receiving the deputation.

2.2 Superintendent Colm Noonan report on Motion 5.1.17 from ECMD Meeting held on 4th of March, 2019, hereunder:

“At the January meeting of the Joint Policing Committee a new statistic was introduced which related to Drug Driving. The figure was significant but related to the County of Cork. I would recommend that we request that we invite the local Superintendent or relevant Officer to attend a Council Meeting to advise us of the situation of the drug driving and the general scourge of abuse of all sorts from drug abuse in this area”.

This matter was not addressed as the Superintendent was not able to attend the meeting.

2.3 Eirgrid – Celtic Interconnector – Update.

Eoghan Tuite, Onshore Project Manager of Eirgrid, gave the following update to the Members regarding the Celtic Interconnector proposed electricity link which will enable the flow of electricity between France and Ireland.

Projects Benefits and Key Facts:

- Competition – Apply downward pressure on the cost of electricity to consumers in Ireland and France.
- Sustainability – Help facilitate Ireland’s transition to a low carbon energy future.
- Security of Supply – Enhanced security of supply for Irish electricity consumers
- Fibre Optics Provide a direct telecommunications link between Ireland and France (and continental Europe).

Step 2 – Overview.

- Confirmed best performing marine route between East Cork and North West France, avoiding UK TWs.
- Confirmed Knockraha as the most suitable connection point to the electricity transmission grid in Ireland.
- 2018 Project Update brochure published to communicate the above.
- Public information sessions held in the East Cork communities.
- Ongoing research to stakeholders and communities.

Step 3 - Objectives.

- Narrow down the shortlist of identified landfall locations.
- Confirm a shortlist of converter station location zones (including the potential for identification of new zones) and
- Confirmation of the best performing AC technology option to connect the proposed converter station to the connection point at Knockraha substation.

Landfall Location.

- This is where the land circuit will connect to the submarine circuit by way of an underground transition joint.
- This will be installed behind the beach where the submarine circuit comes ashore. The landfall point will be fully re-instated following completion of the works.

Converter Station.

- Typical site requirement for a converter station is approx. 10 acres.
- Screening potential is an important consideration in the site selection process.
- The site selection process will also incorporate noise impact assessments alongside a range of other site specific investigations to inform the subsequent converter station design.

AC Technology Option.

- A specific study was carried out to examine the AC technology option with key findings as follows:

- Two cables per phase would be required for the AC Land Circuit i.e. 6 power cables compared with 2 power cables for the DC Land Circuit.
 - Reactive power compensation would be required for an AC Land Circuit greater than 4.5 km cable distance, which would require additional equipment at both the connection point and the converter station ends of the cable circuit.
- Eirgrid has confirmed its intention to construct the AC Land Circuit by way of underground cable and shortlisted options have been presented on this basis.

Shortlisted Landfall Locations.

- Five landfall locations were identified along the East Cork Coast.
- Following completion of onshore and offshore constraints assessments and a comparative evaluation a shortlist of three landfall locations has been proposed:
 - Ballinwilling Beach (western approach route)
 - Redbarn Strand
 - Claycastle Beach

Shortlisted Converter Station Location Zones.

- Fourteen 2km wide zones were identified for the location of a converter station.
- Following an onshore constraints assessments and a comparative evaluation a shortlist of six zones has been proposed:
 - 1 – Ballyadam
 - 2 – Leamlara
 - 9 – Knockraha
 - 10 – Pigeon Hill
 - 12 – Kilquane
 - 14 – Ballyvatta

Step 3 – Public Consultation.

- Latest round of consultation launched on 11th April.
- Project Update Brochure published outlining assessments undertaken and the proposed shortlists.
- Outreach undertaken to project stakeholders, registered landowners, elected reps and adverts placed in local media and online via social media.
- Series of project information days held in Lisgoold, Knockraha, Carrigtwohill, Midleton, Cloyne and Youghal over the last two weeks.

Summary of Key Feedback to Date.

| Concerns Issues | Response |
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| Nature of circuit construction overhead vs underground | EirGrid has confirmed its intention to install both the AC and DC land circuit by way of underground cable. |

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| Health Impact | EMF is produced from all electrical infrastructure. Level of EMF from proposed development far lower than that from domestic electrical equipment in homes. |
| Disposition during construction | There will be some temporary disruption during construction at the landfall and to the local road network, however any impacts will be minimised as far as possible. |
| Converter Station 1. Footprint 2. Visual Impact 3. Noise Impact 4. Land Use Restrictions 5. Property Value Impact | 1. Typical site will require an area of 10 acres, which includes for screening within the site footprint. 2. Screening potential is an important consideration with 4 of the 6 shortlisted zones encompassing forested areas. 3. Noise impact assessments will be carried out as part of ongoing studies and final design will be within Guidelines. 4. There will be no restrictions on future development. 5. There is no evidence of property devaluation from the existence of electrical infrastructure. |

Next Steps.

Complete Step 3 – What’s the best option and what areas may be affected?

- Step 3 consultation is due to close on 10th June.
- A report confirming the shortlisted landfall locations and converter station location zones, drawing from and including a summary of the feedback received from stakeholders and the general public, will then be published.

Step 4 – Where exactly should we build?

- Stakeholder engagement to continue throughout Step 4.
- Detailed studies and site investigations on the shortlisted options.
- Best performing Option for the converter station location, the landfall locations and cable routes to be confirmed.

Step 3 – Current Step – 2018/2019.

Step 4 – Where exactly should we build – 2019.

Step 5 – The Planning Process – 2020-2021.

Step 6 – Construction, energisation and benefit sharing – 2022 – 2026.

Communities.

- A dedicated Community Liaison Officer is in place in the East Cork Area.
- Outreach to communities will continue throughout the project development phase.
- Eirgrid statutory commitment to Community Gain will be further defined as the project develops.

The Members thanked Eoghan Tuite for his report but stated their concerns in relation to the proposed location of Lisgoold for the provision of the convertor station, the Members also voiced their concern at the possibility of some overhead lines with the possibility of pylons being used and stated that Lisgoold has been subjected to large planning applications over the last few years. The Members suggested that site no. 1 at Ballyadam at the former Amgen site would be a more suitable location.

Cllr. Hegarty stated that there is genuine concern among the residents in Lisgoold in relation to the proposed development of the convertor station and stated that the inconvenience that will be caused to the residents of this area will be quite enormous. Cllr. Hegarty proposed that the old railway line should be considered for the ducting of the land cable.

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked what type of disruption would be caused at the landfall location proposed and what is the timescale for the development of the convertor station.

Cllr. Collins asked when the Members could expect the planning application is to be submitted and requested that a newsletter be circulated to residents of the said areas to keep them up to date on matters.

Eoghan Tuite gave the following responses to the Members.

1. In relation to the site at Ballyadam, Eoghan informed the Members that this site did not perform as well at the other options and stated that further geology tests would be conducted on this site.
2. Eoghan informed the Members that disruption at landfall will take a month or two and will take place outside of peak season to minimise any impact, ducts will be installed in lengths of 500 metres.
3. In relation to the laying of the duct cable along the Greenway EirGrid are aware of the plans involved and have met with Cork County Council to discuss same, Eoghan informed the Members that EirGrid are looking towards 2023 at the earliest regarding construction works, the Greenway is to be developed sooner.
4. Eoghan informed the Members that it is proposed to submit the planning application mid 2023, EirGrid are in constant contact with people who have contacted them and will certainly take the proposal of the circulation of a newsletter on board.
5. Eoghan informed the Members that additional assessments are being carried out at Claycastle this week.

Michelle Walsh, Liaison Officer for EirGrid, informed the Members that this project will be the first fibre optic connection to Europe.

2.4 Proposed 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.

1. Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Freehold Interest - 2 O' Reilly Terrace, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Land held under
Leasehold Interest: 2 O' Reilly Terrace, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Freehold Interest
From Whom Acquired: Unknown.

Person To Whom Freehold
Interest in Land is
to be Disposed of: Kieran Broderick

Consideration: €350.00 inclusive of administration charges.

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

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

2.5 Midleton Arts Scheme 2013. Final Report to the Members of the ECMD, Cork County Council, 2019, by Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, East Cork.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, gave the following final report to the Members regarding the Midleton Arts Scheme 2013.

An audit of The Midleton Arts Scheme was carried out by the Internal Audit Department of Cork County Council in 2015. Several recommendations were made by the Internal Audit Department and were responded to by the Municipal District Officer and the Substitute Director of Service. The one remaining recommendation to be implemented is that a final report should issue to the Members on the completion of the Project. Information plaques in relation to the art works covered by the Scheme were installed near the sculptures in April 2019 and the Project is now deemed to be completed. The opportunity was also taken to provide information plaques in relation to other art works outside of the Scheme such as the Clonmult Monument erected in the 1930's and the Gyrators provided by Cork County Council in 2006, and it is intended, subject to consent from property owners, to affix plaques to three iconic, historic buildings in Midleton.

In late 2012 when the former Midleton Town Council was considering the Budget for 2013 the Mayor proposed a number of projects to be funded from the Budget and from reserves built up over many years by the Council, for improvements in Midleton. The projects were many and varied and included €1.5 million to complete refurbishment of the town centre, over €1 million for traffic and parking management, €100,000 for a new Christmas Lighting Scheme, €100,000 for a CCTV System and €500,000 for the Midleton Arts Scheme referred to in this report. Specifically mentioned were sculptures to commemorate Nellie Cashman,

the Fair Green, the Choctaw Gift of Aid during the Famine, the Gooses Acre and the foundation of Midleton. The Budget for 2013, including the provision of funding for the Projects referred to, was adopted by the Council on the 8th of January 2013. The sculptures were selected from submissions made by artists through a competition on e-tenders and recommended by an expert panel comprising of the County Arts Officer, the Council's Procurement Officer, the Council's Architect, an Elected Member of the Council and the Town Clerk.

The recommendations of the expert panel were based on assessment of:-

- Artistic Merit,
- Suitability of Artwork to the location,
- Suitability of Materials Used, and
- Representation of the Subject Matter, in each case.

The 1798 Pikeman was acquired on the approval of the Members of the Council and authorised by Manager's Order on the basis of an offer which effectively gifted the sculpture at basic materials and foundary costs only and the Poppy Wreath and Plaque World War 1 Memorial was publicly dedicated on the 1st of July, 2016, on the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

The Audit Report in 2015 recorded expenditure as follows:-

| | € |
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| Nellie Cashman | 73,298.00 |
| Sheep & Post | 100,000.00 |
| Flock of Geese & Boy | 60,000.00 |
| Kindred Spirits | 100,000.00 |
| 1798 Pikeman | 25,591.00 |
| 1798 Pikeman Installation | 6,015.50 |
| Town Identity Signage Design | 13,620.00 |
| Town Identity Signage Manufacture & Installation | 30,418.00 |
| Electrical Works Fair Green | 7,555.57 |
| Total Expenditure at 2015 | 416,498.07. |

Poppy Wreath & Plaque 2016. 5,817.00.

The Audit Report quotes the following in relation to project justification for each of the sculptures.

1.Nellie Cashman (pages 7/8) - "Nellie Cashman, also known as "The Angel of the Cassier Mountains" was an amazing woman who lived an adventurous and exciting life. She was born near Midleton in 1845 and immigrated with her widowed mother and sister Fanny to Boston around 1850 and later moved to San Francisco.

In 1874 she took part in the Klondike Gold Rush. Nellie Cashman was one of 16 people, including Sacagawea, a Shoshone woman guide to the Lewis and Clarke Expedition; Annie Oakley; Buffalo Bill; Wyatt Earp; and Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, celebrated by the United States Post Office in a stamp issue of pioneers of the old west entitled "Legends of the West" in 1994. Famous as a gold and silver prospector from the Yukon to California and Tombstone, her adventures include rescuing stranded miners in a blizzard in 1874, to comforting condemned men, to being appointed a U. S. Deputy Marshall. The driving force in Nellie's life was her concern for the poor and she helped to establish schools, churches and hospitals from the Mexican border to Alaska, using funds from various businesses which she established, buying and selling mines and from mining. She died in 1925 at the age of 80 at the hospital in Victoria, British Columbia, which she had helped to establish fifty one years before. "Nellie Cashman Day" is still celebrated in Tombstone, Arizona. Midleton Town Council felt it was appropriate that Nellie Cashman and her achievements be acknowledged in her hometown."

2. Sheep and Post (page 17) - The Fair Green in Midleton originally measured 3 acres, i rood and 36 perches. In the 1930's Midleton Urban District Council leased the area with several other areas of land from Lord Middleton. The Council eventually purchased the lands in 1968. Much of what was the original Fair Green, which covered the areas on both sides of Hospital Road, is no longer there having been developed for Health, Garda, Telecommunications and Car Parking facilities. The remaining portion was used, intermittently, for circuses and amusements and was generally in a poor state until the Council paved and landscaped the area a few years ago as an amenity Park. The Council then supported the establishment of the Midleton Farmers Market and facilitated the relocation of the market to the refurbished Fair Green site. In enhancing the remaining portion of the Fair Green the Council incorporated the construction of attractive stone walls, new footpaths, 35 car parking spaces and decorative public lighting. The historic connection between the Fair Green and the Gooses Acre, which has been extensively landscaped and includes a public sculpture, the Gyrator, provided by Cork County Council, is maintained with a stone archway, which was relocated when development was carried out at Distillery Lanes and reconstructed along the pedestrian route from the Goose's Acre to the Fair Green.

Midleton Town Council felt that the remaining portion of the Fair Green deserved this level of care and attention in acknowledging its historic and important role in the agricultural activities of the past which contributed to Midleton's success as a market town. It was decided that a public sculpture emphasising this historic role and connection to agriculture would be a fitting additional feature of and attraction to the Fair Green.

3. Flock of Geese and Boy (page 27) - The Goose's Acre has been extensively landscaped and includes a public sculpture, it also has pedestrian walkways going through it together with public seating and lighting, all of which distinguishes it from the normal traffic roundabout or gyratory. To ensure its connection to the past as the Goose's Acre is maintained, Midleton Town Council decided that a public art work, reflecting its traditional use by local people for grazing their geese would be installed nearby.

4. Kindred Spirits (pages 35/36) - "In 1847, midway through the Great Irish Famine (1845-1849), the kind people of the great Choctaw (Chahta) Nation of Oklahoma heard of the suffering of starving Irish men, women and children. They responded with greatness of spirit and generosity, by contributing a sum of \$170, a huge sum at that time, to send food aid to Ireland. In any circumstances this was an amazing gesture but it was all the more amazing, admirable and inspiring that this kindness and generosity was shown by a people who had been, just sixteen years before, dispossessed of their ancestral lands(in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana) and forced to locate to Oklahoma. Of 15,000 people who started on that 500 mile trek, 2,500 died, many from starvation and sickness.

The Choctaw Nation were dispossessed of their land as were the people of Ireland; equally the Choctaw people suffered hunger and starvation as did the people of Ireland. The Choctaw people bestowed a blessing not only on the Irish people but on the whole of humanity. Midleton Town Council decided that this artwork would be an acknowledgement of their great kindness and a token of thanks from the Irish people and in particular the people of Midleton."

5. 1798 Pikeman (page 46) - "A consequence of the French Revolution was the Irish Rebellion in 1798. This rebellion was mercilessly and savagely crushed but it remained an inspiration for future generations and for the ultimate freedom and independence of the Irish nation in 1922. At a meeting of Midleton Town Council held on the 29th October 2013, the Council approved the acquisition of this sculpture as a fitting reminder of that period in history and the part played by Midleton in that history."

As part of the response to the Audit Report in addition to the foregoing reference was also made to a report published by Midleton Town Council in March 2014 wherein national and international government policy is invoked as well as policies adopted and approved by non-governmental bodies in relation to public funding and the societal benefits of such projects. It was also stated as not being necessary to reiterate all that is already in copious reports and, stated, considered and approved in the process of adopting government policy in support of public artworks. These arguments and justifications are already made and are relevant to the project undertaken by the former Midleton Town Council which delivers financial and societal benefit, not only to Midleton and the people of Midleton but to all who may enjoy and appreciate the artworks now and in the future.

The Amherst Public Art Commission established in the town of Amherst, (population 2010 – 37,819) Massachusetts, U.S.A., in 1990, to foster greater community awareness of the interaction with public art, and through public art, promote cultural diversity and an improved quality of life for Amherst's citizens, puts the case for public artworks simply and clearly.

The Commission has stated that "Public art adds enormous value to the cultural, aesthetic and economic vitality of a community. It is now a well accepted principle of urban design that public art contributes to a community's identity, fosters community pride and a sense of belonging, and enhances the quality of life for its residents and visitors. Towns gain real value through public art."

The Commission also says that “For creating an attractive, vibrant sense of place, public art in a town is as important as appealing storefronts, good street lighting, green spaces and fine restaurants. As the Americans for the Arts paper states, “Places with strong public art expressions break the trend of blandness and sameness, and give communities a stronger sense of place and identity.” “

The Commission further states that “The payback, as experienced by other cities and towns nationally, includes:

- public space enhancement,
- an environment more conducive to business development,
- increased property values,
- growth in cultural tourism,
- town identity as an arts and culture destination,
- connecting artists with the local community,
- growth in citizen pride in a renewed sense of place.

The Commission advises that “Twenty seven states and more than 90 U.S. municipalities employ a Percent for Art program to fund the creation and placement of public art in their communities. In Massachusetts, Cambridge, has used Percent for Art funding for more than 200 Art installations since 1979. AndGov. Charlie Baker authorised Percent for Art funding for Boston and the Gateway Cities as well.”

As a final piece of advice from the Commission they give”10 Great Reasons to Support Public Art:-

1. It’s public! Everyone has access to public art. It’s directly in the public sphere and not confined to galleries or museums.
2. It enriches our physical environments, bringing streetscapes, plazas, town buildings and schools to life.
3. It’s a great tool for civic engagement, building social capital and encouraging civil discourse.
4. It provides professional opportunities for artists and cultivates an environment in which the creative class thrives.
5. It boosts local economies. Businesses supply materials and labour, restaurants, hotels and transportation companies benefit from a site that attracts visitors.
6. It’s an investment in place making – measured by liveability and quality of life – that also engenders community pride.
7. It connects citizens to their neighbours and their shared history through documentation and celebration, and makes cultural heritage a tangible community asset.
8. It enlivens places where people work, which can improve employee morale, productivity and respect.
9. It creates supportive learning environments. It opens eyes and minds! It attracts students to environments conducive to both learning and fun.
10. It raises public awareness about important community issues, such as environmental stewardship and respect for diversity.”

The former Midleton Town Council appreciated all of the foregoing and provided Midleton with an attractive and valuable legacy through the Midleton Arts Scheme Project and, indeed, through the other legacy projects mentioned in the second paragraph of this report. I trust that this report adequately describes and justifies the Midleton Arts Scheme Project adopted and authorised by the former Midleton Town Council and will be accepted as the recommendation, in the Audit Report 2015, requiring that a final Report be issued to the Members on the completion of the Project as being fully implemented.

This report was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Twomey seconded by Cllr. Hegarty and unanimously agreed by the Members.

2.6. Report on Part 8 for the Front Strand Public Convenience, Youghal.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that this item is deferred as some amendments need to be incorporated into the report.

2.7 Progress Report on the 2019 Roads Programme

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following Progress Report on East Cork Municipal District Roads Programme 2019.

| Funding Grant Category | Project No. | Road Class | Road No. | Road Name and/or Townland Name | Length of work (m) | E#st Cost of Work (€) | % Completed |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | | R | | Regional Roads Surface Dressing | 4,800 | 164,114 | 0% |
| | | L | - | Local Roads Surface Dressing | 18,2100 | 454,905 | 0% |
| | | | | Restoration Maintenance Subtotal | 23,010 | 619,019 | |
| Restoration Improvement | 1 | LS | L-7814-0 | East Cork – Ardglass to Gurteen | 1,860 | 163,680 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 2 | LP | L-3633-24, L-3638-0 | East Cork - Churchtown South | 690 | 138,000 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 3 | LP | L-3633-0, L3633-24, L3639-0 | East Cork-Cloyne to Churchtown Road at Ballyknock | 2,100 | 254,100 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 4 | LP | L-3601- | East Cork – L3601 Rathgire to Walshtown | 1,900 | 284,811 | 0% |

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| | | | 53, L-3601-85 | | | | |
| Restoration Improvement | 5 | LP | L-3802-31, L-3802-50 | East Cork – L3802 Ballyre X towards Mount Uniacke | 2,500 | 302,500 | 30% |
| Restoration Improvement | 6 | LP | L-3825-0 | East Cork- L3825 O' Neill Crowley Street | 90 | 39,600 | 100% |
| Restoration Improvement | 7 | LS | L-7622-0, L-7624-0 | East Cork – L7624 & L7620 Ballynacole/Ballymartin | 2,000 | 198,000 | 90% |
| Restoration Improvement | 8 | LS | L-7688-0 | East Cork – L7688 at Ballymaloe Beg | 650 | 64,350 | 90% |
| Restoration Improvement | 9 | LS | L-7812-0 | East Cork – L7812 Carriganass | 1,800 | 177,750 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 10 | LT | L-9528-0, L-95282-0 | East Cork – L9528Store Street/Greens Quay | 300 | 72,000 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 11 | R | R-629-59, R-629-98 | East Cork – R629 at Ballymaloe | 1,750 | 563,000 | 100% |
| Restoration Improvement | 12 | R | R633-103 | East Cork – R633 at Ightermurragh | 1,550 | 418,500 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 13 | LP | L-3802-0 | East Cork – Murleys X to Ballyre X | 3,150 | 346,500 | 90% |
| Restoration Improvement | 15 | R | R-629-59 | East Cork – R629 at junction with L3676 | 150 | 42,000 | 100% |
| Restoration Improvement | 16 | LP | L-3810-0 | East Cork – L3810 Lower Cork Hill | 200 | 76,000 | 0% |
| Restoration Improvement | 17 | R | R-634-12 | East Cork – R634 Catherine Street | 220 | 79,000 | 100% |
| Restoration Improvement | 18 | R | R-634-12, R-634-14 | East Cork – R634 Friar Street | 270 | 81,000 | 100% |
| | | | | RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SUBTOTAL*=- | 21,180 | 3,300,791 | |
| Former National Roads | | R | R-634-20 | R634 Youghal Bypass to Kennel | 500 | 225,000 | 0% |
| Local | - | - | | Bridgefield | 750 | 78,750 | 0% |

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| Improvement Scheme | | | Castlemartyr | | | |
| | | | TOTAL ROADS PROGRAMME= | | 4,223,560 | |

By Cork County Council
By Contractor

*Funded by Restoration Improvement Grant of €2,800,791 + Cork County Council IRONMAN funding of €500,000

**Other than raising of service covers and road markings on some roads which is ongoing subject to suitable weather conditions.

Cllr. Hegarty thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for his report and urged that consideration be given to repairs on the road at Ballincurrig for the annual King of the Road Competition. The Engineer informed the Members that he will take this road into account for works in 2020.

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested a timeline on the works for Store Street/Greens Quay and the bottom of Cork Hill. The Engineer informed the Members that drainage needs to be looked at for Store Street/Greens Quay and this road will also require a detailed survey and design, works should be complete by October. In relation to Lower Cork Hill the Engineer informed the Members that a contractor has been appointed and works will be complete before Ironman.

Cllr. Twomey requested a timeline on the Cloyne to Churchtown Road. The Engineer informed the Members that works are commencing on this road on 4th June next and should take 4 weeks to complete.

2.8 Progress Report on East Cork Municipal District Footpath Programme 2019.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following Progress Report on East Cork Municipal District Footpath Programme 2019.

| Project # | Location | Type of Works | Estimated Length (m) | Status |
|-----------|--|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Ballycotton - Island View Place | Reinstatement and new hand railing | 30 | Footpath Complete railing complete |
| 2 | Ballymacoda Main Street | Reinstatement and localised repairs | 85 | Complete |
| 3 | Cloyne – Chapel Street – collapsed area | Reinstatement and localised repairs | n/a | Tender Stage |
| 4 | Cloyne – Chapel Street to St. Coleman’s N.S. | Reinstatement and localised repairs/widened footpath at | 170 | Tender Stage |

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| | | school | | |
| 5 | Midleton – Bailick Road opposite Choctaw Monument | Reinstatement and localised repairs | 50 | Tender Stage |
| 6 | Midleton – Cork Road (From Car Wash to Park Hotel) | Reinstatement and localised repairs | 70 | Tender Stage |
| 7 | Midleton – Willowbank Estate Entrance (Northern side of junction) | Dished pedestrian crossing | 10 | Tender Stage |
| 8 | Midleton – St. Mary’s Road | Reinstatement and localised repairs | 40 | Complete |
| 9 | Midleton – Drury’s Avenue/McDermott St | New footpath at corner | 2 | Complete |
| 10 | Mogeely – Woodview Place (graveyard side) | Localised repairs | 12 | Complete |
| 11 | Mogeely – Woodview Place (housing side) | Reinstatement and localised repairs | 95 | Tender Stage |
| 12 | Mogeely Killeagh road. Connecting footpath across Eir compound and new fencing. | New footpath | 12 | Proposed (note land acquisition ongoing) |
| 13 | Castlemartyr Village – Disability Viewing Area (by the traffic lights) | Remedial works | n/a | Tender Stage |
| 14 | Youghal – O’ Neill Crowley Street (northern side) | Replacement and widening of footpath including bollards and slot drains | 80 | Complete |
| 15 | Youghal – footpath in front of 4 Dysart Grove | Reinstatement | 13 | Tender Stage |
| 16 | Youghal Lower Cork Hill | Reinstatement | 80 | Complete |
| 17 | Youghal – Willie Johns Hill to Summerfield Cross Phase 3 – Section From Shanavine to L7900 | Reinstatement | 150 | Tender Stage |

TOTAL= 899

Funding for the footpath programme is from a Countywide budget of €1,000,000. The budget is allocated on a per head of population basis with East Cork MD receiving an allocation of €135,405.

Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that he has received a number of complaints in relation to the issue of the build outs constructed at Connolly Street where cars have been damaged. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that remedial works are to take place at this build out and stated that issue is being addressed.

Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of the footpath at the left hand side of Knockgriffin which she stated is very uneven. The Engineer will investigate same.

2.9 Progress Report on the East Cork Municipal District Drainage Improvement Programme 2019.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following Progress Report on East Cork Municipal District Drainage Maintenance & Improvement Programme 2019.

| Project # | Location | Road # | Type of Works | Status |
|-----------|--|--------|--|--|
| 1 | New Line, Curraghleagh | L-3815 | Recommend culvert | Tender Stage |
| 2 | Ballykilty/Burgess Upper | L-7841 | Replace undersized surlvert/pipes | Tender Stage |
| 3 | Ballymacoda (Knockadoon Rd – O’ Neill Crowley Terrace) | L-3816 | New road gullies and storm drain connections | Tender Stage |
| 4 | Catherine Street, Youghal | R-634 | Additional gullies and pipework to provide adequate road drainage | Complete |
| 5 | Friar Street, Youghal | R-634 | Additional gullies and pipework to provide adequate road drainage | Complete |
| 6 | Lower Cork Hill, Youghal | L-3810 | Additional gullies/replace older gratings removal of old concrete channels | Complete |
| 7 | Churchtown South | L-3633 | Major Drainage Works Phase 2 | Complete |
| 8 | Smiths Hill, Cloyne to Churchtown South | L-3633 | Rehabilitation/Replacement of concrete pipes | Awarded (commencing 8 th May) |
| 9 | Ardvilling, Cloyne | R-629 | | Complete |
| 10 | Ballinacurra to Cloyne near | R-629 | Replce blocked concrete pipes | Design Stage |

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| | Dolphins | | | |
| 11 | R629 at Innygraga | R-629 | Drainage channel | Tender Stage |
| 12 | Cloyne to Ballymaloe | R-629 | Rehabilitation of culvert | Tender Stage |
| 13 | Saleens Hill on Whitegate Road | R-630 | Concrete apron slabs around existing road gullies to channel water | Tender Stage |
| 14 | Cork Road Midleton | R907 | Installation of extra gullies outside Midleton Park Hotel | Tender Stage |

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of rubble going into drains since the roadworks opposite ORM in Castlemartyr were carried out.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of a drainage problem at Ardwilling near the hall in Cloyne, Cllr. Hegarty informed the Members that this is a deep drain which is presently dangerous.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of 2 areas of springs at the hotel at Garryvoe heading towards Shanagarry and also at Kilcredan School which are worsening and need to be piped.

2.10 Report in issues raised by Deputation from Residents of Oatencake, Midleton.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated the following report to the Members regarding issues raised by Deputation from the Residents of Oatencake, Midleton:

Concerns raised by the Deputation can be summarized as follows:

- Drivers travelling westbound on the Cork Road turning into the estate thinking it is the junction with the N25.
- Speed of some vehicles.
- Obstruction by inappropriate parking at entrance to estate.
- Localised damage to footpath within the estate.

Oatencake is a residential area accessed via the L7725 cul-de-sac off the Cork Road. 19 residential properties are located within the estate.

Following the deputation the area has been inspected, a traffic survey carried out and site meeting held with the manager of the garage.

The entrance to the estate road is relatively wide, but narrows quickly and the road itself is narrow. A footpath runs down the LHS of the road.

During the inspection, road signage and markings were observed to be in good condition (other than Caution Children at Play which is not a permitted road marking and a children at play sign was installed instead). Signage included a Cul-de-Sac sign, road number signs on both sides of the junction, children at play sign and an advance directional sign for the Cork

Road/N25/NRR junction. This sign is to give advance notice to drivers heading west out of Midleton of the major junction ahead. The sign complies with the requirements for advance signs as per the Traffic Signs Manual. SLOW and STOP road markings are also in place on the L7725.

During the inspection a number of obstructions on the footpath, locally near the junction with the Cork Road were observed – namely a step access to the adjacent commercial property, and utility infrastructure.

No inappropriately parked vehicles were observed.

The traffic survey was carried out from 08.59 on the 15th April to 08.49 on the 17th of April – over a 48 hour period. Total traffic recorded was 372 vehicles. At 186 recorded vehicle movements per day, as would be expected with a small cul-de-sac estate, this is a lightly trafficked road. The survey recorded a 28km/hr 85thile speed.

The following measures are recommended:

1. Include the estate in the next proposed tranche of 30km/hr housing estates – i.e. to lower the speed limit from the current speed limit of 50km/hr to 30km/hr and provide SLOWZONE Combi signs. *
2. Remove step on footpath (commercial business has undertaken to action this).
3. Locally widen the footpath (narrowing the entrance) locally at the junction of the Cork Road. This will provide for adequate room on the footpath were the width is currently restricted due to utility infrastructure and will also reduce the risk of drivers mistaking the road for the N25 junction. Include footpath repairs. (Work to be considered under Footpath Programme 2020).

* In accordance with Cork County Council's approved Traffic Calming Policy in Residential Estates 2016 further consideration could be given to the provision of ramps as provided for in the policy.

Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of the advanced directional sign at this estate which is still giving concerns and needs to be looked at. Cllr. McCarthy agreed with this and stated the sign is slightly misleading. Cllr. McCarthy proposed that the sign be changed to make the arrow a bit longer.

The Engineer informed the Members that the sign was modified slightly and is quite visual, the Engineer also stated that narrowing the entrance to the estate will help matters.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Order 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 Motions.

5.1.1 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 28th March, 2019.

“Can the Engineer include Rostellan for traffic calming measures as part of the Low Cost Safety Scheme or any other form of scheme that it can come under for 2020”?

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will take this matter into consideration.

5.1.2 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 3rd April, 2019.

“Can the Engineer please investigate the drainage issues on the Bailick Road, specifically the issue of pooling on the road and the gradient to the existing drains”?

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer, will investigate this matter.

5.1.3 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 3rd April, 2019.

“Can the Pinnacles Estate in Broomfield, Lus An Ime, Cloyne, and Cois Cuain in Whitegate be included in the next round of Speed Limit surveys for Estates”?

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the Pinnacles Estate and Lus an Ime are not in the charge of Cork County Council, Cois Cuain will be taken into consideration.

5.1.4 Cllr. Danielle Twomey, received on 6th April, 2019.

“Can the footpath that was previously situated on the Ladysbridge road facilitating residents of Ladysbridge access to Castlemartyr Pitch be reinstalled”?

Cllr. Hegarty supported this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that the length of the proposed footpath would be 950m and reinstatement would require significant drainage works and with an estimated cost of €237,000 the Engineer stated that he could not foresee the development of this footpath.

5.1.5 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 8th April, 2019.

“Asking that the parking spaces at bottom of Cork Hill be looked at as a safety issue”.

Helen Mulcahy, Senior Staff Officer, informed the Members that the 1st parking space on the right hand turn was originally double yellow lines and stated that the new parking space was brought in after works were completed at this location by Irish Water. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will liaise with Cllr. Linehan Foley regarding this matter.

5.1.6 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 8th April, 2019.

“That Church Street (Nook Lane) be looked at with Ash Street for Traffic calming measures”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that a number of speed surveys have been carried out in this area and stated that Church Street will be included in these surveys.

5.1.7 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 8th April, 2019.

“Golflinks/Windmill Hill Crossroads be looked at for level Roundabout, in interest of safety - passed 2 years ago at Municipal level”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that it is proposed to narrow down the junction at this location and stated that the works are a candidate for the low cost safety scheme.

5.1.8 Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, received on 8th April, 2019.

“Road at Clancy’s to Perks at Marine side falling away, could it be looked at with Belmont Terrace for resurfacing, all passed at previous meetings”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that works on the road at Clancy’s to Perks will not take place this year, Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that they be kept on the agenda, in relation to Belmont Terrace the Engineer suggested that the residents apply for a CIS scheme.

5.1.9 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 18th April, 2019.

“Road from Glengariff More Cross “Broderick’s Cross” to Dundullerick Bridge, road repairs”.

Cllr. Collins seconded this motion.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that works have taken place at this location during the last month and stated a small amount of work is left to do here.

5.1.10 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 18th April, 2019.

“Repairs to roads at Ballymackibbot Crossroads, Inch, Rath and Ballyneague”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that he will place these roads on the pothole repair list.

5.1.11 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 18th April, 2019.

“North Road, Shanagarry to Rooskagh, L7881-0, potholes and subsidence and Bridge Parapet”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members the repairs are scheduled to be carried out on this road in 2020, in the meantime the Engineer stated that he will examine the bridge at this location.

5.1.12 Cllr. Michael Hegarty, received on 18th April, 2019.

“Update on promised works at Gortavadda Cross, Monagoul, Church Road and Priests Hill, Ballymacoda”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that all areas remain on a list of works and stated that final detailed design is being carried out by the Non National Roads Design Office in relation to Gortavadda Cross. The Engineer stated that he will investigate the provision of the grader for works at Monagoul.

5.1.13 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 25th April, 2019.

“Council include L-7877 Ball-Alley Road, Ballymacoda, for full surfacing in its roads programme 2020 – meanwhile, carry out remedial works thereon”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will investigate this matter.

5.1.14 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 25th April, 2019.

“Council request a report from the ESB, on the poor quality of public lighting in Midleton town, and when we can expect improvements thereon”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that new lighting will be put in place in Midleton town centre once the streetscape works take place.

5.1.15 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 25th April, 2019.

“In the interest of road safety Council notify landowners to address the very serious need of tree and hedge surgery in the Ballincurrag/Leamlara area and roads serving Dungourney Village and ditto to link roads, serving Carrigtwohill and side roads nearing Youghal town”.

Cllr. Hegarty seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that several landowners have been written to regarding tree and hedge cutting and stated that he will take note of the areas in question and inspect same in due course. The Engineer informed Cllr. Collins that Carrigtwohill is in the remit of Cobh Municipal District.

5.1.16 Cllr. Noel Collins, received on 25th April, 2019.

“With the summer months approaching, Council request repairs to the “Pontoon Walkway”, serving Dwyer Road and Midleton town, a most picturesque and tourist attraction for native and tourist, for many years”.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, will refer this matter to the owner in question.

5.1.17 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th April, 2019.

“Can we have an update on proposed works to the cupola at Midleton Library”?

Cllr. Collins fully supported this motion.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, informed the Members that at the April meeting of the Municipal District the Members were informed the Architects Department have completed a plan for Midleton Library which includes works to the cupola.

5.1.18 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th April, 2019.

“Road improvements for Ballinrostig Village”.

Janette Kenny, Executive Engineer, informed the Members that reinstatement works and road repairs have taken place at this location in the last month.

5.1.19 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th April, 2019.

“Can we install safety measures at Killeagh Road, Mogeely, to include buildouts and also ‘Children at Play’ signage on the approach to the Playground”?

Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded this motion.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that these works have been awarded and the signage in question has been ordered, the Engineer stated that works should be complete in 5 – 6 weeks.

5.1.20 Cllr. Susan McCarthy, received on 30th April, 2019.

“Can the lighting department add the area outside Leamlara Community Hall to the Lighting Programme? It appears there is a pole already in existence, so this could be done at a minimal cost”.

Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, will investigate same.

6. Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Cllr. McCarthy raised the issue of a litter bin outside of McCarthy's premises in Midleton which has been damaged. Mr. Joe McCarthy, Municipal District Officer, will make arrangements to replace same. Cllr. McCarthy requested the provision of additional bins in Midleton. The Municipal District Officer informed the Members that the resources available in the Municipal District would not allow for collections from and the maintenance of additional bins.
2. Cllr. Hegarty raised the issue of street lighting at Glor na Mara, Ballycotton which needs to be addressed.
3. Cllr. Hegarty requested that an email be forwarded to TII requesting when works on the footbridge in Killeagh will commence. Cllr. Collins seconded this request.
4. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of a problem with the traffic lights at Castlemartyr which was causing huge tailbacks of traffic. Mr. Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Members that there are issues with extra traffic on the N25 due to the closure of the road from Mogeely to the Two Mile Inn and stated that traffic on this road has increased by 4% since the previous bank holiday weekend. The Engineer informed the Members that the traffic light contactor was back on site over the weekend to investigate the problem. In the meantime the Engineer stated that he will engage with the NRO to see what can be done to relieve this problem.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.