

## **CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 2.30pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Joe Harris.

**ABSENT:** Councillor John A. Collins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kevin O’Regan, Municipal District Officer, Madeline Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Jim Molloy, S/Director of Service, Pio Condon, Senior Executive Planning, Alan O’Callaghan, Clerical Officer.

### **1:MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. D’Alton and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, the minutes of the proceedings of the Draft Budgetary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, having been circulated, were conformed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

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### **2:CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) Pio Condon gave the following report as requested from the meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

At the meeting of July 16<sup>th</sup> last, the PPU committed to undertaking the following:

1. Discuss with Architect’s Department the potential provision of seating and planting of trees within Douglas Village.
2. Brief Development Management Section on views of Members
3. Discuss with landowners of vacant properties barriers to redevelopment.

The proposed learning’s to date are:

1. Having met with the County Architect, it is advised that an assessment process is required to ascertain the appropriate street furniture / planting interventions for Douglas Village. Furniture and trees provided elsewhere may/may not be appropriate in Douglas Village. Prior to any interventions, design and safety audit are required, to be consulted with local population / businesses, accessibility representative groups etc. This consultation process is required to direct the conclusion of a final design proposal.

2. Two briefings held with Development Management team for Douglas. There are a number of current planning applications within Douglas village on vacant properties:
  - a. 18/4970: Demolition of Dwelling, extension to 3no. Dwellings, Construction of 4no. Dwellings. F.I issued in June last, for issues of design, access, sight lines, etc. Awaiting response.
  - b. 18/5814: Barry's Field - 3 storey mixed use development – residential/retail/office/cafe – granted permission, appealed by 4no. parties last September, currently with ABP. This is a revised application from that previously refused by ABP, seeking to address the refusal reasons.
  - c. 18/5420: Former Extra Vision property: Permission granted for change of use from retail unit to medical centre / retail unit.
  - d. 17/4772: Former Centra retail unit. Permission granted for change of use of retail unit to restaurant.
3. Commercial discussions ongoing regarding potential redevelopment of former TSB Bank site and back lands.
4. Discussions ongoing between relevant parties regarding facilitating access to existing cinema site to enable redevelopment.
5. Property owners have indicated that subject to tenant's interest, their properties will be redeveloped/reoccupied.
6. Third party efforts have been made to co-ordinate efforts of businesses within the village, but to no avail to date.

Summary:

1. The Planning Authority is utilising the DM process to achieve planning gain in accordance with DLUTS where possible.
2. Overall, favourable market conditions are returning to facilitate property reoccupation.
3. The PA has granted / is engaged with planning process for the redevelopment of a number of village core properties.

Members thanked Pio Condon for his report and raised the following comments/queries:

- Voiced disapproval regarding the granting of planning permission for a retail development at Barry's Field in Douglas as members felt there was already a lot of retail space in Douglas and did not want to see one of the last green spaces in the village turned over to a retail outlet.
- Expressed approval that the Council were engaging with the owners of vacant and/or derelict sites and welcomed the news that many of these are in the planning stages of being brought back to use.
- Noted that some other prominent buildings in Douglas, such as the old PTSB bank, were not mentioned in the report.
- Welcomed the change of use of the old "Extra Vision" from retail to medical/retail use.
- Welcomed the change of use of the old "Centra" building from retail to restaurant use.
- Voiced concerns about the traffic issues in Douglas village with the junction between the service station and Douglas Village Shopping Centre of particular concern.
- Enquired about the possibility of erecting trees in area of Douglas to enhance its visual appeal.
- Requested that Council contacted the owner of the Cinema site as there are ongoing issues here and that a derelict building adjacent to this site be placed on the Derelict Sites register.
- Members requested could Pio return in three months to issue an update.

Pio Condon advised the following in response

- As Barry's Field is currently going through the planning process I am unable to comment on this.
- Advised that if any members have information about any other derelict or vacant properties they can pass on this and we would be very happy to get in contact with these owners.
- As regards traffic issues in the village I will reach out to my colleagues in the Roads Directorate and report back to Council.
- Regarding the cinema site we will speak to owner and report back to members.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the site adjacent to the cinema can be included in the discussion on dereliction which is to take place in December following decision at Full Council meeting.

**(ii) Report on the proposal to Take In Charge roads and services in Cooper's Grange (Nos 99-114), Ballincollig**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**(iii) Part 8 Planning Process for Phase 4 of the Ballybrack Pedestrian and Cycle Path**

Kevin O'Regan advised that following information From Michael Mulconry that was progressing well and it is hoped to advertise intention to look for Part 8 planning by the end of this month.

Kevin advised members that this planning would encompass all remaining areas of the Path.

**(iv) Policy of Retro filling/Improving Vehicular Parking in Older Estates.**

Kevin O'Regan advised that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting in which some of the factors which would need to be considered in the drawing up of a Policy document on the issue.

Members thanked Kevin for the report and raised the following comments/queries.

- Work is badly needed in some estates for emergency vehicle and disability access.
- That since these estates were completed traffic volumes have increased considerably.
- Members felt that aspects of the report were overly focussed on the negative aspects of bringing this policy to fruition.
- That as any retro filling may impact on green areas that this policy request is also sent to the Planning SPC.

Jim Molloy advised that this will be sent to the Roads and Planning SPC and that we will discuss with the Roads Directorate.

### **3: CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

### **4: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

- (i) To consider the disposal of house at 17A Douglas West Co Cork for the consideration of €84,000.

Kevin O'Regan advised that this disposal was forwarded from the October meeting due to lack of information. The Housing Department has now issued updated information which has been circulated to members and recommends disposal of this property.

Members advised the following in response:

- Issue with value placed on house and that the house has already gone sale agreed and should come before Council before going to market.
- That disposals should come with more information.
- Noted the poor condition of the property.
- That a charitable organisation would be interested in acquiring this property but did not want to bid in the private sector.
- That this charity should be given an opportunity to acquire this property.

In response Kevin O'Regan advised that the Council followed the correct procedure as set out in legislation and that €84,000 represented a fair market value for the property when compared to similar properties sold in the area.

Jim Molloy noted that the Housing Directorate recommended disposing of the property as it is not fit for purpose. The Council cannot control the condition of a property if the tenant does not report any maintenance issues to the Council.

It was agreed that the disposal be deferred to allow the Director of Services from Housing to have a meeting with the charity interested in the property and then to refer back to Council.

- (ii) To consider the disposal of Freehold Interest at 6 Philomena Place, Carrigaline, Co. Cork to Jeremiah O'Donovan for the consideration of €5,713.82 inclusive of administration charges (previously paid in full).

Kevin O'Regan advised that this was already approved previously as a disposal but was not registered correctly at the time.

Members agreed to allow the disposal to proceed to Full Council.

## **5: NOTICES OF MOTION**

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Murphy**

- 1. "That this Municipal District write to the Cork County Board about the non installation of bike stands at Pairc Uí Chaoimh."**

Cllr. Murphy expressed his disappointment at the lack of facilities at the stadium and that to the best of his knowledge it was a planning requirement to provide these facilities. Cllr Murphy also noted that the lack of facilities was hampering efforts to encourage people to use alternative methods of transport to attend matches.

Cllr Murphy was supported by Cllr Jeffers and Cllr Forde in his motion and Kevin O'Regan agreed to write to the Cork County Board to express the members concerns and to ask for the installation of these facilities.

**2. "Would it be possible to get a Pedestrian Crossing at the Cork Side of roundabout by the Carrigaline Court Hotel."**

Cllr Murphy raised the question of the placing of a crossing on the Cork side of the roundabout. Cllr Murphy also enquired as to whether there was previously a pedestrian crossing in this location?

Cllr McGrath supported this motion and asked about a crossing on the village side of the roundabout and about acquiring signage for this.

Madeline Healy advised that there was already a controlled crossing on the Cork side of the roundabout and that to the best of her knowledge there was never a pedestrian crossing here. As there is a consultancy firm currently undertaking a survey on crossing and junctions in Carrigaline that no decisions about such would be taken until the findings of this survey are received. Madeline Healy advised that we have the signage for the crossing on the village side and this will be installed shortly.

**To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Daithi O'Donnabhain:**

**1. "That this Municipal District calls for fixed and portable CCTV cameras to be made available to the Ballincollig Engineers office to tackle dumping."**

Cllr O'Donnabhain acknowledged Kevin O'Regan's response to the motion which advised that: "The Environment Directorate does undertake CCTV surveillance at locations of particular concern to try and identify the culprits and discourage such activity. I am aware that surveillance was installed in the Council car park in Ballincollig in September 2018 following an increase in dumping. CCTV deployed by the Environment Directorate in 2018 was funded in full by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and coordinated by Southern Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority and formed part of the Anti-dumping Initiative. It is not known if the initiative will be run in 2019."

Cllr O'Donnabhain advised that he had seen firsthand the level of dumping taking place and that it was quite disgusting. Cllr. O'Donnabhain asked that we take a hard line approach to culprits and that anyone found guilty of a dumping offence be named and shamed.

**2. "That commitment be given to resurfacing of the footpath through Waterfall village from the 2019 works projects."**

Cllr. O'Donnabhain acknowledged the response from Kevin O'Regan which stated:

"The Area Office has previously inspected the footpath in question. Whereas it would be desirable in the long term to resurface it there are other footpaths within the Municipal District and in particular the Ballincollig area that are in greater need of upgrading and repair. It is not possible to give any commitment as requested."

Cllr. O'Donnabhain appreciated that the Area Engineer Don O'Sullivan has done as much as possible with the funds available. Cllr. O'Donnabhain also praised the work of the local Tidy Towns group and expressed his wish that they would continue to be supported in their efforts.

**3. That this Municipal District calls for the installation of a radar speed warning sign on the Killumney Road in the environs of Greystones/Iniscarra View."**

Kevin O'Regan in his response to the motion noted that the Area Engineer has advised that the will be installing a further 4 speed signs this year.

The locations are as follows: -

1. Greenfields Estate
2. Coolroe Meadows Estate
3. Manor Hill/Fionn Laoi
4. L2216 west of An Caislean Estate (following consultation with local Gardaí)

Cllr. O'Donnabhain advised that while he welcomed the installations of these signs they do not cover the area mentioned in the motioned. The area concerned is the one from Highfield to St Olivers Cemetery. Cllr O'Donnabhain asked that we contact the Area Engineer about the possibility of installing a speed sign here.

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

- 1. "To seek the MD's approval that a Deputation of local residents can present their safety concerns regarding the N71 and local road junctions at the December MD meeting. To also request that Engineers from the National Roads Office be present."**

Cllr. McGrath acknowledged the presence of the local residents in the chamber. Cllr. McGrath asked could a National Roads Authority engineer be present at December's meeting to hear residents concerns. Cllr. McGrath also raised his concerns that a safety audit has not been carried out at this junction.

Cllr. Jeffers seconded this motion and acknowledged that the local residents would be better placed than anyone to discuss the issues at this junction

Cllr. D'Alton asked whether a safety audit could be carried out and who would be responsible for this audit.

Jim Molloy advised that TII will only carry out an audit if there is a planned construction or works in the area, or if there is a history of accidents at the location and there is currently no record of many traffic incidents at Castlewhite.

Cllr. Jeffers asked whether anecdotal evidence from residents could be considered and Cllr D'Alton advised that the Gardaí should have a record of accidents here.

Madeline Healy responded that as far as she is aware there is no record of accidents in the area but we will clarify this with TII.

Cllr. Dalton supported the motion and again asked that the National Roads office be present at December's meeting.

Cllr. McGrath thanked the members for their support and stressed the importance of the National Roads Authority being in attendance to respond to residents on the day.

Cllr. McGrath noted that it is appalling that there is a need to have accidents on any stretch of road before a safety audit is carried out.

Kevin O'Regan responded that the residents will be allowed to address the meeting as per the standing orders and that we will contact the National Roads Authority and request their attendance at the next meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr. Forde confirmed that the motion has passed.

3. **“To request a written update on the provision of a running track in the Community Park in Carrigaline. Also an update on improved lighting and CCTV in the vicinity of the playground and skateboard park.”**

Cllr. McGrath thanked Kevin O'Regan for the report and acknowledged the funding issue with the running track but stressed that he would like to see the running track completed.

Cllr. McGrath asked Madeline Healy for an update on CCTV and lighting in the area.

Madeline responded that extra lighting was placed on the skate park and the MUGA. We will change direction and focus of lights to help cover playground. Removal of foliage we all help this. The Council is currently working on the upgrading of the security cameras and the company responsible advise that it will dramatically improve quality and it will be easy to change and increase lines of sight.

Cllr. McGrath enquired about the possibility of locking the playground He acknowledged it may not be possible with current resources but would like to keep it under review as not locking the playground is also added to funding costs as damaged equipment has to be replaced.

Cllr. Dalton asked that the light in Passage West playground be replaced?

Madeline Healy responded that this will be done.

Cllr. D'Alton raised the issue of the placement of CCTV in Passage West and advised they may have a possible solution to Data Protection issues.

Jim Molloy responded that there will be no more roll out of CCTV until the Council receive clarification as to who is responsible for it. Council would like the Gardai to be responsible but this needs to be clarified.

3. **“To seek a report on the salting priority level and associated maps for roads in our MD.”**

Madeline Healy responded that there is no report as such and that the roads that are salted can be seen on the Winter Welfare plan available on the Council website. Generally hilly areas, school runs and vulnerable areas are salted. This is also kept under review and areas such as Church Hill in Passage will be added for example. Any proposed new routes have to be negotiated with Unions to see if working times can be changed.

Cllrs. Jeffers and D'Alton welcomed the inclusion of Church Hill as an area of concern

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

1. **"That the Committee would be provided with a report on the use of the Village Enhancement Scheme in the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District in 2017 and 2018 to include an update on the proposals for Gobby Beach, Ringaskiddy under this initiative."**

Cllr. Dalton thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report and asked about the issue of encroaching onto private property and about the issue of funding from Village Enhancement. It is my understanding that the amount is €62,500 per year?

Kevin O'Regan responded that the Architects Dept wanted to use land on private property which we were unable to secure use of. They are now in the process of making plans to fit into the land available. Kevin acknowledged that the funding was €62,500 so with the combined year's budgets €125,000 will be available.

2. **"That in the retrofitting of energy-saving LEDs, street lights along the R610 through the centre of Monkstown village would have their heads replaced (and columns also if budgets allow) with a design appropriate to heritage and enhancing the village core."**

Cllr. D'Alton made reference to Abbeyliex as an example of where this work was carried out. Abbeyliex was put forward for funding for these works by the Council and we should do the same for Monkstown. Cllr. D'Alton asked that when light heads are replaced that more attractive light heads are used. Cllr D'Alton asked whether funding could be secured from the village renewal scheme.

Cllrs. McGrath and Forde supported Cllr D'Alton on this motion and asked it be considered under the next Local Area Plan.

Madeline Healy responded that she had spoke with Public Lighting and that they had no immediate plans for any lighting replacement in Monks town. This would give us an opportunity to look for funding for the proposal.

Kevin O'Regan responded that we can apply for funding under the Village Renewal Scheme in 2020 after Ringaskiddy in 2019.

3. **"That the Committee would be provided with a report on the results of the recent survey undertaken on all Council-maintained playgrounds in the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District. This report will include the rating of each playground, multi-use games area, skate park and tone zone for the following factors (as per the Council survey):**
  - Location factors.
  - Accessibility factors.
  - Environmental factors.
  - Physical play opportunities present.
  - Creative play opportunities present.
  - Inclusive play.
  - Social play."

Cllr D'Alton thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report and asked that if there were explanations for the various headings and the weighting system behind the scoring for them.



Cllr. McGrath seconded this motion and also looked for clarification.

Kevin O'Regan responded that he was not given that information but that he will seek clarification on them and report back to members.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr Mary Rose Desmond:

1. **"To ask the MD to provide in tabular format details of Revenue and Capital investment in relation to Area Office Maintenance Work, Road Resurfacing, Footpath Upgrades, Lighting, and Recreational facilities specifically in the Douglas, Rochestown, and Grange Frankfield areas for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 not including works undertaken as part of the Town Development Fund, or the Community Fund Schemes And to outline what level of funding is expected to in these same areas (not the MD as a whole) for 2019."**

### **Report:**

This element of the response deals specifically with the recreational element of the Motion. In Douglas the budget and expenditure figures for maintenance of the park and the Mangala for each year. These figures do not take account the work undertaken by the Roads and Transportation Section in the development and extension of the shared walkway at Ballybrack. A portion of the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the Rochestown – Passage West Greenway would also be incurred in the Rochestown area but it is not possible to quantify.

2015 €43,807 Expenditure €52,216

2016 €43,807. Expenditure €46,655

2017 €45,807. Expenditure €46,679

2018 €48,112 Expenditure to date €38,361

The budget for playground maintenance is not broken down between playgrounds so without interrogating every payment to determine which park is identified in the purchase order it is not possible to provide a figure for this.

As the County budget was only passed last Monday we do not have the budget figures for 2019. However it is anticipated that the figure will be in the region of €51 - €52K.

Cllr. Desmond thanked Kevin O'Regan for his report circulated to members before the meeting on the motion and acknowledged the difficulty in digging down through the figures involved. Cllr Desmond that all area representatives fight a fair share for their particular area and raised her concerns that the areas mentioned in her motion will continue to receive their fair share of funding and that the fact they are moving within the city boundary be used as an excuse to cut budgets or to not complete or undertake works in those areas.

Kevin O'Regan responded that all budgets were completed for the whole of 2019 and did not include any reduction for areas moving to city Council.

Cllrs. McGrath, Forde, Dalton and Jeffers all supported Cllr. Desmond's motion and all made the point that they all had heard from various sources anecdotally that there has been some change to budgets and in some instances planned works and postponed/cancelled in areas that are moving to the city. Cllrs would like to reassure that this is not the case and that all areas are treated equally regardless of any boundary changes.

Jim Molloy responded that as a Council we are still waiting on Legislation to come down to clarify our position as to how these areas will be administered. It is possible that we will hand over control after six months of 2019 or we may be asked to administer for the full 12 months. We are currently operating on the basis that all areas leaving will be treated the same as every other year. Jim acknowledged that there is a difficulty in guaranteeing works which are due to take place after the agreed handover. We are unable to say with any certainty what the City Council may or may not do.

Madeline Healy responded that she understands concerns that affected residents may have but they can rest assured that the Carrigaline and Ballincollig Offices have and will be very honest in telling people what they can or cannot do. The City Council has asked that we do not to undertake any restoration projects in areas that are transferring to the city (as it currently stands). But all regular maintenance work is carrying on as normal and will do until we are advised by Legislation.

Cllr. Forde suggested that as a Municipal District we right to the Department regarding legislation and the issues that are affecting our MD.

Cllr. Desmond was happy with the response to her motion and the information required.

Cllr. D'Alton asked that the members be given a regular update on the boundary issues and that it be added as a Standing Item on the Agenda.

2. **"To ask the Engineer to investigate the regular road surface flooding that occurs along the Rochestown Road from the Fingerpost Roundabout to R610 entrance to Douglas Court shopping Centre."**

In response to the motion Madeline Healy advised that there is an ongoing issue with flooding in this particular area. The system is outdated and we are reliant on a shrinking amount of local knowledge to keep gulleys clear and this is further complicated by many of the access points being on private property. Recently there has been a meeting with a local resident which may allow us to have a local access point and this may help alleviate the problem somewhat. It would require serious capital expenditure to bring the system up to date.

Cllr. Jeffers asked about funding under the Flood Relief Scheme and Madeline Healy agreed to look at this for 2019.

Cllr. Desmond asked that the gulleys be kept clear to the best of the Council's ability.

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

1. **"That a yellow box would be installed at the entrance to Greenwood Estate on Togher Road."**

Madeline Healy advised that Cork County Council was in discussions with the NTA and City Council about progressing this and that she would respond to members with an update.

2. **"That this Municipal District would be furnished with a written report on the progress of the Lehenaghmore Road Upgrade."**

Cllr. Jeffers asked that the Council apply for Part VIII Planning as soon as possible before this area is passed over to City Council as if this does not happen by the time of the boundary change it may progress until 2020. Cllr Jeffers highlighted the serious concerns and anger of local residents in the area as they are currently struggling to carry out their normal business due to safety concerns. Cllr Jeffers asked that as a Municipal District we write to the NTA and the Divisional Manager urging that Part VIII planning is put through as soon as possible.

Madeline Healy responded that discussions with the NTA were going well and that 50% funding should be secured from them shortly.

Jim Molloy advised that as soon as NTA sign off is received we will be able to progress with Part VIII planning.

Cllr. Jeffers expressed his concerns that planning may not be progressed.

Cllr. McGrath expressed his support for the motion and asked that as a Municipal District we write to Declan Daly to ensure that planning is moved forward quickly and a plan of works is in place before boundary change.

It was agreed by members that we write to both the NTA, Declan Daly and the Roads Directorate to urge the swift progression of Part VIII planning.

Cllr. Jeffers thanked the members for their support on this motion.

3. **"That this Municipal District would be given an update on the creation of two lanes at the end of Frankfield Hill."**

Madeline Healy advised the members that "The CCC RDO Engineers have visited the site and looked at the possibility of introducing two lanes at the end of Frankfield Hill. Having visited the site, the engineers are not in favour of such a proposal as there are several entrances at the lower end of Frankfield Hill and there would be concern that the introduction of an additional lane on this urban

road with the existing number of entrances could lead to road safety issues. The queuing lanes, in the opinion of the engineers, would be problematic for the main-line traffic movement, and turning movements (access & egress), for vehicles at both peak traffic times and outside of peak times at this location. Regrettably the RDO does not see how an extra lane can be introduced at the lower end of Frankfield Hill without having an impact on road safety at this location for all road users.”

Cllr. Jeffers noted that the backup of traffic was now going as far as Alderbrook and that it should really be looked at.

Madeline Healy acknowledged this but in the opinion of the Engineers it is not possible to implement two lanes.

Cllr. D’Alton supported Cllr Jeffers in his motion and noted that in practice two lanes of traffic are already forming at the bottom of Frankfield Hill.

Madeline responded that she would contact the design team to look at this again and would furnish this report to members once completed.

#### **5.Votes of Congratulations:**

Cllr. Murphy congratulated Passage Ladies Soccer team on winning the cup

Cllr. Jeffers congratulated St Finbarrs Gaa on wining the County Football Championship

Cllr. D’Alton congratulated Ballybrack Walking Trail on its recent success.

#### **5. Any Other Business:**

(i)Madeline Healy gave an update on the Part VIII planning for the Ballinrea Road. It is nearly ready to advertise once foot paths and cycle lane designs are finalised. Cllr McGrath enquired about planning for the other parts of the road and Madeline Healy advised that all will be dealt with as part of the process.

(ii) Madeline also gave an update on the reopening of the road between Raffeen and Monkstown. The ESB were responsible for holding up works and they are due on site next week and as a result the road will not be reopened this year. Funding for the completed of the works has been deferred and it is anticipated to have the road open by early March. This year’s funding will go to completing works on the resurfacing of the carriage ways through the village.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeline Healy for the update and noted that a public body (ESB) and that a road closure that will last 22 months is not really acceptable.

(iii) Kevin O’Regan gave the following report regarding the Passage West Collective Craft Shop

"A number of crafters from Passage West made contact with the LEO to avail of assistance in setting up of a shop that would display and sell local craft goods in Passage West in the run up to Christmas.

They group have formed a Collective, for legal purposes, and have secured a premises for this purpose.

The LEO has provided assistance by way of advice, mentoring and a financial contribution of €2,500 towards the overall costs.

The Municipal District would not normally support 'commercial' type ventures. However we are conscious that Passage West was selected by our Municipal District in 2017 as being the town on which we would place special emphasis on from a dereliction perspective. The property that the collective is proposing to use has been vacant for some time.

The impact of the road closures on the town was also a major factor taken into consideration as it is hoped that this unique venture would help attract people into the town.

Accordingly the Director of Service has agreed to match the LEO contribution towards the set up costs involved for this venture.

It should be noted that many of the fixtures and fitting that are being acquired can be relocated and that a considerable amount of the labour involved in preparing the 'shop' is being undertaken by the members of the collective themselves to minimise the costs involved.

The learning obtained by those involved will also be invaluable in any efforts to set up a more permanent commercial venture."

Cllr. Desmond asked who the Passage West Collective are?

Cllr. D'Alton advised that they had contacted her and they were a group of local people developing Arts & Crafts.

Cllr. Desmond supported the group receiving €2,500.

Cllr. McGrath asked where the funding was coming from and what other funding is available. Kevin O'Regan advised that the funding would come from Town Derelict Fund or the Town Development Fund.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Date: 17/12/18

