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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Schull Harbour Hotel on Monday 1st April 2019

Members present: Cllrs. Joe Carroll, Mary Hegarty, Paul Hayes, P.G. Murphy
Christopher O'Sullivan, John O'Sullivan, Declan Hurley

In attendance: Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.
John Ahern S.E.E.
Michael Tobin E.E.
Kevin Lynch E.E.
Sarah Sinnott E.E.
Damien Murphy E.E.
Mac Dara O h-Ici, S.E.O. M.D.W.C.
Justin England M.D.O. M.D.W.C.
Mary T. McCarthy, S.O. M.D.W.C.

Cllr. Danny Collins presided.

Apologies: Ms. Cait Lehane E.E.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

At the proposal of Cllr. M. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork Meeting held at Dunmanway Swimming Pool Meeting Room on 4th March 2019 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. J. Carroll highlighted the lack of capacity issues in some burial grounds in West Cork, especially Skibbereen and Glengarriff. The S.E.O. noted that the Property Section of C.C.C. is actively seeking locations suitable as burial grounds West Cork.

In reply to a query from Cllr. P. Hayes regarding a Notice of Motion of the March 2019 meeting requesting traffic calming measures in Leap, Mr. M. Tobin E.E. reported that the request has been relayed to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and that a Speed Survey will be undertaken in the near future.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. C. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes

- a. *"That this council would explore traffic calming mechanisms to reduce the speed of vehicles between Shannonvale and Clonakilty Garda Station."*

Report from Mr. M. Tobin E.E. :

There have been numerous requests with regard speed in Shannonvale and with regard traffic calming and footpath linkage on McCurtain Hill. This is a typical rural link road location. It is not practice to put traffic calming

measures on rural roads. I have spoken with the Gardai and they have included it, for more speed monitoring in the area. Cork County Councils Roads Management & Development Unit are currently reviewing the "Traffic Calming Policy in Towns & Villages" to try to develop as uniform a policy as possible for towns and villages around the county. The parameters determining the need, type and extent of engineering measures to reduce traffic speed should include, Speed, Volume, % HGV's, Schools or town centre or other significant facility generating high number of pedestrians or vulnerable users, accident history and other local factors that may be relevant. It is intended to develop templates for various locations in terms of extent and type of works. At the present time this route is affected by other roadworks that are ongoing in the vicinity and any long term proposals can only be assessed when traffic returns to normal levels.

Members emphasised the need for traffic calming in various towns and villages in West Cork and recommended that Speed Activation Signs should be made available where possible.

Proposed by Cllr. C. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes

- b. "That this council would insist that Irish Water upgrade the Waste Water Treatment plant for Ballineen/Enniskeane immediately as it is currently running at 20% over capacity and hindering future development of the area."

Report from Rebecca Minihane. Local Representative. Support Desk, Irish Water:

"An upgrade of Ballineen/Enniskeane WWTP is not included in the Irish Water Investment Plan 2017 - 2021. However this does not preclude an enhancement of the existing works into facilitate development demand.

Developers should submit pre-connection enquiries to the Irish Water Southern Regional Connection & Developer Services to assess any connection requests, advise on the feasibility of a connection and provide budget costs for upgrade works required to facilitate the connection."

Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the reply from Irish Water and requested that the West Cork Municipal District should write to Irish Water requesting the inclusion of Ballineen/Enniskeane WWTP and Kealkill WWTP in the Irish Water Investment Plan 2017-2021.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

- a. "I'm calling on Cork County Council to extend the pontoon on Schull Pier to accommodate inshore anglers in the area; and that the Council would come up with a solution to prevent cars from parking on Schull Pier overnight."

Report from Ms. S. Sinnott E.E.

A new floating pontoon (4.8m x 20m) incorporating an access gangway was installed in Schull Harbour in July 2018. The older pontoons (3m x 18m) are still in position adjacent to the main pier and are available for the inshore anglers that utilise Schull Pier. Currently there are no further proposals to extend either pontoon.

Signage and road markings are in place on the pier indicating 'no parking' and also 'no camping overnight' signs are also in place. The matter of providing removable bollards during the summer months has been discussed with the local fishermen, ferry operators, leisure users and Community representatives. However a solution has not yet been reached.

- b. "I'm calling on Cork County Council to define who has responsibility for Corrin Pier in Goleen and its Right of Way."

This Notice of Motion was deferred to the next MDWC Meeting as a report was not available.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

“That this council erect adequate signage at the Kilbarry Road junction on the R586 to prevent articulated trucks and other heavy vehicles using the L 8570-0, L 8570-17, L 8570-57 through Kilbarry, which are being directed by Sat Nav to use this road as a route to Bantry/Castletownbere and also to erect additional signage at the Kilbarry Road junction to signpost traffic for Bantry/Castletownbere who are coming off the bypass road.”

Mr. J. Ahern S.E.E. reported that he had visited the site and agreed to arrange for the installation of additional signage at the Kilbarry Road junction as requested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following a request from Cllr. C. O'Sullivan for clarification regarding the felling of trees, Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. undertook to furnish the councilor with the legal requirements for same.

Cllr. C. O'Sullivan requested road lining indicating pedestrian use only between two sections of footpaths on the Ring Road, Clonakilty.

Cllr. M. Hegarty praised the invaluable work provided by West Cork Tourist Offices and recommended that C.C.C. should make every effort to support them. Members requested that a letter should be sent to Fáilte Ireland asking them to outline their strategy for West Cork.

Cllr. P. Hayes proposed that a meeting of the Twinning Sub Committee should be held in the near future to discuss the planned visit in June 2019 from Scituate Twinning Group.

Cllr P. Hayes enquired whether the Council had commenced discussions with local business associations and chambers of commerce with regard to the placing of street furniture on footpaths and carriageways. The M.D.O. stated that discussions had not commenced but would hope to commence same in the near future.

Cllr. D. Hurley requested C.C.C. to investigate the report of a homeless person living in the Public Convenience building at Dunmanway Car Park and requested assistance for the individual involved.

Mr. M. Tobin E.E. noted that objections to a proposed Road Closure for Kent Street Car Park and Kent Street, Clonakilty should be made in writing before Wednesday 5th April 2019. Cllr. C. O'Sullivan requested additional sign posting for free parking at Deasy's Car Park at both ends of Clonakilty town. Cllr. J. O'Sullivan cautioned that sheet piling will impact on parking and commercial activity and should be undertaken as efficiently as possible to reduce the inconvenience to residents and businesses.

Mr. M. Tobin E.E. informed members that the Local Improvement Scheme in Castlefreke, Clonakilty is due to commence on 03-04-19.

Cllr. P. Hayes requested resurfacing of the road at Ashgrove, Clonakilty as it was used as a detour during the recent Ring Road Closure.

In reply to Cllr. D. Collins who noted correspondence he received from a resident at Reenrou, Bantry, about the removal of asbestos from a local authority house, the S.E.O. stated that Cork County Council employ trained contractors who provide the required annual training, medical audits, asbestos insurance, safety equipment and hazardous-waste permits to ensure that asbestos is removed and disposed of safely.

Cllr. M. Hegarty requested upgrade works at Zetland Pier, Bantry.

Members agreed to hold the May MDWC meeting on Friday 10th May 2019 at Áras Beantraí.

Following the conclusion of the monthly meeting agenda, the Members met in committee to consider the allocation of grants under the West Cork Community Grants scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Hegarty seconded by Cllr Declan Hurley the Members approved the revised allocation of the general municipal allocation that was approved at the March meeting as follows:

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION

Monthly Meeting Date 04 03 2019 01 04 2019

ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

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| Community Hedgecutting Scheme | €20,000.00 | €20,000.00 |
| Capital Grants | €90,000.00 | €55,000.00 |
| Community Contracts | €60,000.00 | €92,500.00 |
| Amenity Grants | €50,000.00 | €52,600.00 |
| Allihies Public Convenience | €50,000.00 | €50,000.00 |
| Contribution to 2 x Lifeguard Stations | €35,000.00 | €35,000.00 |
| | <u>€305,000.00</u> | <u>€305,100.00</u> |

The Members considered the proposed allocation of grants to community organisations as tabled before them. The following amendments were approved at the meeting:

| File Reference | Organisation | Proposed Allocation | Increase in Allocation | Amended Allocation |
|----------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| CF34388741 | Ardfield Rathbarry Playground | €0 | €500 | €500 |
| CF105936676 | West Cork Drama Festival | €0 | €1,000 | €1,000 |
| CF34466099 | Courtmacsherry Development Assoc | €0 | €500 | €500 |
| CF34295893 | Durrus Tidy Towns | €1,000 | €500 | €1,500 |
| CF105854126 | Muintir Bhaire GAA | €500 | €500 | €1,000 |
| | Additional Allocation to be funded | | €3,000 | |

| File Reference | Organisation | Proposed Allocation | Reduction in Allocation | Amended Allocation |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| N/A | Bantry Tidy Towns | €10,000 | €500 | €9,500 |
| N/A | Castletownbere Tidy Towns | €10,000 | €500 | €9,500 |
| N/A | Clonakilty Tidy Towns | €10,000 | €500 | €9,500 |
| N/A | Dunmanway Tidy Towns | €10,000 | €500 | €9,500 |
| N/A | Schull Tidy Towns | €10,000 | €500 | €9,500 |
| N/A | Skibbereen Tidy Towns | €10,000 | €500 | €9,500 |
| | Reduction in Allocation | | €3,000 | |

On the proposal of Cllr Patrick Ger Murphy, seconded by Cllr Mary Hegarty, the proposed grant allocations with the above amendments were approved by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH Danny Collins

DATE 10-05-19