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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at Kent Street, Clonakilty on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

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

**In attendance:** Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.  
Michael Tobin S/ S.E.E.  
Cait Lehane E.E.,  
Sarah Sinnott E.E.,  
Eileen O'Brien S.E.O. Housing  
Joanne Crossland, Exec. Architect, Housing  
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: Cllr Joe Carroll, Kevin Lynch E.E., Aidan Prendergast 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 Kent Street, Clonakilty on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. C. O'Sullivan expressed his disappointment and frustration at the delays to progress on road resurfacing works from Lisselane to Fax bridge in Clonakilty and the negative effect this and the continuing Flood Relief Works will have on the Christmas retail trade in the town. Cllr. C. O'Sullivan suggested that financial penalties should be levied on contractors for the delays and these should be used for the benefit of the community. Mr. M. Tobin S/S.E.E. noted that the contractors had informed him of a revised programme which includes drainage kerbs and footpath works on Convent Hill, Clonakilty up to 21-12-18. Works will cease for Christmas from 21-12-18 to 14-01-19. Contractors anticipate that resurfacing works will be ongoing from 28-01-19 to 12-04-19. Mr. Tobin S/S.E.E. noted that it would be difficult to levy penalties as the general ground conditions are not known until after digging has started and additional drainage works may be required.

In reply to a request from Cllrs. P. Hayes and C. O'Sullivan for the installation of Speed Ramps at Shannonvale, Mr. M. Tobin undertook to endeavour to advance same with the co-operation of an Garda Síochána.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Collins regarding the timeframe for surfacing works on the N71 at the Caha Pass, Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. noted that works will be undertaken in 2019, exact date not confirmed but will be subject to prevailing weather conditions.



## **STATUTORY BUSINESS**

### **Part VIII of Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2018**

- a. Development at Newtown, Bantry to consist of:
- (a) Demolition of 1 no. existing single storey residential unit and existing front garden wall;
  - (b) Provision of 1 no. single storey 3 bed residential unit.
  - (c) Hard landscaping including a new front garden wall; driveway with on-curtilage parking and rear garden walls;
  - (d) Soft landscaping including planting;
  - (e) Construction of and / or remedial works to boundaries with adjacent sites;
  - (f) Connection to watermain, foul sewer and storm sewer drainage systems;
  - (g) Connection to public utilities;
  - (h) All associated site works.

Ms. E. O'Brien S.E.O. informed members that the Notice under Article 179(3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 in relation to the Social Housing Unit at Louisville, Newtown, Bantry was published in the Irish Examiner of 05-12-18 in accordance with Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2018. Closing date for submissions was 19-11-18, no submissions were received. On the proposal of Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley, members approved the Managers Report and recommended same to Full Council for consideration.

- b. Disposal of 0.0050 hectares of land at Church View, Kilcrohane Road, Durrus, Bantry to Mary Coughlan, 7 Kilcrohane Road, Durrus, Bantry, Co. Cork  
*(Approved by members at 03-09-18 Meeting; re-approval sought as measurements of land have increased from 0.0044 hectares to 0.0050 hectares)*

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Collilns, seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley, members approved the *Disposal of 0.0050 hectares of land at Church View, Kilcrohane Road, Durrus, Bantry to Mary Coughlan, 7 Kilcrohane Road, Durrus, Bantry, Co. Cork for a consideration of €500 plus €500 administrative and legal cost*, and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

- c. Proposed Abandonment of 120m section of public road L-4731-0 at Hospital Grounds, Dromleigh North, Bantry.

Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. presented a report for the information of members on the proposed abandonment of a 120m section of the public road L-4731-0 at Hospital Grounds, Dromleigh North, Bantry. The recommendation that C.C.C. commences the statutory process to abandon the public road as outlined in Section 12 of the Roads Act 1993 will be presented to members in January 2019. A way leave for any affected services can be put in place for statutory bodies.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

- a. *In the absence of a county wide policy being agreed, that this municipal district would initiate a process of identifying the streets in each town which are appropriate for pavement signage and street furniture. This process should be complete by the beginning of the tourist season, Easter 2019, and instructions relayed to businesses and interested parties on completion."*

*The SEO suggested that the following should be the MD's approach to the matter:*

Where an issue has been identified locally by Cork County Council staff or a third party we:

1. Contact the local chamber and explain to them that there is an issue with the proliferation of signs, explain the issues that are being caused and ask them to raise the issue with their members AND
2. If no constructive engagement is received from the chamber/business group after 1 month Cork County Council will contact the individuals and inform them of their obligations under the planning legislation
3. If the people not complying do not comply then Cork County Council will have to use the enforcement powers under the planning legislation to ensure compliance
4. If Cork County Council is processing an application for a sign Cork County Council will ensure where possible that no sign or furniture will be allowed which will restrict universal accessibility in the town

**Proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr. D. Collins**

- b. "That a review of parking arrangements adjacent to the school at Ballineen/Enniskeane is carried out, with a view to improving child and pedestrian safety, reducing the number and possible relocation of the recycling banks, to free up much needed parking at and around the council owned car park."

**Report from Ms. C. Lehane E.E.**

"The car park in Enniskean Village by the School and Church is **not owned** by Cork County Council. It is owned by Church.

The seven recycling bottle banks are owned by Cork County Council, Environmental Department. They were first put into the car park at the request of the local Community almost 20 years ago. The three Textile Bins are **not** owned by Cork County Council, but by private contractors. There are at least six parking spaces being taken up by all the recycling bins.

Current parking spaces available:

7 no. to the north, 12 no. on the church side(east), 14/21 no. at the centre and on the west side 1no. bus parking Area & 1no. disabled parking bay at the entrance to the school."

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes**

- a. That Cork County Council would engage with the T.I.I. on implementing a solution to reduce speeding at the N71 Ballylickey especially around the area at Eagle Point entrance and Cronin's Shop and Petrol Station.

**Report from Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E.:**

"I will liaise with TII in relation to this matter. I met with the residents of Ballylickey last week and told them that I have made a number of applications for funding to construct a footpath from Eagle Point and Cronin's to the Ouvane Falls, which would help to alleviate the problem with pedestrians in that area, but have been unsuccessful to date. I have made two new applications again last month for the footpath and drainage works there, through the GeoApp."

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley**

- b. That this Council would provide a progress report on the proposed take over from the Port of Cork of the Green Area at Harbour View, Bantry.

**Report from Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E.:**

"Cork County Council engaged Marine Consultants who have carried out a survey of the Harbour View amenity area rock armour revetment and have identified remediation works which are required to be carried out to the revetment, by the Port of Cork. The formal transfer of the area shall take place once these remedial works have been carried out to the satisfaction of Cork County Council and subject to the agreement with the Port of Cork. Cork County Council does not have a timeline for these works."

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. D. Hurley**

- c. *That this Council would carry out strengthening and resurfacing works on the R591 Bog Road to Durrus.*

**Report from Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E.:**

*"The Bog Road is on the 2019 WCMD Bantry Restoration Improvement Programme for stabilising and strengthening."*

**REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Policy of Retrofitting/Improving Vehicular Parking in Older Estates

Following discussion on the Policy of Retrofitting/Improving Vehicular Parking in Older Estates, the S.E.O. noted that the ownership of green areas in older housing estates would dictate whether the local authority or the residents should progress same. It was recommended that residents should contact C.C.C. if they wish to increase parking areas on their estates.

- b. Cork County Council Arts Funding Opportunities 2019

The M.D.O. reminded members that the closing date for applications from Arts Organisations, Festivals, Community Groups, Schools and Artists seeking funding for projects and activities in 2019 is Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

To Councillor Joe Carroll, on the death of his sister Mary O'Driscoll R.I.P.

To former Councillor Mr. Jerry Sullivan, Eyeries on the death of his mother Peggy Sullivan R.I.P.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Municipal District Community Fund Scheme 2019**

The M.D.O. informed members that the 2019 Municipal District Community Fund Scheme will be advertised in January with a closing date for completed applications of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Skibbereen Town Hall Theatre Extension**

Members approved to proceed with the Part VIII process for the refurbishment of Skibbereen Town Hall Theatre as outlined in details circulated by the M.D.O.

### Dunmanway Swimming Pool Gymnasium

Following a query from Cllr. D. Hurley, the S.E.O. noted that it is anticipated that the gymnasium will be open to the public in Quarter 1 2019.

### Community Involvement Scheme/Local Improvement Scheme

Mr. M. Tobin S.S.E.E. invited members to advise constituents to submit applications for the above schemes.

### Proposed Irish Water Works

Mr. M. Tobin S./S.E.E. advised members on proposed Irish Water Schemes in the Clonakilty area.

### Correspondence from MDWC Meeting 05-11-18.

The M.D.O. read the following response from the Roads & Transportation D.O.S. following correspondence as a result of a Notice of Motion from Cllr. C. O'Sullivan at the November 2018 MDWC meeting, and a general discussion regarding housing estates in urban areas not being serviced by footpaths connecting them to the urban centre suggested that in the interest of pedestrian safety that Cork County Council should be looking at constructing footpaths to make the connectivity in many estates throughout the county where this has occurred.

Reply from Mr. Aidan Weir, S/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation

*"I refer to your correspondence following recent West Cork MD meeting in relation to footpath requirements from housing developments to town centres.*

*When planning applications are being considered for the construction of new housing developments, the necessity to provide appropriate pedestrian linkages to town centres should be fully considered. This could include applying Special Development Contributions to fund such footpaths if necessary.*

*Aside from this, a footpath programme for each Municipal District is currently in place and funding of €1m per annum has been made available over the past few years. This will again be provided in 2019. It is a matter for each MD to annually prioritise such Schemes in their area.*

*In my view, there is no policy issue that needs to be considered by the Roads & Transportation SPC."*

Cllr. C. O'Sullivan expressed his disappointment with the above response and said he would forward a Notice of Motion to Full Council on same.

### Castletownbere Transportation Study

A hard copy of the submissions received in relation to the CTB traffic and transport plan was circulated among members.

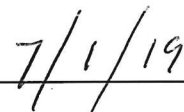
The Cathaoirleach wished all a very Happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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