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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork held at held at Áras Beantraí, Bantry on 4th February 2019

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

In attendance: Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.
Michael Tobin S/S.E.E.
Kevin Lynch E.E.
Mac Dara O h-Ici, S.E.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. J. Carroll the minutes of the Municipal District of West Cork Meeting held at North Street, Skibbereen on 7th January 2019 were confirmed and then signed by the Cathaoirleach.

In reply to a query from Cllr. P. Hayes regarding a proposed visit from the twinning group from Scituate, Boston in June 2019, the S.E.O. noted that the Divisional Manager and the Municipal District Officer are due to meet members of Skibbereen Chamber of Commerce to discuss same.

Cllr. J. Carroll reiterated his concern at the delay in the installation of road lining throughout West Cork. Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. invited members to email details of areas requiring road lining to the relevant Area Engineers.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

a) Disposal of CCC Housing Site at School Road, Durrus to Niamh O'Callaghan

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the Disposal of CCC Housing Site at School Road, Durrus, to Niamh O'Callaghan for a consideration of €30,000.00 and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

b) Disposal of 0.0059 hectares of land at Sheskin, Bantry to Geraldine Collins, Sheskin, Bantry, Co. Cork

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. M. Hegarty, members approved the Disposal of 0.0059 hectares of land at Sheskin, Bantry to Geraldine Collins, Sheskin, Bantry, Co. Cork, consideration - in conjunction with compensation package for land being acquired for the development of the Bantry Relief Road, and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

c) *Proposed Abandonment of 120m section of public road L-4713-0 at Hospital Grounds, Dromleigh North, Bantry*

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members recommended that Cork County Council should commence the statutory process to abandon the public road above, as outlined in Section 12 of the Roads Act 1993.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Proposed and seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes & Cllr. C. O'Sullivan

"That this council will extend the public lighting to the entrance of Clonakilty GAA complex at Ahamilla, in the interest of safety".

Report from Mr. M. Tobin S/S.E.E.

It is approx. 330m from the existing public lighting at the junction with the N71 to the entrance to the GAA. It will require at least 10 lighting columns, for this length as well as ducting which will be expensive as the duct will have to be laid in the concrete footpath. Estimated cost could be €30,000 plus. It may be considered with an initial phase to light the entrance. This could be linked to the existing network within the complex and would be much more economical to construct. It would be more economical if the lighting was linked to the GAA complex and the lighting on a control system linked to the use of the venue. In principal I would be of the opinion that lighting in the vicinity of the entrance would have value and benefit for the users of the venue and help with safety. There is the associated issues of light pollution, energy use and energy conservation. There is a limited budget for public lighting works in the Municipal District (MD). A programme of public lighting works is currently being compiled and this proposal will be added to it for consideration. The MD programme tries to balance schemes throughout the MD area. It is hoped to have the programme ready for the next MD meeting for consideration. All schemes will be subject to assessment and design by the public lighting department in accordance with Cork County Council public lighting guidelines and will be dependent on the size and cost of each proposed scheme and the available funding.

Members supported the Notice of Motion and agreed that every effort should be made to encourage physical activity in safe environments.

Members were invited to email submissions for inclusion in the 2019 Public Lighting Programme to Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. and Mr. M. Tobin S/S.E.E.

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

"That this council would explore the possibility of purchasing the former Linen Hall/bakery in Clonakilty, with a view to converting it to a public amenity, such as a theatre".

Cllrs. P. Hayes and C. O'Sullivan emphasised the importance of the former Linen Hall/bakery in Clonakilty town centre and outlined proposals for its potential use including heritage, arts and drama. Cllr. C. O'Sullivan noted that an approach had been made to the Chief Executive and the Divisional Manager a few years ago by a sub-committee of various artists in Clonakilty with a proposal for possible uses of the building. Members expressed support for the Notice of Motion and the S.E.O. agreed to explore the possibility of undertaking a Feasibility Study on the proposal.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Collins, seconded by Cllr. M. Hegarty

"That this council would immediately provide rock armour and repair the road at The Strand Trafrask and Faha West Adrigole which is part of O' Sullivan's Mile on The Beara Breifne Way."

Cllr. D. Collins outlined the concerns of residents regarding the poor condition of the road in question and noted that residents would be willing to undertake the repairs if the materials were supplied by Cork County Council. Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. noted a report from Mr. A. Prendergast E.E., Castletownbere, which states that the road in question is not a public road and recommended that residents should apply for Local Improvement Scheme funding. Ms. R. O'Brien S.E.E. undertook to enquire on the possibility of L.I.S. funding and also to seek clarification on the registered owner of the road.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Pride of Place 2019

The S.E.O. briefed members on the Irish Public Bodies Pride of Place Awards in conjunction with Co-Operation Ireland. The various categories are; a range of population sizes, Creative Place Initiative, Community Well-being Initiative, Community Tourism Initiative, Housing Estates, Islands & Coastal Communities and Urban Neighbourhoods.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. M. Hegarty requested drainage works on the L4928 at Glengariff.

Cllr. D. Hurley requested road lining at the junction of the R586 and R637 at Manch, Ballineen.

Members outlined the urgency to purchase land for burial grounds in several areas in West Cork and requested that the possibility of the provision of a columbarium should be explored immediately.

Members noted that Cork City Council has launched an interactive online map to help people view details of the extended Cork city boundary and requested that the C.C.C. Communications Office would publish the new electoral areas in Cork County.

Cllr. C. O'Sullivan requested examination of cars parking outside houses during school start and finishing times on Convent Way, Clonakilty. Cllr. C. O'Sullivan requested re-lining of a Disabled Parking Space on College Road, Clonakilty.

Cllr. J. Carroll noted that concrete slabs installed by T.I.I. to protect bridges are causing anxiety to drivers at some junctions in West Cork. Mr. M. Tobin S/S.E.E. recommended members should convey details of locations with issues to the Area Engineers who will pass their concerns to T.I.I.

Cllr. D. Collins requested an update on the provision of water tankers for West Cork and noted difficulties experienced by fire fighters in the Bantry area at a recent house fire.

Members suggested the inclusion of the villages of Durrus and Ballineen/Enniskeane in the 2019 Village Enhancement Scheme.

As the meeting is the last of the current council members of the M.D.W.C. to be held in Bantry, members acknowledged the huge contribution from Cllr. Mary Hegarty who has decided not to contest the 2019 Election. Members praised the dedication and hard work of Cllr. Hegarty during the last fifteen years serving the people of West Cork and said she would be an enormous loss but were assured that she would continue to be an ambassador for Bantry and surroundings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH Danny Collins

DATE 04-03-19