



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at 14:30

**Present:** Cllr. Marcia D'Alton (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan (Leas Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Audrey Buckley, Cllr. Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Jack White and Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

**In Attendance:** Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

**Apologies:** Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked that the minutes be amended to show that Carol Conway said that detailed design was almost finished for the Ringaskiddy Public Realm works and that work would commence after the summer.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. D'Alton asked had there been any update regarding Bus Éireann or the NTA attending a meeting. Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that Bus Éireann responded stating that they could not attend but that any requests or queries could be forwarded to them. Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. D'Alton added that this was not acceptable and that a meeting needed to be scheduled for a time that a member of Bus Éireann could attend to discuss ongoing issues and problems, all members agreed. Carol also added that there had been no further correspondence from TII or ESB.

Cllr. McGrath added a reminder of the dog fouling meeting to be organised. Carol undertook to organise this meeting. Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked could the drawings for the Church Bay road footpath be circulated. Madeleine added that she was waiting on the final draft drawings and that they would be circulated once she receives them.

### **3. Correspondence**

Carol Conway read a piece of correspondence from Traffic & Transportation regarding tree planting. Cllr. McGrath added that it was welcome to get trees replanted but added his disappointment not to leave some trees lining Bothar Guidel and asked could members get a final image of the project. Carol undertook to follow up on this. Cllr. Murtagh added that there is more room for trees near the Ashgrove roundabout and also raised the issue of storms knocking large areas of trees and asked is there anything that can be done to encourage landowners to replant more trees. Cllr. D'Alton added that something could maybe done around tree week.

### **4. Breithniúcháin ar Tuairiscí agus Moltaí / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

- (i) Disposal of Land at Raffeen Terrace, Shanbally



Carol went through the contents of the section 183 which was proposed by Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Marcia D'Alton.

#### **5. Municipal District Officers Report**

Carol read through the contents of her report and invited members questions of queries. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Carol for a very positive report. Cllr. White added that the works in Graball are fantastic. He noted that traders have been in contact looking for power units and proper water disposal and asked if this is something that could be looked at. Carol added that a permitting system was being looked at countywide and that this could possibly be looked at in the future. Cllr. Murtagh echoed Cllr. Whites points adding that the power points could be metered for traders. He welcomed the Graball Trail but added that the surface on the Graball Road was very rough. Cllr. D'Alton asked was there any remedial works to be done. Madeleine added that temporary works could be looked at.

Cllr. Buckley welcomed the Fountainstown car park works and asked could the car park be made one way in and one way out. She asked could the Gardaí move traders if they were parked illegally. She also welcomed the works in Graball. Gardaí can move traders if they are causing an obstruction under the road traffic act. Cllr. Murtagh asked about the possibility of installing some age friendly and disability spaces also. Cllr. White seconded this and Madeleine added that this could be looked at.

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the report and the positive updates and commended the work done in Graball. He asked when the power washing would be done as the Tidy Towns would like it to coincide with the judging period. He added that power points for traders would be beneficial and that regulation for casual traders was needed.

Cllr. D'Alton asked had members had an update at full council regarding casual trading bye laws to which Cllr. McGrath replied that they had not. Cllr. D'Alton then asked could the Municipal District submit a motion to full council asking for an update. Carol undertook to submit this.

#### **6. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:/To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:**

**Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. *"With the upgraded R612 roadworks, the 'Slow Down' road markings seem to be working well. Could I ask that we get some input up by FrenchFurze (Southside Nurseries). This area of road cars are speeding up from the forge they have a wide stretch that turns into a tight spot."*

Cllr. Buckley welcomed the completed works adding that there is an issue of speed near the nursery and asked could signage or road markings be installed in the area. Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley that this could be looked at.



2. *“Can I ask do we have council ground staff working again at weekends during the weekends/summer months?”*

Madeleine added that Council staff are currently working one day every weekend.

**Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. *“To request that a Pedestrian Crossing be installed on the Kilmoney Road south of the junction with Forest Road.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that this was a repeat of a motion from last year and that there is a need for a crossing here and that he did not see it happening soon under TPRERP. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath that this has been forwarded to Traffic & Transportation and that she will discuss with them and see what can be done short term.

2. *“To request that bus stops be provided at Carrigaline GAA Club.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that there is a strong case for a bus stop here as it is a hive of activity and more needs to be done to encourage public transport usage. Cllr. White seconded the motion. Cllr. Murtagh believes that the stop might be safer and more suitable further back. Madeleine added that it was not a safe location when previously looked at but would have no issue discussing it with Bus Éireann.

3. *“That this Municipal District would write to the ESB seeking additional electric vehicle charging points across the Municipal District.”*

Cllr. McGrath stated that what is currently in the Municipal District is very limited and that more charging points are needed. He added that believes that the majority of charging will be done at home but there are still more charging points needed. Carol undertook to write to the ESB.

**Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan**

1. *“I am asking the area engineer to consider a safety improvement scheme for the entrance of Gleann Orga, Ballinhassig. Residents have requested traffic calming measures on the main R613 at the entrance of the estate to make it safer for entering/ exiting the estate.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan acknowledged the response adding that it is currently difficult entering and exiting the estate.

2. *“I am asking that this Municipal District would write to the IDA (Ringaskiddy) to ask for contact details to be provided to us for a liaison contact person with the MD & elected reps of the MD. It is vital that positive and accessible communication is kept open between the MD, elected reps of the MD and the IDA.”*

Cllr. Dalton added that a dedicated contact withing the IDA is needed. Many farmers have had correspondence telling them the land they farm is no longer available for that type of farming and many of them are concerned. Cllr. D’Alton supported the motion adding that it is very difficult to get



in contact with the IDA. Cllr. White supported the motion and asked had Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan or the farmers contacted the IDA or the IFA themselves. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan responded by saying that the farmers always dealt with an agent and are now unable to get answers and that there are genuine concerns which need to be addressed. Carol undertook to seek a designated liaison within the IDA.

3. *"Revisiting my motion from a number of months ago, I am asking the area engineer to consider the installation of public lighting along the Five Mile to Ballinabearna footpath."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response received.

**Cllr. Jack White**

1. *"That this MD write to every takeaway & public house owner on Main Street & environs, Carrigaline and ask them to dedicate some staff time every Sunday evening / Monday morning to clean up outside their business. The town is left in a dirty state almost every Monday morning from leftover food & litter emanating from these premises."*

Cllr. White added that it was not every weekend and that not all businesses were problematic but that the solutions that are currently in place are not working. Cllr. Murtagh supported the motion adding that it also happens in Crosshaven and business owners should be reminded of their responsibilities. Cllr. McGrath added that it is very frustrating picking up litter and that he recently had to ask the litter warden to intervene in a certain situation. There needs to be clarity on what responsibilities business owners have. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan and Cllr. Buckley supported the motion. All members agreed that a friendly collaborative should be used. Madeleine informed members that the Litter Act is the relevant legislation. Carol undertook to contact the anti-litter unit.

**Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh**

1. *"That the MD would look to improve access onto the beach at Fountainstown for wheelchairs and less well able users to the right of the current slipway and that an access ramp is built to the back beach for the coming season."*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response received.

2. *"That the road engineer look at the surface drainage from sand rd. onto strand road in Fountainstown as poor drainage is creating a hazard at the bottom of the hill."*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the response received and added that there is a lot of soil pooling at the bottom of the hill.

**Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

1. *"That Cork County Council would install a shower at Luck Beach, Ringaskiddy, to cater what is for an increasingly popular local amenity and a much-appreciated swimming location".*



Cllr. D'Alton added that there had been a request from a number of people. She stated that it could be back up from the beach and believed that it would benefit an already great amenity. Cllr. Murtagh supported the motion. Cllr. McGrath also supported the motion and asked was there any update on the installation of a disabled parking spot. Madeleine informed Cllr. McGrath she would follow up on this and revert.

2. *"That the bus stop at the Ensign, Monkstown, would be marked out on the road so that those wishing to use the service do not have to walk out onto the carriageway between parked cars to flag down an oncoming bus."*

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Madeleine for the response adding that it is an identified bus stop. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion. Madeleine added that she would discuss with Bus Éireann.

3. *"That because of its relevance to the communities and environment of Cork Harbour, this Municipal District Committee would ask the Port of Cork to make a public version of its Emergency Plan available on its website as has been done by the other Tier 1 ports, Dublin Port and Shannon Foynes, and by Waterford Port."*

Cllr. D'Alton added that the residents in the locality are keen to see the emergency plan. She understood that certain parts of the plan are commercially sensitive but that there is no reason that a public version with redactions etc can't be published. She added that the other ports in the country including Dublin Port and Shannon Foynes have their emergency plans available for public consumption. Cllr. McGrath, Cllr. Murtagh and Cllr. White all supported the motion. Cllr. D'Alton added that there are number of Tier 1 sites in the Port of Cork and it is critical for the plan to be available. Carol undertook to write the letter.

## **7. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. D'Alton asked to congratulate Passage West AFC on winning the league title unbeaten.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on extra public toilets and bins for the summer. She also added that that there was a crash on the corner of the R612 and asked could a barrier be installed here. She welcomed the age friendly parking outside the pharmacy but added that the disability signed needed to be moved. Cllr. Buckley also asked who looks after the Minane Dam.

Cllr. White raised an issue with the light sequencing on Main St Carrigaline. He also asked for an update for the placename rock for Cherry Blossom Road.

Cllr. McGrath asked was there any update on Glean Orga. He asked had the dangerous structure been carried out on Cogan's Corner. He raised the issue of the pole at the controlled crossing on Kilmoney Road. Cllr. McGrath added that a discussion needs take place regarding the biodiversity plan.

Cllr. Murtagh asked was there any update on the Public Realm Enhancements in Crosshaven. He raised the issue of the gates being chained up on the jetty at Spike Island. Boats can no longer berth here and asked could we liaise with the Cobh MD. Cllr. McGrath added that he believes it needs to be pre booked, Cllr. D'Alton added that there was an update on the Spike Island website regarding



booking the jetty etc. She asked could we get John Crotty to speak at our next meeting.

Cllr. Murtagh added that another jetty could be installed for the public and that anyone should be allowed berth and explore the island outside the walls. Cllr. D'Alton added that the Spike Island is ran the same as Fort Camden funded by public money. Cllr. McGrath asked could a motion be submitted to Southern Committee. Carol undertook to do this.

Cllr. D'Alton raised the issue of the wall at Roberts Bridge. She also asked for an update on signage at Toureen. There is an issue with a broken utility cover causing a large hole near Loughbeg and also a drop in the footpath near Paddys Point. Cllr. D'Alton raised the issue of the public toilet in Passage West being closed for the last month adding that the door had recently been kicked down. She praised the work of the community and volunteers who endeavour to keep it open and in working condition. She added that it is a vital facility for the town and many people using the greenway rely on it daily. Cllr. McGrath added that it is a great facility and that although it has been problematic, something must be done. Both Madeleine and Carol drew attention to the continuous vandalism adding that the viability to keep it open must be looked at. Cllr. D'Alton added that the vandalism is soul destroying for the residents as it is the only public toilet in the town and that she wasn't aware of another facility that is open 24//7. Cllr. Murtagh asked could the option of CCTV be explored or an education awareness campaign. Madeleine added that both her and Carol would love to see a solution to the problem. Both Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Murtagh asked if the use of cctv cameras could be considered.

Madeleine informed Cllr. Buckley she would look at the R612 issue and the signage can be looked at also. She told Cllr. White that the issue of the lights had been brought up before and the contractor suggested the removal of the amber light facility. She will follow up with Pat O'Sullivan regarding the Cherry Blossom road rock. She informed Cllr. McGrath that she will follow up regarding the pole on the Kilmoney road. She informed Cllr. D'Alton that the Roberts Wall bridge is on programme of works. She will look at the utility cover issue but added that Paddys Point issue is on a private road.

Carol informed Cllr. Buckley that there had need not been an update since last month's meeting regarding toilets. She informed Cllr. Murtagh that she is awaiting a reply from the water department regarding the dam. She informed Cllr. McGrath that the Planning Enforcement Section is dealing with Gleann Orga. She added that an inspection was carried out at Cogan's Corner by the Area Engineer and the structure was deemed not to be dangerous. The Property Activation and Regeneration Unit (PARU) will advise on what is possible in relation to derelict/dangerous sites legislation.

Cllr. D'Alton asked that a meeting be scheduled to discuss dog fouling and biodiversity. Cllr. Murtagh added that an extra door for the Minane River dam had been bought by the Bandon Kinsale MD and that they still have it. Cllr. McGrath asked for a written update on Gleann Orga, he also added that he can't understand how Cogan's Corner is not considered a dangerous structure. Cllr. D'Alton asked could members be given an update on derelict sites to which Carol responded that PARU were to meet with each MDO and that she should have an update for the next meeting. She also asked Carol is there a procedure where the new owner of the convent in Passage West be made aware of the

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previous dangerous structure notice. Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that the new owner is aware of this and has undertook to complete works to make it safe.