



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 20th of June 2022 at 14:00

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: Alan Cogan, S/Senior Executive Engineer; Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer; Carol Conway, Municipal District Officer; Michal Dymet, Executive Engineer; Ian Broe, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr. Dalton asked that the minutes be amended to show that during the discussion in relation to the R611 crossing members asked that the lights would work in conjunction with the lights on either side so whilst pedestrians would be safe, motorists would not be unreasonably delayed. Members were told that the three crossings would be linked to ensure delay for vehicular traffic was avoided. She also asked that in relation to a previous enquiry about the inner lane to Janeville, the NNRDO confirmed that they are currently finalising a submission to TII to see if this issue can be reviewed.

Cllr. D'Alton also asked that the minutes be amended to show that during the discussion regarding the disposal of land at Monkstown she asked about the loss of trees and how they would be replaced to which the area engineer responded this would be dealt with at planning stage. She asked that it could be noted now as being a relevant consideration for the planning stage as the trees form the backdrop of the park and they are highly regarded and replacing them would be important.

She asked that in relation to the motion regarding the pontoon that the minutes be amended to show that the Port of Cork have advised that the pontoon may be damaged arising from the ongoing failure of Cork County Council to repair it.

Finally, Cllr. D'Alton asked that under AOB the minutes be amended to show that she was referring to the crash barrier that runs from Gobby car park to Paddys Point. It was badly damaged in two places as a result of two separate car accidents. There is an extensive length of damage where it is badly twisted closer to Gobby and in along, one of the supporting uprights was lifted out of the ground from the second accident.

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Murtagh and seconded by Cllr. Buckley.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. McGrath asked had the issue of dog fouling been raised at development committee, Carol said she would revert. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said it was raised by the mayor under AOB, Cllr. McGrath added that he was disappointed as it was not mentioned that it was previously discussed at Carrigaline MD and sent to Full Council for discussion.



Cllr. D'Alton added that PARU did not report specifically on Carrigaline and she would like this conveyed.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked that the MD would note their sympathies for the recent passing of Cllr. Noel Collins

Cllr. Buckley asked was there an update from Bus Éireann regarding anti-social behaviour on buses and security issues. Carol informed Cllr. Buckley that there had been no response.

Cllr. D'Alton added that she was unhappy with ESB networks response with regards to the Ringabella SPA. She asked when the power washing would be starting, Alan informed Cllr. D'Alton that it was beginning in Carrigaline today.

3. Correspondence

Cllr. McGrath asked is there any update from TII regarding the Shanbally Crossing adding that Madeleine Healy had previously been in contact with TII. Cllr. D'Alton added that traffic in the area has almost doubled since 2000 and it is not fair on local residents that an out of date traffic calming scheme is being used. She asked how this could be pushed forward and asked could we engage with TII. Alan Cogan said that he can engage with TII and revert.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

- (i) Disposal of Land at Old Waterpark Court, Carrigaline

Proposed by Cllr. Audrey Buckley and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath

- (ii) Application by residents of Windsor Court, Carrigaline for closure of a Right of Way/Footpath under Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993.

Both Cllr. Murtagh & Cllr. White agreed with the recommendation to keep the right of way open as it was a strategic area for active travel. Cllr. McGrath added that residents had voiced their concerns many times and should be given the opportunity to make submissions. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan concurred with Cllr. McGrath. Cllr. Buckley added that right of ways are very important and that it should remain open. Cllr. McGrath asked could Traffic and Transportation be consulted before a decision is made. Alan Cogan added that he could consult with Traffic & Transportation and revert. All members were in agreement.

5. R613 Ballygarvan TCS and R600 Bowens Cross Upgrade Scheme

Michal Dymet gave presentations on both schemes and invited questions from members.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan welcomed both initiatives which he described as fantastic and badly needed. He thanked John Slattery, Michal Dymet, and the rest of the team for progressing these schemes adding that he was very grateful for the engagement throughout the process.



Cllr. White added that he had a lot of representations regarding these areas adding that they are fantastic looking plans.

Cllr. Murtagh added that the works in Ballygarvan were welcome but that he did have concerns about the Bowens Cross design adding that it is a very fast road from both directions and asked could there be a review done on why a roundabout wasn't an option.

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the Ballygarvan scheme adding that it is well overdue. He agreed with the engineer's recommendations regarding Bowens Cross.

Cllr. Buckley congratulated John Slattery, Michal Dymet, and the team for progressing these schemes this far.

Cllr. D'Alton congratulated the team for getting the schemes to this stage but added she shared Cllr. Murtagh's concerns regarding Bowens Cross. Cllr. Murtagh added that a roundabout would be the same as staggering traffic.

Michal informed members that traffic imbalance was the reason for not using a roundabout. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan also added that tractors and trailers may not be able to manoeuvre a roundabout.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for a timeline for the schemes. Michal added he could not give a definitive timeline, but members will be kept informed.

Both schemes were proposed by Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Audrey Buckley.

6. Municipal District Officers Report

Carol Conway presented her report and invited questions and queries from members.

Cllr. Buckley asked have we spoken to casual traders in Fountainstown yet. She also asked about an update on providing electricity at the Pier Garden in Crosshaven and the removal of ESB poles in the middle of the footpath outside the Oar bar. Cllr. White raised the possibility of looking at centralising the Christmas lights in Carrigaline in one area as a type of restart. Cllr. McGrath added that with regards to Christmas lights that all options needed to be on the table and that there was a process taking place to set up a meeting with the Business Association in Carrigaline. Cllr. Murtagh asked it still the intention to reinstate the footpath to the former standard when the poles were removed.

Carol informed Cllr. Buckley that she will be speaking to casual traders in Fountainstown and that electricity to the Pier Garden would be funding dependant. Alan informed Cllr. Buckley he would contact the ESB regarding the poles he also informed Cllr. Murtagh that he would find out about the footpath and revert.

7. Civic Reception for Jim Murphy, Passage West

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton noted Jim Murphy's lifetime of volunteering and his key contributions to the Passage West Maritime Museum and that this would be an appropriate time to acknowledge his contributions over many, many years. Cllr. McGrath seconded this adding that Jim is an outstanding



community representative and he deserves this acknowledgement. Cllr. White fully agreed describing Jim as a legend of the community and a gentleman. All members were in agreement.

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

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *“To seek a report from the Planning Directorate on the procedure involved for naming housing estates and in particular sections within individual estates. Is there any safeguard in place to avoid multiple duplicate names within a given area?”*

Cllr. McGrath raised this issue as there are a number of duplicates in the MD but especially in Carrigaline. He added that the response did not address the issue as the safeguards currently in place are not working. He asked could we go back to planning and ask how this could be avoided in the future. Cllr. White seconded the motion adding that with the rise of online shopping in recent years this has become more prevalent. Cllr. D’Alton also supported the motion and asked would it be possible for planning to discuss naming of new estates with members. Carol undertook to revert to planning.

2. *“To request that a traffic survey, recording both speed and volume, be carried out on the Forest Road along the stretch between the junctions with Kilmoney Road and Bothar Glas.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that traffic calming measures are needed in this area, but a first step would be to gather data as many cars are speeding here on what is essentially a bypass road. Cllr. McGrath asked would a flashing speed sign gather the same data as other forms of speed surveys. Alan informed Cllr. McGrath that the data gathered by speed signs is good data and is representative of what is going on in the area.

3. *“To ask that the Council would engage with the CSPCA or other suitable experts to put measures in place to support the swans along the Owenabue Estuary for future nesting seasons, particularly to assess if measures can be put in place to encourage nesting at safe and suitable locations.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that this issue has repeated itself this year and asked is there any way to encourage the swans to nest somewhere more suitable. Cllr. Buckley seconded the motion and asked could some interim fencing etc be looked at. Cllr. White acknowledged previous efforts made by area office staff. He added that recently a group of teenagers disturbed the nest and that in 2017 a swan was attacked by a dog. He asked could a promotion campaign before nesting season be looked at adding that nature was not the problem, people are. Cllr. D’Alton supported the motion adding that she had contacted Bird Watch and that their response was enthusiastic and that she also contacted National Parks & Wildlife Services and received no response. Carol agreed to make contact.



Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

1. *That Carrigaline MD seek to have our coastline designated as “Marine Protected Area” to help protect and restore stock numbers and endangered species in our area and that Carrigaline MD seek a similar demand at full council for the entire coast line of County Cork.*

Cllr. Murtagh acknowledged the motion received adding that it is good to see that legislation is in the people and asked could we write to the department and outline how this affects the whole of our municipal district. Cllr. White seconded the motion, Cllr. D’Alton also supported the motion.

2. *That Carrigaline MD write to Irish water requesting a full report, to establish what exactly caused the water outages in Crosshaven and bays a number of weeks ago, without any prior notice, which effected B&B’s, Restaurants, Pub businesses etc, as well as creating havoc for households.*

Cllr. Murtagh noted that without prior warning the most recent outage in Crosshaven caused major problems. He added that notice should come in 2 weeks prior to outages to give people adequate time to prepare. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion and Cllr. D’Alton also supported.

3. *That Carrigaline MD create a policy around maintaining greenway routes. With the Council proactively driving a policy of active travel around increased use of greenway routes, it is essential that a written maintenance schedule is in place to control overgrowth of verges, rubbish, and dog fouling.*

Cllr. Murtagh added that this has been brought up many times before and that greenways such as the Crosshaven Railway Walk are not adequately maintained. There are also saplings growing which are causing instability in the wall. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that this is a wider issue than just the area office who said do great work with the resources available to them. This is a resources issue and he believes that associated budgets need to be brought forward for maintenance. Cllr. Buckley added that more staff on the ground are needed.

Cllr. D’Alton added that she has also raised the issue in the past and is concerned that we can’t decide what a greenway is. She believes that the road section of the budget should be changed to transport to incorporate greenways etc and that a bigger conversation around this is needed. Cllr. White also supported the motion.

Cllr. Murtagh thanked members for their support adding that he agreed with Cllr. D’Alton regarding the definition of a greenway. He added that if the areas in direct sightlines were maintained correctly it would be a step in the right direction. Cllr. McGrath added that when a new facility is opened the budget should be increased to allow for this new facility to be maintained correctly. Cllr. D’Alton asked could we write to senior management and full council regarding the issue.

Nicola Radley informed members that the adoption of the budget was a reserved function and that this issue could be highlighted to the head of finance. She also reminded members that they have many ways of raising this issue such as CPG and Full Council/.



Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

1. *"That a ramped pelican crossing would be installed in the vicinity of Victoria Terrace, Glenbrook. At present, there is neither traffic calming nor a pedestrian crossing at this wide stretch of the R610. A ramped, safe crossing would achieve both, providing safety to younger and older residents and slowing vehicular traffic alongside a well-used amenity walk."*

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Alan for the response received adding that there are no proposals in the speed limit review for a reduction of speed in this area. A pedestrian crossing is critical for this busy footpath as this stretch of road is very speedy and isn't a low speed, low traffic area and that it should receive priority. Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion adding the ferry is part of the issue as the area can become quite chaotic and that it needs to be looked at in the bigger picture. Alan Cogan added that he would rather wait for a steer from the greenway plans. Cllr. D'Alton asked could we liaise with Traffic & Transportation, Alan agreed to this.

2. *"That arrangements for car parking opposite Toureen Terrace would be reviewed with a view to providing badly needed additional parking, giving particular consideration to the possible removal of the low stone wall beneath the trees so as to facilitate lined, angled parking bays."*

Cllr. D'Alton raised the issue of the deficiency of parking in Passage West. She added that there was a small capacity for parking at Toureen Terrace, the Gardaí have now stopped people parking up as far as the traffic lights which is causing problems on the ground. She asked could the low wall be pushed back or removed to facilitate more parking. Cllr. D'Alton added that the town plan provides for a 30km/h limit here. Alan informed Cllr. D'Alton that they had no problem meeting her on the ground to discuss but that he could not allow cars reversing onto a regional road.

3. *"That Cork County Council would update on proposals for slowing traffic on the R610 Strand Road approaching Monkstown village and a timeline for the implementation of same."*

Cllr. D'Alton added that the response did not address the motion and asked when a chicane like entrance would be installed to warn motorists, they are entering a village centre. Alan informed Cllr. D'Alton he would look into this and revert.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *"Can I ask for the areas that are heavily congested during the summer months, for the line/road contractor to redo line marking. Areas like the Point Road, Myrtleville and Crosshaven Village please."*

Cllr. Buckley acknowledged the response received.

2. *"Solar Power Driver Feedback Signs - I am asking that like Newcestown, who applied under the community contract scheme. Can we look at something like this please for the Carrigaline"*



MD area. Specifically coming into Crosshaven Village (where the speed sign was recently twice taken out by vehicles) and up on Forge Hill."

Cllr. Buckley acknowledged the response received.

Cllr. Jack White

1. *"Developing a theme for business in Carrigaline! With much new investment, design plans and projects under way in Carrigaline, it is a great opportunity to develop a theme for business in the town - e.g. 'A food destination', or a 'Retail Experience'. The development of such themes has been hugely beneficial to other towns & regions."*

Cllr. White referred to other themes such as The Wild Atlantic Way and Irelands Ancient East adding that it would be a shame for Carrigaline to miss out on this type of opportunity. Cllr. Murtagh seconded the motion adding that it was important to market our towns correctly. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion. He referred to the work previously done by SECAD My Town My Plan adding that it is a very timely suggestion.

2. *"Promotion of towns within the MD as tourism offerings! The picturesque towns and villages within our MD are ideal candidates for tourism, and specifically to build a tourism offering around annual events such as Culture Night, Crosshaven Traditional Sail & Cork Week, the Great Railway Run & many, more would be a great starting point."*

Cllr. White acknowledged the significant response received from the executive. He believes this should be enhanced. Cllr. Buckley seconded the motion adding that Carrigaline is missing a tourism centre something similar to what is in Crosshaven. Cllr. Murtagh concurred with Cllr. Buckley's comments adding that more needs to be done to tie our communities together in terms of tourism. Cllr. D'Alton also supported the motion adding she had a similar motion a number of years ago and asked how the motion could be progressed. Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on campervan facilities in the MD. Cllr. Buckley added that this needs to be progressed. Cllr. D'Alton added that Passage West would be a fantastic location for this.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. *"That the council would examine the bridge in Coolatooder, Ballinhassig and consider safety improvements there."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response received and asked to be kept updated.

2. *"That traffic calming would be investigated for the Ballyfeard approach to the Castleheights roundabout on the R611."*

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked could Alan look at this area in advance of the next meeting. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that speed is an issue. Alan added per his response that speeding in this area is an issue for the Gardaí.

3. *"That traffic calming measures would be considered for the section of road from the junction of Kilmoney road to the end of Bothar Glás on the Forest Road."*



Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan acknowledged the response received and concurred with Cllr. McGraths comments from his earlier motion. Alan added that this is a longer-term project.

9. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. White asked to congratulate Down Syndrome Cork on their 21km event from Haulbowline Park to Pairc Uí Chaoimh. He also asked to congratulate Crosshaven Rugby Club on recently beginning their 50-year celebrations.

Cllr. Buckley asked to congratulate the Crosshaven GAA U14’s who won the Hurling & Football double.

Cllr. McGrath asked to congratulate John O’Sullivan on the erection of a plaque at Paddys Bridge to commemorate the ambush here. He also asked to congratulate the Carrigaline Welcome group on their recent events and hard work.

Cllr. Murtagh asked to congratulate the organisers of the open water swim for the RNLI.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr. Buckley was surprised to see big belly bins installed in Cobh as she had been asking for these for a long time, she asked were these the ones from the people’s park. She asked was it possible to stop large vehicles from using the middle road on Crosshaven. She also asked is there anything being done about hogweed sap which is growing and how we are approaching landowners regarding overgrowth.

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the Owenabue urban design scheme. He asked could we write to Irish Water as there was still unpleasant odours emanating from the wastewater treatment plant in Shanbally. Cllr. McGrath nominated Passage West Youth Club for €300 from his members discretionary fund, this was proposed by Cllr. Audrey Buckley and seconded by Cllr. Jack White.

Cllr. D’Alton asked would it be possible for the sweeper to do Avondale and Maulbaun once a year and also could the sweeper start at the city side of Passage West. She added that there is overgrowth along the stream at Monkstown and that there are 2 hedges overgrowing onto the path in Passage West. The footpath outside the vets on Passage West and the lights are also broken but these are on private land. Cllr. D’Alton also asked for an update on the public toilet in Passage West and asked for reports on the recent trips to Manchester and Copenhagen. Cllr. D’Alton nominated Passage West Creates for €300 euro from her members discretionary fund for them to eliminate and entrance cost to an upcoming event. This was proposed by Cllr. Jack White and seconded by Cllr. Audrey Buckley.

Carol informed Cllr. Buckley that the big belly bins are a trial initiative by the Cobh MD. She informed Cllr. McGrath that she would contact Irish Water regarding Shanbally and that she would revert



regarding the Owenabue urban design scheme. Reports on Manchester and Copenhagen are being compiled and will be circulated.

Alan informed Cllr. Buckley that he can look at signage for Hogweed. With regards to overgrowth from private landowners, contact can be made if it is causing a safety issue but also reminded members that we are currently in nesting season. The large vehicle issue on the middle road could be looked at but hard to see it being possible. He informed Cllr. D'Alton that sending the sweeper to Avondale and Maulbaun and starting the sweeper at the city side of Passage West should not be an issue. The overgrowth at the stream in Monkstown was described as spurious. The footpath can be looked at, but the lights are on private land. Finally, Alan informed Cllr. D'Alton that he is awaiting an update from JC Decaux.