

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022.**

**Present:** Cllrs. A. Barry, C. Rasmussen, A. O'Connor, S. Sheppard, S. O'Callaghan and S. O'Connor.

**Officials:** Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. C. McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District

Apologies were received from S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer and G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer.

**1.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes:**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard seconded by Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, the minutes of the Special meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were adopted.

**2.0 Matters Arising.**

**2.1 Top of the Hill:**

R. O'Sullivan stated the side lamps will be removed next week and they will be turned on at that stage.

**2.2 Anns Grove Road:**

R.O'Sullivan stated that the repeater signs had now been erected.

**2.3 Bayview Estate, Cobh:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that the Children at Play sign had been replaced.

**2.4 Pottery Road:**

R.O'Sullivan stated that the signs had been erected.

**2.5 ESB Pole at Ballywilliam:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that the ESB had now been paid for the relocation of the pole.

**2.6 Whitepoint:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that the fabricator had now completed the works.

**2.7 Loading Bay outside Centra, Cobh:**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the re-lining of the loading bay was now complete.

**2.8 Taking in Charge of Roads, Carrigtwohill:**

R. O'Sullivan stated that no submissions/issues had been received and that the Council were awaiting the report.

**2.9 Overgrowth on the footpath on the main road through Cul Ard, Carrigtwohill.**

R. O'Sullivan to meet with the resident's Association with a view to organising works.

**2.10 Improvement of safety for all road users on the Carrignafoy road near the crossing at Glasson's Avenue and Cost Cutters.**

P. Lynch informed the Members that funding has been sought to improve the sightlines and widen the junctions in this area.

Cllr. S. O'Connor asked if a pedestrian crossing could be installed by the pitch and putt Club across to the shop for the safety of pedestrians trying to cross daily.

R. O'Sullivan said that the road width will be reduced in this area and that he will look at providing an uncontrolled crossing at this location subject to funding been allocated by the NTA

**2.11 Overgrowth on the speed driver feedback sign at Whitechurch.**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the overgrowth had been cut back.

**2.12 Overgrowth at Donegal Hill along the railway line.**

R. O'Sullivan stated that if Iarnród Eireann don't carry out the work on the road side, then the Council will cut back the overgrowth.

**2.13 Belvelly Bus Stops.**

R. O'Sullivan stated that he had met with UCC and they have no objection to the proposed bus stops.

**2.14 Repainting of Double Yellow Lines at Hawthorn Terrace, Cobh.**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the repainting would be carried out in the next few weeks.

**2.15 Top of East Hill/Frenches Walk, Cobh**

R. O'Sullivan to arrange the erection of a Concealed Entrance sign for the new estate.

Cllr. S. O'Connor asked if the overgrowth at the entrance to Summer Hill houses could be cut back.

R. O'Sullivan to arrange.

**2.16 Repeater sign not working on the Tay Road**

Cllr. C. Rasmussen stated that this driver feedback sign is still not working.

R. O'Sullivan stated that the feedback sign would be repaired without delay.

**2.17 Safety issues at the temporary school in Carrigtwohill.**

R. O'Sullivan stated that new bigger signs will be delivered and erected this week.

The smaller signs will be erected further back on the road and the school is to write to all parents regarding the safety issues.

**2.18 Fota Rock and Cúl Ard – Road Sweeper**

R. O'Sullivan confirmed that the Road Sweeper had swept the estates.

### **2.19 Turning Bay at Whitepoint, Cobh**

R. O’Sullivan said that he would check with Sorensens, but that it is probably the responsibility of the Council to carry out this work.

### **2.20 Update on Blended Council Meetings**

P. Lynch told the Members that work was currently underway in the Council Chamber, Carrig House to facilitate Blended Council Meetings. He advised that it would be up and running for the monthly Municipal District meeting in October .

### **3.0 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence.**

P. Lynch stated that no correspondence had been received.

He confirmed that he had written to Supt. Adrian Gamble requesting a meeting regarding complaints of anti-social behaviour in Cobh. It was agreed that when a suitable date was agreed that the Council would issue the invitations and invite the Chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce or a delegate to attend.

### **4.0 Tuairiscí ó Ofigigh / Officer's Reports.**

There were no Officer’s Reports.

### **5.0 Tuairisc ó Oifigeach Ceantair Bardasacha / Municipal District Officer's Report.**

P. Lynch presented the members with the up to date total spent on the General Municipal Allocation and the Town Development Fund.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O’Callaghan seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, it was agreed to allow an extension of time until March 2023 to Whitechurch & Waterloo Community Association to spend their Capital Grant of €10,000 in respect of Tennis Courts.

P. Lynch informed the Members that there were only 4 applications received in respect of the 2022 Paint Scheme. The total allocation was €15,000, and a balance of €12,500 remains.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O’Connor, it was agreed that the unclaimed balance of €12,500 would be allocated to the purchase of credit card units for 4 of the existing pay parking machines in the town centre subject to the Pay Parking Dividend being retained in Cobh. This would allow the council to future proof these machines and they would also be retained if the County Council were to move to a pay by phone system for pay parking towns in the future.

P. Lynch told the Members that funding from the Community Fund Scheme 2021 was agreed by Members for the installation of a Communication Board in the playground at Watergrasshill. In 2022, the Members approved funding for a Communication Board at the Five Foot Way playground, however, this cost was met from income from the Camper Van facility. P. Lynch recommenced that the initial funding now be used for the installation of a further Communication Board at the playground in Glounthaune.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. A. O'Connor, this was agreed.

#### **6.0 Declaration of a Road as a Public Road.**

That, being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road: -

**Cooline Drive, Cobh. Nos. 1-18,26-29 and 32-45 totalling 326 linear metres.**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard it was agreed that the above road would be declared a public road.

#### **7.0 Fograí Rún / Notices of Motion.**

1. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinéad Sheppard:**  
That Cobh MD could get Whitepoint and Cuskinny added to the County Council's list of bathing locations for water quality monitoring.  
On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed that P. Lynch would write to the Environment Director of Services.
2. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sinéad Sheppard:**  
That Cobh MD would put a request into Cork County Council to use Cobh as a pilot town to introduce online/ App pay parking.  
On the proposal of Cllr. S. Sheppard, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, the motion was adopted.
3. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan:**  
That Cobh MD would provide increased funding for Carraig na bhFear Outdoor Swimming Pool given the severe increase in operational and running costs.  
On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was adopted. It was agreed that P. Lynch would request an increase in the Budget for this project in 2023 and would also examine if additional funding was available in 2022.
4. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**  
That this Municipal District would liaise with the port of cork about the structural report into the Old Town Hall building at Lynch's Quay and that a plan of work would be agreed by both to return the building to its former condition now that the report has being issued to both.  
On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was adopted. P. Lynch to follow up.
5. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**  
That this municipal would consider installing ramps in College Lawn, Cobh in an effort to slow motorists down in this area.  
On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. S. O'Connor, the motion was adopted.  
R.O'Sullivan stated that this estate has not yet been taken in charge but that he would contact the estates section and ask them to discuss it with the developer.

6. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs Anthony Barry & Sheila O’Callaghan:**  
 That a report on Barry’s Corner Knockraha be conducted from a traffic safety point of view. The increase in traffic particularly HGVs constantly knocks debris onto the road and is a danger to other road users.  
 On the proposal of Cllrs. A. Barry, and S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was adopted.  
 R. O’Sullivan to examine.
7. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Anthony Barry:**  
 That this council write to the CETB outlining our safety concerns at the entrance to Carrigtwohill Community College . This access point and traffic management plan is now completely inadequate to cope with the current volumes of those using it.  
 On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry, seconded by Cllr. S. Sheppard, the motion was adopted. It was agreed to write to the CETB and also, to examine the overgrowth on the pathway from Carrigtwohill town centre.
8. **To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Alan O’Connor:**  
 According to Cork County Council’s Noise Action Plan 2018-2023:  
 "A high priority list of areas needing further examination has been developed. Cork County Council intends to investigate the high priority areas and where appropriate implement noise reducing mitigation measures, subject to budgetary constraints."  
 The plan also states, with respect to roles and responsibilities, that:  
 “As Cork County Council is the Action Planning Authority for the area of Cork outside the Cork Agglomeration Area, it is responsible for implementing the plan in their functional area. It is also envisaged that the TII will be involved with mitigation measures on the national routes.”  
 I therefore move that this municipal district would seek a progress report regarding the ‘High Priority Areas in the Cork County Noise Action Area to be Examined,’ specifically those in the Cobh Municipal District, as per the council’s Noise Action Plan 2018-2023. I believe this report is most appropriately sought from the Roads Directorate.  
 On the proposal of Cllr. A. O’Connor, seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, the motion was adopted.  
 P. Lynch to write to the Roads Directorate.

## **8.0 Aon Ghnó Eile / Any Other Business.**

**Cllr. S. O’Connor:**

### **8.1 Overgrowth on roadway at Ballywilliam, Cobh**

Cllr. O’Connor stated that the overgrowth at Ballywilliam needs to be cut back as there are bad bends in the area. Warning signs also need to be erected. Engineer to examine.

**Cllr. S. Sheppard:**

- 8.2** Cllr. Sheppard stated that in many Local Authorities the Fire Service is used as a first responder. Cork County Council do not do this. Cllr. Sheppard asked if Cobh Municipal District could put forward a motion to full Council to allow the Fire Service to attend emergency/cardiac arrests etc.  
 Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded this proposal.

**8.3** Cllr. Sheppard asked if Belmont Place was on the 2022 Roadworks Programme.  
R. O’Sullivan stated that the work would be carried out in October.

**8.4** Cllr. Sheppard asked if an area of a driveway near 81/82 Belmont Place could be used to widen the turning circle.  
Engineer to examine.

**Cllr. S. O’Callaghan:**

**8.5** Cllr. O’Callaghan asked if overgrowth could be cut back on the Old Mallow Road/Old Cork/Dublin Road.  
Engineer to examine.

**8.6** Cllr. O’Callaghan asked if extra signage or kerbing/buildouts could be put in place by Park View Estate at the top of Carrignavar Village. There’s a severe blind bend by the entrance to the GAA pitch and there are issues with parking during GAA matches blocking access to the 10 houses in this estate.  
Engineer to examine.

**8.7** Cllr. O’Callaghan said that Ballinacleithe Bridge has a lot of overgrowth on the Bartlemy Road out of Watergrasshill.  
Engineer to investigate

**8.8** Cllr. O’Callaghan stated that the road on the Cork side of the triangle in Whitechurch is closed at the moment, and asked if this is a public road.  
Engineer to investigate.

**8.9** Cllr. O’Callaghan said that there is a lot of overgrowth on the Meeleen Road in Knockraha.  
Engineer to examine.

**Cllr. C. Rasmussen:**

**8.10** Cllr. Rasmussen raised the issue of a large pothole at the top of East Hill  
Engineer to examine.

**8.11** Cllr. Rasmussen raised the issue of the condition of the roadway by Hardware House and the Ballywilliam road by the graveyard.  
Engineer to examine.

**8.12** Cllr. Rasmussen stated that a manhole has collapsed by 33 Norwood Park.  
Engineer to examine.

**8.13** Cllr. Rasmussen stated that drains around the town need cleaning.  
Engineer to organise.

**8.14** Cllr. Rasmussen asked about the time scale for the School Safe works by Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh.  
R. O’Sullivan stated that works will not commence until next year due to the Tender process  
etc.

- 8.15** Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the railing at the 5 Foot Way damaged by Sorenson's need repairing.  
R. O'Sullivan stated that it had been repaired.
- 8.16** Cllr. Rasmussen stated that hedging/overgrowth needs to be cut back at The High Road .  
R. O'Sullivan said that letters would issue shortly to landowners.
- 8.17** Cllr. Rasmussen stated that overgrowth needs to be cut back at Belmont Place.  
Engineer to examine.
- 8.18** Cllr. Rasmussen stated that the Cobh & Harbour Chamber of Commerce asked if the Artificial Christmas Tree in the town centre could be replaced by a real tree this year.  
Cllr. Sheppard stated that she has an issue with the electricity costs.  
It was agreed that P. Lynch would respond to the Cobh & Harbour Chamber of Commerce stating that there are no funds available for an additional tree in 2022.

**Cllr. A. O'Connor:**

- 8.19** Cllr. O'Connor said that the 50kmph sign was missing from the Bog Road.  
R. O'Sullivan to arrange a replacement.  
Cllr. A. Barry stated that pedestrian signs have been requested on the Bog Road also.  
R. O'Sullivan to arrange.
- 8.20** Cllr. O'Connor asked who starts the process of declaring school access roads in Carrigtwohill as a public roads.  
R. O'Sullivan stated that the Developer must start the process, but Cork County Council is in discussions with the developer regarding this matter.

**Cllr. A. Barry:**

- 8.21** Cllr. Barry raised the issue of a bad pothole at the entrance to Cúl Ard, from the Station Road.  
Engineer to examine.
- 8.22** Cllr. Barry asked if line markers could be installed on the slip-road off Barryscourt.  
Engineer to examine.
- 8.23** Cllr. Barry stated that the roadway at the back of the GAA pitch on the west end of Carrigtwohill needs resurfacing.  
Engineer to examine.
- 8.24** Cllr. Barry asked for the current position in relation to the Station Road Upgrade.  
Engineer to make enquiries.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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