

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District meeting held on 2nd September 2022 at 10.30a.m Via MS Teams.

PRESENT

In the Chair: Cllr. Jams Kennedy.

Councillors: Ian Doyle, Bernard Moynihan, Pat Hayes, Liam Madden, Tony O' Shea, John-Paul O' Shea, Gerard Murphy, James Kennedy, Gearoid Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer, Matthew Farrell MD Officer, Andreana Sheehan EE, Billy Dennehy EE, Anita Leader Clerical Officer.

1. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES.

- a) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District held on Friday the 1st July 2022 at 10 a.m.
Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.
- b) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the July monthly meeting of Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District held on Friday the 1st July 2022 at 10.30a.m.
Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

2. SECTION 183 DISPOSAL NOTICE.

- a) To consider the grant of 2 no. wayleaves at Dr. Croke Place, Kilbrin, Co Cork, to Irish Water to facilitate a Council housing scheme. For the consideration of €1.00.
Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.

3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS

- a) **Municipal District Officers Report.**
Matthew Farrell MDO presented the report. Full Report circulated.
The MDO Sought the members approval for allocation of funds from Newmarket Town Development Fund (*From TDF Reserve 2022*) for €3,000.
Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Following the report, the members made the following observations / comments.

All members welcomed the Clar funding.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea Will a Section 38 be required for Kilcorney and Freemount. Clar delighted to see 5 successful projects, Cllr. O'Shea queried if there were unsuccessful projects in order to work with groups to ensure they reapply in the future and provide assistance. Cllr. O'Shea queried if a meeting was forthcoming to discuss the design of the park in Ballydesmond with elected members. €903,000 investment and would like a greater input. Requested the inclusion of Dromina and Kilbrin on the monthly MD report going forward part 8's have been approved with over 12 months

Cllr. O'Shea expressed his concerns in relation to a lack of progress on the extension of both graveyards.

Response: works due to be carried out in Kilcorney and Freemount are traffic calming measures referred this query to the SEE for response. In relation to Clar 7 applications made by KMMD 5 successful the two unsuccessful applications were because one group were unable to provide enough proof of land ownership and the other application wasn't strong due to time constraints. The MDO stated that he will work with these two groups in the future to assist them in securing funding. In relation to the Ballydesmond project conveyancing taking a long time. He assured members that consultations have not taken place. Once the land ownership is resolved the project will be moved forward. Works are due to be scheduled in Kilbrin. Development should commence in the next number of months. In relation to Dromina land negotiation is still underway.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy Requested a general tidy up of the entrance to Spa House he also queried if it would be possible to include the entrance overlay to Spa house when the car park work is going on.

Response: The MDO stated that works are ongoing in the car park at the moment once these are complete a tidy up of the entrance will take place. Budget not available for Entrance overlay however these works can be included on a programme of works so that if additional funding becomes available the overlay will be considered.

Cllr. Liam Madden Sought an update on the picnic area at Navigation Road. Expressed his disappointment in relation to lack of facilities in Mallow Castle. In relation to Mallow Castle he requested a report with projects completed / outstanding money spent funding applied for. Cork County Council Depot wall looks unsightly, Cllr. Madden has been approached by art students that are interested in taking on the project. He asked if the MDO could contact Mallow Arts to facilitate the project. In Bridge Street there is some buildings that are unsightly could something be done like Bridewell Lane to improve the appearance of the street.

Response: The MDO stated that €3,000 was approved by members at the July meeting for the placement of picnic benches and the placement of one of the two canopies. He will request an update and revert. The MDO stated he has committed to a tender process for facilities at Mallow Castle. He will request an update on Mallow Castle and provide an update to members prior to Octobers meeting. The MDO will revert to members with a decision on the Depot Wall. The MDO acknowledges Bridge Street needs improvement.

Cllr. Pat Hayes requested a base for a motor home in Mallow. Cllr. Hayes requested a clean-up of Spa stream considering nesting season etc.

Response: Acknowledged the benefit of the concrete base in Mallow. He stated that this is a query for the tourism section, however Kanturk Mallow MD would sully support the provision of a mobile home base in Mallow. The MDO will discuss the clean up with the area engineer. Bio Diversity will be a factor.

Cllr. Ian Doyle: Sought an update on Dromina Graveyard. Grass Cutting was slow to take off this year requested an earlier start to the tender process to avoid delay next year. Sought an update on the Autumn and Winter planters in towns and villages. Islands on the N20 are unkept asked if these could be cleaned and painted.

Response: In relation to Dromina this was answered in response to Cllr. John Paul O'Shea's query. In relation to Grass Cutting SEE Dennis O'Regan has the matter in hand. Comments in relation to planters is noted. He will look into a clean-up of the Islands on the N20.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea: Requested an update on the Skate park. Fully supports Cllr. Liam Madden in relation to the facilities at the castle.

Response: The MDO stated the amount of funding in place isn't enough to develop the Skate Park. Trying to secure additional funding to complete the project is ongoing.

b) Senior Executive Engineer Roads Report.

1. Routine Works Completed include:

- Road Patching/Pothole repair/Road edge repair across the MD
- Road patching in preparation for RI and RM projects across the MD
- Street Cleaning in Towns and Villages (predominately Mallow, Charleville, Kanturk, and Newmarket)
- Gulley cleaning and jetting works in Towns and Villages
- Signage Cleaning – Charleville area
- Litter picking
- Bin Collection
- Road Sweeping
- Grass Cutting in open spaces and cemeteries
- Verge Cutting and cutting of junctions on Regional Roads
- Verge cutting and cutting at Junctions on National Roads - N72
- Upgrading of signage and poles on public roads – Newmarket area
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection of litter
- Repair to signage at Milford and Ballyhea
- Playground Repairs
- Flooding relief works in Kanturk, Newtownshandrum, Freemount and Churchtown following flash rainfall event
- Gritting of boiled roads during and after hot weather event
- Power Washing – Plaza Mallow Town
- Maintenance works on Sextons Boreen
- Sign replacement on Main Street Mallow -children at play in Eglantine
- Gulley installation works in Quartertown
- Resetting of manholes on James Avenue
- Preparation works for Castle events
- Ongoing maintenance in Gouldhill graveyard
- Safety Fencing on the N72 Spa Road

Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

Caherimee 2022

Caherimee was on 12th July in Buttevant. Council carried out extensive clean up after this event.

2. Planned Works Completed include:

Road Drainage Works and associated TTM completed include:

- LT-12031-0 CIS Rathnee Ballyclough
- LT-97213 CIS Carrig, Mallow
- LP-1217-37 Link road between Bottlehill Pub and Burnfort
- Drainage ahead of RI on L-5215 Rathcoole
- Drainage ahead of RI L-97208 Dromagh(Across from School)
- L5082 Kiskeam
- L-5185 Ahead of RI works
- L5048 Kilowen – Mountkeeffe
- Installation of new gulley gratings on RI projects – Newmarket area
- Drainage preparation for R522 road recycling works

Surface Dressing Works, to include for drainage preparation and associated TTM completed include:

- Surface Dressing R576, R578, R582, L5091, L1033, L1021, L5042
- Surface Dressing on L-1001, L1114, L5198, L1120, L5029 & L-10511
- L13081 Newtownshandrum
- R515 Milford
- L5519 Churchtown

Wetmix Overlay Works and associated TTM include:

- LP-1214 – Carrigcleena Rd
- LP-1211 – Section Gortroe/Bweeng rd
- LS- 1121 -Section Clonmeen/Banteer Rd
- LT-12031-0 CIS Rathnee Ballyclough
- LT-97213 CIS Carrig, Mallow
- Grading works on L-5215 Prohus, Rathcoole, L-5177 Dromagh Church, L-97208 Dromagh (Across from School)
- L13051 Ballyballagh Freemount
- LIS Farthingville Dromina
- L55122 Ardrior Lisgriffin
- L1319 Lisgriffin - Liscarroll

Road Recycling

- R577 Derrynatubbrid, Boherbue, R577 Knockeenacurrig, Kiskeam, R578 Clashakinlinn
- R522 Buttevant - Liscarroll

- 2nd seal commencing on the 31st August 2022

Asphalt Works and associated TTM completed include:

- Kiskeam Village started on 26th August
- Quartertown/Merrits Corner

Footpath Repairs and associated TTM include:

- Footpath Repairs at Miford West End and Dromina
- New Line Footpath Works – Charleville

NTA Schemes

Grenagh:

- All civil works associated with the traffic calming and pedestrian crossing works have been completed in Grenagh
- Waiting on lighting contractor to get Pedestrian Crossing Completed.

Park Road Charleville

- Pedestrian Crossing Works

Notification of the following:

- As a result of inflation, the Kanturk/Newmarket Area have made the following cuts to the RI/RM programme:

RM

L-1106 Killnane, Kanturk

L-5039 Curraduff, Newmarket

RI

L-1107 Ballydesmond (road linking Church Road with Carriganes)

This road projects will be added to the 2023 programme.

- The Section 38 report for the Traffic Calming Works at L1042 Castlemagner, Co Cork was circulated to members by email on the 31/8/22. Following on from this, I am now seeking approval to proceed with that these works in Castlemagner subject to funding becoming available. Queried the possibility of having a bank of Section 38's ready to progress the project when required.

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr Gerard Murphy.

Following the report, the members made the following observations / comments.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea One submission in relation to a ramp on the graveyard side of the GAA pitch he asked if this could be considered. All ramps need a section 38 if it is included now it will be in place if required in the future. He stated the importance of expediting the works in Kilcorney and Freemount funding is in place and he would like to see these projects completed ASAP.

Response: The SEE will consult the NNRD office and see if a ramp can be included. The SEE stated that there has been concern expressed from residents in adjacent to speed ramps terms of noise pollution. Therefore, a more favourable option would be horizontal deflection, road narrowing and vertical deflection such as raising junctions, making towns and villages more pedestrian friendly.

The SEE has met with a consultant engineer in Freemount and Newtown and a survey is being completed. With the funding available both villages have been looked at in detail with the hope that both villages can be brought to Section 38 approval. Funding available will not cover construction costs. The SEE stated he will contact the traffic and transportation office to see about extra funding to bring it to detail design stage. Agrees banking Sections 38 are a good idea as a requirement of the NTA is that projects are shovel ready. A design for Kilcorney is complete and a section 38 is being prepared.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy and Cllr. Bernard Moynihan requested an update on the Ballymacquirke junction. Queried when the speed control measures will be installed in Grenagh.

Response: The SEE will contact the Cork NRD Office and request an update to be circulated to all. Andriana Sheehan EE said a lot of objections were received once these have been reviewed she would hope that she will bring the Section 38 before members in October.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea welcomed the gully cleaning in light of recent weather and asked if estates could be included. Requested clearer signage at Merritt's Corner clearer signage for HGV's is required.

Response: The SEE stated they are preparing an operational plan for Mallow Town to include maintenance of the entire town. He will consult the town engineer to discuss better signage at Merritt's corner.

Cllr. Liam Madden requested lines are redone in town as the paint had become faded. Sought an update on the crossing at Muddy Hill to Spa House. Welcomed the safety fencing out the Spa. Sought an update on footpath repairs in Mallow. Requested a finish date for Grenagh crossing. Bells Cross pedestrian crossing doesn't have any flashing lights should there be. Stated the importance of hedge cutting and contacting landowners in relation to the maintenance from a safety point of view. Queried the possibility of speed calming measures at River Valley.

Response: The SEE said he will discuss the lining with the town engineer. Spa Road pedestrian crossing is assigned to the engineers assigned to the municipal district. Following discussions with them an independent review will be carried out to ensure the safest crossing point is selected. The SEE stated the fence erected at the Spa was erected on a temporary basis. The fence type was determined by the existing ground and what worked for foundation purposes. The sole purpose is safety. The surfacing in Grenagh will take place the 20th of September. SEE is hopeful the pedestrian crossing will be completed over the next few weeks. The SEE will follow up with the area engineer in relation to Bell's cross and revert. The budget for hedge cutting is limited. For private land ongoing engagement with private landowners is ongoing and paramount. The SEE said he will make contact with CCC's communications department in relation to a possible media campaign. No update on speed calming measures at River Valley the SEE said he will consult the town engineer to see what work has been done to date.

Cllr. Pat Hayes sought an update on a manhole cover before Spa Bar causing noise Pollution. Queried if traffic light sequence could be looked at in Mallow. Traffic is congested and needs to be tweaked to improve the flow.

Response: The SEE said that following discussions with the town engineer a

commitment was given by the utility company responsible for the manholes to rectify the problem. He will seek a further update. In relation to the traffic light query, the SEE said he will respond to this in his reply to two motions raised on this matter.

Cllr. Ian Doyle In relation to the two active travel allocations for Charleville, one which is near completion i.e. the entrance to the town park from the car park and the ramp. Can the project continue without the ESB carrying out there works. The second project which money was allocated was for the Railway road for a cycle lane and road narrowing. Cllr. Doyle queried if these funds could be used to enhance the footpath. Cllr. Doyle stated it is a very busy walkway.

Response: The SEE said waiting for the ESB is best practice. He will speak with Traffic and Transformation section with regarding changes to the application. A consultant will be engaged to prepare a design.

Cllr. James Kennedy Expressed his support for the changing of the lights in Mallow and the improvement of footpaths in Mallow. Sought an update on the manholes on Bridewell Lane. Queried if an engineer can authorise the trimming of a tree or is a tree surgeon required.

Response: The SEE will reply to traffic light queries with the notice of motion raised. He will seek a follow up on the manholes. Best practice is to engage a professional when carrying out tree maintenance. There is a limited budget therefore an arborist is the best person to ensure the limited budget available is put to the best use. CCC always makes safety a priority.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

- a) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 10/08/2022 "That the Thomas Davis Plaza in Mallow be deep cleaned or power-washed."

Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Response: The SEE said Power Washing works were completed by the Mallow Town crew on the 10th and 11th of August 2022. He has arranged to meet with a pressure washing contractor today to assess the cost in conducting further cleaning works with specialized equipment. These works will be progressed if the 2022 budget allows.

- b) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 23/08/2022 "That Cork County Council would provide an update on the completion of NTA approved schemes for 2022 for the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District as announced earlier this year".

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Response: The SEE provided an update to members.

- c) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 23/08/2022 "That Cork County Council provide an update on the derelict site that is the old library in Kanturk"

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Response: Matthew Farrell MDO said the issues with this building are ongoing over a number of Years. Scaffolding was put in place to secure the building and prevent debris from falling from the Building. The File is under review. The property activation unit have viewed the file. Further remedial works may be required before the scaffolding is removed. Cllr. O'Shea said his opinion is that local groups and members have tried to engage with the

Owner without success therefore the only option is a Compulsory purchase order. Cllr. O'Shea expressed his concerns in relation to the length of time the process is taking he stated that the activation unit is in place now along with national funding, therefore CPO needs to happen ASAP. Urge officials to re-engage with the property activation unit and the divisional Manager and seek a response for the next meeting.

- (d) **Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 23/08/2022** "That Cork County Council provide an update on the Christmas lights plan for Charleville Town for Christmas 2022".
Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.
Response: The MDO stated that the plan is near completion. He reassured members that the lights are safe. The plan is to replace the existing lights over the next few years. The condition of lights is safe and there will not be an issue with lights for this coming Christmas.
- Cllr. Tony O' Shea** queried the Christmas lights in Fair Street and the Spa were left out last year.
Response The MDO said there are Issues with the height Of the buildings therefore trucks and Vans are getting caught. Affordability is an issue.
- (e) **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/08/2022** "That Cork Co Council would look at a low cost safety scheme coming off the Carrigcleena road L-1214-38 and onto the Bweeng Grenagh road."
Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.
Response The SEE stated This locus will be inspected by our office in conjunction with the road management and development unit. If the required sightlines for the given location are obstructed, a scheme will be proposed and our Non National Road Design Office will progress the detailed design required for construction. The proposed scheme will then be added to the Cork County LSC list.
- 1 f) **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/08/2022** "That Cork Co Council would provide an up-to date report on the synchronization of the traffic lights at mallow bridge."
Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.
Response: The SEE has been in contact with the NNRDO who have advised that fine tuning of Traffic lights will commence as soon as normal traffic conditions resume. I have been advised that Arup have been deferring this until the return of school traffic and the removal of temporary traffic management for water services upgrades. The SEE is of the understanding that fine tuning is to commence shortly.
- (g) **Cllr. Tony O'Shea 24/08/2022** "That Cork Co Council provide an update on the community enhancement scheme for Liscarroll village."
Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.
Response: Update provided and information document circulated to members.
Road resurfacing works scheduled for October – managed and scheduled by the NNRDO
- 1 h) **Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 26/08/2022** "To seek an update on the N72 overlay programme between Mallow Roundabout and Oliver's Cross; in particular regarding funding for this project, and to ask when the Spa Glen section of the project will go out for procurement."
Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.
Response: The following is the update received from the Cork National Road Office:
There is a TII allocation of €1 million in 2022 for Phase 2 of the N72 Annabela to Lacknamona Pavement Strengthening Scheme which relates to the N72 Spa to Spa

Glen section. The design and contract documents are currently being prepared and we hope to progress a tender competition for this scheme in the coming weeks. The Cork National Roads Office is also progressing the design and contract documents for Phase 3 of this pavement strengthening scheme, commencing at N71 Annabella Roundabout and continuing along N72 Park Road, and subject to TII approval and available funding, we would hope to progress a tender competition for this Phase 3 scheme later this year or early next year.

- i) **Cllr. Liam Madden 29/08/2022** "That Cork County Council Developers and Iarnoid Eireann would look at options of walkway and cycle route on Killarney /Kennel Hill side of railway especially with volume of houses being built in that area"

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden.

Response: The MDO said he will look into it.

- j) **Cllr. Liam Madden 29/08/2022** "Rubbish bins in town and park need to update some have any options been looked at."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.

Response: The assessment of bins across the local authority is ongoing. No plans to upgrade the Existing bins in the near future.

- k) **Cllr. Liam Madden 29/08/2022** "Mallow Town Hall the need to develop this project especially when you see success of Mallow Arts Festival."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Response: Billy Smyth Senior Executive Architect. "Detailed design is still in progress. Building Control have requested an extension of time to assess the Fire Cert Application with the assessment still outstanding. Full extent of remaining detailed design work will be contingent on response received from Building Control and / or any requests for Further Information. Date for tender TBC."

5. AOB

Cllr. Liam Madden Update on works out the N20.

Response: Dennis O' Regan SEE stated he will seek an update and revert to members.

6. Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 7th October at 10.30 a.m. 2022 – Via MS Teams.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____

Date: _____

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR