



Minutes of Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 27th of September 2022 at 14:00

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

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

Apologies: Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer

Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan started the meeting by passing on condolences to Cllr. Marcia D’Alton on the passing of her mother.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr. D’Alton asked that the July Minutes be amended to show that Carol Conway said that she would circulate the details from TII regarding the Ringaskiddy Public Realm project.

Proposed by Cllr. Marcia D’Alton and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan asked for an update on the flashing speed signs at Coolatooder, Alan informed Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan that these should be in place within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update regarding the Ringaskiddy Public Realm project. Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that there is no timeline yet but that we are in contact with TII and will add this as an item on her monthly MDO report. Cllr. D’Alton asked would TII be funding the feasibility to which Carol replied that there has not been confirmation.

3. Correspondence

Carol read on update from the litter warden regarding previously highlighted litter issues outside takeaways and business premises in Carrigaline. Cllr. White thanked Carol for the update and passed on thanks from Carrigaline Tidy Towns.

4. Part 8 Planning CE Report for R613 Ballygarvan Traffic Calming Scheme (TCS)

Michal Dymet read through the report and invited questions and queries from elected members.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Michal for the update and welcomed the changes especially the extension of the scheme to the west. He added that we needed to work with businesses in the area and that the public consultation period was a worthwhile one.

Cllr. White thanked Michal and the team for their work and echoed Cllr. McGraths comments. He also asked to pay tribute to former Councillor Aidan Lombard’s involvement.



Cllr. Murtagh echoed the sentiments of the other councillors adding that the work was appreciated.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan added that he was delighted with the outcome as this was his very first motion when elected in 2019. He paid tribute to the team effort in getting the scheme to this point adding that the community was delighted.

The scheme was proposed by Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh.

5. Competition to name Western Relief Road

Carol Conway read the background to the Western Relief Road and the competition to name it.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Carol for the update and asked was there any clarity on the name of the small road near the soccer club and asked for the bridge to be named Garrydoo bridge.

Cllr. White thanked Carol for the work on the competition adding that he was very happy with Pottery Road being chose.

Carol informed members that she spoke with the director of roads and that he had no objection to the naming of the bridge and smaller road.

Cllr Murtagh proposed Mill Road as the name for the smaller road and Cllr. McGrath proposed Garrydhu for the name of the bridge. All members agreed.

Names were drawn from a hat and the winner was Jennifer O'Donnell.

6. Update from the Area Office on Current Work Programs

Alan went through the report adding that works on Bothar Guidel are to start at the end of October for 4 to 5 months but that two-way traffic will be maintained at all times. He added that the driver feedback signs have been redeployed.

Cllr. Buckley thanked Alan for the report and welcomed the Churchbay Road works. She asked why the telegraph poles had not yet been removed and asked why the Brightwater works had been delayed. Alan informed Cllr. Buckley that he is in contact with the ESB regarding the poles and that Brightwater had been delayed due to ongoing works in the area.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Alan for the update adding that the area office has done a lot of work. She asked how much of the Demesne was being done and asked that the footpaths in Ardmore estate not be forgotten. Alan informed Cllr. D'Alton that all of the Demesne was being done and that the footpaths would not be forgotten.

Cllr. White thanked Alan for the report and welcome the Chestnut Grove and Demesne works and also welcomed the timing on the Bothar Guidel works. He asked where the Bothar Guidel works were due to start, Alan informed Cllr. White that he will check and revert.



Cllr. McGrath thanked Alan for the report and welcomed the change of format. He added that he welcomed the Chestnut Grove and Rosehill works. He complimented the work being done by the area office. Cllr. McGrath added that there is a lack of traffic calming measures in estates.

Cllr. Murtagh agreed with other members adding that there is a great spread of works throughout the MD.

7. Municipal District Officers Report

Carol went through the contents of her report adding that an in-committee meeting would need to be held discuss festival allocations and Christmas lights. She added that the Wifi4EU scheme would be in place soon and that TPREP had been passed at Full Council.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Carol for a really positive report. Cllr. D'Alton asked was the light funding for purchasing new lights or to fund the existing lights.

Cllr. White asked for an update on the twinning with Newport News and he too would like an update on the proposed urban forestry.

Cllr. Buckley thanked Carol for the report adding the park in Ballinhassig looks fantastic.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Carol for the report adding that a meeting to discuss festival lights is needed but that an update is needed at Full Council regarding energy costs etc. He added that the Ballinhassig playground looked fantastic. Cllr. McGrath said the he had concerns regarding the lack of pipeline projects for future funding schemes. Cllr. Murtagh supported Cllr. McGrath regarding future projects.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Carol for the report adding that over €300,000 has been put back into the communities. He added that the Ballinhassig playground looks fantastic and that the community in Ballinhassig deserve it.

Carol added that a lot of lights need to be replaced at that the €10,000 allocated won't go far and that communities need to help also. She added that people can make suggestions regarding urban forestry to members that they can then bring to the MD meeting. She added that the wording is being put together regarding the twinning. Carol informed members that Carrigaline has now surpassed the population which now makes them ineligible for town & village funding. She informed members that an in-committee meeting can be held regarding pipeline projects.

Cllr. White thanked Carol for the update on the twinning adding that we should get in touch with Pepsi as they have a plant in Newport News. Cllr. White also added that we are in danger of losing potential funding from central government and that we need to have projects ready to go and need to fight any potential budget cuts that are coming.

Cllr. D'Alton added that the money given to the Passage West library has really lifted it.



Cllr. McGrath thanked Carol for the report and for the meetings regarding the future projects and festival lighting. He agreed with Cllr. Whites suggestion regarding Pepsi and also around the issue of funding.

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan added that the members will fight to keep the TDF and Community grants at the same level they are now.

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

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton

1. *“That as Cork County Council is preparing a Part 8 to revisit the Glenbrook – N28 greenway proposal through Monkstown, it would include a revisit of the Glenbrook – Monkstown stretch to provide for separate cycling and pedestrian surfaces rather than a shared path.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that she is still unclear after the response received. There is major concern regarding the shared path and the lack of delineation between pedestrians and cyclists and asks that this be revisited. There is great support locally for the project and this a critical piece of the Cork Harbour Greenway.

Cllr. McGrath seconded the motion adding that it is vital to get this right and that there are sensitivities regarding the shared surface.

2. *“That Cork County Council would consider how best to provide safe right turning for cyclists travelling from Passage West to join the greenway at Robert’s Bridge.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that current situation is dangerous and not good enough and that she had a motion previously for traffic calming in the area. She appreciated the response that the engineer will ask the consultant to look at.

3. *“That TII would clear some of the grass verge along Carr’s Hill to create a hard shoulder where currently there is none. In the absence of a dedicated cycle lane, this would provide safe refuge for cyclists.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that this stretch is incredibly dangerous for cyclists and this issue can’t wait until the motorway is built. She added that even a half meter would make a huge difference. Cllr. D’Alton thanked Alan for the response.

All members supported the motion. Alan added that the main issue is in the City Councils remit but that he will contact them regarding the issue.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan

1. *“That this MD would write to the NTA to request a bus shelter on the outbound stop at Ringaskiddy Village.”*



Carol agreed to contact the NTA. Cllr. Buckley added her frustration with the NTA with the numerous bus shelters and poles missing.

2. *“Barnaheley Cemetery requires attention. Significant maintenance issues are apparent particularly in the older section of Barnaheley cemetery. Significant attention is required for the cemetery. I’m requesting that the area office would carry out works at the cemetery, and further, I’m requesting that the members would allocate the remaining TDF of €600 towards the replanting of the mounds at the entrance to the cemetery.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan paid tributes to the residents and Shane Piper for the work that is being done. Cllr. D’Alton added that this is a long going issue in Barnaheley as herself and a group of volunteers cleared all the overgrowth and re planted mounds and would have reservations about more planting without a significant maintenance budget. She added it is not ok for communities to work hard and not get any maintenance. Cllr. Buckley added that many volunteers are doing great work without any support.

Cllr. McGrath added that its surprising that there is money left to use. Cllr. White added that the editor of the Carrigdhoun received a heartfelt letter from a member of the public regarding the ongoing issues at Barnaheley. Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan added that Killingley is now in good condition and is glad to hear maintenance will be carried out at Barnaheley.

Carol added that the maintenance of cemeteries is very important but that is defined by both labour and financial resources. Alan added that it was very busy summer with beach and open spaces maintenance.

Cllr. D’Alton added that it was not the MD’s or area offices fault and the members frustrations were not aimed at them. She also added that St Marys in Passage West is looked after but volunteers and is in impeccable condition. Cllr. Murtagh added that Crosshaven is also in impeccable condition.

3. *“That the sides of the road through Halfway village would be looked at for patching and surfacing.”*

Cllr. Dalton O’Sullivan acknowledged the response received.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath

1. *“That this MD calls on Irish Water representatives to attend our next MD meeting to discuss ongoing issues relating to the Lower Harbour Main Drainage project. The Project cost in the region of €144 million and there are many outstanding operational issues. Local elected representatives had extensive engagement with Irish Water during the pre-construction and construction stages of this project and we deserve meaningful in-person engagement on the ongoing operational issues.”*

Cllr. McGrath added that there was lot of promises which were made that have not been kept and there were significant operational issues. It is deeply unfair on residents and that the issues are ongoing in many areas.

Cllr. Murtagh seconded the motion adding that the benefits of the scheme have been monumental but there still are operational issues.



Cllr. D'Alton supported the motion adding that the smells in Shanbally are coming from the network and not the station but the EPA had informed her of this and not Irish Water.

Cllr. White, Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan all supported the motion adding that there needs to be a designated contact person in Irish Water and a resumption of clinics are needed.

Cllr. McGrath thanked members for their support asking Carol to convey their thoughts and frustrations to Irish Water. Carol added that she will convey this and invite Irish Water to the next meeting.

2. *"To request the Planning Directorate/Traffic & Transportation Section to carry out a Feasibility Study on the possibility of constructing a Pedestrian & Cyclist Bridge between the Community Park in Carrigaline and the Town Centre area. This bridge would significantly improve connectivity to the core of the Town Centre from the Community Park area and also link the Town Centre to the Greenway. This bridge would also allow for the removal of the Controlled Crossing on Bothar Guidel and make it much safer for pedestrians and cyclists to cross this exceptionally busy traffic corridor."*

Cllr. McGrath added that this motion is very important as a connection between the park and town centre is vital as it would improve connectivity and traffic flow. He welcomed the reply received from traffic and transportation.

Cllr. White seconded the motion adding that it is in line with TPRERP and government policy regarding active travel.

Cllr. Buckley supported the motion adding that it would be a very welcome addition.

Cllr. Murtagh supported the motion adding that the pedestrian crossing is holding up traffic.

Cllr. McGrath thanked members for their support.

3. *"To request traffic calming measures on Carrigmahon Hill in the vicinity of Urban Villas."*

Cllr. McGrath thanked Alan for the response and asked him to keep it in mind for future traffic calming.

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

1. *"That the MD facilitates Carrigaline Elected Members visiting schools as part of a campaign to encourage walking and cycling to school safely."*

Cllr. Murtagh added that he believes that he believes it would be beneficial for members to visit schools to promote walking and cycling and that it would garner excitement in the community.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan supported the sentiment adding he was unsure of the feasibility.



Cllr. Buckley added that the safe routes to school scheme said council staff to schools.

Cllr. White also supported the sentiment of the motions.

Carol added that she would contact the road safety officer.

2. *"It has been reported recently that funding for greenways made available in 2021 has gone unspent. There are also substantial monies available this year for greenways. That the MD seeks to apply for available funding from the Department of the Environment and Department of Rural Development to create a walkway below the Point Road between the Point Garden and Thunder Rock."*

Cllr. Murtagh added that there had been a lot of discussion regarding pathfinder funding and asked could it be explored. Carol added that she was not familiar with the funding stream but that she will look into it and revert.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. *"That the MD receives confirmation on the means by which potential local businesses can acquire portions of the land at Carrigaline Business Park for their business"*

Cllr. Buckley welcome the response received.

2. *"Do we know when the solar lights will be implemented from Rabbit Island further along the Crosshaven Railway walk?"*

Cllr. Buckley thanked Alan for the response received.

3. *"Again, can I ask when the Gabion baskets on the point beach be replaced/restored at the Point Beach Crosshaven? We need to protect the homes on the point road from flooding. I would also ask that we look at the Point Road being undermined from large trucks accessing the point road with the many large building projects that is ongoing on the point road and more recently a new planning application gone in."*

Cllr. Buckley added that she recently walked the Point Road and that many of the baskets need to be replaced and asked if it was possible to apply for funding for these to be replaced.

9. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. White asked to congratulate Crosshaven Rugby Club and their recent legends match to mark their 50th anniversary.

Cllr. Murtagh asked to congratulate the organisers of a recent triathlon held in Fountainstown.

10. Any Other Business



Cllr. McGrath asked for a disabled space near the credit union in Carrigaline and also an update on the urban design scheme. Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that a meeting will be called to discuss the urban design scheme. Alan informed Cllr. McGrath added that the disabled space could be looked at.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for updates on Hugh Coveney Pier, the publication of the Port of Corks emergency plan, IDA contact, Haulbowline bind and Shanbally traffic calming efficacy. She raised the issue of buses not always stopping outside Harbour Heights as Bus Éireanns formal timetables have not been updated to show this as a formal stop, she asked Bus Éireann be contacted regarding this. There is also a tree in Ardmore estate which needs to be looked at.

Alan asked Cllr. D'Alton to send on the location of the tree and informed her that he will look into Shanbally and revert.

Carol informed Cllr. D'Alton that the Hugh Coveney pier issue has not yet been advanced, she added that there was no update regarding the Port of Cork or the IDA but that she will re issue the letters. Carol stated that there will be no bins installed on Haulbowline and that the solar bins in Cobh are there on a trial basis.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the lane at Janeville and an update on the 2 light poles outside the Oar Bar.

Cllr. D'Alton and Cllr. McGrath added that Janeville was brought up with John Slattery and that he is progressing this. Alan informed Cllr. Buckley that he is actively pursuing the 2 light poles.

Cllr. Murtagh added that there are issues with surface water gathering at Fountainstown and Gashes Corner. He also asked could the sign pointing to Camden Fort Meagher be fixed as it is currently facing the wrong way. Alan informed Cllr. Murtagh that fixing the sign is no problem and that a gully will be placed at Fountainstown and asked that he send on a location for the Gashes corner issue.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan proposed to give €300 of his members discretionary fund to the Owenabue Men's Shed. Cllr. Marcia D'Alton seconded this.

Carol Conway acknowledged the success of the recently held culture night. She read through stats regarding beach lifeguards. She also gave updates on many recent projects completed within the MD.