



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of West Cork
held on MS Teams at 11.00am on 3rd October 2022**

Members Present: Cllrs Declan Hurley, Deirdre Kelly, Joe Carroll, Caroline Cronin, Danny Collins, Ross O' Connell.

Member Apologies: Cllrs. Karen Coakley, Paul Hayes, Patrick Gerard Murphy,

In attendance: Karina Cremin. S.E.O. Housing
Maeve Mansfield, Exec Architect
Mac Dara O H-Ici, SEO. M.D.W.C.
Jacqueline Mansfield MDO M.D.W.C
Ruth O Brien S.E.E. Bantry
John Ahern S.E.E Skibbereen
Martina O'Driscoll, Meeting Administrator M.D.W.C.

Cllr. D. Hurley presided.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) Minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 5th September 2022
Proposed by Cllr. D. Kelly
Seconded by Cllr. D. Collins

Resolved:

"That the minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 5th September 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

- (b) Minutes of "in committee" Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 5th September 2022
Proposed by Cllr. D. Kelly
Seconded by Cllr. D. Collins

Resolved:

That the minutes of "in committee" Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 5th September 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

MATTERS ARISING

Following a member's request for an update on the car submerged in the Drinagh Lake the S.E.O. noted the matter for follow up with Irish Water.

STATUTORY BUSINESS /GNO REACHTUIL

Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001

Consideration under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) – ***Lands at Greenmount Road, Ballydehob*** - The construction of 12 number apartments consisting of 2no. two storey blocks with 8no. one bed, and 4no. two bed apartments. New parking area with entrance from Greenmount Road. Hard landscaping, including new boundary walls, footpaths and street lighting. Soft landscaping including green areas, planting and trees. Connection to public utilities. All associated site works.

The Housing S.E.O. Karina Cremin briefed the members on the project and on the proposal Cllr. D. Collins and seconded by Cllr. C. Cronin the members approved the recommendation of the above Part 8 to full Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION/ FOGRA RUN

Cllr. Caroline Cronin proposed and Cllr. D. Collins seconded

"That Cork County Council will upgrade the junction at Cadagons Strand in Schull, R592 and L4414-0. Also extend the footpath and cycle way. This present junction is a high risk for pedestrians, we have seen numerous Road Traffic Collisions here".

Ruth O' Brien report

There are currently no cycle paths or footpaths here as the area is outside of the 50kph zone and is not illuminated by street lighting. The new speed limit review moves the 50kph zone closer to the junction which may make upgrading safer in the future. Subject to the outcome of the speed limit review, the junction can be re-assessed. The speed limit review has now been finalised and the 50kph has been extended to the junction. The proposal will now be re-assessed. Furthermore, it is intended to cut back vegetation to improve sightlines at the junction.

Cllr. Declan Hurley proposed, Cllr. D. Kelly seconded

"That this council install a public footpath to facilitate safe access to Chapel Street for the residences of Áras na Locha housing estate in Dunmanway".

John Ahern Report

The is currently insufficient space between the boundaries for a footpath and any solution would therefore have to include a third party acquisition. An update can be given once a review of the history of this roadway and the local planning in the area has been completed.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

The M.D.O. Jacqueline Mansfield briefed the members on the Municipal District Officers Report and answered their queries.

The members expressed concern regarding the difficult people had getting through to the West Cork Regional Leisure Centre, Dunmanway to book swimming lessons this week and requested a review of how bookings can be conducted in future which should include an online booking system as well as direct phone contact. The S.E.O. noted the members concerns and advised that due to COVID that this had been the first opportunity to book swimming classes in the pool in over 2½ years which exacerbated the problem of getting through to the pool this week and that going forward the booking system will be reviewed in line with demand.

The members highlighted the late introduction of the Hedge Cutting Scheme and asked for the Scheme to be advertised in future by the start of July to allow for applicants to receive notification of their grant application and get the works done by September. The MDO noted that any future Hedge Cutting Schemes would be advertised on/before July.

In reply to a members request for an update on the date the Skibbereen Town Hall will be available for bookings the MDO Jackie Mansfield advised that the final certification from the contractors were due and the new reception desk should be fitted next week and the Town Hall should be available shortly thereafter.

In response to a members query on the new extension to the footpath in Glengarriff and the sightlines coming from Adrigole direction being blocked by the speed signs at the junction, Ruth O'Brien S.E.E. noted this for review.

Ruth O'Brien responded to a member's concern that the junction to Glengarriff pier is too narrow, by highlighting that CCC has to comply with proper DMURS guidelines and that the narrowing of junctions is recommended to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety.

The installation of driver activated speed signs was discussed by the members and they called for them to be installed in most villages in West Cork. Ruth O'Brien S.E.E advised that a funding source would have to be identified for their installation as they were no longer available for under CLÁR funding.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An update on the West Cork Regional Leisure Centre membership packages was requested and the S.E.O. advised that this option was being investigated and may be trialed before the end of the year. He also noted that the admission price currently was the cheapest of any pool in the County.

It was reported that the hedgegrow on the Enniskeane to Coppen road (L2005) needs to be cut back as it is currently causing difficult for 2 trucks to pass each other on the road there.

A request for the road resurfacing at the section of road Enniskeane village to the Bandon Co-Op Store and out to the end of the 50kph speed limit was received from a member. In response for an update on when the contactors will return to finish the works on Kilbarry Road, Dunmanway, Mr. J. Ahern noted the matter for follow up.

A members request for the top of the ditch to be lowered at the junction of before Ballineen by the Carbery factory was noted.

A members advised of a residents request for a footpath to be installed on the road in Dunmanway along by Cotters Keane.

An issue of the old cemetery up beyond the Garda Barrack in Skibbereen being overgrown was highlighted and the S.E.O. noted this for follow up.

The recent notification received from Mr. J. Slattery regarding the lack of funding for a pedestrian access on the bridge works at Enniskeane was highlighted and a renewed effort was requested to ensure a pedestrian access was provided for at this location.

In response to a request for the hedges to be cut behind the Bhaile Nua estate in Bantry, Ruth O' Brien S.E.E. advised that she would contact the Housing Dept regarding this.

The collapsed wall at Kilkaskin Graveyard was highlighted and the S.E.O. advised the members that a previous quotation for these works were quite substantial and he will talk to Aidan Prendergast about the works and revert to the members.

An update on the marketing drive for the Dunmanway Regional Pool as requested and the S.E.O. noted that once the swimming classes were underway that the next step would be to concentrate on reviewing membership packages and this would be followed up by a marketing campaign.

The M.D.O. suggested an 'in committee' meeting to discuss the recent Casual Trading documentation that was circulated to the members and the proposal for an in-person meeting was agreed by the members. The MDO will advise the members of a date for the meeting.

The members agreed to hold the annual Budget meeting prior to the next monthly MDWC meeting on the 7th November at 10.15am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH _____ DATE _____