



Minutes of Proceeding of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of November 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:** Nicola Radley Senior Executive Officer, Alan Cogan S/Senior Executive Engineer, Carol Conway Municipal District Officer, Ian Broe Clerical Officer, Claire Wyley Assistant Staff Officer, Henry Kingston (Port of Cork), Aled Williams, Frances McCarthy (Bus Eireann)

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr. Marcia D'Alton and seconded by Cllr Seamus McGrath.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr Marcia D'Alton asked for an update on the Raffeen crash barriers and also an update re the bollards outside the Shamrock Shop. Alan replied that an application would have to be made for funding and that the bollards will hopefully be resolved in the New Year.

### **3. Correspondence**

None

### **4. Breithniúcháin ar Tuairiscí agus Moltaí / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

#### **(i) Henry Kingston, Chief Land & Development Officer, Port of Cork.**

Carol Conway thanked Henry Kingston for joining the meeting via teams. Henry Kingston port of Cork address the meeting with details of the Hugh Coveney Pier.

The Hugh Coveney Pier is designated for the following:

- Commercial Fishing Operations
- Emergency Services
- Large International events
- Marine Leisure

Henry also said there is no plans to change the use of the pier.

Cllr Audrey Buckley thanked Henry for attending the meeting. She asked if the following group could use the pier for parking RNLI, leisure companies, Sea Angling club and Coast Guard.

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh also thanked Henry and stated he understood the issue with parking on the pier. He thanked the port of Cork for festivals and never felt there was any real issues with the events. Cllr. Audrey Buckley asked was there any update on the rotting boat?

Henry Kingston thanked for all the comments and he will revert to his colleagues re parking issues. Henry spoke to the Port of Corks Harbour Master about the rotting boat who informed him that in



his opinion it's County Council Issue. Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked why the rotting boat was a County Council problem? Henry replied as it wasn't on the pier. Cllr. Audrey Buckley thanked Henry and agreed that the pier should be used for sea anglers and asked was the pier extended recently and was there any plans to do so, Henry replied that it wasn't and there was no plans to do so but would keep it under review. Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan and Carol Conway both thanks Henry for joining the meeting.

**(ii) Aled Williams and Frances McCarthy of Bus Eireann.**

Carol Conway welcomed Aled Williams and Frances McCarthy to the meeting and mentioned how much their attendance was appreciated.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley thanked Aled and William for replying to emails send. She expressed her concerns with the lack of reliability of the bus service, with the lack of buses and buses not showing up, she also raised concerns with the bus app not working. Cllr Audrey Buckley also asked for the Crosshaven to Fountainstown route to be reinstated.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath spoke about the need for the bus service for route 225,220,223 to have more reliability. The biggest issue with the routes is the no show of the buses. People are now threatening to stop using public transport and to buy cars. Cllr. Seamus McGrath said this is not where we need to be. He also asked if a route from Carrigaline to Mahon could be looked at and if a bus stop could be put in Maurland Estate. Cllr. Seamus McGrath asked for a bus shelter to put in the East bound on Kilmoney road as this stop is used a lot by school children.

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh said a lot had already been said but wanted to thank Aled and Frances for all the emails he had received and that the main issue is the solid times and reliability of the bus services. He said children needed to get to school and members of the public need to attend work and with 2-3 buses a no show this was not good enough. He also said that the public are getting turned off public transport.

Cllr. Jack White complimented the TFI investment in public transport and commented on the reduced rates. He also raised the concerns about buses not showing up and the serious impact this has on the public. He also asked the following questions

- What are the delivery targets?
- Could there be a greater control with the app service?
- Is there a fine Structure in place for not meeting delivery targets?
- Could there be a set policy in meeting public representatives?

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton echoed Cllr. Jack White comments. She also wanted to raise the fact that Harbour heights Est had an est.200 houses which is due to rapidly increase to 400 houses. She asked for this to be a designated official stop and asked for the NTA to expedite this and the shelter as soon as possible. Cllr Marcin D'Alton does not understand why the bus pole in Marmullane Park has not yet been replaced. Double Decker is needed to improve the capacity of the 223 route or 216 could divert for this run. She also asking why 226A has not been reinstated since Covid and added that the 226 is often short of capacity. She also raised her concerns about the reliability of buses not showing up and the 237 not stopping in the Halfway Village. She feels that there should be no issue with Sunday Buses and the 216 didn't show up on Sunday last.



Cllr Ben Dalton O'Sullivan said there is no bus pole on the 226 route at Fivemile and that it was an official stop. He also asked for an update on the rural hailing policy.

Aled Williams thanked the members for the invite to the meeting. He told the meeting that there was a major power outage last weekend and commented on the good service received by the Fire Service. He said there was a continued service that day on all routes. He also said that due to ongoing traffic levels causing issues to services that he endeavoured to get services back on track. He also stated that the bus only hours on Patrick Street were not been adhered to which lead to buses been blocked and delayed. He also said that all targets could be viewed on NTA website, that they are constantly relating to the NTA re the app. They also have mystery shoppers. Aled said all issues could be emailed to himself or Frances and that he will raise new routes with the NTA this week. He also said that meetings could be arranged with public representative.

Frances thanked members for the invite to the meeting. She said that the NTA have taken over responsibilities on bus stops. Travel information team will be addressing all bus stops and poles, cork will be one of the first locations to be addressed. She is following up on the issues raised in Harbour heights and Marmullane Park.

Aled said he will take back comments re the 223 to the NTA and to get it implemented as soon as possible. With regard to using a double decker bus on the 226 there seems to be tress preventing this. There will be an investigation in to why the 237 is not stopping he will revert back with information and all queries.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley said she really appreciated the information from Frances and Aled and asked for the 220 at weekends to be looked into and also the Crosshaven to Fountainstown route.

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh was glad to hear there was a good experience had with the fire service. He also stressed the importance of reliability of bus services and the pressure for the public if buses don't show up.

Cllr. Jack White thanked Aled and Frances for the replies and understood that traffic volumes are high and suggested that services could be adapted to deal with traffic volumes. He also thanked them for looking into the app issues.

Cllr Seamus McGrath stressed that reliability is the main issue and asked if MDS could meet with Bus Eireann in person, this would be very welcome.

Cllr Marcia D'Alton said that Crosshaven buses are always full and feels the drivers go too fast.

Aled said he will provide KPIs to the members and that NTA make all decisions on routes. Bus Eireann have regular communications with NTA and unions and said that members would be welcome to Capwell. Carol Conway thanked Aled and Frances for attending the meeting and hope to continue good relations.

**(iii) Declaration of a public road - White Oaks and Clover Hill, Carrigaline**

Information regarding the Declaration of a public road – White oaks and Clover Hill was circulated.

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

**(iv) Passage West Halloween Festival**

All members agreed



## **5. Municipal District Report**

Carol went through her report noting all the great projects that had been done during the year Fitness trails, roof replacements, the street scape Passage West and also thanked the elected members for all their work during the year.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton thanked the MD and area office

Cllr. Audrey Buckley thanked MD and ground staff

Cllr. Jack White echoed the statements above and said some hard decisions were made but right decisions had been made.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O Sullivan noted that the Goggins Hill festival was a very positive experience in the local community

Carol asked for permission from the members to get additional Christmas lights. All the members agreed.

Cllr Seamus McGrath complimented MD staff and fully supported additional Christmas lights.

Cllr Ben Dalton O’Sullivan said that Christmas trees and lights in small villages will be of huge benefit

## **6. To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of**

### **Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. *“Can we get an update on GDPR/ cameras for litter blackspot areas please. We are seeing more household bags of litter being dumped, especially up by the recycling bins in Camden.”*

Nicola Radley to follow up with gardai. Cllr Marcia D’Alton said that CCTV should be encouraged. Cllr Jack White wants a clear view on legislation on antisocial behaviour.

2. *“Can we please get an update on an RV park in the Carrigaline MD area, land at Camden Crosshaven”*

Cllr Audrey Buckley noted the response. Cllr. Seamus McGrath fully welcomed the review and would like to be kept up to date on progress. Cllr. Jack White said that Carrigaline faced on going challenges to capture the tourist spend in the town and that R.V park would be welcome. Cllr Ben Dalton O’Sullivan said progress is very welcome,

3. *“With the study for school safety access in Crosshaven underway, can we get an update please. Before the plans are finalised it would be of benefit to us to see details for this plan.”*

Response was noted

### **Cllr Ben Dalton O’Sullivan**

1. *“That the feasibility of a footpath between Paddy’s Bridge and Ballinhassig would be considered.”*

Cllr Ben Dalton O’Sullivan noted the response



2. "That a full review of Coolatooder Bridge is undertaken, 26 accidents have happened here in the last 3 months."

Cllr Ben Dalton O'Sullivan noted the response

3. "That the engineer would examine the junction of Ballyhooleen and the L2230 Waterfall Road."

Cllr Ben Dalton O'Sullivan noted the response

**Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh**

1. "Could the MD see to it that potholes are addressed in the County area between five mile and Cork Airport."

Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh asked could there be a discussion with landowner to widen the road and Cllr. Jack White 2<sup>nd</sup> this and said he was reaching out to the NTA. Alan Cogan will run by NTA and revert back directly.

2. "That the MD look into installing a footpath to facilitate the houses on Goat's cross hill in Crosshaven. Safety for pedestrian's is an issue which again was highlighted recently with a RTC on the Corner at the top of the hill."

Cllr. Murtagh asked had landowners been consulted and added that it would create a link to the village. Cllr. White seconded the motion and asked could we contact the NTA and explore further. Alan said that he would run it by the NTA but added that the NTA is more for urban areas and that he believes connectivity at either end would be an issue.

3. "That the MD look at installing a Pedestrian Crossing in Forest hill."

Alan stated this estate has not yet been taken in charge and that a list of remedial works has been passed to the developer for completion. Cllr. Seamus McGrath supports and said the taken in charge issue needs to be resolved. Cllr. Jack White agreed with Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

**Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. "To request that Cedarwood Mews, Waterpark, be included in the Public Lighting Programme for 2023."

Cllr. Seamus McGrath noted response

2. "To seek a report on plans for a Flood Relief Scheme for Carrigaline Town."

Cllr Seamus McGrath thanked and welcomed report received by Gillian Vaughan and said a solution is needed. He also said flood relief is needed in the future. Cllr. Jack White seconded the



motion and said it was reassuring flood relief is on the way. Alan Cogan has applied for funding and this would make a difference, but this is a short-term fix.

3. *“To seek agreement from the Municipal District that the Joe West Memorial be relocated to Pottery Road.”*

Carol Conway has no objections in moving the memorial. Cllr. Jack White said engagement with the West family and that the tidy towns would also need to be consulted.

**Cllr. Jack White**

1. *“Could we please get information on the composition (material) of water pipes supplying homes in Carrigaline town?”*

Cllr. White welcomed the easy to understand the response as he had been contacted by residents in Kilmoney Heights who had concerns that paths were being laid on lead pipes. Cllr. Murtagh seconded the motion. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that there are ongoing issues in relation to Irish Water. Carol and Cllr. White thanked Brian O’Donovan for the comprehensive response received. Cllr. White also thanked Christy O’Sullivan.

2. *“That this MD engage with the West Family & Carrigaline Tidy Towns on the re-location of the Joe West statue after moving it from Bothar Guidel.”*

Carol Conway has no objections in moving the memorial. Cllr. Seamus McGrath said engagement with the West family and that the tidy towns would also need to be consulted.

**Cllr. Marcia D’Alton**

1. *“That drainage along the R610, in particular along Strand Road through Monkstown, would be improved. In particular, surface water is ponding to an extreme extent outside the Bosun car park since the resurfacing of Strand Road after the Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme installation.”*

Alan Cogan said he had looked at the issue today and that it was a minor issue that would be resolved in the New Year.

2. *“That the Area Office would provide a detailed report on the use of budgetary code G02 on the Operation & Maintenance of Piers & Harbours during the past 12 months.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that she feels very strongly about this and asked what is possible to control with the money. There was a budget of circa €973,000 allocated for the day to day operation of piers and harbours of which the MD received 1.8%. We deserve more as we have a number of valuable assets and that more informative information is needed. Cllr. D’Alton asked how much a patch job on a pier would cost to which Alan replied that he would revert.

All members supported the motion adding that a more significant budget is needed to deal with this and issues such as coastal erosion etc. Cllr. D’Alton asked was it too late to make a submission for



extra funding to which Cllr. McGrath replied it wasn't and Carol informed members that a submission could be made.

3. *“That this Municipal District Committee would write to the Chief Executive and to the Head of Finance to ask that adequate funding, commensurate to the cost of last year’s maintenance, would be provided for the new and very popular park on Haulbowline Island in 2023. Haulbowline Island is in an unusual situation in that although it is in the Cobh Municipal District, it is a much-valued recreational asset for residents of the Carrigaline Municipal District.”*

Cllr. D’Alton added that Haulbowline Island brings so much joy to those based in the municipal district and asked that we write to the Chief Executive and Head of Finance and ask for adequate funding to be allocated.

Carol Conway said she would make submissions to increase budget. Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh asked could we look into European funding and if this could be explored. Cllr Ben Dalton O’Sullivan asked what was required? And to look into what could be achieved with what we have.

#### **7. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. McGrath asked to congratulate Dean Foley on his indoor Bowling Win and also both the Gaeilscoil in Carrigaline and Start of the Sea for their wins in the Sciath na Scoil.

Cllr. D’Alton asked to congratulate Passage Soccer Club on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also Cllr. Murtagh on his long service award from the Cork City Fire Service.

Cllr. White asked to congratulate Carrigaline Soccer Club on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also the Carrigaline Musical Society.

Cllr. Buckley asked to congratulate the volunteers in Crosshaven on their work on the Christmas lights.

Cllr. D’Alton asked to congratulate the organisers of the Passage West Zombie Experience.

Cllr. Murtagh asked to congratulate the volunteers in Camden Fort Meagher.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Carol commended the work carried out by the area office.

Cllr. Buckley asked when the lining contractor would be in the area and asked for updates on the bike stands in Fountainstown, raised table outside Centra.

Cllr. Murtagh asked for an update on the snag list for the Churchbay Road.

Cllr. D’Alton asked for an update on the speed signs for Monkstown and added that a conversation needs to take place around speed. She also added that there is water pooling opposite Father O’Flynn Park and also on the Paddys Bridge side of Rockenham.

Cllr. McGrath added that there are bad potholes on the School Road in Ringaskiddy and that one light is not working in the community park in Carrigaline

Cllr. White said that the line markings need to be done in the Lulu car parking and that there is ponding on the Church Road at the entrance to the community park. He also asks who designates an

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SPA area. Cllr. D'Alton informed Cllr. White that it is the National Parks and Wildlife service responsible for designating an SPA.

Alan added that he will contact the lining contractor but added that it is not good weather for lining. He informed Cllr. Murtagh that the engineer met with the contractor and that they found that a kerb may compromise an existing drain. He added that he will look at the Ringaskiddy School road and also the areas of flooding and ponding and that he will report the broken light. Carol added that there is no update on the bike stands.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan wished everyone a Happy Christmas and brought the meeting to a close.