



Minutes of Proceeding of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 20th of February 2023 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, Andy O’Brien, Carol Conway Municipal District Officer, Ian Broe Clerical Officer, Claire Wyley Assistant Staff Officer, Aisling O’Sullivan Staff Officer

Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan started the meeting by passing on condolences to Alan Cogan S/Senior Executive Engineer on the passing of his father.

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

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Marcia D’Alton and seconded by Cllr Jack White.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr Seamus McGrath asked for an update on Cogan’s Corner and asked if PARU could be invited to an upcoming MD meeting. Nicola responded that there is ongoing engagement with PARU and will revert back with an up to date report.

### **3. Correspondence**

Carol read responses from the Garda Chief Commissioner, the environment department on waste monitoring in Ballinhassig and the report on air quality. Cllr Jack White thanked Carol and said he was glad to see air quality up and running and asked if it could be reviewed again in 6 months. Cllr Seamus McGrath welcomed the garda response and thanked each section for their reports.

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

- (i) Grant of Right of Way at Ballinphellic, Ballinhassig

Proposed by Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

### **5. Municipal District Officers Report**

Carol presented her report and invited questions and queries from members.

The below TDF allocations were proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan.



	Category	Proposed Allocation for 2023
1.	Christmas Festival Provision (2022 Festival Lights Carrigaline, Passage West, Crosshaven)	€27,500
2.	St Patricks Day Festival Carrigaline	€5,500
3.	St Patricks Day Festival Crosshaven	€1,500
4.	St. Patrick's Day Festival Passage West	€1,500
5.	Streetscape Paint Scheme	€5,000
6.	Floral Displays Passage West	€5,000
7.	General Festival Provision Passage West	€2,000
8.	General Festival Carrigaline	€2,500
9.	General Festival Crosshaven	€2,000
10.	Power-washing Carrigaline, Crosshaven, Passage West, Ringaskiddy	€25,400
11.	Newport News, Virginia, US Twinning	€10,000
	Urban Forestry	€3,500
12.	Playground Equipment/Amenity Carrigaline	€25,600
13.	Passage West Library	€3,000
	<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>€120,000</b>

Cllr. Murtagh thanked Carol for the report and added that insurance companies are making it difficult for festival organisers as they are increasing premiums, Cllr. Buckley that insurance companies are charging up to €1,000 euro per festival. Cllr. D'Alton added that there have been no such insurance difficulties in Passage West. Cllr. Murtagh also asked where the swimming shelter was to be located.

Cllr. D'Alton asked was there an update on the Ringaskiddy Public Realm Project. She was also grateful for the fantastic work carried out at Marmullane Park.



Cllr. McGrath agreed regarding Ringaskiddy asked for engagement with the community. He welcomed this year's allocation for playground improvements, Cllr. Buckley also welcomed the playground allocation.

Cllr. White welcomed the TDF allocations and especially the power washing which he added makes a huge difference to towns. He asked if possible, could this be done closer to the judging time for the Tidy Towns competition.

Cllr. McGrath asked for a monthly update on the Carrigaline Urban Design.

Cllr. D'Alton added that it is important to know when power washing will occur.

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

**Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh**

1. *"Can the MD seek an explanation from the County Engineer for delays to work commencing on the Graball Road, Crosshaven."*

Cllr Michael Paul Murtagh acknowledged the response received.

**Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

1. *"That Cork County Council would undertake a comprehensive cut and trim of the verges and overgrowth on Fair Hill (the Back Road), Passage West in advance of the commencement of the bird nesting season."*

Cllr Marcia D'Alton said that the tidy towns undertook this work and it took 5 weeks to complete and asked could the council arrange for works to be done going forward. Cllr Seamus McGrath supports Cllr Marcia D'Alton and said the area is very overgrown especially in the summer. Andy responded that the area is on the contractors list.

2. *"That Cork County Council would undertake a review of the safety of roadside trees along the R610 from Roberts Bridge to the county bounds and that this Municipal District would write to Cork City Council to undertake a similar review from the county bounds to Hop Island. Some of these trees are on public lands whilst others are on private lands."*

Cllr. D'Alton added that most of the dangerous trees were on the city side and that there is concern locally that these trees are dangerous and need maintenance and asked could we write to the City Council. Cllr. McGrath supported the motion adding that the was surprised with the response received. Both Nicola and Andy clarified the response by saying that if there were specific trees causing concerns that these would be looked at. Cllr. Buckley asked were landowners being billed for trees that Cork County Council had to attend to. Cllr. Murtagh added that members need information regarding what trees were to be cut down. Andy responded that he has wrote out to landowners' numerous times regarding overgrowth and maintenance.

3. *"That to assist pedestrian safety, Cork County Council would convert the uncontrolled crossing at the top of Pembroke Wood to a zebra crossing or similar."*



Cllr Marcia D'Alton said she couldn't understand why this is not suitable and stated that without a doubt that a zebra crossing is needed.

**Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. *"I would ask that the Carrigaline MD, to agree to discuss and look at dedicated areas for the upcoming elections on canvassing posters. 'Poster Free Zones'."*

Cllr Audrey Buckley said Crosshaven tidy towns asked candidate's in the 2019 election not to put up posters and it worked very well. Cllr Seamus McGrath supported the spirit of Audrey's motion and asked for a more formal approach in restricting posters for the upcoming election and suggested writing a letter to the minister looking to limit numbers of posters from an environmental point of view. Carol Conway that this was to be sent to the full council meeting by the Cobh Municipal District. Cllr Jack White noted his support. Cllr Ben Dalton O'Sullivan said it would be for the community associations to write to the candidates in order for the power to remain in the community.

2. *"Can we get an update please on the 2 light poles/ESB on the lower road Crosshaven. When will ESB be relocating the 2 poles from the middle of the newly extended footpath, for wheelchair users and prams."*

Cllr Audrey Buckley acknowledged the response received.

**Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. *"To request that Ros Na Greine estate be considered for the Road Resurfacing Programme this year."*

Cllr Seamus McGrath noted response and said he would be grateful if it was strongly considered

2. *"To seek an update on the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at Shanbally on the N28."*

Cllr Seamus McGrath added that this was a very busy national road and needs to have a crossing. Andy responded that he is waiting for TII to comment.

3. *"To seek an update on previous requests for a Pedestrian Crossing at Glenbrook."*

Cllr Seamus McGrath noted Madeline Healy's response but asked for it to be kept on the agenda. Cllr Marcia D'Alton added that she requested this for a second time last June and said a lot of elderly people live in Glenbrook and the road is open and wide with traffic travelling at a high speed and said it is reassuring its back on the agenda.

**Cllr. Jack White**

1. *"That this MD seek the Roads Directorate to engage with Cork City Council & TII to seriously address the sub-standard road conditions & resulting safety concerns on Carr's Hill. Thousands of people living and working in our Municipal District travel this road every day and are being affected by potholes, poor line-marking, debris, etc."*



Cllr Jack White said with traffic back to pre-Covid levels there are a lot of big and small accidents happening as a result of potholes, poor line-marking, debris etc. resulting in a lot of damage done to cars. He said any works would be greatly welcome. Cllr Seamus McGrath supports Cllr Jack White and noted that works had been done on the county side but not on the city side. He said this is clearly not good enough on the city side for works not to be done and that proper resurfacing is badly needed. Cllr Michael Paul Murtagh supports Cllr Jack White and said major issues to be dealt with and looked forward to future works. Cllr Marcia D'Alton strongly agrees and stressed the danger and that TII need to be involved. Andy O'Brien said the TII and City Council have both been contacted by the road's office.

2. *"That this MD seek a joint meeting with the Cobh MD about the ongoing littering and Dog fouling issues in Haulbowline Park."*

Cllr Jack White said the issues in Haulbowline Park are ongoing, the park is very unkept and there is a lot of litter and dog fouling. He asked the question on how to get park up to standard and suggested bins were a major requirement. Cllr Marcia D'Alton second the motion and said she was frustrated over the removal of bins. Haulbowline Park is in Cobh Municipal District, so she has written to the Cobh office to request funding for park improvements. Cllr Seamus McGrath said how disappointed he was with the condition of the park and feels the park should be in the Carrigaline MD area as it's a lot of the public from Carrigaline avail of the park. He asked if management could support as it is such a great facility.

Nicola Radley agrees but said this was not a political issue but an operational issue and said that boundary changes would be required for the Park to be transferred to Carrigaline MD. She said letters would be written to Cobh Md and to the vets dept. to highlight issues. She said the CPG needs to bring this to full council in order to progress.

#### **Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. *"Ros Na Greine, Carrigaline: Calling for full resurfacing works within the estate."*

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response received.

2. *"Calling for the bridge to be repaired at Five Mile Bridge following a recent accident."*

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response received.

3. *"Kingsland Ballinhassig; calling for the road to be included in the resurfacing program."*

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan acknowledged the response received.

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

Cllr Jack White asked to congratulate:

Carrig Ag Caint - in recognition of their first year in existence and becoming a branch of Conradh na Gaeilge.



St. Mary's Church, Carrigaline. In recognition of their 200 Year Celebrations which kicked off recently.

Cantate Choir - in recognition of their recent success at the Feis Maitiu

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

Andy confirmed that TII have accepted the proposed reduction on the N28 at Shannon Park Roundabout but that they have refused the reduction at Raffeen. Cllr. D'Alton voiced her frustration regarding Raffeen adding that it is a very dangerous junction. Cllr. McGrath echoed Cllr. D'Alton's frustrations adding that visibility is very low at this dangerous junction. Andy confirmed he would contact TII and find out their reasoning. Cllr. Murtagh proposed the N28 changes and was seconded by Cllr. McGrath.

Cllr. D'Alton brought up the ongoing safety issues near the school in Crosshaven by the coastguard cottages and members requested a safety review of roads near the school. Nicola added that this can be discussed.

Cllr. White added that there was a speeding issue on the Crosshaven to Carrigaline road. There was also a shower broken Fountainstown. He asked could temporary bollards be installed near the soccer club to improve pedestrian safety.

Cllr. Buckley proposed to allocate €300 euro from her members discretionary fund to the Crosshaven Indoor Bowls Club this was seconded by Cllr. McGrath.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the provision of a raised table on Barnes Lane. She also added that there are complaints that Irish Water aren't reinstating roads to a sufficient standard. The cracks on the Point Road are getting worse and asked is there anyway that HGV's can be stopped from using the road. She also added that here was reports that a contractor damaged a car on the Churchbay Road.

Cllr. Murtagh state that there are issues with the lights at the pedestrian crossing at Templebreedy. He also added that temporary speed ramps are needed at Brightwater.

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the Carrigaline Urban Design scheme. He also added that Johnsons Cross needs resurfacing. He asked was there a possibility of introducing some parent and baby spaces in the Owenabue car park.

Cllr. D'Alton added that there is an issue with speeding at Diamond Hill and asked is there anything that can be done. There is a slip road in Passage West which is being used illegally and asked could a bollard be installed here to stop this. She asked for an update on the crash barrier at Raffeen. There is ponding on the dished part of the footpath on the R610 across from the playground.

Andy informed Cllr. White that speeding is a Garda enforcement issue and that he could pass this onto them. He could look at the potential of bollards. Andy informed Cllr. Buckley that Barnes Lane is being looked at by planning at that he will look at any Irish Water related issues. He added that he will engage with the consultant in relation to the Point Road but that he would need more information regarding the Churchbay Road incident.

Carol informed Cllr. McGrath that she will set a date for an update on the Urban Design Scheme. Andy informed Cllr. McGrath that Johnsons Cross has been listed for this year and that he doesn't

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see an issue with the parent and baby spaces. He informed Cllr. Murtagh that he would look at the Templebreedy issue and that he will contact O'Flynn's regarding Brightwater. Andy informed Cllr. D'Alton that he will look at her issues raised.