



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on 24th April 2023.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Dónal Ó Coileáin, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chroinín, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Ó Muircheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, De Foite Sean, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conbhubhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Fionn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghair, Dawson, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Ó Mhurchú Gearóid, Críod, Ní Mhuineacháin Gobnait, , Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padriagh, Ó Múrcú Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé Tony, Léineacháin, Uí Foghlú, Ó hÉalaithe, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheairn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh Susan, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich, Ó Haodha Pól.

PRESENT

Councillor Danny Collins, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan G, Coleman, Murphy K, O’Sullivan J, O’Sullivan M, O’Donovan, Murphy PG, Cronin, O’Connell, McGrath, D’Alton, Murtagh, Buckley A, White J, Dalton-O’Sullivan, O’Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O’Connor S, O’Connor A, McCarthy N, O’Flynn, O’Brien, O’Leary, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O’Shea JP, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Moynihan Gobnait, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O’Shea T, Linehan-Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul.

Deputy Chief Executive Clodagh Henehan, Director of Services Environment, Climate Action, Broadband & Emergency Services, Director of Services Planning Department, A/Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services

Councillor Seamus McGrath took the Chair at 1.25 pm.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath

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Seconded by Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

Seconded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy

To discuss the findings of the Annual Report for 2022 from the Office of An Choimisinéir Teanga.

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/4-2

TO: Edel Bodie on the death of her Mother Eileen Howard.

TO: The Breen Family on the death of their son and brother Craig Breen.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

PART 8 MANAGER'S REPORT SECTIONS 179(3) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2022 (AS AMENDED)

3/4-2

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:

Proposed by Councillor Sean O'Donovan

Seconded by Councillor Marie O'Sullivan

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's Report for works to extend an existing walkway in the townlands of Ballylangleigh and Curranure, Bandon.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members spoke in favour of the proposed walkway
- Said it will be of immense benefit to all who will use it
- Members queried the width of the proposed footpath
- Said many towns in Cork cannot support 2 metre footpaths
- Said footpaths of this width can be an impediment to traffic
- Members said it is very difficult for large vehicles and agricultural machinery to navigate through towns with wide footpaths
- Members spoke in defence of active travel schemes and said older towns cannot handle the volume of traffic travelling through them
- Members said they are in favour of improving facilities for wheelchair users but that footpaths should only be widened in towns that can accommodate them

The Mayor agreed with comments made about the problems of wider footpaths in unsuitable locations. He agreed that the matter should be referred to the Roads SPC for further discussion.

The Deputy Chief Executive said the project relates to the extension of an existing off-road pathway to connect safely into Bandon town centre and said it will be a very well received project in the town when complete. Ms. Henahan also said it is important to note that Cork County Council works with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Roads Design Office to improve footpaths for pedestrians where possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179A OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT AS AMENDED.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:

The Deputy Chief Executive, Clodagh Henehan, advised the Elected Members that Tuath Housing in partnership with Cork County Council intend to progress the following Social Housing development at Masseytown, Macroom, Co Cork.

The construction of a new housing development consisting of 18 No. Residential Units plus 1 no. Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (ABII) 5-bed communal dwelling comprising:

- 4 No. 1 bed, 2-person single storey units.
- 4 No. 2 bed, 4-person single storey units.
- 6 No. 2 bed, 4-person two storey units.
- 4 No. 1 bed, 2-person own door apartments
- 1 no. ABII, 5-bed communal dwelling
- 2 No. paved homezone areas, a total of 41 No. car parking spaces including visitor parking and designated parking.
- Ducting to 1 No. future EV charging point for each residential unit, and 4 No. visitor spaces.
- Soft landscaping including green spaces, planting, and trees.
- Connection to public utilities
- All associated site and ancillary works

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members welcomed the report
- Said the development is particularly welcome as there is a great need for 1 & 2 bed accommodation for the elderly & for single people
- Noted that the acquired brain hub is important addition to the community

**[d] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES
TÚAIRSCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó CHOISTÍ**

COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

4/4-2

Cllr. Sinead Sheppard proposed, seconded by Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen

“Cobh Municipal District recommends that Cork County Council run the online Pay Parking System in Cobh as a pilot scheme, and if successful, asks can it be run out across the County.”

RESPONSE:

Members noted from Mr. Niall Healy, Director of Services, Municipal District Operations and Rural Development as follows

“Cork County Council has been examining options in terms of introducing a cashless pay parking system. The current system is coin based countywide. It is considered that any cashless payment system should complement the existing coin based system (and not replace it). This would ensure that there would be a number of payment channels available to the motorist – coin, phone, or via an App/website.

While there will be an initial investment required, it is envisaged that the system would allow for a significantly fewer number of on-street pay parking machines over time. This would generate

financial savings in terms of reduced machine replacement costs, as well as savings in terms of coin processing fees.

The Council can confirm that it is intended that Cobh town has been identified as the demonstrator town. The Council has commenced the process of defining a system specification with a view to procuring same in the coming months. Progress reporting will be submitted to the members of Cobh MD. The Council will, in due course, review the extent of motorist uptake and will then consider the extent to which the scheme can be further rolled out“.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said Cobh Municipal District have been trying to progress this motion since 2019
- Asked why Cork County Council have not introduced this measure to date. They understood from a previous meeting that the Council was almost ready to go to tender, why has there been no further progress.
- Said that there has been an increase in cashless payments since the Covid pandemic and many people no longer carry cash
- Said that pay parking needs accommodate cashless payments, people should not need to look for change in order to pay for parking
- Stated that Cobh attracts a vast number of visitors and the addition of a cashless payment system would be helpful for tourists
- Members spoke of issues with broken pay parking machines and of the difficulties people have in trying to locate a working machine
- Members from other Municipal Districts spoke in support of the motion from Cobh Municipal District
- Said there needs to be clear signage in place to make the public aware of the parking arrangements
- Members said they are disappointed that this has not progressed any further to date and are happy for it to be rolled out in Cobh as a pilot scheme
- Said it is important that any cashless payment system should run in parallel with the existing cash payment option and that a cashless payment system should include the option of paying through an app as well as making a card payment
- Members said bigger towns should introduce pay parking, it encourages cars to move on after a few hours and frees up space for new visitors

The Deputy Chief Executive said that Cork County Council intends to work with Cobh as the demonstrator town to progress the project. Ms. Henehan stated that a lot of work has already been completed and that the intention is to progress the with procurement process once the specifications for the system are finalised. Ms. Henehan also said that the Cobh Municipal District will be updated with periodic progress reports.

Members requested to have it noted in the minutes to respect the autonomy of each Municipal District to make their own decisions on pay parking.

NORTHERN COMMITTEE

4/4-2

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea proposed, seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes

“The Northern Committee recommends that Cork County Council write to the Minister for Transport Eamonn Ryan TD outlining its disappointment with the allocation of only €100,000 for the Mallow Relief Road in 2023. Furthermore, it asks the Minister to explain the rationale and reasoning behind issuing a section 24 letter to TII as part of the Roads Allocations to Cork County for 2023 which

effectively overruled TII's proposal to fund the Mallow Relief Road in the amount of €1.4m. The Mallow Relief Road is consistent with all relative objectives of national policy and its development is critical for the future development of Mallow Town and its environs.”

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said they are beyond disappointed with the decision to cut funding
- Said this road is crucial for the development of Mallow
- Members said they are very disappointed that one of the key projects in the County Development Plan is not progressing as it was meant to
- Said the benefits of a relief road are very clear, Mallow needs a relief road to take traffic congestion out of the town centre
- Members said they have progressed the project as much as they can at local level
- Called for a delegation to meet with the Minister
- Members said this decision has consequences for Mallow and Mallow is suffering economically, it is hindering development in the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District
- Said this project has been discussed for 30 years
- Said this project needs €1.3 million and it is unbelievable that this amount is not available
- Said the future of all North Cork depends on this development

Members agreed to write to Minister for Transport asking him to explain the rationale and reasoning behind issuing a section 24 letter to TII as part of the Roads Allocations to Cork County for 2023. Members agreed to request a meeting with Minister Ryan.

**[f] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS
TÚAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ ÍOIFIGIH**

5/4-2

The Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Broadband & Emergency Services presented on the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Duffy outlined the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Amendment Act 2021 as follows:

- Within 12 months of the receipt of a request from the Minister, which request shall be made not later than 18 months after the coming into operation of section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021,
- Each local authority shall prepare and make a plan relating to a period of five years (... referred to as a ‘local authority climate action plan’) which shall specify the mitigation and the adaptation measures to be adopted by the local authority’.
- A local authority shall have regard to—
 - (a) the most recent approved national long term climate action strategy,
 - (b) the most recent approved sectoral adaptation plans, and
 - (c) any policies of the Minister or the Government on climate change.
- A local authority shall—
 - (a) consult and co-operate with adjoining local authorities,
 - (b) consult with the Public Participation Network in the administrative area of the local authority and such other persons as the local authority considers appropriate,
 - (c) co-ordinate, where appropriate, with adjoining local authorities in relation to the mitigation measures and adaptation measures to be adopted,
 - (d) consider any significant effects the implementation of the local authority climate action plan may have on adjoining local authorities, and
 - (e) consider any submissions made to it by an adjoining local authority.

- The Minister requested Cork County Council to make a ‘Local Authority Climate Action Plan’ (LACAP) on Friday 24th February 2023. 5 Year LACAP must be adopted within 12 months. He launched Guidelines March 6th

Mr. Duffy explained the scope of the Local Authority Climate Plan:

- Tailored to reflect the local and regional context of the local authority
- Must be Ambitious, Action-focused, Evidence-based, Participative & Transparent
- Clarify the local authority climate action role, responsibility and authority
- Develop a relevant climate action evidence base
- Support meaningful engagement on the plan
- Facilitate the effective monitoring and reporting on performance
- Local Authorities are generally directly responsible for less than 5% of administrative area’s emissions.
- Reduce of these emissions in line with the 51% target prescribed to 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050.
- The local authority must drive the climate agenda, to realize ambitious, transformative and practical climate action at local and community levels
- We must consult with neighbouring Local Authorities and other sectors for consistent delivery of actions

Mr. Duffy said there are two main areas to the Local Authority Climate Plan:

Climate action in areas within the Councils own remit

- Reduce its own carbon emissions by 51% from the 2018 baseline
- This falls into 3 sources Electricity, heating and transport which must each show 51% reduction
- Increase energy efficiency by 50%
- Transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral organisation.

The Council’s wider role across the county

- The Council to influence and support communities and sectors in their transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Mr. Duffy said the Sectors and Lead Government Departments required to prepare sectoral adaptation plans are as follows:

- Seafood - Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Agriculture - Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Forestry - Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Biodiversity - Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- Cultural Heritage - Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- Transport Infrastructure - Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Electricity and Gas Networks - Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- Communications Networks - Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

- Flood Risk Management - Office of Public Works
- Water Quality - Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Water Services Infrastructure - Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Health - Department of Health

Mr. Duffy outlined the Development Stages of the Local Authority Climate Plan as follows:

Stage 1 – Development of baseline emissions inventory, risk assessment and Decarbonisation Zone (public consultation included)

Stage 2 – Draft plan preparation including SEA/AA (public consultation included)

Stage 3 – Final plan preparation taking account of public submissions and EA/AA report

Stage 4 – Adoption by Council

Mr. Duffy explained the Baseline Evidence Summary Report as follows:

- Stage 1 – Baseline emissions, risk assessment and decarbonisation zone
- Documentation available on the Council website and the below weblink

<https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/environment/climate-action-plan>

He explained the Tier 1 ‘Top-down’ Assessment as follows:

- The Tier 1 approach is the simplest and quickest approach to estimate carbon emissions at a County Council level
- This approach is informed predominantly by publicly available data, including the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) MapEire database as well as the Central Statistics Office (CSO).

He explained the Tier 2 ‘Bottom -up’ Assessment as follows:

- The Tier 2 approach allows for a more detailed look at drivers and hotspots of carbon emissions through use of more detailed datasets.
- This approach is informed predominantly by publicly available data, including the Central Statistics Office (CSO), Transport Omnibus and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

He explained Tier 3 as follows:

Strengths:

- Provides detailed map of energy demand and emission sources
- Effective planning and communication tool

Weaknesses:

- More detailed spatial input data needed
- Requires more advanced technical skills and in particular the use of GIS tools

Mr. Duffy discussed Cork County emissions:

- In 2018, the baseline year Ireland’s national carbon emissions were approximately 70,235 Ktonnes CO2e. Carbon emissions estimated within the Cork County area account for approximately 12% of national carbon emissions in the baseline year.

He clarified the role of the Local Authority and explained Sectoral targets:

Sector	Reduction
Electricity	75%
Transport	50%
Buildings (Commercial & Public)	45%
Buildings (Residential)	40%
Industry	35%
Agriculture	25%
Other	50%

Mr. Duffy explained the Public Consultation process as follows:

Stage 1 - Baseline Evidence Summary Report

Summary report on county wide baseline emissions, council asset risk assessment and decarbonisation zone.

- Are there any other data sources that should be considered to ensure the most accurate baseline is developed for the CAP?
- Are there any other Climate related risks that need to be considered?

1. Wider county wide of council

- The best ways that the Council can influence and support communities and sectors in their transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.
- Submissions to be made on the Council website via the “submission” button
- **Closing date for submission Sunday 21st May 2023**
(the consultation period was chosen to allow for the maximum consultation time at draft plan stage and meet the statutory deadline of 23rd February, 2024)

Stage 2 – Draft Plan

To follow later in the process

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members noted the volume of work carried out by the Environment department, Cork County Council and the wider community
- Said climate change is the biggest issue of our generation
- Said they are concerned that the climate change debate will get lost amongst other pressing issues
- Members said there needs to be public meetings to involve the public in the plan, suggested public meetings in each Municipal District
- Members acknowledged the work already being done in this area and the role of the County Development Plan
- Said the Climate Action Plan covers all areas and the Local Authority has a contributing role in all of these areas, emphasised the role of elected members as community leaders in driving public buy-in

Mr. Duffy said it is important that we understand our role clearly. He said it is increasingly important to connect with communities. He said all suggestions from members on how to effectively communicate with communities on this matter are welcome.

6/4-2

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL:

Quarterly report of the Corporate Services Directorate for the 3-month period 31st December 2022

Members noted the Corporate Services Directorate Quarterly Report.

7/4-2

Quarterly report of the Library Directorate for the 3-month period 31st December 2022

Members noted the Library Directorate Quarterly Report.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members asked for a follow up on the opening date of the new Kinsale Library

Deputy Chief Executive said a report will be sent back to the local Municipal District.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

8/4-2

Members agreed to discuss the findings of the Annual Report for 2022 from the Office of An Choimisinéir Teanga.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members said this issue previously arose in 2017

- Said they are concerned about Cork County Council's use of English place names rather than the correct Irish place names
- Said that areas in the Gaeltacht were named in the Draft County Development Plan in English as opposed to in Irish, which is a legal obligation
- Queried what steps will be taken to ensure that the Council is not listed on this report again, more needs to be done to ensure compliance
- Members acknowledged the volume of work involved in completing the County Development Plan
- Asked for the reason on the delay in issuing the tender for translation of the County Development Plan
- Said that it is a very simple ask for place names to be spelt correctly

The Deputy Chief Executive said that Cork County Council takes obligations under legislation very seriously. Ms. Henahan said in this case Cork County Council was unable to comply with statutory duties with regards to a public consultation document. She said this was not done deliberately or with any disregard for the Irish language or for the legislation.

Mr. Michael Lynch, Director of Services Planning, addressed the Members. He said there is an issue with statutory timelines. He said there are problems with publishing the English and Irish versions of the County Development Plan at the same time. He said translators will not quote for a document until it is completed in full. He said steps have been taken to prevent these issues from arising again.

Ms. Patricia Liddy, Director of Services, Corporate Services said steps have already been taken to ensure that staff were fully aware of the correct place names and reminding them of their obligations under the Language Act.

Members agreed to write to An Coimisinéir Teanga and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to suggest that under the Planning Bill that there is a period given where the timeline for County Development Plans are paused to allow for translation.

**[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

UISCE ÉIREANN

9/4-2

Correspondence received 13th April 2023 from Uisce Éireann in response to the Council's letter dated 21st March 2023 in relation to issues with the Councillor Clinics and lack of engagement with Uisce Éireann.

Members noted the correspondence from Uisce Éireann.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members noted that Uisce Éireann have asked for more time in their response

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE

10/4-2

Correspondence received 12th April 2023 from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in response to Council's letter dated 29th March 2023 in relation to funding for additional staff resources for work associated with Vacant Homes/Property as provided for in national policy and as committed to by the DHLGH. Chief Executive's letter to Members dated 17th April refers.

Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

11/4-2

Correspondence received 18th April 2023 from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in response to the Council's letter dated 23rd January 2023 in relation to the future of Youghal Greyhound Track.

Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

[h] NOTICES OF MOTION

MECHANIC APPRENTICESHIPS

12/4-2

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea proposed, seconded by Cllr. Frank Roche

“That Cork County Council write to SOLAS & the Minister for Further & Higher Education Simon Harris TD in relation to accelerating the number of Mechanic Apprenticeships through the educational system as there seems to be a severe shortage nationwide of qualified mechanics presently”.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said businesses are finding it very hard to recruit mechanics
- Noted there is a nationwide shortage of mechanics
- Said there are delays in mechanics qualifying due to the Covid pandemic
- Said 75 mechanics have been taken out of the system and moved into NCT centres
- Members said there is also a shortage of heavy goods vehicles mechanics
- Said there are more incentives for young people to get a job in a factory than take up an apprenticeship
- Said it is important to think outside the box and incentivise people to take up apprenticeships
- Members suggested that apprentices could be exempt from paying tax for the duration of their apprenticeship
- Said it is important to make apprenticeships competitive with other work
- Said that young people are not enticed to become apprentices because the rate of pay is not up to standard
- Said that businesses do not want to take on apprentices due to the level of paperwork and administration involved

Members agreed to write to SOLAS and the Minister for Further and Higher Educations to accelerate the number of Mechanic Apprenticeships and address the shortage of qualified mechanics.

EXTENSION OF TIME:

As the time was now 1.15pm an extension of time was agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor John Paul O'Shea

[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

13/4-2

- TO:** Niall Barrett of Enniskeane who came third in the World Championships for Irish Dancing in Montreal.
- TO:** Kinsale Community School on competing in the VEX Robotics World Championships in Texas
- TO:** Carrigtwohill Community College on winning the All Ireland FAI Schools Minor 'B' Girls National Cup Final
- TO:** OCANA Fest Committee on the successful staging of the inaugural OCANA Fest
- TO:** Hugh Nolan and Pat O' Sullivan on their achievements at the World Transplant Games in Perth Australia
- TO:** Mairead O'Mahony on achieving Silver at the World Transplant Games in Perth

[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14/4-2

NURSING STAFF IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Councillor Michael Paul Murtagh proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Members said there needs to be extra supports for additional nursing staff in special schools. Members agreed to write to the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Department of Children Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide extra nursing staff where required in special schools. Members asked that supports would be given from organizations such as the "Jack and Jill foundation" to accompany children to school if necessary. It was also agreed that this letter would be sent to the Minister of State at the Department of Education.

15/4-2

BALLINSPITTLE GARDA STATION

Members queried progress on the demolition of the wall in this area.

The Deputy Chief Executive said that this issue was raised at Municipal District level previously and will ask for a report to go back to the Municipal District again.

16/4-2

GARRETSTOWN & GARRYLUCAS BEACHES

Members queried the progress of works to these beaches ahead of the Summer season to reduce traffic congestion.

The Deputy Chief Executive said a report will be brought back to the Municipal District on this matter.

17/4-2

SOUTHDOC SERVICES

Councillor Tony O'Shea proposed, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn

Members said there were no Southdoc services in Mallow over the weekend dated 21st – 23rd April resulting in patients having to travel long distances for out of hours GP care. Members agreed to write to Southdoc Management, the HSE and the Minister for Health to express their concern and request for measures to be taken to prevent a recurrence of this.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~