

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2022.

Present: Cllrs. A. Barry, C. Rasmussen, A. O'Connor, S. O'Callaghan and S O'Connor.

Officials: Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer
Mr. G. O'Hora, Senior Executive Engineer.
Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. A. Walsh, Cobh Municipal District

Apologies for their inability to attend were received from Cllr. S. Sheppard and S. O'Callaghan.

1.0 Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th September were adopted.

2.0 Matters Arising:

2.1 Overgrowth on the footpath on the main road through Cul Ard, Carrigwohill.

G. O'Hora confirmed some hedge cutting remedial works would be carried out by CCC.

2.2 Repainting of Double Yellow Lines at Hawthorn Terrace, Cobh.

G. O'Hora confirmed lining contractor would commence road lining works this week.

2.3 Top of East Hill/Frenches Walk, Cobh

G. O'Hora confirmed that the order had been placed for new signs and hedge overgrowth would be cut back shortly.

2.4 Safety issues at the temporary school in Carrigwohill.

G. O'Hora stated that the road safety signs had been ordered and signs would be erected when they were delivered.

2.5 Turning Bay at Whitepoint, Cobh

This had been referred to Sorensens, a response was awaited.

2.6 Overgrowth on roadway at Ballywilliam, Cobh

G. O'Hora stated that the overgrowth was listed to be cut back.

2.6 Belmont Place:

G. O'Hora stated that road layout and turning circle at Belmont was examined and it would not be possible to widen it under present road surfacing works.

2.7 Old Mallow Road:

G. O'Hora confirmed that some hedge cutting works had been listed for sections of the road and CCC will also write to landowners requesting them to cut back their road boundary hedges.

2.8 Park View Estate, Carrignavar:

G. O’Hora stated that he was examining the junction and is investigating whether it would be possible to fund works via the Low Cost Safety Scheme for this location in 2023.

2.9 Ballinacleithe Bridge :

G. O’Hora confirmed that the overgrowth had been cut back.

2.10 Whitechurch Road:

G. O’Hora confirmed that this road was in private ownership and it was his understanding that the road would be enclosed as part of the new housing estate presently been constructed.

2.11 Meeleen Road, Knockraha:

G. O’Hora stated that this road was in the Midleton area and had been referred to same.

2.12 East Hill:

G. O’Hora confirmed that the pothole had been repaired.

2.13 Hardware House/Ballywilliam:

G. O’Hora confirmed that Irish Water was responsible for the poor re-instatement of the road and the matter of poor reinstatement was being followed up.

2.14 Norwood Park.

G. O’Hora confirmed that the pothole had been repaired.

2.15 Cobh Drain Cleaning:

G. O’Hora confirmed that the drain cleaning programme was under way in Cobh town and that these locations had been listed for cleaning.

2.16 Cllr. Rasmussen stated that hedging/overgrowth needs to be cut back at The High Road R. O’Sullivan said that letters would issue shortly to landowners.

2.17 Belmont Place:

G. O’Hora stated he had no staff available at present to cut back the overgrowth at Belmont Place, but he would re-examine later in the year.

2.18 Cul Ard, Carrigtwohill:

G. O’Hora stated that the road was listed for repair and works would be carried out shortly.

2.19 Carrigtwohill:

G. O’Hora stated that this road was repaired last year. Cllr. Barry stated that the entrance was in very bad condition, Engineer confirmed remedial repair works would be carried out on the road.

2.20 Station Road Upgrade.

G. O’Hora stated that the URDF Initiative was being progressed for the area.

3.0 Comhfhreagras / Correspondence.

P. Lynch confirmed no correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

4.0 Tuairiscí ó Ofigh / Officer's Reports.

4.1 Knockraha Village – Section 38 Traffic Calming Measures.

G. O’Hora circulated a drawing showing a raised ramp and uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the northern end of the village, which it was envisaged would slow through traffic. Cllr. S. O’Callaghan asked if a new shore would be put in at the entrance to Radharc na Tuaithe to deal with flooding; if the measures would be sufficient to deal with the current issues with speeding and how long would the process take. G. O’Hora stated that drainage would be considered in conjunction with the ramp, the re-sequencing of the traffic lights at the center of the village was also being considered to slow traffic speeds through the village. The public consultation process for the section 38 would take 6 weeks.

4.2 Carrigaloe, Cobh – Section 38 Proposed new Bus Stops.

G. O’Hora circulated a drawing showing 2 bus stops and an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Carrigaloe and requested members approval to commence a section 38 Public consultation. Cllr. A O’Connor asked if the bus stops were on the road or in a layby. G. O’Hora confirmed that the stops were on the road/footpath, which it was hoped would help slow traffic through the village.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. A. O’Connor, it was agreed to start the public consultation on both Section 38 proposals.

5.0 Tuairisc ó Oifigeach Ceantair Bardasacha / Municipal District Officer's Report.

P. Lynch presented the members with the updated figures for the General Municipal Allocation and Town Development Fund. On the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen seconded by Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, it was agreed that Copperfields Residents Association would receive €125.00 from the GMA, after the disbursement of this amount, the fund is exhausted for 2022.

P. Lynch also advised the members of the amount taken in to date by the Campervan facility at the Five Foot Way, Cobh. Cllr. S. O’Callaghan asked if the amounts from this facility were ringfenced for Cobh, to which P. Lynch replied in the affirmative.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Barry seconded by Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, it was agreed to extend grants issued to Carrigtwohill Community Association and Carrigtwohill Business Association under the Town Development Fund for 2020 to the end of 2023.

6.0 Fograí Rún / Notices of Motion.

- 1. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sean O'Connor:**
'That immediate steps be taken to restore the road surface at Glassons Ave in Carrignafoy'.

Cllr. S. O'Connor stated that the road was very narrow and 6 new bungalows had recently been constructed there.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed that the engineer would examine the location.

- 2. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sean O'Connor:**
'That a very dangerous tree overhanging 50 The Mews Rushbrooke Links be sorted before the weather brings it down on the house'.

Cllr. O'Connor stated that the tree was on public land and was a danger to the adjacent house.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. C. Rasmussen, it was agreed that the engineer would meet the relevant parties on site to discuss same.

- 3. To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen:**
'That this Municipal District would consider including Elton Estate, Cobh for a full road resurfacing next year following on from the years of temporary repairs to the water main in the estate.'

Cllr. Rasmussen stated that repairs had been carried out on the water mains and that there were no footpaths in the estate. G. O'Hora responded that there was limited funding for resurfacing housing estate roads but would list road for remedial repair, regarding damage to footpaths, footpaths could be included in next year's Footpath programme.

7.0 Aon Ghnó Eile / Any Other Business.

Cllr. S. O'Connor:

- 7.1 West View:** Trees at the bottom of the hill are very dangerous. G. O'Hora asked if it were possible for Cllr. O'Connor to ascertain ownership. Cllr. O'Connor to revert.

- 7.2 Westbourne Place:** The pedestrian crossing near Kelly' Bar has no markings; would it be possible to include a raised section? G. O'Hora replied that the area was listed for works, which should be taking place in the next few weeks.

- 7.3 Tay Road/Boreen:** The access road from Cooline/Cluain Ard to the Tay Road was very narrow, 2 cars unable to pass each. Could road be widened? G. O'Hora stated that a scheme to widen this access would need to be very substantial and would require significant land acquisition.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen:

- 7.4 Harbour Row:** The footpath on Harbour Row, particularly outside nos. 27-31 are in very bad condition. Engineer has listed footpath for repair
- 7.5 Hartlands Point:** Could the grass in the green area be cut one last time this year. Engineer has scheduled green area to be cut in the coming weeks.
- 7.6 Carrigaloe:** Carrigaloe residents expressed their delight with the re-surfacing of the road, however they are seeking ramps to slow the traffic. G. O’Hora stated that several criteria needed to be met before ramps are deployed, in particular a traffic survey, he also stated traffic calming measures were introduced here last year and traffic speeds on the road are been monitored.
- 7.7 Hermitage Drive:** Settlement of road outside some of the houses. Engineer to follow up with Irish Water.
- 7.8 Elmwood Grove:** Settlement of the footpath outside no. 22. Engineer to examine.
- 7.9 Londis:** Are there funds ringfenced for an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing outside of Londis? P. Lynch confirmed that this was the situation.
- 7.10 Carrig House:** Grid still missing at front gate , also at the end of the Burma steps. Engineer to examine and list for repair.
- 7.11 Top of the Hill:** Traffic lights still not turned on. R. O’Sullivan to meet on site with Infratech and matter is being progressed.
- 7.12 Carrignafoy:** ESB pole needs to be moved to one side on road leading to water tower/GAA practice fields. Engineer to examine.
- 7.13 Rushbrooke:** Cllr. Rasmussen expressed his thanks to the engineering team for the works carried out on the Rushbrooke Safe Route to School Scheme, the project turned out well and there was a lot of positive feedback.

Cllr. S. O’Callaghan:

- 7.14 Casual Trading:** When is the next meeting to discuss this issue? P. Lynch to revert.
- 7.15 Little Island:** Is there a progress report for the playground? R. O’Sullivan replied that 70% of the walkway had been completed and the playground had been marked out.

Cllr. A. Barry:

- 7.16 IDA Entrance at Cobh Interchange:** The road layout needs to be looked at, as artic trucks cannot turn into the industrial estate without either crossing the white line or mounting the footpath. Engineer to examine.
- 7.17 Carrigtwohill Secondary School:** The speed limit outside the school needs to be changed from 80km to 60km. Speed limit change included in the present speed limit review and speed limit at location will be changed shortly.

7.18 Castleview, Carrigtwohill: Trees need to be cut back. Engineer stated he had limited funding for tree pruning but would examine the location.

7.19 Glounthaune: Briars need to be cut back at the skew bridge near the Elm Tree. Engineer to examine.

7.20 23/34 West Beach, Cobh. P. Lynch stated the work had commenced on these buildings and that the current owner was seeking to resolve the situation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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