

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District Blended Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 10.30a.m.**

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**I Lathair:** Cllr James Kennedy presided.  
Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gerard Murphy, Cllr Tony O'Shea,  
Cllr John Paul O'Shea, Cllr Ian Doyle, Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Cllr Bernard Moynihan, Cllr Pat Hayes.

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**Ag Freastal:** Mr Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer,  
Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,  
Ms Andreeana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,  
Mr Donal O'Carroll, Executive Engineer,  
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,  
Mr John O'Dell Executive Engineer,  
Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr John Paul O'Shea and seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy.

**2. Matter Arising from Minutes.**

No matters arose.

**3. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL**

- a) Proposed Draft B Speed Limit changes of National Routes for Kanturk Mallow Municipal District, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Tony O'Shea and seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy.

**4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

**4.1 Municipal District Officers Report.**

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report April 2023 to the Members.

The MDO sought members approval for the following:

**Amenity Grants** Total number of Amenity Grant applications received for 2023 is 125 with a total of €962,393 funding being sought. Full details circulated to members.

**Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.**

The 5 late applications will be looked at further in the near future.

Repurposing – Amenity Grant 2022 CFS307993026 - Grant allocation: €3,000 – Charleville GAA. Request to repurpose grant to purchase Ball Stop Nets. Extension of time to end of March 2023 – Amenity Grant 2021 of €3,000.

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

Repurposing – Amenity Grant 2022 CFS400517618 - Grant allocation: €3,000 – Buttevant GAA. Request to repurpose grant to install Fire Escape door, front door and windows to the hall.

**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.**

**Village Enhancement Fund Allocation 2023 as follows:**

MDO explained the total allocation for the VEF for 2023 is €68,750. Proposed the following allocations for the KMMD 2023 Village Enhancement Fund for 2023:

Rathcoole Village

Boherbue Village

Dromtariffe

Kilcorney

These villages have been chosen based on works which need to be carried out.

- Surveys, Design and Section 38 for Rathcoole Villlage €10,000
- Surveys, Design and Section 38 for Boherbue Villlage €10,000
- Electronic Speed reflector sign on approach to Rathcoole Village €4,000
- Kilcorney Section 38 implementation Phase 1 €15,000

**Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.**

**Town Development Fund Allocations 2023 as follows:**

	<i>Mallow</i>	<i>Charleville</i>	<i>Kanturk</i>	<i>Newmarket</i>	<i>Buttevant</i>	<i>Reserve</i>
	<i>€57,000</i>	<i>€22,000</i>	<i>€19,000</i>	<i>€17,000</i>	<i>€16,000</i>	
<i>St Patricks Day</i>	<i>-2,800</i>					
<i>Walled Town Sub</i>					<i>€2,500</i>	
<i>Total Remaining</i>	<i>54,200</i>	<i>22,000</i>	<i>19,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>13,500</i>	

Cllr. John Paul O’Shea asked members to support a request from Kanturk Community Council to pay the Public Liability Insurance.

**Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.**

Ms. Clair Barr MDO sought members approval to allocate funds from the TDF to fund the Painting scheme for 2023 at a total cost of €40,000 as follows:

- Mallow €20,000
- Charleville €5,000
- Kanturk €5,000
- Newmarket €5,000
- Buttevant €5,000

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O’Shea.**

**Following the MDO Report, the members made the following comments.**

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** welcomed the village enhancement, TDF and the painting scheme allocations. Cllr. Murphy queried the exact location of the MALA signs. Cllr. Murphy welcomed the update provided by the MDO that the property activation unit are engaging with the owners of the Central Hotel, Mallow.

**Response:** Ms Clair Barr MDO said she will keep members updated as things progress with the central hotel. The MDO stated she will revert with further information on the MALA signs after the meeting.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** would welcome an extension to Clar areas. Delighted to see progress with the site of the Central hotel. Update on the refreshment vendors for Mallow Castle. Update on the location of the second canopy.

**Response:** MDO advised suitable location for second canopy currently being explored and tender for Mobile Coffee Unit to be advertised in following weeks.

**Cllr. James Kennedy** welcomed the progress on the site of the old Central Hotel in Mallow.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** welcomed the painting scheme allocations and queried if a late application submitted last year will be sufficient or must a new application be made each year. Welcomed the speed reduction.

**Response:** The MDO stated new application would be required.

**Cllr. Bernard Moynihan** sought an update on the pocket park in Ballydesmond and on an extension to Rockchapel graveyard. Cllr. Moynihan expressed his concerns in relation to the refusal of planning permission for six houses in Percival Street in Kanturk. The planning department stated that refusal was due to capacity of the sewer Cllr. Murphy stated this is a very important issue that he wants to bring up under any other business.

**Response:** The MDO stated they are engaging with the landowners and will provide an update when available.

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy** supported Cllr. Moynihan stating the refusal of planning for six needed houses in Percival Street as very serious update from Irish Water providing specific information is required.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** Thanked the MDO for her report. Welcomed the speed reduction.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** welcomed the allocations and the painting scheme. Cllr. Doyle sought an update on the recruitment of a School Warden for Charleville and the crossing at Smyths Road in Charleville.

**Response:** The MDO stated that the interviews were held and a suitable person was identified the usual HR process is ongoing.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea** sought an update on the 2022 Clar applications.

**Response:** The MDO stated all projects progressing with some close to draw down stage.

#### **4.2 Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Dennis O'Regan SEE as follows.**

##### **Monthly Works March 2023**

##### **Routine works completed across the MD include:**

- Pothole Repairs using the Rosco/Velocity patcher and associated TTM
- Street Cleaning in Mallow, Charleville, Newmarket and Kanturk
- Road Sweeping in Mallow Town
- Bin Collection and Litter picking in Towns and Villages
- Engaging with Tidy Towns and Spring Clean Groups on collection and disposal of litter
- Playground Repairs across the MD
- Maintenance of Cemeteries across the MD
- Maintenance of Mallow Castle grounds
- Signage upgrade and new install in Mallow

##### **Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:**

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

##### **Planned Drainage Works and associated TTM:**

##### **Mallow**

- L12181 Greenhill Burnfort

- LP1215 Castlebarrett
- LP1222 Rahan
- LT53781 Farran/Lackineen

### **Kanturk Newmarket**

- R582 Ballydesmond – Knocknagree
- R576 Tado’s Cross – Rockchapel Village
- L1108 Knocknagree – Boherbue
- L1101 Mountain Road Taur
- L5051 Duarrigle Newmarket
- L1100 Doon Road Kiskeam
- Upgrading storm drainage and new gully install in various locations

### **Charleville**

- Bog Cross Dromina
- Coolnasmuttane Newtown
- Newtown Old Cemetery
- N20
- Deliga Cemetery

### **Wetmix Overlay & Surface Dressing – RI Works**

- L5505 Lackaroe – Knockbarry Liscarroll
- L1320 Liscarroll – Knockardbane Cross Liscarroll
- L5050 Kilknockane Freemount

### **Litter Pick N20**

- Litter pick on National Roads – N20 & N72 in progress – Lagan commenced litter picking on the N20 in recent weeks.

### **NTA Projects**

- Ongoing works to Dairygold/Town Park walk, Mallow – completion of an off road link from Mallow Train Station to the Town via the Town Park.
- Erection of bike stands in Kiskeam, Knocknagree and Kanturk
- Alleys off Davis Street – paving upgrade by the MD engineers

### **Notification of New Schemes**

I have submitted our 2023 proposals for the following grants in both soft and hard copy: restoration improvement, restoration maintenance, drainage and community involvement scheme. I have also submitted our proposal for the footpath programme. I am seeking your approval today to proceed with these works – Projects proposed, and allocations discussed.

**Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.**

I understand that an email was issued to inform all elected members that we intend to proceed with a speed limit reduction on the N72 – 354 (Mallow – Killarney Road), a proposed new 80km speed limit, from a point 100m, east in direction of its junction with the LS5315-0 road, to a point 100m west in direction of its junction with the R621-0.

**Following the SEE report the members raised the following queries made the following comments.**

**Cllr. Gearoid Murphy** welcomed the huge volume of work done across the MD he welcomed the Road Restoration Improvement Grant. Cllr. Murphy requested going forward if a map could be provided showing the exact locations of upgrades. Cllr Murphy sought an update on his previous suggestion of a raised table at Rivervalley and the costing of these works.

**Response:** The SEE said he will look into the request for maps it is something that will be provided in 2024 and will see if it is feasible going forward for the rest of this year. Various options are being looked at to obtain funding to put a design in place for River Valley. No funding is available from the NTA for 2023 however other options are being explored. The SEE stated that costings for these works are not available due to the uncertainty of works needed.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** welcomed the litter pick on the N20. Queried the possibility of the extension of footpaths by Kiely's garage and the primary health care. Sought an update on the LIS schemes. Sought an update on the Bus Shelters. People should be encouraged to use buses. Without bus shelters people won't use them. Cllr Madden would like to see all future applications for bus stops Cllr. Madden queried who carries out the assessments for Phase 3. Cllr. Madden queried if there are any plans to slow traffic at shoulders lane. Update on cars breaking the lights at the bridge in Mallow.

**Response:** The SEE stated that speeding is a breach of the road traffic act. Which is a matter for the guards and will bring it the guard's attention. He will look at the location identified by Cllr. Madden with a view to applying to the NTA for funding and see what can be done at both locations. The Bus Shelters are managed by the Traffic and Transportation Section. He will clarify who carries out these works with the Traffic and transportation section and revert. Regardless they must be an independent safety audit carried out. Shoulders Lane is being looked at with the possibility of pedestrianizing some streets. The guards are monitoring the situation at the bridge.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** stated the drains at upper Bare Forrest on the left-hand side are blocked due to leaves and asked if these could be looked at with a view to getting a machine to clean them. Spa Road update on the timeline for completion of works. Outside the Polish Shop at the Spa in Mallow there are reoccurring holes he requested if these could be repaired. Requested the possibility of Speed calming measures from Linehan's Lane down to the bridge. Cllr. Hayes requested the repair of the manholes outside the Spa bar.

**Response:** The SEE said he will seek an update on the drains in Bare Forrest and revert. He will seek an update on the Spa Road works and revert. He will see if this is included in the



works and if not look at including it. A speed survey will be carried out with a view to applying for NTA funding for traffic calming measures. He will deal with the Manholes as a matter of urgency.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea** requested an update on the CIS schemes 5 approved would like an updated list to see exactly what was submitted. Update on the LIS will these be allocated at the May meeting. Cllr. O' Shea stated clarity is required on how the LIS schemes are selected and by whom, how are they prioritized. A greater input by members is required.

**Response:** No update on the CIS an update will be provided when available.

**Cllr. James Kennedy** welcomed the work done on Main Street and requested a list of areas in Mallow that are due to be resurfaced. Sought an update on the manholes.

**Response:** The list of works is what was on the RI programme. The SEE said he will ensure the manholes are fixed as a matter of urgency.

**Cllr. Bernard Moynihan** queried how soon the LIS and CIS schemes will be operational. Sought an update on the €50,000 funding in place to install traffic calming measures outside Boherbue National School.

**Response:** The SEE stated that the timeline for delivery will be inline with the season for surface dressing. Newmarket Area will be later in the summer season. In relation to Boherbue €50,000 has been assigned to it, however it is not on the list for funding for 2023. It is hoped a section 38 will be brought before the members before the end of 2023.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** queried if the work at Park Road and Bridge Street are going to be carried out at night. Sought an update on the change of layout at the junction at West End. Are the lights fully synchronized? Sought an update on his suggestion of the possibility of a Low-cost safety scheme at the turn up for Lagan quarry.

**Response:** Some works will be carried out by night. An update was provided to him 2 weeks ago that further works were required he will seek an update and revert. The junction at West end is being looked at at the moment.

## **5. Notices of Motion.**

- a) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 17/03/2023 "That speed ramps be placed on the Ballyvinitter Road in Mallow."

**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.**

**Response SEE** At the request of elected members, a speed survey was carried out on the Ballyvinitter road, 60m south west of junction LS5331 and LS9044. There were 24% violations of 54kmphr. The violations detected do not warrant the installation of traffic calming measures for the given location.

- b) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 17/03/2023 "To erect beacons and safety barriers at either side of the new pedestrian crossing outside Lisscarroll National School."

**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.**

**Response SEE** Our Charleville team will assess the feasibility of this proposal with the budget available.

- c) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 17/03/2023 "To seek an update on plans to install a raised table pedestrian crossing outside the church in Grenagh." Ian Doyle 25/11/2022 "That Cork County Council would give update on traffic calming measures for Newtown Village from Milford side and a timeline for same."

**Proposed Cllr. Gearoid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.**

**Response SEE** NTA funding for a raised table pedestrian crossing outside the church in Grenagh is not approved for 2023. Our Mallow office will re-apply to the NTA for delivery under future funding that may be available.

- d) Cllr. Cllr. Tony O'Shea 20/03/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at some traffic calming measures out past Dano's Supervalu to the 10 Arch Bridge."

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden.**

**Response SEE** Prior to any measure being proposed a speed survey will be required to provide us with details of any speed violations. Our Mallow team will complete this survey in April. In the interim, our Mallow team can erect driver feedback

signage in this location.

Also, this section of regional road was assessed in 2022 and consultancy fees for an active travel project was applied for. This was not approved, and we will re-apply in 2023. Part of this scheme will include a reduction in carriageway widths and installation of raised junctions which will act as a calming measure.

- e) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 20/03/2023 "That Cork County Council would liaise with the owner of Mallow Print Works building to see if something can be done to make this area on the Muddy Hill safer for all."

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.**

**Response:** I met with design engineers in our traffic and transportation department in 2022 to assess the feasibility of an NTA funded project to improve connectivity from William O'Brien street to Carmichael Car park via Muddy Hill. I understand that this design is in progress and I will follow up on this for you.

- f) Cllr. Councillor Tony O'Shea 20/03/2023 "That Cork County Council would allocate €4000 from the TDF towards the Ocano Fest."

**Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.**

**Response MDO** happy to support the Ocana Festival.

- g) Cllr. Ian Doyle 20/03/2023 "That Cork County Council would write to NTA to reconsider their funding for Railway Road, Charleville which was on 2022 Programme."

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

**Response** I will liaise with our Traffic and Transportation department on this for you. I would agree that this scheme should be a priority, providing safe and improved connectivity from the railway station to the Town of Charleville.

- h) Cllr. Ian Doyle 20/03/2023 "That Cork County Council would write to TII on the bad condition of the traffic islands on the N20."

**Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

**Response SEE** Our Charleville office will inspect conditions and apply to the TII for

funding. These works will be delivered by the Charleville area office if approval is received by TII.

- i) Cllr. Liam Madden 21/03/2023 "The need for Cork County Council to take in charge road in to swimming pool and other facilities to ensure this becomes a public road to ensure safety and also need to secure extra parking for public using facilities in this area."

**Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.**

**Response** Our Mallow team will assess the feasibility of taking this road in charge. It would be our intention to proceed with this proposal.

- j) Cllr. Liam Madden 21/03/2023 "Online system to pay for parking, the advantages of same especially for a daily or weekly ticket can be done the night before, what are plans for same in Mallow."

**Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.**

**Response MDO:** Agrees this is a very good proposal and has forwarded to the Director of Service for consideration.

- k) Cllr. Liam Madden 21/03/2023 "Municipal District Fund Scheme the need going forward to increase amount allocated to this fund especially due to number of participants in same. 2021 Number of Grants Received 135 Funding Allocated to 115 unfortunately amounts received is decreasing. 2021 - €280,000.00. 2023 - €270,000.00"

**Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

**Response MDO:** The community grant budget is approved by Cork County Council as part of the annual budgetary process.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr. Bernard Moynihan raised the issue of the sewer capacity in Kanturk and subsequently the refusal of planning for 6 houses in Percival Street in Kanturk. This is of huge concern in terms of regeneration. Cllr. Moynihan requested that contact be made

with Irish water to clarify the position.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea supported Cllr. Moynihan stating that this street in particular is an area of dereliction, clarity is needed to see if any remedial works can be carried out to increase wastewater capacity. This was supported by all the members. Cllr. Moynihan stated that James King is the person to contact in Irish Water he looked for members support to contact Irish water to seek clarity.

**Response SEE** Houses can only be built with the associated services. Representing the MD Mr. Dennis O'Regan stated that he will follow up with the Senior Engineer he Requested the planning number to enable him to follow up on this matter.

#### **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10.30 a.m. – Blended Meeting.

**This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.**